

Vampire 441

Chapter 441 Strange Occurances In The Astral World

Meditating for a while, Lith felt as if someone was calling him. He opened his eyes and looked around but there was no one present except for the white strings of elemental energies.

'Is it just my imagination?' Lith wondered.

He closed his eyes again and went back to meditating. However, the feeling of someone calling him returned and he couldn't help but open his eyes again and look around.

This felt a bit creepy and Lith thought of moving somewhere else.

Lith walked passed the white strings and went in some random direction. However, he felt as if someone was whispering something in his ears and when he turned to that direction, he saw nobody except the white strings fluctuating strangely, as if showing him a path to somewhere.

'Yeah, definitely a trap. I am not going.' Lith flew up in the air and started flying to a place far away from where the strange noise was pointing him towards.

He ensured that he always went in some random direction and didn't continue for long on the same path. Doing so would result in him being tricked by that something strange and he was trying to outsmart whatever that was.

Soon...

After half a day's travel, Lith arrived on top of a small hill.

The hill was barren and there was only one thing present here. It was a black and gray palm tree with strange star shaped fruits growing on it.

Lith wasn't stupid enough to pluck those fruits and eat it like how a curious shonen protagonist would. He simply sat a bit away from the tree and meditated to calm himself and think of a way to get out of this place.

Firstly, he couldn't understand how he even got here. He didn't even think of this place yet he was here. Secondly, this place was so empty. There were no signs of people being present anywhere and it was kind of concerning.

Just what part of the Astral World was Lith in? He couldn't help but think.

A few hours passed and something caught Lith's attention.

A bit away from him, in the forest below the hill, there was something that was making a strange noise and also shaking the trees and branches around.

It definitely seemed like there was some beast or something similar present there and this made Lith curious.

It had been quite a while and these seemed to be the only signs indicating that there was life present here. However, Lith still didn't budge from his place and stayed where he was.

He was now definitely sure that something or someone was calling him and asking him to move to some place desperately. Although this may have been a good thing if he was in anime, reality was entirely different.

Being in anime, such strange occurrence would lead mc to some place nice and he would end up getting rewarded heavily for something. Maybe he would even end up with some hacks that would help him become a god or something.

But, the reality Lith was in, this world he lived in, it was a cruel one. It was either kill or be killed and Lith wasn't going to risk himself for something, even if it might mean that it was something that would benefit him a lot.

Take risks when necessary, but not always. This was something Lith followed. Currently, there was no need to take such risks, he had everything with him.

Unless...

'If what I am thinking is true, then things are much scarier than they seem.' Lith thought to himself.

Something struck his mind and made him want to go check what that strange thing was.

Lith went downhill and slowly made his way towards the trees that were moving and the noise was occurring.

Soon, Lith reached there and the next thing he saw, it made him completely shocked!

There was a small pond surrounding which there were many trees. In that pond, there were two fishes and they were coiling around each other.

One was black and had some white spots on it while the other was white and had some black spots on it.

'Ying Yang!' Lith exclaimed in his mind.

How they hell did that strange something that's calling him know what Lith needs!? How was this even possible!?

But despite his initial shock, Lith remained calm and watched what the fishes were doing.

The fishes in the pond took turns to jump out of it and eat a fruit from the trees near the pond.

The fruits were of different shapes and each time they ate a fruit, some strange engravings on the body of the fish would turn to the opposite color of the body.

For instance, the black fish jumped and ate a circular fruit. This caused a small area on its body to change color and become a white circle.

'I should be running away from this. It seems too dangerous.' Lith thought to himself.

But then, on another thought, Lith needed to have clues that would help him modify the Ying Yang Vīrya Sutra for his wives. It was important.

Lith's gut feeling was telling him that this is definitely a trap. But his heart said that he must face the dangers if he wants to give his wives the best things in the world.

But there was his mind telling him that if something happened to him, they would be much sadder than ever and no amount of things would be enough to heal their hearts.

Lith was stuck in a rock and a hard place and he finally decided that it would be best to move away from this place and not sink in to this, even if it meant not being able to modify the dual cultivation art.

Lith just happened to reverse his position with one of his wives. He thought, what should, say, Emilia should do if she was in his place.

Should Emilia face the danger to get himself something good or should she simply back away from that danger? Lith's obvious answer to that would be Emilia should back away. He would want Emilia to be safe rather than have all the riches in the world.

He applied this thing on himself and thus, backed away quietly.

It was a pity to let go of this opportunity, but it couldn't be helped.

Just as Lith was trying to fly up in the air, he heard a snake hiss in his direction and without even turning back, Lith immediately opened his wings and flew up while also using space elemental energy to warp space and move quickly.

As soon as Lith was in the air, he saw a ten meter tall eagle with three heads fly towards him with great speed. Lith didn't bother to fight it and tried his best to fly to some place safe.

'Now that I am not falling for the trap, that someone is making a desperate attempt to get me. I think I know that even if I am caught by these creatures, I won't be harmed unless I reached that place that I was meant to go by following those white strings.' Lith made an analysis.

Lith only had a hypothesis and he wasn't sure of things. Nevertheless, he would never stupidly let himself get caught. Lith would fight till his last breath if needed, but not for something he wasn't even sure of was beneficial or not to him.

Only stupid people would fight unnecessarily and duke it out with whoever or whatever creature they find.

A while of flying later, the creatures stopped coming after Lith and he finally got a break from them.

Lith sat down on the ground to take a deep breath and calm himself down from all of this.

Just as he sat down, Lith felt a strong sense of danger and all his hair stood out on their ends.

From the corner of his eye, he could tell that something was beside him and was very close to his face.

Lith thought of running away, but then something struck him and he stood in his place calmly and didn't move, ignoring the alarms ringing inside his head.

Soon, at the corner of Lith's eye, there seemed to be something with an extremely dark face and red eyes staring at him.

Lith tried his best to ignore it and took deep breaths and calmed himself down.

There was no need to panic and run away. The situation was under control, despite appearing seemingly terrifying.

A few minutes passed and, a breeze grazed past Lith's ear.

From that breeze, Lith finally heard a whisper again, this time more clearly than before:

"Boy..."

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A/N: My lads and lasses, please don't forget to send Golden Tickets and Powerstones. The Powerstones have been running dry for a while and same is the case with GTs :'(

Also, my health kind of good right now. And I think I am ready to write date arc soon :)

Have a good day!

Chapter 442 A Dream About God

The whisper made Lith frown. He still couldn't understand just who or what was summoning him.

"Boy... come... here..."

Lith heard it again.

