

Supremacy 361

Chapter 361 - Entering The First Auction!

Sir Hecarim brought one close to him and started reading it carefully. Felix didn't say anything else as he just remained seated waiting for Sir Hecarim to finish.

It took almost two hours before Sir Hecarim lifted his head and started questioning Felix about the terms.

'You wrote that the explorers needed to be wearing AP bracelets and especially the one who possessed the coordinations.' Sir Hecarim nodded his head in approval, 'This will ensure that no trickery will occur during the exploration to cheat you out of your money.'

As Felix said, he knew what he was doing. All the terms written in those contracts were worked by him and a professional contract writer who got paid to see through the loopholes and close them.

The Guarantee contract did have quite a few loopholes and the most dangerous one would be exploring the ruins first without wearing bracelets.

Then, when the real client explores them while wearing the bracelet, he would show the Queen that ruins were empty of treasures unlike what he was promised.

However, rarely would anyone try to pull those tricks off since it was hard to fool the Queen when she was literally in people's minds.

Still, it was better to take precautions.

Felix was confident that the ruins had treasures within them since Asna looked it up in his memories and saw that all of them were proclaimed to have bountiful treasures.

Meanwhile, Sir Hecarim kept asking questions on each term that brought his interest.

Questions ranged from when Felix's map would be auctioned and what's position would be given in the auction. Were some of them were going to be placed near the end, marking their importance and such or not?

Felix was satisfied by some answers and some he wasn't pleased by. But, this was how negotiations were supposed to be. He couldn't be winning them all.

This back and forth Q&A finished after three hours.

'Would you like something to eat?' Sir Hecarim offered while rubbing his eyebrows with a stalk of his brown hair, controlling like it was part of his limbs.

Unreactive to such a sight, Felix shook his head and said, 'I still have an auction that I need to catch up to, so let's conclude the deal first.'

'I see.' Sir Hecarim nodded his head and brought the contracts close to his face.

Without hesitation, he signed all three contracts next to Felix's name. There was still an empty spot for the client to sign as well.

After seeing so, Felix brought out the notepad where he wrote the coordination of each ancient ruins map and sent it to Sir Hecarim, who got quite excited after reading them.

Naturally, since he signed the contract he was forbidden from sharing this information with anyone. Even the auction owner didn't have the right to know the content of this deal.

This would make the entire transaction include only Felix, Sir Hecarim, and the buyer.

'Good, good!' Sir Hecarim bubbled in his mind, 'I will earn at least 40 million SC from this.'

'I want to sign another contract for early payment.' Felix abruptly sent this message.

'Oh?' Sir Hecarim asked, 'How much do you want for them?'

'Give me your minimum estimate of their total price.' Felix said

Sir Hecarim thought about it for a second and said firmly, 'The worse price they could bring you would be 21 billion SC.'

'Oh? That's a bit higher than I anticipated.' Felix's eyes beamed in elation.

He totally believed in Sir Hecarim's estimate since he was a professional who was doing this for years unlike him.

'Are you satisfied with the amount?' Sir Hecarim asked.

Immediately after seeing Felix nodding his head, Sir Hecarim sent a prewritten standard contract that was always used for this kind of deal.

Felix had already read one previously and everything was the same besides small differences. The contract's gestation entailed that Felix would be receiving an initial payment of 21 billion SC.

When his products get auctioned successfully, the house would deduct that amount from the final earning and send Felix what's left.

If the estimate was wrong and the maps ended up getting sold cheaper than 21 billion SC, Felix would be required to pay back what he owned.

After Felix made sure that he didn't overlook any loophole, he signed it and kept a copy of it.

Ti-ring!

>You have been wired 21,000,000,000 SC from The Aquatic Auction House.

Felix smiled widely after seeing the notification emerge in front of him. He never got wired such a large amount at once and it felt excellent to see those many zeros in his bank account.

Felix's ego even started to inflate after knowing that he currently possessed 36 billion SC total.

In his eyes, with this amount, he would finally be joining the whales in this event and compete with them for jaw-breaking treasures.

"This was quite a pleasant deal." Sir Hecarim spoke out loud for the 1st time in those couple of hours.

Princess Bird who was sleeping peacefully above Felix's head opened her eyes groggily at the abrupt sound.

"Likewise Sir Hecarim." Felix proclaimed with a satisfied smile while standing on his feet.

He bowed his head politely and said one last time, "Let's meet again someday."

Then, he turned around and opened the door of the room. He closed it shut after he heard Sir Hecarim's polite response.

"What did you sell?"

Princess Bird asked for the millionth time while floating in Felix's front, trying to block his path. Alas, Felix treated her like air and floated right through her.

"Stop ignoring me you prick!" She cursed while chasing after him.

'She is truly the living incarnation of you Asna.' Felix fired shots without care.

'F*ck off, don't compare me with that whiny kid.' Asna cursed while glancing at his situation from her bed.

'Just saying.' Felix shrugged his shoulders as he glanced at his bracelet.

Upon seeing that there was only 15 minutes before the auction for energy stones begin, Felix stopped fooling around and requested the Queen to show him the way.

Like before, an arrow that was pointing forward emerged in front of Felix and he swiftly floated in that direction.

"Argh! Stop dragging me around! Tell me where are we going at least!"

"Nope!"

A couple of minutes later, Felix was sitting in a packed noisy auditorium, appearing like many baby spiders stacked together from high above.

From a single glance, anyone would guess that at least thousands of people were sitting in this curved auditorium facing a well-lighted stage.

Obviously, there were VIP rooms but they had been already taken by individuals who came way earlier than the rest.

In this Yearly event, there were no prebooked VIP rooms for the guests.

That's because everyone had weight on their words and actions, and it wouldn't be fitting to give some rooms and others not. Hence, the rooms were taken on a first-serve basis.

That's only for those types of open auditoriums.

Since Felix was quite late, he ended up getting teleported in this chair that was right in the middle of the auditorium.

Honestly, no one seemed to complain about sitting close to each other since everyone was considered a worthy peer.

If those individuals were placed in an auditorium filled with commoners, their reaction wouldn't be this cool.

Peng Peng!

"Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the Belverian Auction House."

After hearing a greeting from an elderly white-haired man who had manifested in the center of the stage, the chatter quietened down.

"I am just here to welcome you and wish that you enjoy your time under our hospitality." The elderly man smiled gently as he said so. Then, he disappeared again.

But this time, a holographic image of an other-worldly beauty had emerged in his place. She had an expressionless face as she glanced at the people who had their focus placed on her.

"I am the Queen AI and I will be acting as the auctioneer." She said with her usual monotonous voice.

It was a bit unusual for Felix to see the Queen while she speaks but he didn't react much since he knew that her body and face were fake.

It was known knowledge that the Queen had never been seen before. Hence, every race had its own self-created versions of how the Queen would look like.

In this case, she appeared like a goddess with her artificial beauty that was too perfect to be true.

"Let's begin."

Without further ado, she displayed the first auctioned item which was just a bunch of pitch-black stones bundled together. They kept emitting dark waves ceaselessly.

Those weren't added animations but the stones were truly capable of doing so in reality!

The reason why...

"The first bundle is 500 High-Grade Death Elemental Stones." She added expressionlessly, "The starting bid is 500 million SC..."

Before her voice could even trail off, noisy chatter broke off in the auditorium followed by a vicious war of bidding.

"600 million SC from room 15."

"670 million SC from the seat 199."

"710 million SC from the seat 1788."

She kept calling the bids clearly, even though only a few individuals

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"999 million SC from room 70."

"999 million SC from room 70 going once...twice...Sold."

Clap Clap!...

Felix joined the applause as well but his eyelids kept twitching at the sight of the last bid for only 500 High-Grade Death Element stones.

Heck, he knew that those stones weren't going to be used for anything besides research purposes or as a material.

Yet, the price still reached one billion and this made him sweat a bit at what was waiting for him when the illusion stones make an entry.

'Dear Lord, have mercy on my wallet.' He prayed in his mind while easing down on the applause like the rest.

Chapter 362 - Securing 10,000 High-Grade Illusion Stones.

The moment the applause stopped, the Queen displayed the next bundle.

This time it was filled with orange stones, and it was obvious that the number was way more than what was shown before.

"The 2nd bundle is 100,000 High-Grade Fire Elemental Stones." She followed with, "The starting bid is 100 million SC..."

Naturally, the Death Elemental stones were placed at the start to fire off the auction and set the start's intensity.

But following it, the other bundles were just from either common element or uncommon element.

Felix merely kept spectating as everyone fought for tooth and nail for them since energy stones were a must commodity to have.

There was never having 'too much when it comes to energy stones.

Before long, 100,000 High-Grade Sand Elemental stones were auctioned as well.

Princess Bird floated in front of Felix and asked with her eyes narrowed, "Why aren't you bidding for them? Or are you bidding telepathically?"

She got closer to his expressionless face and started examining him, wanting to see if he would show any reaction.

Alas, he was as stoic as the British Queen's guards.

"Tsk." Princess Bird clicked her tongue in annoyance and promised, "I will find out what you are doing one way or another."

Still unresponsive, Felix scratched his chin while thinking, 'What's my maximum bid for illusion stones? I should probably set it at 5 billion SC. If it goes above it, I can only give up on it.'

Just as he thought so, the Queen had removed the bundle that had just got auctioned successfully and replaced it with another one that was full of peculiar-looking stones.

They didn't have a specific set of colors as they kept constantly changing between them. Sometimes, they were colorless and sometimes they turn into shimmering rainbowed stones.

'Illusion stones, Finally!' Felix exclaimed in his mind but his reaction on the outside was the same as others next to him...Enthralled and fascinated.

"The 24th bundle is 10,000 High-Grade Illusion Elemental Stones." The Queen carried on monotonously, "The starting bid is 650 million SC"

Before Felix could even try to bid low so he could test the water, the price had climbed to 720 million SC from a single bid.

'This is going to be tough.' Felix rested his chin on his hand and kept watching the ongoing fierce bidding.

"840 million from room 33."

"950 million from seat 133."

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"2.3 billion from seat 98."