Not only was there a whisper he heard, there was also this strange and creepy thing present beside him, that still seemed scary.

Although Lith wasn't scared, this thing was a risk to his life and he didn't want to take any chances.

'But... from what I can see, it appears like that thing is not able to hurt me, just scare me. Is it that it cannot hurt me or is it that it doesn't want to hurt me till I get there?' Lith thought to himself.

Lith didn't want to test things despite thinking that. Having no other way, he decided to move forwards and see what was there in store for him.

Lith, who was trying to make up his decision, had no idea that a bizarre looking black creature with an odd face shape structure, red eyes and sharp teeth, with a lot of tentacles having sharp spikes right behind his back, gazing at him.

It was ready to strike at any moment Lith faltered from his place and strike.

Lith just dodged this grave danger as he took a step forward and moved towards the area where he was being summoned.

The bizzare looking creature disappeared and Lith was back to feeling normal. The sense of danger from within was gone.

Lith then thought about running away to some other place, but then he realized that no matter where he went, that thing that was trying to summon him would get him and thus gave up.

A while later, Lith reached in front of a podium. The podium had something engraved on top of it and Lith assumed that it was where he must go.

'It's risky, but I have no other choice. I'll see what I can do later.'

Lith walked on top of the podium and sat on it. He then closed his eyes and started to meditate.

Nothing happened.

Lith sighed in relief. He continued to meditate and tried to think of a way to get out of this place.

Soon, Lith heard some strange noises once again. He kept his eyes closed and didn't bother to think about the noises.

Moments later, he felt a grave sense of danger once again and immediately opened his eyes to see what it was.

Surrounding Lith, there were a thousand monsters!

These monsters had odd body shapes, odd facial structures, and their faces were ugly and unpleasant to the eyes. Some of the faces were scary to the point of making a sane person fall unconscious and some were ugly to the point of making a person vomit.

It wasn't just their appearance, they also had various things on them such as sharp spikes and claws that showed how dangerous they were.

Although it was too dangerous to be here, Lith was calm and he didn't panic.

Had it been the Lith who just awakened his Magic Core, he would not be the same.

Years of assassinations, training, meditation, and breakthroughs had made Lith adapt to any and every situation properly and not panic.

Thus, being calm, he looked at his surroundings and analysed things.

'They aren't trying to harm me.' Lith figured. 'Is it because they are trying to ensure I don't run away from this altar or is the calling that I got was so that I am saved from these creatures?'

'There's no way to know. All I can do is sit and see how things go.'

Lith closed his eyes and once again began to think of the ways to get out of this predicament.

Just as Lith had his eyes closed, he entered into a dream.

Lith was fully conscious and fully aware of whatever things were happening and he was currently standing in the middle of a dusty road, looking at the various different types of people and carts passing by.

'I am in the mediaeval era? Or is this the Victorian era?' Lith couldn't help but think as he looked at the outfits of the people here.

The ladies were gowns and the men wore suits. The poor ones simply had a dirty shirt and pants on while the rich had other accessories such as a cane, a pocket watch, and a monocle.

Other than that, there didn't seem to be anybody of any other race present and all looked like they were humans.

Lith started walking and as he did so, he heard people converse:

"Sigh... another plague inflicted on our town. This time the death toll went well over a hundred."

"It's a pity. There was Hannah and Jules living there. They were really religious and believed in god. But in the end, no god saved them and they died. I wonder if god even exi—"

"Shhh. Don't say such blasphemous things. The people from the church might hear you."

"Right."

"Anyway, let's get moving."

Hearing this made Lith wonder if this dream is about gods.

To know further about it, he continued to walk and just as he took a step, the scene in front of him changed and he was in a dark alley.

Two people walked into this dark alley and both wore hooded black robes. It was also night time now, different from the previous time.

The two people removed their hoods and one was a blond haired chubby man with a cross on his neck and the other was a serious looking short haired man in black robes.

"What have they thought?" The man with short hair asked.

"You know how it is. The church won't allow anyone to slander god and—"

"You do understand that your god is trying to do more harm than good right?"

"Yes. I do understand. But it's for our own good. God always looks for our better interests and what we think is harming us is probably something that may not be true. It might just be us overthinking things."

"If that was the case, you wouldn't be meeting me here."

"..."

Silence descended down between the two and they didn't speak with each other, just stood still.

A while later, the chubby man said, "my faith is wavering and I am slightly confused about things. I contacted you in hopes of having my faith restored and removing any trace of doubt that I may have."

The short haired man eyed the chubby man with a serious gaze. "So you still stand on the side of the church."

"I don't know..." the chubby man said softly.

Kachow!

The short haired man immediately went behind the back of the chubby man and broke his spine, eventually killing him.

He spit on the dead man's body and said, "And here I thought I would be able to properly plant a spy in the church. Tsk."

The man left after saying so.

Lith, who was standing beside the two and watching the drama unfold was now pretty sure that everything was about God in this dream.

But who was this god? Why would he only target Lith? Was Lith special or something? The latter shouldn't be the case since Lith personally thought of himself as an ordinary boy who just happened to reincarnate and due to luck, he was the son of the vampire queen.

Lith had done no extraordinary thing in his opinion whatsoever. All this while, he just went with the flow without disturbing anyone or causing nuisance anywhere.

There was no one who Lith had offended present. The ones that he had conflict with, all were either dead or in captivity. He should have no enemies.

Many questions popped inside Lith's head and no matter how many times he tried to think of an answer, nothing came up in his mind.

Gaining no understanding of his current situation, Lith decided to just go with the flow.

He walked towards the dead body and squatted down to examine the body of the dead person.

Just as Lith was about to flip the guy around, the scene changed and Lith was now squatting in a large throne room.

Beside Lith was a woman in purple robes, kneeling and having her head bowed.

In front of him was a man sitting on a mighty throne. The face of the man couldn't be seen but he appeared extremely terrifying and overbearing.

Lith felt slight pressure from him despite being in a dream and this made him wonder how would things be if he was in front of that man.

Lith's thoughts stopped after the woman beside him spoke.

"Master, some people are trying to uproot the teachings of the church. It took around a hundred years, but everything is going according to the plan."

Chapter 443 One Must Protect Nature But That One Isn't Lith

The being that made Lith feel pressured, even in dreams, said in an overbearing tone:

"It is natural."

The lady then continued, "Master, I hope they find the ways to go against nature and I hope we succeed in doing so as well."

"Yes. The way of nature doing things isn't right. We need to hurry up and change it. The will of the ____"

Before Lith could finish hearing what the man said, the scene in front changed abruptly and he was now in a forest.

Lith saw a few things in the forest and he was the scene changed again and he was in a desert. After desert it was in the snow and after snow it was on mountains.

After looking at the final scene in the mountains, Lith was sucked into a vortex and was back into the Astral World.

Opening his eyes, he once again saw a thousand monsters standing in front of him.

Despite having being taken into a dream by surprise and despite watching many weird things, Lith was calm and he didn't panic or feel afraid of things.

Lith was sure of one thing. It was that something or someone made him watch this dream because they wanted something from him. Though having no idea why would the target him, there was another fact that he couldn't ignore.

Firstly, someone was trying to tell him in a very obvious manner than that there are some bad guys going against the way of nature. This isn't acceptable and Lith must probably stop them. Another thing was, in the forest, desert, snow, and the mountains, Lith saw the just ways of nature.

In the forest, there was a human who saved an animal from the traps made by other humans. His this benevolence saved him in future as that animal came to the man's rescue when he was in trouble.

In the desert, one person had his last few drops of water stolen by his companion and his companion also stabbed him and ran away with all the food they had on them. The person was sad but he endured the sufferings and continued to walk, eventually finding an oasis all to himself.

Similar things happened in other places and it was pretty obvious that someone was telling him that nature is fair and just.

If it was Lith who had just been born, things would've been much different and his thinking process would also be different.

Lith would feel that those people trying to go against the laws of nature were the bad guys, the church was in the good, the other party with the short haired man was along with the overbearing man was bad. Then after watching the scenes in the forest, desert, and other places, Lith would feel that nature is kind and fair and one should always protect its natural ways.

But, Lith was more mature now and things were much different.

'Whoever showed me these things made it appear too obvious what their motives were. It is clearly noticeable that someone is trying to ask me to protect nature and help things flow naturally.'

Lith's current thoughts were anything but good and the ones like his past self.

'I don't care even in the slightest about what happens to nature or this world or its people. As long as me, my wives, and the people I care about are fine and happy, nothing else matters. The world can burn and nature can go fuck itself. What matters is my own happiness and the happiness of my beloved ones.'

Just as Lith finished these thoughts, something clicked him.

'Hmm? That might probably be the way out.'

Lith suddenly had an idea. He got up on the podium and looked at the monsters surrounding him.

He then said in a soft voice, "I won't hurt you if you don't hurt me. I have not offended you and even I don't understand how I got here. As I walk away from this podium, if someone attacks me, I'll attack back. But if no one does it, I'll simply walk away and not bother you."

Finishing saying so and not waiting for the monsters to reply or show some reaction, Lith got down the podium.

He was on guard and ready to strike, but what if he was thinking was correct, he wouldn't have the need to attack anyone. Still, he was prepared for the consequences in case what he was thinking was wrong.

As soon as Lith got down, the monsters separated in front of him and made him a path to walk.

Lith calmly walked out and after being away from them, he thought to himself, 'Things are too obvious.'

Lith was shown benevolence in the dream and the correct answer to get out of this predicament was to be benevolent. But, things were just too obvious and this put Lith on guard.

But despite being on guard, nothing much happened to him and he once again reached the palm tree with star shaped fruits on it.

'Why am I back here?' Lith questioned himself.

Something struck him at this point and he sat in a meditative position and said softly, "Nature is just. We must protect it and let things flow naturally."

As soon as he finished saying that, a star fruit fell on his hands and he couldn't help but open his eyes and look at it. He then turned to look at the palm tree beside him and saw it to have gone.

'Something is really fishy. But now that I found the path, I might as well go down it and exit this place.'

Lith got up and left this place in search of finding a way out.

Meanwhile...

Crack!

Lucy kicked a monster's body and broke its spine, eventually killing it.

"Why are there so many monsters here?" She said while looking at the thousand monster corpses lying down on the ground.

Arya looked around and commented, "I can feel Lith's aura here."

Lilith, looking at the black corpses in this seemingly gray world, added, "He was for quite some time. We should've visited this place earlier."

Hearing that, Lucy couldn't help but ask, "Mom, can't you like, spread your massive spiritual sense and find him?"

Lilith looked at her and said with a smile, "Even if I did that, there's no point. Spreading my senses here would be like pouring a drop of dye in the ocean. It won't affect anything."

Lucy thought about it and then asked, "Is the Astral World bigger than our world?"

Lilith, with the same smile as before, "The Astral World, although called a world, isn't one. It's a realm."

She paused and then continued while looking at the far distant places,

"A realm stretching so far, even god's eyes won't be able to reach there."

Chapter 444 God

"God?"

Arya was hearing the conversation from the side and couldn't help but ask as she heard her mother-in-law say that.

Lilith turned around and said to Arya with a smile, "daughter-in-law, you don't know things yet, do you?"

Arya was confused. "What things?"

Lilith, instead of explaining, asked, "can you tell me about the ranks in this world and the realms as well."

Arya didn't question Lilith about why she would ask that. She simply answered, "There's two realms. Mortal realms and immortal realms. Mortal realms have Rank 1 to 9 and immortal realms are from Saint Rank to Supreme Rank. Is there something wrong with it?"

Lilith shook her head. "It isn't wrong. It just needs a bit of changing."

She then explained, "Immortal realms aren't till Supreme Rank, they end at Emperor Rank."

"Hmm?" Now this was something surprising that Arya was hearing.

Lilith continued, "there's a realm above the immortal realm."

"A realm above?" Arya seriously looked at Lilith with her beautiful blue eyes as she asked that. It wasn't her material body that was inside the Astral World and so she didn't have a blindfold on*.

Lilith nodded. "That's right."

"It's the God realm."

"What?" Arya was surprised.

"You can be a true God if you are in this realm." Lilith answered with a smile. She was kind of expecting an even more exaggerated reaction, but sadly Arya didn't give her any other than surprise.

Arya stopped talking and stood still. This was a lot to process. God realm, above immortal realm... realm above realm... just what was going on?

She then rubbed her temples slightly as it was harder to digest this information than she initially thought about.

Looking at her think about things so hard, Lilith chuckled said, "You wouldn't have faced this problem, had you been cultivating like normal people and among the commoners of this world."

"Commoners? I was cultivating like a normal person, there wasn't anything extra done." Arya replied.

Lilith shook her head. "You don't know. Having knowledge about immortal realms is forbidden in itself here in this world. Many don't know about it and the higher ranked powers hide it from them. This is both good and bad."

"It's good because the ones who are innately strong and geniuses from birth still end up rising in ranks but bad because there are many who would rank up if given the right information."