Only after the bid reached this amount did the Queen started to slow down her calls. Even the bids weren't getting increased by hundreds of millions anymore, lowering the intensity for a bit.

Felix could see with his enhanced vision that most interested parties that were bidding fiercely before, were starting to exhibit signs of discontentment. Yet, they were still going at it, increasing the bid by 50 million SC each time.

In a few moments, the price was about to reach a whopping 3 billion and Felix's palms were starting to get sweaty since he noticed that more than 5 bidders had no intentions of stopping soon.

'F*ck it, I can't let them keep hoping that they might win it if they kept increasing slowly.' Felix decided to bid big and big he did!

"Queen, Please increase the b..."

"3.2 billion from an anonymous guest." The Queen announced abruptly, cutting off one of the five bidders in mid-sentence.

He was just about to increase the bid by 40 million SC before the bid jumped from 3 Billion to 3.2 billion, increasing by a whopping three two hundred million at once.

'Motherf*cker, did you have to do that in my turn.' The bidder cursed in his mind while closing his mouth shut, not daring to follow up after that.

He was already past the budget deducted to this auction and he had no intentions to follow that madman.

In his eyes, this was just an auction for energy stones and capital should really be saved for other treasures and items in different auctions.

He wasn't the only one thinking like this as the other three also decided to withdraw silently from the bidding war.

This left only Felix and another man, who didn't hesitate to increase the bid by 50 million.

Felix waited for two seconds until the Queen repeated the latest bid, then he increased it by 100 million SC.

This time, the other bidder didn't raise instantly like before.

"3.350 billion from an anonymous guest."

"3.350 billion from an anonymous guest...going once, twice..."

"3.400 billion from seat 5."

'F***ck youuu!' Felix bawled in his mind, annoying both Asna and the J?rmungandr who had just started a new game of chess.

'Mute him.' The J?rmungandr said calmly while setting up his side of the board. Asna did so by a finger snap and started working on her own pieces in utter tranquility.

Good thing they disconnected as Felix kept cursing each time that f*cker increased the bid after him.

"3,600 billion from a seat 5."

"3.700 billion from an anonymous guest."

The other guests were left speechless by the ongoing bidding war as they didn't doubt for a second that the amount proposed was not worth it at all for those energy stones.

After all, 10,000 High-grade Illusion stones would never bring them back the same profit if they used them as materials for potions or substances. As for using them to recover energy?

No one was a fool to waste them like that since recovering energy could be done using medium-grade stones.

Plus, the illusion bloodliners never reach the 4th stage of replacement since tier 5 illusion beasts were either extinct or hiding.

Felix knew so as well; hence he was quite pissed that he ended up against a bidder who seemed quite desperate for them.

However, he still had no intentions of stopping since the final bid had yet to hit his limits.

Thankfully, it seemed like even that bidder was starting to feel the brunt of the large price as he kept waiting until the Queen was about call trice, then he adds an extra 20 million.

"4.100 billion from an anonymous guest."

'F*ck it, if he added after this, I am will leave it to him.'

Felix couldn't take it anymore. He wanted to keep going until 5 billion, but he felt that a vein would definitely snap if he did so.

He was doing his very best to keep appearing as stoic as possible when his heart was about to burst out in flames.

"4.100 billion from an anonymous guest...going once, twice...sold." The Queen struck the gavel forcefully without giving even a second to Felix's contender to make a comeback.

Clap Clap Clap!!...

Honestly, Felix didn't even know if he should feel happy by winning the bid or not as he felt that he had gotten cheated out of at least half a billion in this bidding war.

'Sigh, no harm was done, money can be earned again but chances like those were hard to land on.' He closed his eyes and took a deep breath.

Then, he smiled faintly and started clapping his hands joining the deafening applause. Princess Bird didn't notice his emotional turmoil as she was engrossed in the bidding war before.

If it were the Chief, sitting next to Felix, he would have noticed everything. So, it was a blessing that Princess Bird was accompanying him.

After the applause died down, the Queen sent a message to Felix, 'Congratulation, the serial Code of the bundle had been sent to you per email.'

Felix didn't respond as his attention was stolen by a holographic notification, entailing that 4,100,000,000 SC had been wired to the Belverian Auction House.

Felix sighed softly and removed the cursed notification from his face. However, he still didn't teleport outside the auction like some guests were doing after securing what they wanted.

He wasn't stupid to leave right now since Princess Bird could guess that he had already gotten what he wanted.

Hence, he waited for extra ten minutes before snapping his finger, activating the teleportation process.

"Wait for meee!" Princess Bird beseeched with a panicked tone after seeing that he was breaking into light particles.

Since she was just a hologram, she couldn't really teleport outside like Felix. Thus, she had to float outside of the building manually.

By the time she reached the gate, Felix was nowhere to be found!

"Landloord!! I will kill you!!!" Princess Bird bellowed with flushed cheeks in anger after realizing that she got ditched behind!

She quickly chose a direction and started searching for him. She didn't want to inform her father now as she knew that he would scold her for losing him in the 1st place.

While she was searching everywhere like a woman on crack, Felix was walking casually in the streets while having a different face on and clothes! He even removed his name from above his head to stay subtle.

Currently, he was heading to one of the three bloodline auctions in this event. He marked it previously since there was an epic tier 6 sand bloodline within their items list and an epic tier 4 illusion bloodline.

He wanted to secure them no matter what since the customs taxes between empires didn't apply to the attendants in this event!

If it weren't for so, Felix would have coughed blood after reading the customs taxes for the 10k High-Grade stones.

After all, the weight of such a large delivery was definitely going to make him pay extra 50 million SC!

Chapter 363 - Buying The Bloodlines.

In a short while...

Felix could be seen sitting inside a small-sized room that had only two chairs and a glass window. This wasn't a VIP room but just a regular one inside this auction house, which didn't have any seats in it like the previous one.

Everyone had his own small room that was peeking at the holographic image of the Queen. She was floating in the center while displaying a bottle with dark liquid within it.

"This is an epic rank tier 6 Lavania Bulldozer Bloodline. The Starting Bid is 700 million SC." She followed with, "Its full details are on your screens. You have 2 minutes to read them properly before we begin bidding."

Felix glanced at them but didn't read them carefully. Instead, he scrolled on the updated items list, wanting to see what items were added recently by the guests.

While he was reading them, the bidding for the bloodline had already started and the price had climbed through 1 billion SC without any signs of stopping.

"Oh!" Felix exclaimed in delight after seeing that another epic tier 4 illusion bloodline was recently added.

He was already aiming to buy one epic tier 4 illusion bloodline from this auction and another one that would be placed on a different day.

He knew that only by buying a lot of them could he actually obtain 1% or 2% of the illusion primogenitor.

After all, they were just a tier 4 beasts. If it was for any other uncommon element, Felix wouldn't even bat an eye on them.

Alas, if he ever wanted to utilize his illusion element, this was the way to go.

Clap Clap Clap!...

Felix joined the abrupt applause after the successful auctioning of the item. When it quietened down, the Queen displayed another bloodline and Felix lowered his head in disinterest.

It wasn't what he sought and probably it was going to take a while until the bloodlines that he wanted to make an appearance.

After all, there were multiple elements. Even if the auction decided to display a single bloodline for every element besides rare, the number of bottles could reach hundreds!

As expected, Felix had to wait for an entire hour until the Queen mentioned, "This is an epic tier 4 Spectrum Mournling Bloodline. The Starting Bid is 250 million SC."

She gave them two minutes to read its details and Felix decided to reread them since he didn't remember much.

//Bloodline Name: Spectrum Mournling.

Tier: 4

Rank: Epic

Element: Illusion.

Passive abilities pool: *Illusionary Vision*, *Skin Hardening*, *Hallucination Immunity*...etc

Active abilities pool: *Illusive Suggestion*, *Illusion Reflection*... *Illusionary Skin*...etc

History: Spectrum Mournling is a worm species beast that uses illusion element to avoid predators. Its currently being bred domestically by the Welsh Family in Bardot Empire.//

Felix wasn't surprised in the slightest by the fact that the beast was being domestically bred instead of hunted in the Andromeda Galaxy.

He understood that 99% of the illusion bloodlines in the markets were all sold by the breeding families. As for the hunted illusion beasts?

They seldom make an appearance in the auctions. If they did, it would just a pitiful tier 1 beast.

That's because it was almost impossible to hunt them down with their peculiar abilities. If even tier 1 was giving this much trouble to hunters, how about tier 5+?

Until now, no one actually knew if there was even a tier 5 illusion beast or not since they were never spotted before.

Felix knew about the primogenitors' existence, he understood that probably even tier 7 illusion beasts were existing.

After all, for the illusion primogenitor's bloodline to reach even tier 1 beast, it was impossible not to reach higher-tiered beasts first.

He believed that the only reason no one was finding those high-tiered beasts was that they were disguising themselves!

The J?rmungandr had stated before that no one had seen the real Illusion primogenitor due to his constant realistic shapeshifting.

Those beasts might not be able to shapeshift as good as the illusion primogenitor but they could at least fool humans.

So, those illusion beasts might have been spotted millions of times by hunters unbeknownst to them.

"Please begin bidding."

Felix closed down the details after hearing the Queen's announcement.

"280 million from room 14."

"310 million from room 133."

"390 million from room 63."

By now, the price had already exceeded the known epic tier 5 bloodlines in the market and it was still climbing slowly but surely.

Felix decided to join the fun by increasing 60 million at once, pushing the price to 450 million. After a couple of back and forth bidding, Felix ended up winning it after his last bid that reached 590 million SC.

That's double epic tier 5 sand bloodlines!

Yet, Felix wasn't even bothered by it as he knew that his money would return one way or another after he places those bottles back in other auctions.

If it wasn't against the rules to place them back in this event, he would have done so after extracting the essence.

Alas, the auctions didn't want to see guests buying products in this auction and resell them in another. That would mess up the entire seven days event.

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A couple of hours later...

Felix had already secured the other illusion bloodlines after paying 510 million for it. Now, he was simply waiting for the epic tier 6 sand bloodline to make an appearance.