"Anywho, that's something completely different. What I meant is, the low rank people don't know that there are realms above the mortal realms. To them, even Rank 9s appear like gods."

Arya understood what Lilith was trying to tell. "I understand. So if I am not wrong, a commoner, if told this same information, would not have as much of a hard time as me, right?"

Lilith nodded. "Correct."

"Phew. It can't be helped." Arya said while exhaling.

She then asked, "So all things aside, am I in the God realm now that I am a Supreme Rank?"

Lilith shook her head once again. "You're not a god yet. You're transitioning from one realm to another. It's the same as how one is after becoming a Half Saint. They aren't immortals and they aren't mortals either. They're transitioning and are thus termed pseudo immortals."

"In the case of god realms, Supreme Rank beings are called Demigods and aren't into the boundary of God realm yet. Once you ascend from this stage, you'll be a full fledged True God."

Lilith's explanation was easy to understand and it didn't take time for Arya to digest it.

Lucy at the side was bored with the conversation of these two people. She already had some ideas about it and knew how things were. She just wanted to go find her brother and get out of this place.

Being bored, she walked towards the dead corpses and started kicking them like footballs and played around while Arya and Lilith talked.

Arya asked after a while, "What is the rank above the Supreme Rank called?"

Lilith smiled and answered, "Legendary."

"I see." Arya nodded in understanding. "Is there anyone in this world of this rank?"

"There is one person." Lilith answered.

"Who?" Arya was now curious.

"Me."

"WHAT!?" Arya yelled loud enough in surprise to stop Lucy from kicking the corpses and look at her. "Are you serious!?"

Lilith chuckled. "Why would I lie?"

Arya facepalmed. "Oh my... I had a god as my mother-in-law all this while?"

"Fufufu... indeed."

"How did you know—"

BOOOOM!

Arya's sentence was cut short as a golden beam of light shot straight up in the heavens of the Astral World.

The gray world finally got some radiance and Lilith, Lucy, and Arya's faces became serious.

"It's Lith."

They all said in unison.

"We should hurry." Lilith suggested and the three people immediately forgot about all things related to God realms and went straight towards their beloved husband.

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Few minutes ago...

Lith was wandering along the forests of the Astral World and by just roaming, he once again reached the Ying Yang fishes.

"Why did I come here again?" Lith was confused and couldn't help but say.

He put his guard up and stayed far away from the two fishes.

If it weren't for the fact that these two fishes let out a powerful aura from them, Lith would've made a sushi out of them and would feed it to Dennis.

But it was still very strange to once again arrive here like this.

Lith was only just observing them when...

Hisssss!

He heard a snake hiss a few metres away from him.

Thankfully the sound was in the opposite direction as him and Lith wasn't in any danger.

Lith looked towards the source of the noise and soon saw a giant green snake appear. He then saw the snake coil around a tree and guard some fruits from the two fishes.

The two fishes were angry and they started attacking the snake.

The snake fought back and an intense battle took place near the pond.

Lith was invested in this battle and he watched them fight with great interest.

These three creatures didn't look like they were from Lith's world as he had never come across any creature that had auras like them.

However, Lith hadn't even explored one percent of his world and he wasn't sure if they belonged to this world or some other one.

The Ying Yang fishes entangled together after a while and they sent some invisible attack towards the snake that Lith wasn't sure what was.

The attack ended up causing the space around the snake to tear and a good chunk of the snake's flesh went inside it.

The snake guarded itself and closed the space rifts. It ate a fruit from the tree and healed itself.

Looking at the snake gobble up a fruit, the anger of the fishes intensified and they sent waves after waves of attack towards the snake.

The snake defended and attacked and tried its best to guard the fruits.

While all of this happened, Lith became too invested in these new attacks and ways of defending. He hadn't seen these techniques in any manuscripts at home and it was definitely a delight.

Lith's guard was slightly lowered as he assumed that when two high ranking creatures fought, small fries won't come around as they would be scared of the auras of these two.

But he was wrong as right in the next moment, a brown snake appeared behind him and hissed loudly, startling Lith and making him fall from the tree he was sitting on.

Lith was in the midst of stabilizing himself from the fall and getting out of the battlefield of the snake and fishes when the fruit he was holding before accidentally ended up going inside his mouth.

Just a slight amount of juice entered Lith's mouth and eventually...

BOOOOM!

Chapter 445 Lmmortal Core

High in the air of the grey Astral World, Lith's hair was flowing upwards and his eyes were closed while his robes fluttered due to the breeze.

All around him was a golden shine and this golden beam, shooting towards the heavens was visible to all creatures inside the Astral World.

Some ignored it, some noticed it, and some were moving towards it.

It was really dangerous for Lith.

But he didn't have any idea as he had no idea what was happening to his present self and was in another world.

Beneath Lith's feet was water and all around him it was dark. The dark never scared Lith and he wondered why he was here.

Moving around, Lith soon found a small bright spot of light.

Lith walked towards it calmly and he didn't know how long it took, but he finally reached it.

There was darkness everywhere at the place he reached, except for the front.

There was a barrier in front of Lith, behind which there was the thing that was shining so brightly.

There was a lustrous transparent spherical crystal shining brightly behind the barrier and it was the reason for such illuminance.

Around it were twelve more crystal and they were colored with respect to the elemental energy contained within them.

'Immortal Core?'

This was the thing Lith thought of as soon as he thought that.

Immediately after, memories that were sealed inside his mind poured in and he said in surprise,

"Didn't I see this before as well during my ascension?"

Lith had seen this thing during his past ascension but before he could have a proper look at it, he was thrown away from that place. He didn't understand why that happened, but he didn't dwell much on it as it wasn't important.

The important thing right now was why was he having a look at an immortal core. Why was it present here?

Lith walked towards it and stood before the barrier.

"Why am I looking at an immortal core? And more importantly, why are there all elemental energies around it? Is there another person in this world who has an all elemental affinity?"

Immortal cores were entirely different than mortal cores.

While mortal core was just one in number and had a color according to the rank of the person, immortal cores were splitted.

The main core of a person would have its elemental energies come out and the elemental energies would manifest themselves into crystals that revolved around the main core.

They nourished the main core with elemental energies and had various other uses.

The number of elemental energy cores that would revolve around the main core would depend upon the affinity a person has towards elemental energies.

Thus, Lith couldn't help but question those things.

Curious with the core in front, Lith started thinking about the reasons for him entering the Astral World and then arriving here so suddenly. He sat down in a lotus position and started pondering.

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In the vast Astral realm, many creatures were moving towards the golden beam of light.

Despite many having no idea how far it would be, they moved. The reason was simple:

They were curious and had nothing to do.

Not everyday were there changes happening inside this vast gray world and even if things did happen on a daily basis, nobody would even know about it since it could happen anywhere.

As Lilith had said, the Astral World was everywhere and anybody could enter it as long as they had some criterias fulfilled.

This world wasn't like dimensions present in Lith's world.

This was an independent existence on its own.

Even if Lith's world was destroyed, the Astral World would still exist and anybody could enter it.

The only problem would be getting your body inside Astral World. That wasn't possible unless one was a god. And even gods didn't enter this place as it was risky.

If one god was found by another, there would definitely be conflict and it would result in serious losses for both parties.

In any case, there were still many people inside the Astral World as it was so huge, people wandered around in hopes of getting something they've always wanted.

Some people roamed this place in hopes of finding their dead partner's soul, some wandered for the riches that this place may have, and some simply wandered for the inheritances that may be available here.

Many past geniuses have put their inheritances here and many have found them as well.

Having such great importance, this gray world was important for everyone.

The golden beam of light that seen by everyone, be it whatever place they were in, was something that attracted their eyes and made them move there.

While many were on the move, Lilith, Lucy, and Arya were the same as well.

Lucy and Arya were worried about Lith and were trying their best to move as fast as they could.

Although they had these emotions, Lilith on the other hand was panicking.

For the first time it has happened that Lith was out of her range. She couldn't protect him in any form as even she had no idea how far he was.

Lilith, although could see through every place in her world, the Astral World was different. It was infinite and no matter how far she spread her senses, she wasn't able to locate Lith.

Lilith's only source of hope was the golden beam and she could make out that Lith was inside as his figure was faintly visible in it.

Lilith didn't show her concerns to the other two as she didn't want to stress them further than they were. She could only keep this problem with her and run as fast as she could towards Lith.

Being his mother, Lith's safety mattered the most to Lilith.

'I just hope you're safe...' Lilith thought to herself while running towards Lith.

Lilith couldn't teleport directly towards the place Lith was in as she didn't know the coordinates of that place.

The same applied with everyone who were moving there. They didn't know the coordinates and could only rush as fast as they could over there.

The entirety of the Astral realm was on the move.

It didn't take long before someone found the other one who was moving towards the golden beam of light.

"Stop! Where do you think you're going!?" A person fully clothed from head to toe in black robes shouted towards Lilith, Lucy, and Arya.

Lilith frowned as someone tried to stop her.

"Keep moving." She said to Arya and Lucy and immediately snapped her fingers after and moved herself.

The fully clothed person's consciousness disappeared without even having a chance to fight back and he was completely erased from this world.

Having been erased from here meant only one thing. The original body of the person in the normal world would now have nothing harbouring it.

It would have a soul and a body but both would become immobile as there was no consciousness.

The person would simply become a living corpse.

While these three moved, somewhere far away...

"It's happening again..." A person sitting on a mighty throne said softly while resting his face on his fist and having his legs placed crossed.

The person appeared to be some extremely overbearing emperor or someone similar as the people beneath him didn't raise their heads despite the man speaking something.

The man then got up and moved towards the large window inside the hall he was in.

Through the window, he gazed at the golden beam of light and with a serious expression, he said,

"Twice. I'll never forget that. Making an enemy out of me is the worst thing you've done. I don't know who you are or where you are, but I'll ensure that I return this favor a million folds to you."

The man then placed his hand on the windowsill and grabbed it tight enough to turn that area into a fine powder.

He then muttered softly,

"Becoming an enemy of the Vampire God will have its consequences."

Chapter 446 The Sixth One

Oblivious to what was happening in the outside world, Lith continued to think of reasons for the core to appear here.

"Last time I don't know what happened, but as soon as I said immortal core, I was sucked out of here and began my ascension to Rank 9 I think. This time, even after saying those same words, nothing's happening. Does that mean that unless I figure out what the right thing to exit from here is, I won't be able to ascend to Half Saint Rank?"

"Also, will coming into contact with that core present in front be good? Or will it be bad? It's actually pretty interesting knowing there's an immortal core with all elemental affinities present here. Because as far as I know, there's just me, mom, and Lucy with an all elemental affinity."

"However, I still don't understand, what is this thing doing here and why am I here in front of it?"

"I don't remember Lucy or mom saying anything regarding such an event happening during ascensions. Lucy had normal things happening to her and the same was the case for mother when they ascended."

"Something isn't right and things are changing. I wonder what's the cause of it? Does it have something related to my reincarnation? I can't really think of any other factor other than that."

Lith had been through various things these past twenty one years but there was nothing that was too exaggerated or special. The only special thing Lith felt about him was the fact that he had reincarnated from Earth to this place and he also assumed that he reincarnated as Lilith's son due to sheer luck.

There was no other explanation available to him currently and although he knew that letting his mother know about his reincarnation wouldn't be a problem, he didn't want to do that and cause unnecessary drama in the house.

Regressors, reincarnators, and transmigrators should always keep their identity to themselves unless absolutely necessary. Lith had learnt it through the various novels he had read in his past life.

Although this world was pretty chill about all such things and there were many reincarnators and transmigrators roaming the streets of the world, Lith still didn't want to risk things.

"If I don't get an answer to my questions and if I am stuck somewhere and the only possible way out would be to reveal my identity as a reincarnator to mother, I'll do that. But not now." Lith said softly.

"For now, I still need to think of ways to get out. Sigh... I wonder how long it will take?"

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Astral realm.

A blonde-haired teen was standing atop a tower with his hands behind his back and was gazing at the golden beam of light.

Although his appearance looked like a teen, the seriousness on his face made it evident that he had been through many trials in his short life.

"A sixth one." The blonde-haired teen said softly.

"Yes, master." A man standing behind the teen said in a courteous and subservient manner.

"Is he perhaps from our place?"

"Maybe. But judging from the past events, it is highly unlikely. The four people before master are nowhere near us."

The blonde-haired teen didn't reply to the butler and continued to gaze at the golden beam of light.

"Who would've thought that me creating a scene in the Astral World wasn't anything new and I wasn't anyone special. I bet that person in that golden beam might be thinking the same. Maybe, he too, just like me, is thinking if he's someone special because of the chaos he has created now."

"Master is spec—"

"No, Marco. Don't say a word. I am not even the strongest in this world, let alone the universe. Calling myself special is exaggerating things."