It was kept at the end of the event with five more bloodlines with the same rank and tier.

Thankfully, it was presented sooner than the rest as the Queen had displayed the bottle in the air and told them that the starting price was 650 million SC.

Felix reread its details in those two minutes of wait and he couldn't help but hope that everyone's reaction would be lukewarm since the bloodline's abilities weren't really the best compared to its counterparts.

That's due to being from the Cat species. After all, the evolutionary traits of cats weren't really that compatible with the sand element.

But they were amazing if the element was darkness. That same concept applied to other species.

For example, bird species with water element weren't going to be as good as marine beasts with the same element.

Hence, compatibility should also be taken into consideration when choosing a bloodline.

Felix never bothered by any of this since he was simply seeking the primogenitor essence from those bloodlines.

"690 million from room 1784."

"730 million from room 986."

"790 million from room 41."

"820 million from room 1784."

As he hoped for, the Queen started the auctioning, the bids were coming from just 4 rooms and the newer bids weren't increasing by much.

'So far so good.' Felix smiled faintly, 'I will make a move when the price reaches 1.5 billion SC.'

It took at least a minute before the bid reached it since only two bidders were left at the end and they were increasing by 20 million each time.

"Queen, please add 50 million SC." Felix requested out loud, not bothering to speak in his mind since no one was with him and those rooms weren't accessible by the 'Ghosts'.

"1.550 billion from room 99." The Queen announced.

The two bidders went silent after realizing that another competitor had joined them. However, they still wanted to test Felix's limits as one of them increased by 40 million and the other followed after him by 30 million.

"Queen, 200 million." Felix said calmly.

With that, the final bid had reached 1.820 Billion SC. Those two bidders wanted to jack up the price a bit more just to spite Felix for ruining their chances at buying the bloodliner cheaper, but they didn't dare to.

After all, they didn't want the bloodline to end up in their hands with that price when the beast's species wasn't even the best in the market for sand element.

They could purchase a scorpion epic tier 6 bloodline by just adding 200 million SC or so.

Hence, they stopped bidding at once.

"1.820 SC billion from room 99...going once....twice.....Sold."

Bam! Clap Clap!...

'Pheew, finally a lucky break.' Felix sighed in relief after hearing the gavel sound followed by the applause.

However, he didn't stick around to bask in them as he needed to catch up to another auction that was selling potions, substances, materials...etc

His main target was Elemental Potion...If he found it cheaper, he wouldn't hesitate to grab one!

Felix would always be needing new elements if he wanted to continue on his unique Primogenitors bloodline path.

However, if the potion was too expensive, Felix could only give up on it and continue relying on materials to concoct it.

After all, its market price was 5 billion SC. Since there was no supply, this price could multiply with the snap of a finger in this event.

Although the rest of the humans who awakened a new element with the Elemental Potion weren't going to enhance their affinity rating as fast as Felix, still they could totally reach 50% if they were willing to pay big bucks.

Anyone aiming for the Elemental Potion was beyond filthy rich and could afford to waste tens of billions to raise it!

Felix didn't want to commit most of his leftover capital to fight it out against them.

He still wanted to buy a decent body artifact, other potions, the Elemental Potion materials, and more.

Chapter 364 - The Anti-Royal Alliance.

After Felix's body got reconstructed outside of the gate, he massaged his temples with an irked expression, 'I can't stay hidden from that brat lest she tells her father and he ends up joining me.'

Felix knew that ditching Princess Bird for a couple of hours wouldn't cause any issues since the Chief wasn't going to kick him from the event because of it.

However, if he kept pushing his luck like this, it would appear too disrespectful to the Chief who was the sole reason he could attend this auction.

Who knows, he could end up getting kicked out by the Chief if he felt displeased by him.

Felix didn't want to get kicked out on the first day of the event as he knew that after each day, the quality and rarity of items would keep increasing.

At the end of the event, there would be one final Co-Hosted Auction that could be accessed only by guests who spent at least 5 billion in the event.

Felix didn't want to miss it even though he had no idea what items would be auctioned in it.

Hence, he switched back to his previous disguise and showed his Landlord's name above his head.

Then, he walked in direction of a restaurant, wanting to grab a bite since the next auction on his list wouldn't start until two hours.

Well, it had already started and finished selling their first batch of items. Felix was planning to attend the 2nd batch in the day.

This was how every auction was operating in this event to give the guest a chance to visit as many auctions as possible while also not missing out on too many items due to time constraints.

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In a few minutes...

Felix had reached the entrance of an ancient-looking building that was only two-story high. Felix waited for a couple of seconds for his turn in the queue before going inside.

Just like always, space inside was enlarged immensely, making it possible for thousands of people to eat on tables.

While he could see that the restaurant was packed and bustling, he realized that the noise never went beyond a certain limit.

This made the scene seem lively but at the same time tolerable to sit in and enjoy one's food.

'Queen, please teleport me to an empty tab...For real?'

Felix's request was cut short after his eyes landed on The Chief staring at him speechlessly with Princess Bird pouting by his side.

There were a woman and three men sitting with him at the same table, which was placed near the entrance, making it pretty visible to anyone who entered.

'I will be damned.' Felix's eyelids twitched as he swiftly turned his head left, acting like he didn't see them.

Alas, the moment Princess Bird saw him, it was nigh impossible for him to escape sitting with them.

"There he is!" Princess Bird pointed her finger at Felix and grumbled to her father, "He ditched me at the Belverian Auction House. I even searched hours for hi..."

Before she finished on her rant, she hastily covered her mouth shut with her hands, appearing like she said something she shouldn't have.

The Chief displeased expression as he eyed her made pretty obvious that he didn't like what she just mentioned.

'Didn't you tell me an hour ago that you felt bored and left him in the auction?' The Chief questioned her telepathically with a deep frown, 'Daring to lie to me now?'

'I didn't want you to scold me.' She sent a message with a wronged expression, 'Plus, it's that bastard's fault. We did him honor by inviting him and he took it for granted.'

'Shift the blame all you want.' The Chief gave her a strict gaze, 'You are still not escaping punishment for lying.'

'This is so unfair!' Princess Bird's eyes got watery as she knew that a hellish training awaits her after the event.

'As for Landlord, I will deal with him on my own.' The Chief sent this message while gesturing kindly with his hand for Felix to approach the table.

'God damn it, should have fasted for the day if I knew this would have happened.' Felix complained in his mind while walking towards them with a polite smile.

After reaching the Chief side, he nodded his head respectfully towards him and the seniors on the table with him.

Then, he glanced at aggrieved Princess Bird and asked shamelessly, "Where did you run off? Didn't we agree to meet at the auction's gate?"

Princess Bird's eyes widened in disbelief at the crap he was spewing without a change of expression.

Just as she opened her mouth, wanting to deny his bullshit, The Chief laughed loudly and said, "Do forgive my daughter. She could be a bit clumsy and forgetful."

Felix shook his head and said with a satisfied expression, "I beg to differ, I truly enjoyed her company. And if I didn't lose her, I would have loved to have her around in the previous auction."

"Youuu!!!!" Princess Bird managed to utter only this as her quickened breaths from rage were making it impossible to construct a sentence.

Looking at her reddened cheeks and ears, Felix smiled gently, "I am glad that you feel the same way."

Not wanting to make her cough out blood or faint, Felix turned his vision to the four seniors and requested politely, "May I join you for dinner?"

"Be my guest." A man with a long white mustache that was reaching his chest, gestured for Felix to take the empty seat near the Chief.

"Old Eagle, aren't you going to introduce us to your friend?" Zosia tucked a lock of hair behind her ear as she asked calmly.

Meanwhile, she sent a message to the Chief, 'Should we ask him about his backers here or keep it as planned?'

'Let's wait. It's too public and there are many ghosts around us.' The Chief responded while extending his hand at Felix, "This is Landlord, a mid-tier gold player, owner of three unique titles, and also one of the nominees to the Low-Elo Yearly Best Player Award."

"Amazing."

"So this is the player who created a ruckus 15 days ago? What a remarkable young lad."

The four seniors all acted astonished in their own way, making Felix wave his hands as he replied, "You are giving me too much credit seniors."

'Heh, they are thinking that I don't know about them and their little Alliance.' Felix smirked in his mind as he looked at the otherworldly youthful faces of those fogies.

If it wasn't for Felix's previous life memories, he would simply know about their backgrounds but not their hidden alliance that wasn't out in the open currently.

How could he not know about the Anti-Royalty Alliance that was going to declare war against the Mariana Empire 15 years later if the time-line wasn't messed up by him?

It was the first massive war in the Milky Way Galaxy for hundreds of thousands of years! As the progenitors, he had remembered vividly.

'Zosia Everglow, a legendary peak 6th stage bloodliner and the future Queen of The Everglow Kingdom.' Felix started recalling the pieces that he knew. 'Her family was allegedly assassinated by the Royal Family, leaving only her uncle behind, who was sitting on the throne.'

Felix didn't know exactly if the Royal Family truly had any relations to the assassination or not, but he knew that the Everglow Kingdom was the strongest kingdom in the empire.

The king was an Origin Realm Bloodliner while their fleets were over-equipped. They could even give the Royal Family a run for their money if a war had occurred.

This was the reason why everyone assumed that the Royal Family was responsible for the assassination since the Kingdom was clearly started to be considered a threat to the Empire.

This was all that Felix managed to remember after seeing Zosia's face.

Meanwhile, for those three fogies who were appearing even younger than he was, Felix recalled that they were the three leaders of the Sanctum Federation.

This Federation was known for being the 3rd strongest superpower in the empire since it was created by a tight-knotted alliance of three Kingdoms.

Tight-knotted in the sense that their territories were sharing the borders and all big decisions in each kingdom were being voted on.

This was as much as Felix's shitty memory could help him identify those four.

However, knowing that he was being targeted by the entire Anti-Royal Alliance instead of just the Maganda Chief changed Felix's perspective about the entire matter.