The teen then closed his eyes and said with slight melancholy

"I am just a normal teen, trying to survive in this harsh world."

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Somewhere far away from the blonde-haired teen in the Astral Realm, a tall red-haired girl, sitting on a throne was gazing at the golden beam of light.

There was indifference on her face and she had no amusement whatsoever.

The girl appeared to be someone in her late teens and her indifference made her appear really cold and unapproachable.

Her persona matched with her actions as the throne she was sitting on was lying on top of a stage made up of dead bodies of people.

In front of her were corpses, behind her were corpses — all around there were corpses.

These were the people this girl had slain and was sitting on top of them without a sense of remorse or guilt.

"A sixth one." She said indifferently.

"How many more will there be?" She asked, but there was no one alive to answer her.

She then stood up and placing her hands on the hilt of her sword, said calmly,

"I hope all of us meet soon. I really am bored."

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"Run! This might be our chance to strike it big this time! Keep running! We'll make it towards the light sooner!" A man yelled and encouraged his partners to move faster.

"We are! We are! Let's go!"

The people could see the base of the golden beam of light and were really excited to move towards it and see what treasures it might have.

Their hopes were up and they felt that they were really lucky. However, right after a minute, a giant pitch black monster having red eyes and with an irregular body shape appeared right in front of them and let out a soul piercing screech!

VOOOOOOOOMMMM!

"AHHHHH! DAMN IT! WHAT THE FUCK IS THAT!?"

The people shouted and closed their ears in hopes of not being able to hear that monster.

But that was a futile effort as right within the next second, they all dropped onto the ground and started shaking intensely as if they had a seizure.

A second later, the monster appeared in front of them and swallowed them.

The monster then moved in search of other prey and the area became barren once again.

But it wasn't for long until three people arrived running at this place.

"Are there any more people you see in the vicinity?" Arya asked Lilith while moving forwards.

It was Lilith who instructed Arya to tame the monsters in this place and have them take out the people moving towards the golden beam.

Arya provided the monsters with the location of the people whenever possible on Lilith's instruction and till now, they for sure might've taken out around twenty people.

"No." Lilith answered simply and continued to run.

Her entire focus was on Lith and to ensure no mishap occurred. She thus didn't put her energy into attacking people. Her main priority was Lith's safety and nothing else mattered.

Arya didn't ask further and continued to run. Lucy was the same and she was slightly behind the two people while running.

A few minutes later, the trio stopped as they encountered some people in their paths.

There were three half naked men standing in front of them with blood and dirt on their face and bodies. They were holding weapons and around them were bodies of the people they had killed.

Just looking at their face, it was evident that they weren't up to anything good.

Lilith turned towards Lucy and walked close to her. She held her face and said softly,

"Go home, dear. I don't want to risk your safety as well."

"But mom—"

Lucy didn't get a chance to speak as Lilith kissed her forehead and Lucy went out of the Astral World.

A one sided slaughter was about to begin and Lilith didn't want her child to see this side of her.

She turned towards the three men standing and gazed at them with absolute indifference.

The three men had no idea what they were into and were continuing to lecherously gaze at Lilith and Arya and were licking their lips.

One of the man among the three said while gazing at Lilith's curves,

"It will be a fun time with these delicious pieces of meat."

Chapter 447 Dropped Into A Pit

The three men were itching to have a go at Lilith and Arya. They couldn't wait to devour the two beauties. Although their actual bodies were not present in the astral world, everything felt real. The sense of touch, smell, and everything was the same as in reality.

Pain or pleasure; whatever one could experience in the material world, one could also feel it in the astral world. The only exception being that their physical bodies were absent in this realm.

One would bleed if one was cut and one would suffocate if choked. That's the way things worked in this realm.

Hence, the three men were delighted to see such divine beauties in this world. All this while, they've been killing the people they saw and now these three had a chance to finally take a break and have some fun.

Little did they know that their lust could lead to their death....

Gauging one's strength in the Astral World was nigh impossible unless one was a god. Nobody knew the strength of the other party. The best thing to do in this situation was to consider everyone as a stronger being than yourself and take appropriate measures.

The three men may not be able to ascertain the strength of the beauties before them but Lilith was a god. She saw through their cultivation ranks at a glance and her expression hardened.

Although Arya was not able to measure the strength of these three men standing in front of her, she simply took a battle stance by noticing the seriousness on her mother-in-law's face.

Lucy might have not noticed it but Arya definitely knew that something was off with her mother-in-law today. Her usual gentle and cheerful self was nowhere to be seen while her eyes were full of worry.

"Maybe she is worried about Lith...." Arya guessed in her heart as she also was concerned about Lith.

She wasn't in the mood to joke around today and neither was she dilly-dallying. The matter here was serious where her beloved's safety was at a risk.

Lilith, looking at the three fools, exhaled lightly and a grim look that was never seen before appeared on her face. Her eyes slowly turned from their original amethyst purple color to blood red as anger swelled up within her.

She was enraged beyond measure by the three people blocking their path. Not only did they have the audacity to look at herself, Arya, and Lucy lecherously, but they also committed a crime that they never should've.

They tried to be a hindrance in Lilith's path.

She was really really angry.

"Hahahaha! Look, look, the beauties are angry it seems."

"Oh my, I think we need to show them some love and ease their anger."

"Hahahaha! I know right! We better just turn their angry expression into a begging one. If you know what I mean! Hahahahaha!"

"I know right? We should simply ra—"

BOOM!

The man's lower body exploded right as he spoke the words and he was sent flying a thousand kilometers away.

"What!?"

The other people cried out with surprise when they saw their companion get defeated so quickly.

They were about to look at Lilith and Arya when one of them felt an excruciating pain all over his body.

"AHHHHHHH! WHAT'S HAPPENING!?"

A million tiny needles popped out from beneath the skin of the man creating a very grotesque scene. His eyes had a hundred small needles coming out of them. His nose, his ears, his mouth; Needles were emerging from everywhere on his body, from head to toe.

And these needles weren't any ordinary needles either. These needles increased the sensitivity to pain, ensuring that it hurt at least a hundred times more, making the pain unbearable.

"AHHHH! KARL! KARL! SAVE ME! SAVE ME! AHHHHH! IT FUCKING HURTS!!!!" The man begged his partner to end his agony.

The final remaining person looked at his partner with shocked eyes and felt the urge to puke. He was so scared out of his wits that were this his material body, his pants would've been wet by a warm yellow liquid.

The man turned his head and looked at Lilith and Arya to see if they were the ones behind his partner's suffering. To his surprise, Lilith was standing right in front of him.

Standing at two meters tall, Lilith was looking down at the man in front of her as if he was a piece of trash. Her brows were knitted and her eyes were blood red with blazing fury.

Just a few seconds ago, Lilith appeared like a heavenly beauty but now, she...

She appeared more terrifying than a Demon God!

"Pl-please... l-let me g—"

Lilith held the guy's neck and raised him in the air, cutting off his words.

The guy struggled with all his might but it was all for naught.

He tried to use magic and get away but realized he couldn't use anything. His connection to elemental energies was somehow severed!

The fear in his eyes intensified as he looked at Lilith and his back went cold. Goosebumps had formed all over his body as his heart chilled at the murderous intent emanating from Lilith.

Lilith looked at him and gnashed her teeth. If not for time being of an essence, she would've tortured him in such a way he would simply beg for death. He would wish for his being to be erased out of existence rather than reincarnate again and suffer like this.

Lilith snapped the fingers of her other hand and she immediately appeared right on top of a pit. Her surroundings changed and she was in a forest with a silvery-crimson moon hanging above her head.

She was back in Nightingale with just one thought!

In the pit, there were a thousand creatures. There were snakes, rats, wolves, fishes, and various other beasts. Most of the native wild animals of Nightingale were there in that pit.

Lilith looked at the man as she was holding and said in a neutral tone to him,

"You wanted to r*pe me, right?"

"NO! NO! NO! IT WASN'T ME! IT WAS TH—"

"I'll be back in a while. Let's see how you'll do that to me then." Saying so, Lilith dropped the guy in the pit.

"NOOOOOoooo!" The man's voice trailed off as he fell below.

Lilith then continued, "...given you survive this first."

Lilith snapped her fingers and in an instant she was back inside the Astral World.

"AHHHHHHH!" The man shouted loud enough to alert the maidservants of the castle as he fell into the deep chasm.

THUD!

His body crushed a few animals on the ground but due to the commotion, the other animals were alerted and were attracted towards this guy.

The man tried to get up but realized he was powerless for some reason.

In his vision was a silver-crimson moon but in the next instant, he saw a wolf's face and then its saliva dripped on his own face.

"EW! GET AWAY!" The man waved his hand and tried to push aside the wolf.

But in the next instant...

"AHHHHHHHHHHHHH!"

The man let out an ear piercing screech and wiggled intensely on the ground like a worm.

"Ugh. Why must he scream like that? It's just a snake." A guy in a butler outfit who was standing at the edge of the pit commented while putting his hands on his ears.

The person beside him, also another butler, answered, "It was a snake, Lark."

"Yeah, that's what I said, Urru."

"It's Kyonumarru."

"Right, right, Urru."

"Tsk. And that snake went inside his ass. Of course he would scream like that."

Hearing this reply made Lark question, "does it hurt to have a snake up your ass, Urru?"

Kyonumarru looked at Lark and said with a smirk, "why don't you try and tell me?"

"I am good, thanks. My curiosity is fulfilled." Lark backed away faster than the snake slithered up the man's ass.

The two chatting butlers were the royal servants of the castle and appeared at this place due to the man screaming so loudly before.

They felt nothing wrong with this place despite a pit filled with beasts from all around Nightingale appearing here out of nowhere and then a man as well.

The man having a snake slither inside his behind wasn't a surprise to these two either. They stopped talking and looked at the man in the pit again.

As the man wiggled on the ground, the wolf on top of him decided to chew his face.

The man's scream intensified as his flesh was bitten into and he felt horrible pain. In the next moment, a monkey present near the man ran towards him and ripped his clothes off, doing forbidden things to the man.

The man's voice box was destroyed the instant the monkey did his deeds, causing him to become mute.

The man wanted to scream but couldn't, he wanted to run away, but also couldn't.

The only thing in his mind was to die now. He wished for nothing else. The humiliation he had suffered now would last a lifetime and he didn't want such a fate.

He wanted to die!

But could he?

Absolutely not.

"Urru, something tells me that if I let this man live, our masters will notice us." Lark couldn't help but say as he watched the man slowly dying in front of him.

"It's Kyonumarru. Also, yes, I have this feeling as well. Let's put some spells on this pit and keep him alive."

The two immediately went to work after saying so and a pink magic circle covered the entirety of the pit and disappeared.

The man, who was dying, slowly felt himself heal and had his voice returned.

"NO! NOOOOOOOOOOO! PLEASE KILL ME!!!!"

Those were the first things he said as soon as he got his voice back.

Lark and Urru came back to the edge and watched the man once again.

"I hope I get to talk to our master. Even if it's just for a second." Lark said with a bright smile.

"I wish the same. But now that we don't have anything to do, let's just give this man some energy so that he can resist more and we can have a good show." Kyonumarru said.

"OoOoO, what an idea. You're not dumb, Urru."

"It's Kyonumarru."

Chapter 448 Lith Is... Dying?

In the dark place lit by the shine of the immortal core, Lith was meditating.

It had been a long time since he began pondering over things and finding no way out, he got up and stretched to break the barrier in front.

Stretching his arms, Lith said calmly, "If I can't use my brain to get out of here, I'll simply do what Lucy or Alexandra would've done in this situation."

Lith chuckled after saying so.

He was trying to use his brain to come up with a logical answer to get out of here. But there was nothing it seemed and now the only way out was to resort to using force and break the barrier.

Lith did have the thought about breaking the barrier at the start but he also had another thought that it might complicate things.

That shiny immortal core was really special and one of its kind.

All immortal cores were unique in their own ways and this one here, it even had all the elements associated with it.

This made Lith think that breaking the barrier might have some consequences and thus Lith didn't do it and thought of other ways.

However, there were none and now he could only do what he was trying to avoid.

Lith took a step forward and was just at an arm's length away from the barrier.

He took an attacking stance and exhaling and readying his body, he punched the barrier with all his might.

BOOM!

Just as Lith's fist touched the barrier, his mind went blank and his consciousness faded away from the dark place.

However, due to his punch, the barrier shook and a small crack appeared at the place Lith had punched this.

Through this crack, a silver streak of light, coming from the immortal core, escaped and shot straight at the vast darkness.

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Lith's mind was blank.

There was nothing going on and he was feeling nothing as well.

There was no sense of time, there was no sense of touch, smell, nothing at all.

Lith felt himself falling down and down and down...

A while later, Lith became slightly conscious and thought after looking around at the dark surroundings, 'What's happening...'

Lith's thoughts were slowed down and he wasn't able to have super fast thoughts or link things.