At first, he believed that the Chief was aiming for his 'backers' to obtain the method to create those abnormal bloodlines to empower his people, but now? He was 70% certain that they were desperate to obtain his 'method' to empower their bloodliners for the incoming war!

'It seems like I am going to f*ck up the timeline pretty heavily this time.' Felix sighed in his mind while joining in meaningless flattery and conversations with the seniors.

None of them mentioned anything private about him or the bloodlines. They kept the conversation flat to the point Felix started to doubt his judgment.

Alas, his doubts evaporated after he was requested to meet them up in the final Co-Hosted Auction.

"If you don't manage to secure a spot on your own, we will invite you as a ghost to spectate the Greatest Auction in the Galaxy." The Chief informed.

"Thank you for the offer. I will make sure to be there." Felix smiled politely while standing up. "It was truly a pleasure to meet you seniors."

"The pleasure is ours." The seniors smiled back.

"Go with him." The Chief warned the disgruntled Alicia, "Don't create any more troubles for Sir Landlord."

"FATHER! You ar..."

Just as Princess Bird wanted to go on a rant, she was glared at by the Chief and she held her grievance in.

"Princess, let's enjoy ourselves." Felix grinned faintly as he walked towards the door.

"Bastard!" Princess Bird's cheeks reddened while floating behind him. "Don't say such a bullshit that could be misunderstood!"

Seeing that he was far from the seniors, Felix dropped his act and ordered, "Brat, if you don't want to get ditched again, you better stop annoying me in the auctions."

"Who do you think you are to order me around?!" Princess Bird scoffed, "Not even my father dare to order me around."

"No wonder you turned into a spoiled brat." Felix murmured while checking on the map.

After setting up his next destination, he set off while being chased by the grumpily Princess Bird.

Chapter 365 - Slavery in The UVR Era.

Six days had gone by quickly...

Felix had ended up purchasing only a couple of useful potions and an expensive body artifact that cost him 5 billion SC!

But it was totally worth it since its defenses were capable of holding against even peak 4th stage bloodliners and had other utilities that were too perfect for him.

Naturally, this artifact was using rechargeable engraved Futhark, making it possible for Felix to continue using them for a long time.

Sadly, he didn't get his hands on the Elemental Potion since its final price had climbed to 9 Billion SC!

Felix felt that it was more worth it to commission it as he did previously than get spend that amount on one.

However, since the concoction wasn't 100%, Felix was risking losing all of his materials when its fails.

So, this method could end up costing him even more if he had an unlucky strike and failed three times in a row.

Still, Felix spent four billion SC to secure an entire batch of materials in the Materials Auction. He preferred holding into his game points whenever he could buy anything with coins.

In those six days, Felix had spent a total of 16 billion SC and was left with another 25.

The reason it got increased by 5 billion was due to his Ancient Ruins Maps getting auctioned at a higher price than the minimum estimate.

He was given 20 billion SC at the start by Sir Hecarim and after they got auctioned, Felix received 25 billion SC.

Obviously, the Aquatic Auction had deducted the 20 billion SC that they owned plus 1% fees for each auctioned map.

If it wasn't for this yearly auction event that was packed with filthy rich lords from all corners of the Galaxy, Felix would have merely gotten 15 billion SC off those five maps.

That's because he didn't have the necessary channels to get it into the hands of those high echelons members.

Thankfully, it all worked well and now he still had enough capital to join the biggest Auction in the galaxy while still having secured all of the marked items and materials that he needed...Well, not all of them since he was missing one last thing.

Currently, Felix was walking with Princess Bird towards that auction.

She seemed quite embarrassed as she kept blushing at what Felix was saying.

"Are you sure about coming with me to this one?" Felix stressed, "They are auctioning slaves from multiple races and they would be all nude. Even humans!"

"You are lying to me." Princess Bird replied while lowering her head, "They are not slaves but servants. So, I doubt that the auction would strip them out of their clothes."

"Hehe, you are too naive for your own good." Felix insisted, "Servent is just a nice term to describe slaves in our modern Era to make it morally justifiable to buy and sell people who signed a slave contract." He chuckled, "Do you think that the Auction would dare sell them without showing their assets?"

"So...so what!" Princess Bird stuttered with her ears turning red, "I am old enough to see people n.a.k.e.d and I don't mind doing so!"

"Old enough my ass." Felix scoffed, "You are barely 13 years old."

"I am not 13 years old!" Princess Bird yelled in agitation, "I am 16 years old! In my tribe, I am already an a.d.u.l.t!"

"I see." Felix shrugged his shoulders, "I guess it's fine then to see other people's genitals together."

Upon hearing so, Princess Bird's heartbeats started accelerating after imagining that sight.

She might be 16 years old and considered as an a.d.u.l.t in her Tribe but she was still a child in her heart due to her father spoiling.

For a child like her who still didn't even grab hands with a man, it was a giant leap to straightaway look at nude people with a man.

She tried to toughen it up to not appear like a child but on second thoughts, she realized that she would die out of embarrassment if attended this auction with Felix.

"Cough, my father is calling me." Princess Bird glanced at her bracelet and swiftly took off. However, she didn't forget to leave behind a snarky remark, "Just to let you know! I would have totally gone with you if it wasn't for him! I am not a child!"

'Heheh, finally I got rid of her.' Felix smirked in his mind while increasing his speed towards that auction.

Felix was always planning on buying two or three servants that were loyal to him and could ease up some of his burdens.

However, he never had the capital or the network to buy strong ones either in the 4th stage of replacement and above. As for below? He never considered them as a worthy investment.

After all, he wanted to help his servants continue their integration and it was better if they were higher, making it possible for him to push them into peak 6th stage of replacement.

Felix even had plans of giving them a primogenitor bloodline at their 6th stage of replacement, making them be the strongest bloodliners below Origin Realm!!!

There were hundreds of elements and this meant there were hundreds of primogenitors!

Felix couldn't use all of their bloodlines and it was going to be extremely foolish to not take advantage of the rest.

He had far-reaching plans of creating a loyal platoon of Primogenitor bloodliners that could accompany him and always be on his service!

Naturally, to avoid awakening the primogenitors' consciousness Felix wasn't going to make them reach even 90% in their integration.

After all, he was 100% certain that none of them would betray him or make a move on him due to the Queen's existence supervising every small disloyal thought they had.

However, if the primogenitor woke up and actually possessed their bodies unlike what the J?rmungandr did, those contract restrains would break since the consciousness would die.

Felix would be left to fend for himself against a primogenitor in his servant's body.

With that being said, Felix was only thinking about those matters for now and it wasn't going to happen until quite a long time.

At least until the servants that he was going to buy reach the 6th stage of replacement.

He chose that stage specifically because it was impossible to replace the primogenitor's bloodline without Asna's presence or the owner of the bloodline.

Even using another primogenitor bloodline wouldn't get the job done but make it even worse since those bloodlines would fight it out when there was oppression on them!

That's without considering the fact that the primogenitor would end up waking up before the bloodliner even reached 99% of integration to replace it.

All in all, the 6th stage of replacement was the best stage for other humans to utilize the primogenitor bloodline, unlike Felix's situation.

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In a short while, Felix could be seen chilling inside a room that somewhat resembled the one he was previously at.

The only difference would be its size as this one was quite bigger. However, there were still just two chairs in it.

In front of Felix, there was a glass window that was peeking into the holographic image of the Queen.

But unlike before, there was a floating circular white stage that could be seen by every window in this auditorium.

"Let's begin." The Queen said expressionlessly while pointing her finger at the center of the circular stage.

Felix paid close attention to the gathered light particles that were shaping up to a human body but had a weird head and a tail.

After the lights went off, Felix exclaimed in shock, "They actually forced one to sign the contract! How??!"

It wasn't just him who reacted this excessively after seeing a pale white boy with furry grey legs and arms. He had a thick fluffy grey tail as well.

Yet Felix's attention was on the boy's face that resembled a fierce winter wolf with his long ears that were on top of his grey hair. He was wearing only his underwear, hiding his sensitive parts.

He appeared like he was dozing off as he could barely keep his eyes open.

"This is Liliam from The Winter Wolf Race in The Bloodstream Galaxy. The Starting Bid is 800 million SC." She carried on indifferently, "His full details are on your screens. You have 10 minutes to read them properly before we begin bidding."

"They really got one from that race." Felix truly had his eyes opened after seeing a member of the Winter Wolf Race who was widely known in the UVR for being impossible to enslave due to their uncompromising dignity.

They had no issues dying and seeing their closed people dying with them if it meant keeping their dignity intact. This made it impossible to make them willingly sign the slave contract.

Naturally, there were other ways to turn one into a slave but none of them would be as good as using the AP bracelet and the Queen.

After all, ch.i.p.s and such that forcefully manipulate the thoughts of the slave were going to bring down the quality of the slave.

Meanwhile, using other ways to threaten their lives like an electrical collar or such wasn't any different than using the AP bracelet.

Those willing to die before signing the contract would also not hesitate to get themselves killed by betraying their owners. Thus, AP bracelets and the Queen were the best of the best when it comes to those immoral matters.

There was also a good advantage of using the slave contract.

That was secrecy!

No one would know if someone was a slave or not since he would be wearing just an AP bracelet like everyone else!

If he was ordered to lie about his slavery, he was bound by the contract to do so!

This would leave anyone wondering if the person they were speaking to was a man of his own or just a slave.

That's quite sickening actually.

The fact that people could get enslaved to keep their lives but no one would ever know about it or try to help them out of their plight...Besides the Queen who could only send an emergency protocol at the first time.

She couldn't do it anymore when someone signs the contract as it makes them property without rights.

This was quite ironic as everyone assumes that with the advancement of technology those immoral issues would be destroyed once and for all. But in reality, they just got even more prevalent.

In this current Era, slaves or 'Queen's Servants' as they were referred to by anti-slavery activists in the UVR, had been already embraced by the majority whether they liked it or not and became a part of the Universal society.

Just like them, Felix also was forced to embrace it after being in contact with the UVR for more than 20 years in his previous life.

He felt disgusted by it at the start, but year after year of seeing his clanmates taking with them their 'Queen's Servants' to missions and surviving only due to them, Felix stopped going against the stream.

If even the SGAlliance didn't want to stop slavery by simply adding a new rule forbidding slavery contracts, why would Felix keep rejecting it when it was going to stay when he was alive and after his death?

Right now, he was merely spectating indifferently those bidders fight tooth and nail to buy that Winter Wolf boy.

He had no intentions of joining the fun as he wasn't interested in raising that kid.

He wanted useful servants and that kid still needed years of effort and resources to turn him into the killing machine his race was known for.

Plus, it was too high profiled to own him as Felix couldn't just keep him hidden in his basement or something.

Lastly, any race besides humans couldn't really utilize the bloodline system since they had their own paths of cultivation and systems.

Felix wanted humans servants for those two reasons.

Bam!

In the end, the Queen struck the gavel after calling for the 3rd time and no one seemed willing to raise the price.

It was a steep price even for Felix who had 20 billion in his pockets.

'8 Billion for a winter wolf kid.' Felix sweated a little bit, 'Hopefully, peak 4th stage bloodliners would remain under 5 billion just like I read online.'

Chapter 366 - Buying Two 4th Stage Bloodliners!

After the Winter Wolf Boy got auctioned successfully, a couple more servants followed after him.

Most of them were from different races, which weren't really that high up in the SGAlliance Power/Authority Tree.

If they were to be placed, they would utmost have a tiny branch just like the Human Race.

Naturally, those Races in the ruling power would not be sold in any public auction like this since it would offend the race they belonged to.

Those Races at the top like the Witch Race, Dwarf Race...etc, always had fewer numbers but they were more united than ever unlike the Human Race and others.

They couldn't accept that one of their own people was enslaved by a lesser Alliance member.

Hence, each of them had created over the years countermeasures against the slavery contract and those who kidnapped one of their kin.

Just like the Space Worm Race who created the lifelong contract to give their juniors backing whenever they were doing their deliveries or just playing around in space by opening up random wormholes.

Therefore, if one planned on kidnapping a Dwarf or a Witch, they better make it impossible to find them. If they were going to auction them, it would be done in black Market auctions, not this one.

Meanwhile, no one would give a shit if a human got kidnapped unless he was famous or had a noteworthy figure or background backing him up.

Unsurprisingly, most races were just like humans in this case, making it possible to kidnap them and force them into a slave contract just to be sold later on.

Just like what was happening for the past hour since the moment Felix had stepped foot in this auction.

A slave after another kept passing by Felix's numbed expression as he was merely waiting for a good bid to appear.

So far, there were many 3rd stages or 4th stage bloodliners that had been sold. But Felix didn't like their details.

Some of them had high-profiled mutations while others were still resisting the notion of being a slave. Which was totally within their rights but Felix didn't want to buy trouble.

He already had enough troubles and wanted loyal subordinates to help him deal with a few issues like the Gama Organization situation.

He didn't want to lie by comforting them that they would be freed from the contract if they worked hard enough.

Felix had no intentions of releasing anyone exposed to his secrets unless he got strong enough to not give a shit about his secrets being exposed.

Hence, his servants shouldn't be mentally unstable but those who were willing to serve him.

He believed that would take work to really deserve their loyalty instead of being forced upon them...But, Felix was ready to go all out on gearing them up and making them part of his inner circle.

That wasn't the only reason he kept rejecting each auctioned servant but also due to their elements.

Felix hoped to get one with a common element so it wouldn't be expensive as hell to gather the primogenitors' essences.

Thankfully, he wasn't left waiting for long as the next servant that the Queen had brought was to Felix's liking.

He was a well-toned man with two long white feathers attached on top of his smooth bald head. That's as much as Felix managed to see since his face was censored. Naturally, the auction would either use this or give them a random face to hide their identity.

Even the details didn't have their full name or exactly their background so both the auction and the buyer would avoid trouble if there were authoritative figures looking for them.

'Not bad, an epic peak 4th stage bloodliner with the primary element being wind.' Felix was reading off his details while glancing once in a while in his direction. 'His background is clean and he never exhibited any worrisome actions.'

Felix closed off the details hologram and focused on the starting bid that was written in the window...>700 millionOne hour later...

Felix was cleaning himself up by changing into new clothes. He had already successfully won a bid on another epic peak 4th stage bloodliner by paying 5.1 Billion for her.

This brought down his leftover capital to 15 billion SC.

Currently, he was preparing himself to meet them both in his room and see upclose if his bids were worth it or not.

'Queen, please them send in.' He requested.

Immediately after he said so, light particles started to gather in the open space next to his seat.

The room was bigger than usual just for this reason as the Auction had taken into consideration that the bidders would want to check their winning bids.

After a moment, the light had gone away leaving behind him the bald man with two white feathers on top of his head and a woman.

She was quite a sensational woman as her hair was orange like the sun being seen from afar and remarkably long, reaching down to her kneecap. She had a well-proportioned body, appearing like she was taking good care of herself.

Meanwhile, her face would have appeared even more gorgeous if she wasn't staring coldly at Felix with clear hostility, unlike the other dude who was checking the place like he was on a vacation. Both of them were using their real faces and bodies since they were in the presence of Felix.

"Hello." Felix greeted with the warmest smile that he could muster.

After all, no need to be all bossy from the start and create a separating bridge that would never be crossed.

"Hello!"

The man greeted back coolly but the woman didn't even bother to nod her head at Felix. She merely kept staring at him like he killed her parents or something.

Felix didn't mind how she was looking at him as he believed that he would also react like that if he was ever in her situation.

Heck, the dude's carefree manner was actually even weirder than the woman's silence!

"Can you please introduce yourselves?" Felix requested.

He already read their details and knew about their names and such, but he still wanted a proper faceoff introduction.

As expected, the man didn't voice any complaint as he started introducing himself, "I am Erik Boggous, an epic peak 4th stage bloodliner. I have two elements wind and magma but I never bothered to integrate with a magma element beast since the element affinity rating is pretty low...What else?"

Erik paused and started pondering for a couple of seconds before continuing, "Oh, my current bloodline is from the Fierce Atlanta Pheasant." He stopped to ask, "Do you want to know about the rest of the bloodlines that I used and such?"

Felix shook his head and stated with a contentful tone, "No, that was perfect. Let's leave the rest for later."

"Gotchu!" Erik winked at Felix, making him roll his eyes speechlessly.

He started to doubt the validity of the Queen's information as Erik was starting to appear like he was a bit retarded.

'Sigh, at least she appears normal.' Felix thought while looking at the silent woman who didn't seem like she had any intentions to share a single thing about herself.

Felix waited for a while, giving the woman all the time she needed to respond. Alas, she still seemed reclined to speak.

"At least your name?" Felix showed a tight-lipped smile as he looked at her.

The woman traded eye contact with him for a couple of seconds in silence until Felix started to lose faith.

'This will take more time than anticipat...'

Just as Felix wanted to sigh in dejection, the woman said coldly, "Malak Sollorio."

Then, she went quiet again. But, Felix was still satisfied by hearing her voice as that made him feel like she wasn't a helpless cause that might take months just to approach.

'Now, let's get into the sticky question.' Felix thought solemnly, 'Hopefully, they wouldn't react excessively.'

Chapter 367 - Erik Boggous.

"May I know how both of you ended up in this situation?" Felix sugarcoated his question as much as possible.

He understood that anyone signing a slave contract seldom came without a shitty experience that was too hard to recall. By asking them this, he was doing nothing but opening up their wounds.

As expected, Malak expression's turned nasty instantly. She didn't seem like she was targeting Felix with her look.

'Well, she ain't answering that.' Felix shook his head lightly after seeing her reaction.

When he turned to Erik, Felix saw that he was being given a look meant for morons.

Before Felix could feel baffled by that look, Erik said with a casual tone, "Obviously because we signed a recruitment contract."

"..."

"..."

A desolate silence had descended in the room as both Felix and Malak felt like their brain had short-circuited.

They kept staring with a dumbstruck expression at Erik, making him feel a bit weirded out.

"Why are you looking at me like that?" Abashed, Erik scratched his nose and said, "I am getting embarrassed."

"This can't be right." Felix shook his head and fired off multiple questions at once, "You are joking right? About the recruitment contract? You do realize that you signed a slave contract? Right?"

"Slave contract? What are you talking about boss?" Baffled, Erik snapped his finger and displayed a holographic contract.

He pointed his finger at the title and said, "See? It says Recruitment Contract."

Neither Felix nor Malak knew how to react after reading the title. It wasn't because it was written Recruitment instead of slave contract, but because of Erik's sincere bewilderment about the situation!

They knew that all slave contracts never actually have a title that said >Slave Contract<.

It could be recruitment, servant, subordinate, lackey...etc. Anything but the term 'slave' since it would be the same as adding salt to injury.

Yet, this idiot truly appeared like he didn't know about it!!

'Please don't tell me he got cheated to sign it? No one can be that stupid? Don't even mention a 4th stage bloodliner like him!' Felix massaged his temples with his eyes closed shut.

After regaining control of his wits, Felix opened his eyes and asked with a soothing tone. "Can you tell me exactly what happened when you were about to sign the contract? Did anyone force you or something like that?"

"No one has forced me to sign it." Erik continued with an appreciative tone, "During my great escape in the universe, I have run out of food, water, and I didn't know exactly how to get some."

'Oh no.' Felix could already see that his narration would end horribly but he still didn't interrupt him.

"Thankfully, I wasn't left starving for long as I have luckily met with a bunch of gentlemen in space." He praised sincerely, "They treated me like their close friend after I explained my situation to them. They fed me and took great care of me. They were the ones who told me about this easy way to earn coins so I can support myself."

"You mean they made you sign the 'recruitment' contract?" Malak inquired, not able to stay silent at his messed-up narration.

"Nonono!" Erik shook his extended arms and clarified, "They merely told me about it and I requested to sign it since I didn't know any other method to earn coins."

Felix took a deep breath, trying to suppress himself from shouting at this retard.

He had so many questions and the most important one was, "Did you read the terms of the contract carefully? Like really carefully."

"Of course!" Erik replied firmly like it was only natural to do so.

Felix's lips trembled as he asked again, "You have read that betraying, attempting to kill, retaliating, and disobeying the orders of your 'recruiter' would get you either punished or killed based on the wishes of the 'recruiter' and the contract terms?"

"Yes!" Erik quickly nodded his head, appearing quite comical with those two feathers flailing around.

Yet, neither Felix nor Malak found anything funny about his agreement.

They only felt wonderment while gaping at Erik, appearing like they were admiring an exotic creature.

"Why are you looking at me like that again?" Erik tilted his head and said, "Isn't that term normal? After all, I will be recruited and it is only logical that I will be punished or killed if I betrayed my boss."

He added smartly while pointing his finger at highlighted term, "Plus, I know that my boss can't order me to kill myself or do anything that is against my beliefs, morals, dignity...etc." He shrugged his shoulders, "So, as long as I stay loyal to my boss and respect the terms of the contract, I will be paid 2 million SC per month and I will have nothing to worry about."

"So why are you referring to this contract as slave contract?" Erik looked at them in utter confusion, "Those fine gentlemen that saved my life also had signed it with their captain and they looked like they were enjoying their life in their spaceship."

"...."

"...."

After hearing all of this, Both Felix and Malak were left stumped by his logic that seemed correct but it was still flawed big time.

They knew that everything he had said was indeed correct and within the contract terms. After all, 'slave contract' came in many varieties.

There were extreme contracts that rob the signer of every basic right that he had. If the owner ordered him to kill himself, the slave must obey or the Queen would pop his consciousness.

Naturally, only a fraction of people signs this contract that was worse than death itself. As for the majority? They all sign a contract that ensures what Erik had mentioned above.

That's why Felix wanted to create a boss and subordinate relation instead of a master and slave relationship.

He might be slightly narcissistic and proud but he wanted none of that shit of feeling superior to another person.

On the other hand, there were temporary contracts that had a lifespan.

It could be 10 years or even 10,000 years of service before the slave gets released from his 'slavery chains'.

Then, there were permanent contracts that could never be broken unless the owner died or he broke the contract from his side.

Currently, Erik and Malak had signed a permanent contract with a monthly payment of 2 million SC, unlike the temporary contract that didn't offer anything in return.

So in a sense, Erik truly had signed a recruitment contract since he wasn't forced to do it.

He probably got cheated but not forced.

Meanwhile, Malak was most likely threatened with either her life to sign it or by another matter. Whatever it was, she clearly didn't seem to enjoy her situation, unlike Erik.

"You have no problems with being my subordinate for life?" Felix asked.

"As long as we are going to do some fun stuff." Erik said with a foolish grin.

"Have fun?" Malak said, "Excuse me, but how old are you?"

"I am turning 20 this year!" Erik replied casually.

"Then how could you be ignorant about so many matters?" Malak exclaimed in disbelief.

Felix didn't show much of a reaction as he already saw his age in the profile details.

But, just like Malak, he was quite surprised that a 20 years old man was completely out of touch with the UVR and the Universe.

After all, he referred to pirates as gentlemen, not knowing that he got played into signing the contract and sold in this auction or the party who placed him here.

Whatever it was, they had earned 4.8 Billion out of him without his knowledge or probably he knew that he was going to get auctioned after being lied to again.

After all, the pirates could simply fool him into believing that he was being auctioned due to his talents, strength, or some bullshit. Based on Erik's naivety or stupidity, he would most likely believe it.

This what both Felix and Malak concluded after piecing the dots.

However, there were still many inquires that were eating their brain out.

Like Erik's ignorance about making coins in the UVR, obtaining coordination to a populated planet so he could resupply, not knowing that he was actually signing slave contract...etc.

Such basic knowledge was known to even 8 years child. Don't even mention Erik.

"Why do you think I escaped my family?" Erik complained, "My mom kept me locked up in my palace since the moment I was born. Even when I leave I get accompanied by her and no one dares to talk to me or look at me when they see her."

'Isn't that taking sheltering to the extreme?' Felix's eyelids twitched after understanding the source of Erik's lack of knowledge.

"How about the UVR?" Malak asked, "Weren't you given access to it?"

"I did have it." Erik admitted sadly, "But, I never realized that it was this big with multiple cities and such since my access was limited by mom to only enter my UVR room." He chuckled in nostalgia, "Though, it was quite fun playing in it since it had all the games that I wanted to play."

'Denying even access to the public UVR?' Felix frowned his eyebrows, 'Was that really his mom or he was kidnapped and imprisoned?'

In Felix's eyes, locking someone's up in fear of having him killed or kidnapped was a horrible thing to do but understandable.

However, denying even access to the UVR and making him only enter his UVR room? That's too extreme since it would serve no benefits.

Heck, it would do more harm since the UVR was a safe spot to learn about the Universe and its cruelty to idiots and naive people.

If his mother was anxious about him that much, she could simply teach him about the dos and don'ts in the UVR to avoid having him cheated into signing a disadvantageous contract and scammed.

So Felix was truly bewildered about his backstory. Was that his birth mother or not? What Family does he belong to? Is it a normal one or a behemoth that needed to worry about?

Questions like those coursed in Felix's mind and he wasn't planning to add Erik into his inner circle unless he got a clearer vision!

Chapter 368 - Getting a Bit Closer.

If Erik's background turned out to be what wasn't written in the details, Felix had the right to send him back and get the money he lost.

He wouldn't hesitate to do so since he had no intentions to buy extra trouble.

"Erik, can you tell me more about your family, especially your mother?" Felix requested while resting his chin on his hand.

"Well, my family isn't really that big as there is only my mom, aunt, uncle, and me." Erik carried on with a leveled tone, "We own a planet and a couple of deserted planets near it for mining purposes."

"As for my mom, cough! How can I say this? She is quite overprotective when it concerns me. Maybe because I am her only child?" He said while scratching his nose.

'So far everything is matching with the details written beside his mom. She was never mentioned in the details.' Felix nodded his head in approval and inquired, "How about the empire? Is your family really in the Bardot Empire?"

"Yes." Erik nodded his head.

'Good.' Although Felix knew that the Bardot Empire was at a higher level of advancement and strength compared to the waned Mariana Empire, he still preferred having Erik's and Malak's background be as far as possible from him.

The Bardot Empire was nowhere near the Mariana Empire as they were on the opposite sides of the Galaxy.

"One last question." Felix narrowed his eyes and asked, "Does your family have an Origin Realm Bloodliner?"

"As far as I know, my family is focusing on the business side and not the bloodline side." Erik answered truthfully.

'Phew, had me worried for a second.' Felix believed every word mentioned since the moment he recruited them and got their contracts; they were not allowed to lie to him.

Well, they could totally lie but the Queen would notice this and inform Felix about it. Then, he would have the right to punish them as he saw fit but within the contract constraints.

He couldn't just kill them after they told a single lie but he could totally do so if they exhibited any signs of ill intentions towards him or planned to betray him.

With the Queen's existence who was supervising every thought they had, he would get straightaway notified if any of the above occurred.

In case they attempted to make a move and backstab him, the Queen wouldn't hesitate to pop their consciousness before they took even a single step towards Felix.

When it comes to killing, the Queen was the fastest executioner in the entire Universe without a single contender!

With that being said, Felix got quite muddled. Since so far everything that Eric had mentioned was written properly.

Even other details were written but not mentioned by him, like his favorite food, what he liked and hated, his bottom line that shouldn't be crossed...etc.

Details that could help Felix stay in favor with Erik without any issues arising between them.

'Queen, please run a quick search on the Boggous Family in the Bardot Empire.' Felix requested while smiling faintly at Erik.

In a split second, the Queen reported her finding which was just the detailed version of what Erik had mentioned. Like the name of their planet, mines, industries, culture...etc.

Felix spent two minutes listening to the Queen's report while asking Erik at the same time to confirm it.

In the end, everything turned out to be clean and Felix couldn't help but sigh in relief.

He understood that by owning those two, he would be targeted by their families, backgrounds, friends, masters, and anyone close enough to care about their disappearance.

Whether it was Malak, Erik, or another recruit.

The only difference would be the intensity of the search based on the background's resources.

Hence, it was a must to have slaves with families like Erik to avoid bringing more trouble.

Naturally, those slaves couldn't share information about themselves or contact their families when they logged in to the UVR.

The moment they did so without the owner's knowledge, they would straightaway get killed by the Queen since it would be deemed as a betrayal.

Felix knew about all of this since he wasn't a retard to get himself two slaves without knowing how the slave system works and its contracts.

"You said that your mom is overprotective." Felix coughed, "I don't want to get into your family matters but don't you think that your mom would be searching for you everywhere?"

"Don't worry!" Erik showed Felix a thump up and said with a confident tone, "I have left a note behind, telling her to not look for me and that I will be fine on my own."

Fine my ass!

Both Malak and Felix felt the need to beat Erik up for his baseless confidence. The dude got cheated and sold the moment he stepped into the real universe yet still was clueless about it.

What's worse, if he didn't get found out by the pirates he would have died from starvation!

"Sigh, I know that your mom f*cked up when she locked you like that and I don't want to know why she did it." Felix smiled bitterly, "But, you should treasure your mother's unconditional love as you will miss it only when it's gone."

Felix might not show it but there wasn't a single day that had gone by without missing his parents dearly.

Although he already let go of them since it was a long time since they died, he would trade anything in his possession just for another chance to meet them again.

Thus, he understood where Erik was coming as being locked up for 20 years in a palace without even full UVR access would result in taking extreme action as he did.

But, leaving a note behind wouldn't make his mother less heartbroken and worried about his absence. Felix didn't like that one bit.

"Whatever, I was planning to tell you about this when you make it to my place in real life, but it wouldn't hurt to tell you now." Felix looked at them solemnly and promised, "If you showed me that you are willing to serve me full-heartedly, I will not hesitate to modify the contract to allow you to contact your families and loved ones."

Felix added lastly, "I want you to feel like you are working for me as subordinates and being paid monthly. Hence, if you stayed loyal to me, you will never be treated as a slave or even think of yourselves like that."

"That goes without saying boss!" Erik didn't seem like he understood the implication of Felix's offer as he merely thumped his chest twice in agreement.

On the other hand, Malak's eyes widened in shock and agitation as she had never expected to receive this offer.

When she signed the contract, she always believed that she wouldn't see her family until her owner dies or breaks the contract.

Yet, she still signed it since at least there would be a chance to meet them again unlike getting killed straightaway.

Now, hearing what Felix had mentioned and seeing his sincere eyes as he looked at them, she sensed that he meant every word he said.

"What do you mean by modification and when are you going to keep your promise?" Malak fired off two questions while trying to suppress her agitation.

"Naturally, I can't allow you to see and talk to your families freely since they will definitely ask you about your location." Felix said calmly, "So, I will make sure to modify it to discourage you from any attempt to pull any tricks."

"As for the date?" Felix shook his head and replied, "That depends on your attitude, behavior, loyalty, obedience...All in all, give me a reason to reward you and I will most definitely do so."

Malak closed her eyes and went quiet for a second after hearing so. Meanwhile, Erik merely kept making grand promises that Felix doubted he could even achieve one of them with his naivety.

After a couple of seconds, Malak opened her crimson eyes and entered a staring contest with Felix, wanting to see if he showed any signs of deception or trickery.

When she didn't notice any smidgen of fakeness, she nodded her head willingly and said, "If I can see my family again, I will do my utmost best to support you in your journey...You have my word."

Felix smiled widely after hearing so and said, "That's exactly what I am hoping for."

Just as Felix planned on excusing them, he remembered that Malak still hasn't introduced her background.

Erik left him traumatized about trusting details fully as they could be deceiving.

Hence, he swiftly asked her if what was written in the details was real or not. Malak nodded her head in agreement and added a couple of details that weren't included.

First of all, she was a Fire Elementalist with a high-affinity rating of 74%. But she didn't have a secondary element.

Honestly, it was useless having a secondary element if the affinity rating wasn't going to be as high as the primary element.

Meanwhile, Her story was the same as Erik's but also different. While Erik had met with pirates and was exposed to their fake friendliness, Malak had faced the vicious side that they were infamous for.

She told Felix that she was traveling with a few clanmates towards a tier 1 Ancient Ruins that had been discovered and they were sent to scout the situation.

However, before reaching the ruins, they were intercepted by a pirate group who seemed like they were camping there specifically for them.

Malak figured as much since the pirates weren't weak in the slightest. The crew had tens of peak 4th stage bloodliners while their captain was a peak 5th stage bloodliner.

Her squad didn't have a single chance of winning as the moment the pirates entered their spaceship after destroying its thrusters and engines; a massacre had unfolded.

It ended only when less than five of them survived. They were offered either an agonizing death or to sign the slave contract.

It was clear what was Malak's choice.

Chapter 369 - Grandfather's Difficulties.

"Sigh, one should never trust a ruins coordination even if it was bought from secure channels." Felix shook his head at Malak's story.

He understood that in this universe most coordinations shared in the UVR were either fake or traps set by pirates. Traps in the sense that those ruins were actually real and still unexplored.

What those pirates do was simple.

They sell the coordination to a targeted clan that was studied by them and then wait for them next to the planet, laying an ambush.

Since the contract signed entailed that the ruins were real and unexplored, that clan wouldn't hesitate to send a squad to scout ahead for the main exploration crew.

Felix's sold ancient ruins map were going to receive the same treatment since no one could trust that the ruins wouldn't be infested with pirates ready to jump on them.

The pirates had to be creative in their approaches since just wondering around in the infinite cosmos wouldn't make them rich anytime soon. It wasn't easy to luck out on a spaceship on their radar.

This method of laying down traps was quite a good one to earn coins since the caught hostages could be sold back to the clan for billions of coins and if the clan was unwilling to pay the ransom, they would be auctioned as slaves.

Malak had told Felix that three of her clanmates had made the same decision as her. If they had the same integration level as her then it meant that the pirates had earned at minimum 20 billion SC out of them!

When compared to the Criminal Organizations like Gama that target weak planets, pirates were earning a shitload of coins in each operation they make.

Naturally, the danger had increased significantly since no one knows if the trap was going to work out or just invite trouble.

This was one of the reasons Felix wanted to build a loyal squad so when he aims at the unexplored ancient ruins in his memories, he would have some backup unlike going solo like a moron.

"Alright guys, you have shared more than enough and I am really appreciative of that." Felix smiled faintly, "As much as I want to share things about myself, I can't do so unless we meet in reality...I hope you understand why."

Malak nodded her head in understanding while Erik kept looking at them in confusion. Felix wasn't planning on explaining anything as time was of the essence.

"I will be paying for your journey." Felix informed, "I need you to reach me as fast as possible, so I will be paying for the VIP wormhole expressway."

Felix chose the VIP wormhole expressway since he knew that the regular expressway had a long queue before getting access.

That's due to the Space Worm checking on those without permits by setting up stations in front of the wormhole expressway.

After all, if the wormholes weren't watched properly, everyone could just use them wantonly without paying fees or having a permit.

Naturally, most pirates weren't given permits to make it difficult for them in the universe.

Meanwhile, the VIP expressway only had space fleets guarding it. Since the moment one paid for VIP treatment, he would be given access straightway without stopping to get checked.

This removed the queue time that might take up to days of a wait if one was unlucky and met with heavy traffic.

Although they would be traveling at the best wormhole expressway, Felix knew that it would take them at least two months before they reach him.

That's because planet earth was isolated from the centers of civilizations in the Alexander Kingdom.

They were positioned in the borders of the Alexander Kingdom and the Coronia Kingdom. This implied that neither the wormhole expressway nor the VIP version was even close to them.

In the case of deliveries, this wouldn't have created any problems for Felix since Fatty Bodidi could simply open up a wormhole in his bedroom.

However, for human transportation, the spaceship had to travel the entire distance from the center of the Kingdom to Earth.

With that being said, Felix wasn't bothered that much by waiting two months since his Dark Deviant spaceship was currently on its way and it would be arriving in a month and a half at best.

It was a must to have it arrive before those two since Felix was planning on meeting up with them in it.

He couldn't have them enter the Earthling Team Headquarters since the anti-surveillance barrier would detect them instantly. It wouldn't let them get inside without scanning them.

That simply meant giving permission to the Queen to inform Mr. Rodrigas about their names, backgrounds, integration level...etc.

Naturally, this process was only for outsiders since the ESG Organization wasn't going to allow strangers inside without fully checking them out, unlike their known team members.

Felix didn't want to expose Malak and Erik's strength lest they end up getting exposed to the Gama Organization.

If all went well, Felix was planning on sending them to retrieve the pieces of the Artificial symbiote after he makes his move against the Gama Organization's spaceship.

After all, he wasn't a prophet to foresee that the Gama Organization was truly going to perish once and for all from his Red Plasma weapon.

Those two would be his plan B when shit hit the fan and everything derails from the script in his mind.

After Felix sent them away, he contacted the auction and gave them his address.

He would be responsible for the payment but they would take care of the transportation for him.

Felix didn't want Princess Bird snooping around him due to those sensitive discussions and information.

Now that he was done, he sent her a message to accompany him to the last auction of the day.

He wasn't planning to buy anything in it but he was willing to attend so he could broaden his horizons.

Plus, he was left with only 15 billion SC and he wanted to save it for the biggest auction tomorrow.

At that time, he would be accompanied by the Anti-Royal Alliance and not just Princess Bird.

'I need to concoct some high-quality bullshit to throw them off. It will be even better if I managed to turn them into my allies.' Felix rubbed his chin while gazing absent-mindedly in front of the auction's gate, waiting for Princess Bird's arrival.

'Good thing you are an expert in that.' Asna chuckled.

'True.' Felix laughed back and started brainstorming for tomorrow.

Tomorrow Evening, at The Androxa House, at 09:00 PM...

Felix was sitting in the living room all dressed up neatly, appearing quite handsome.

He was video chatting with his grandfather, listening to the difficulties his Family Company had run into in their main business venture.

Naturally, His grandfather wasn't the one who called to whine about them but it was Felix who wanted to check on them.

The millions of coins that he kept sending them discreetly were used properly to get themselves a small footing in the UVR.

Naturally, they couldn't afford to create a company in Androxa City but they did manage to place it in the 3rd biggest City in the Alexander Kingdom's UVR territory.

Unsurprisingly, they started with the easiest industry and also one of the most profitable ones if it was done right.

Cuisine!

They took advantage of Earthling's diverse cuisine by implementing it in the UVR!

Naturally, they couldn't just steal recipes and call them their own as they had to legally purchase them from the owners by paying them in dollars.

That's why private clothes brands, recipes, patents, and all for the data that was sold to the Queen wasn't placed by her in the VR store.

She was simply buying the information to increase her database and also help new planets get a better footing.

Hence, besides public information that was accessible to everyone, nothing else was posted by the Queen in the public database.

Thankfully, it wasn't really that hard to get recipes from chefs since they couldn't really be 'copyrighted' in the Planet.

But in the UVR? That was a different story.

After those recipes became the family's property, they legalized it based on the UVR Rules and it truly became theirs!

In other words, unless one received permission or the Maxwells turned the recipe public, no one could use it in restaurants or sell it for profits.

This was possible only due to the Queen AI.

After they collected multiple recipes from every cultural cuisine, ranging from pizza recipes, pasta recipes, steak recipes, coscos recipes..etc, they had officially started a business by placing their food in VR store, >Cuisine Section< where Felix used to pick his food from.

Naturally, there was an infinite number of different food in that section, making it almost impossible for their food to get some spotlight in the list unless it got picked constantly, turning it into one of the favorites in the section.

But for their food to get purchased in the store they needed to be spotlighted first!

Hence, the dilemma that the Maxwell Elders and Felix's Grandfather were facing.

"Sigh, we were quite naive when we believed that our earthling food will turn the UVR upside down due to their deliciousness." Robert said while rubbing his eyelids with a fatigued expression.

He seemed like he wasn't having enough sleep or rest due to the family company hitting the roadblock in their path.

"I warned you before." Felix shrugged his shoulders, "I told you that the cuisines industry shouldn't be underestimated. It is indeed a fact that a single popular recipe could turn one into a multi-billionaire but that is just gambling with resources and hoping for luck to take the wheel."

Felix indeed warned his grandfather by saying so. But in all honesty, Felix already foresaw that the earthling cuisine was going to fail hard into making an impact in the UVR.

He had 20 years of future knowledge and not a single recipe had managed to leave a mark and raise above the trillions of different recipes.

Those recipes were just for the human race without mentioning the other races.

Frankly speaking, Felix always believed that earthlings' food would have made an impact if it was heavily advertised in the UVR.

But who in his right mind would spend hundreds of millions to billions of coins to advertise a single recipe when they didn't even have half that amount as their capital?

What's worse, the recipe could still fail to attract enough interest, thus killing off the investment.

It was too risky to advertise a recipe. If one was willing to do so, he needed to study extensively the science of food in correlation with the majority of consumers in the UVR.

If it wasn't for so, Felix would have chosen his grandfather and the elders' plan way before them.

However, that didn't mean he wasn't investing in the food industry at all as his Primo Investment Company was owning one restaurant and investing in one food company.

Felix knew that down the line, the restaurant was going to create a heavenly recipe while the food company was going to invent a new cooking tool.

So he might be dipping his feet in multiple industries but all of his projects were bound to succeed sooner or later.

"Sigh, we should have listened and switched to another industry." Robert sighed with a discouraged tone, "Now most of our capital had been invested in this company and we can't retreat anymore."

"Old geezer, are you giving up already?" Felix taunted with a mocking tone, "What happened to the prodigy businessmen who single-handedly turned the family into a business Empire? Did you get overwhelmed by the Business side of the UVR?"

Robert chortled softly in derision, "Don't I have you? If I failed to make money I can always live off you."

"I see your shame hasn't returned yet." Felix chuckled and said, "Gramps, I told you many times to come to me for capital if you failed your projects. I don't care if you failed one or a hundred, I will always have your back." Felix bragged shamelessly, "Unlike you, my projects are bringing me more profit than I could handle."

'You are just as shameless as him.' Asna rolled her eyes after hearing him bragging about his projects that he cheated with his future memories.

Felix ignored Asna's jape and sighed after noticing that his grandfather's expression had gone strict all of sudden. "Fine, fine, I won't say this again."

Felix knew that his grandfather was too proud to ask money out of him.

Although he joked about it, he would never actually live off Felix when he was healthy and vigorous just like his younger self!

Chapter 370 - The Annual Co-Hosted Galactic Auction!

"How about I invest in your company then?" Felix suggested, "I can buy 20% shares in advance with 100 million SC."

"100 million?!" Robert's eyes widened for a bit after hearing such a large number.

He always knew that Felix was filthy rich but he never asked him about how much he was making or the names of his projects.

Unless Felix came clean about them, he wouldn't stick his nose in his grandson's matters. In his eyes, he was already a man of his own.

"No, that's too much." Robert shook his head vehemently after regaining his senses, "The company net worth is barely 30 million SC."

"True." Felix admitted it with a head nod. Then, he followed with a confident tone, "But, I firmly believe that under your leadership, the company would earn more than that, and I will recover my capital in no time."

Vrrr Vrrr

Before Robert could respond, Felix's bracelet started vibrating. Felix glanced at the screen and noticed that it was from The Maganda Chief.

"Gramps, I will call you back later in the day!" Felix swiftly added before hanging up, "You can expect the money to be wired today. Good luck!"

"Wai..."

Clunk!

Felix hung up and quickly turned off his phone and messages so he wouldn't be reached by anyone. Then, he requested, "Queen, wire 100 million SC to my grandfather...Oh, and wire addition 100 million SC. Tell him to bet on the Earthling team winning the first game."

The Queen asked for confirmation since the number was quite large. Felix confirmed it and the Queen sent it immediately.

After seeing the notification that marked the successful transfer, Felix chuckled to himself, "Hehe, he must be fuming right now."

Vrrr Vrrr!

"Better get going before they assume that I ditched them." Amused, Felix stopped thinking about matters concerning his grandfather after his bracelet vibrated again.

He swiftly clicked on the small screen and noticed that it was truly an invitation to the Chief's auction room.

It simply said that he was eligible to accept it and join the Final Auction in the event. That's because Felix had spent more than 5 billion SC in the last 6 days and could automatically enter the Final Auction if he wanted to.

However, he would have gotten a single room to himself and that wasn't proper when he had made an agreement to meet with the Chief and the rest in a single room.

'Queen, please accept it.' Felix requested after choosing a random disguise.

Inside an enormous star-shaped building that had its endings supported by humongous floating boulders, thousands of authoritative individuals were spread out each in a room or multiple in a single one depending on their choice.

What mattered most was that anyone attending this auction had spent 5 billion to earn their room.

Heck, some of them spent it on items they didn't even need just to get a ticket inside. They understood that the items showcased here were the best of the best.

If one couldn't obtain an invitation, he could always turn into a ghost and enjoy the show without the ability to access rooms.

Inside one of those rooms, Felix's body was in the process of reconstruction.

A second later, he opened his eyes and was met with the sight of The Maganda Chief smiling gently towards him and the rest of the Anti-Royal Alliance sitting each in a chair of their own.

Not sensing a single ghost presence, Felix looked around him and noticed that Princess Bird wasn't in the room.

'I guess he didn't want her to hear the content of our conversation.' Felix thought to himself while bowing his head respectfully towards the seniors, "Thank you for having me."

"Haha, no need to be polite." The Chief gestured for Felix to take a seat next to them.

Felix nodded his head while seating himself right in the middle of them. There were six seats in the room placed horizontally and only one meter next to each other.

The only seat left open was the one in the center, making Felix gets sandwiched by The Chief to his left and Zosia to his right. The rest were spread on both sides.

Felix didn't know that the chair placement was meant to make him feel important or just to build pressure on him since he was literally being sandwiched by Legendary Peak 6th stage bloodliners.

Whatever it was, Felix didn't show much of a reaction.

In fact, he had placed one leg above the other, getting comfortable sitting within them like he was their equal.

Why wouldn't he feel like that when he was always sharing a table with Asna and the J?rmungandr, two beings whose statues were cosmos away compared to those seniors?

"It seems like you have enjoyed your time in the past 6 days." Zosia said calmly.

Felix smiled politely and replied, "Indeed, it was a fruitful 6 days all thanks to the Chief."

"I am glad." The Chief said while laughing in a heartfelt manner.

However, the conversation he was having in his mind was nothing but that. 'As we decided, Zosia you will be the one who breaks the ice and start the conversation about his bloodlines.'

'Understood.' Zosia sent a message while having a forced faint smile like she was trying her best to not appear cold and indifferent.

'Gabrial, stop staring at him like that, you are creeping me out, don't even mention him.' Chief sent another message to the youthful man with a long white mustache that reached his chest.

Truly, he was staring at Felix like he was his son in law, sending shivers down Felix's spine. However, after the warning, he coughed and regained control of his emotions.

He was the man from the previous gathering who proposed to invite Felix into his palace to check out his daughters.

He seemed like he still didn't give up on that thought even though he never received a response from Felix. Well, Felix didn't even see his email as he filtered only the auction ones before.

Just as the mood was about to grow awkward since no one was speaking, the window in front of them started reflecting bright blue light.

After a second, the blue light was replaced with a beautiful blonde woman who was wearing a long tight dress and moon-shaped earrings.

She was standing in a circular stage while appearing as clear as crystal to everyone no matter their distance.

She smiled charmingly and spoke with her arms spread apart in a welcoming manner,? "Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the Annual Co-hosted Auction that was brought to you by Aquatic Auction House, Beethoven Auction House, Daylight Auction House...And lastly, Dragonair Auction House!!"

Clap Clap Clap!...

Resounding applause replied back to her greeting, making her smile get even wider.

After a short moment, it died down and she began speaking again, "This might be your hundredth time attending this yearly co-hosted auction or it might be your first time. But as always, let's take a look at the auction's rules together since they are quite different than what you are used to."

Felix listened carefully to what she had to say as he never attended this auction even in his previous life. He didn't find a lot of information about it after extensive research.

The presenter manifested a hologram that had 5 rules written boldly in red color. After reading them in his mind, Felix noticed that he only knew one rule out of them.

That was the fact that there were only 10 auctioned items and they weren't known to any bidder.

It was written that only the auction's owners who were co-hosting this knew about the items and they signed a contract to keep it to themselves.

The 2nd rule was simply stating that one must bid with a minimum of 500 million SC each time.

The 3rd rule was about the time allowed to make a bid. It had gotten increased from the usual 15 seconds to 1 minute, allowing the bidders more time to consider their bids.

The 4th rule was also about time but it was related to the time allowed to read the details. They were given 10 minutes this time instead of the known 2 minutes.

The 5th rule and the last rule implied that it wasn't allowed to place assets as collateral or asking for a loan from the auction. The only method accepted was hard cash.

After the presenter read them out loud and explained each one briefly, she bowed her head with a beautiful smile and said, "Enjoy your time bidding and good luck."

Poof!

She exploded into light particles, emptying the stage. However, it didn't stay like that for even a second as the holographic image of the Queen had manifest in her place.

Without nonsense, She brought out the 1st item, which appeared as a triangle-like white flask filled with black matter, and said, "The first item is a Flask of Immortality concocted personally by Madam Sandra, a rank 5 Witch." She paused for a second and followed after, "The Starting Bid is 2 Billion SC. You have 5 minutes to read its details and start bidding."

'Dear God, if this was the 1st item, then what the f*ck are they going to auction as the last one?' Shocked, Felix gulped a mouthful while staring at the Flask and its mindblowing details in the window.

Yet, the five seniors didn't seem to care about his reaction as their entire focus was placed on the details as well.

They appeared more agitated and shocked than Felix since this Flask concerned them even more!