It took him a lot of time to have another thought and it was:

'Where am I?'

Lith's thought process then slowly started speeding up and he thought, 'Did I perhaps...'

'...die again?'

Just as he thought that, memories returned of his life to him.

Looking at them and realising he might've died due to punching that barrier, Lith's mood was about to turn melancholic when he felt a sharp pain everywhere.

'Oof. What's this pain?' The pain wasn't any he had experienced before.

He had been through harsh training by Lucy and his pain tolerance was really high. No amount of body damage to him would result in him saying that.

However, this felt completely different from having his body harmed as it his consciousness that was taking the damage rather than his body or soul and it was a first for Lith.

Lith had no idea that his consciousness was taking damage and he just felt sharp pain all over.

Soon...

Some of Lith's memories started fading and his consciousness was disappearing slowly.

Lith had no control over this and he could only just grimace in pain.

A while passed as this happened and Lith had almost only a little memory left.

These little memories flashed in front of Lith's eyes and he saw the two year old him running the castle, chasing after his mother, Lilith, and his older sister, Lucy.

Lilith and Lucy were laughing as they slowly jogged away from Lith. To them, Lith's cuteness was too much to handle and they were laughing in happiness as they tried him do his best to catch them.

Lith was running with all his might while Lilith and Lucy were trying to not simply walk with all their might. They were jogging so slow that it was almost as if they were walking. However, they didn't want to discourage Lith and acted as if they were running.

Lith had a frustrated look on his face as despite running with all he got, he wasn't even able to close the distance between them.

However, in the next few minutes, Lith somehow closed the distance and caught Lilith's leg.

"Uwhaa!" Lith let out a happy cry but all that was heard was a baby's happy shouts.

Lilith bent down and held Lith's face in between her hands.

"Fufufu... baby caught mama it seems." She said happily.

Lith smiled as he saw his mother's happy face. Lilith's bright expression was contagious and his previous frustration was all gone. He even forgot the fact that he only caught Lilith because she slowed down too much to not tire him and end this play.

Lith, with the big smile on his face, said, "Mama..."

Just as Lith saw his two year old self say that, he soon saw Lilith's figure disappear and Lucy who was behind him was gone as well.

Everything around Lith was fading and he was about to lose his last bit of memory as well now.

The current Lith, whose consciousness was disappearing, with his last amount of thoughts, said to himself with a smile,

'It was a good life...'

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Astral Realm.

"LITHHHHHHHH!"

Lilith and Arya shouted with all their might as they reached the base of the golden beam of light in which Lith was.

They rushed upwards and Lilith really had a very bad feeling about everything.

Arya may not feel it, but Lilith definitely felt her connection with Lith disappear slowly.

It was as if her baby was dying and being erased from existence. It wasn't a good feeling at all!

Lilith's worries were at their peak and if anyone, anyone even in the slightest tried to stop her or bother her, she had the resolution to turn the whole damn world upside-down!

Lilith flew so fast, she left Arya way behind her and as she was trying to reach Lith, a scene flashed in front of her eyes.

There was a being, one that appeared far more overbearing and mighty than anyone Lilith had ever seen. The being's presence made even Lilith feel like a lowly person.

The being was sitting on a mighty black throne and had their head legs crossed and face rest on their fist at the side.

This being... this overbearing and mighty person..

It was a woman.

Not just any woman, it was a silver-haired, purple-eyed lady wearing majestic robes and having a divine figure.

The face of the lady was far more beautiful than Lilith herself and one look at this person, one would feel that all their troubles were solved, their life's purpose was fulfilled and everything was there with them to their satisfaction.

This overbearing and mighty figure, this being that appeared even more terrifying than a god, it was...

Lilith herself!

"Don't panic." The majestic being said.

The voice was calm and it was soothing to hear.

The current Lilith who was panicking and rushing towards Lith felt all her worries to fade away. But soon, she became conscious of it again and couldn't help but panic again.

Lith's safety really mattered to her and she didn't want to lose her baby at any cost.

Lilith continued to rush towards Lith with all her might and despite looking at Lith's figure in the air, she wasn't able to see him and the only thing in front of her eyes was the figure of the mighty being that was Lilith herself.

"My past self, I said stop panicking and listen to me for a second. There's a way to help him." The mighty and overbearing Lilith, or more correctly, Lilith's future self, said calmly.

"Huh?" Lilith stopped immediately as she heard that.

"Attack his core with all you've got and destroy it right at this instant. That's the only solution." Lilith's future self said calmly.

The current Lilith's brows knitted and she said "That would kill him. I would rather kill myself than do that."

The future Lilith sighed and rubbed her temples.

"I am really a troublesome mother, not willing to listen to even my own self. My love for my children, it really makes me have trust issues even with myself."

The future Lilith then sighed again and shook her head.

"I guess there's no other way than to explain you the reasons..."

Chapter 449 Lith's Thoughts

"What reasons?" Lilith asked.

Although she was having a conversation with her future self, there was no excitement or even amusement on her side. It was as if everything felt natural to Lilith.

The future Lilith looked down at Lilith from the mighty throne she was platform she was standing on and said,

"There's an external force trying to penetrate his mind and take slight control of him. If you haven't noticed it already, you cannot read his mind and that's because there's something special about him. You'll know in future what it is. As of now, if I am not wrong, even he doesn't know anything about him and he won't be able to answer you even if you ask him."

"In any case, what's happening now is that the external force I talked about, it found Lith to be a suitable candidate and chose him. But, that force must've failed to read any of our child's thoughts and thus, baiting him with his own immortal core, it created a situation where it could penetrate his mind and have some control over his thoughts."

"Do you understand now, my past self?"

Lilith's brows were knitted this whole while and she was even more angry than before. Someone was trying to take control of her baby and she even had no idea about it!? How was this possible!?

Lilith's expression then turned slightly sad as she realized she wasn't a good mother and failed to protect her child from harm.

Lilith's eyes became slightly moist as she realized this fact along with feeling Lith's existence to fade away from her slowly.

The future Lilith, looking at her past self becoming all emotional, couldn't help but say,

"Stop feeling like that. This isn't like you. Have some trust in me because I am you and not any outsider or stranger. I love Lith just as much as you do."

"Ascensions are a vulnerable moment for everyone and that external force found it to be the best time to take control of him."

"But don't worry, Lith was already successful in establishing a link with his immortal core. The only problem now is that his mortal core is having problems changing into the core of a Half Saint Rank. You disintegrating his mortal core would result in the formation of his immortal core."

"Stay strong and go save our baby."

Lilith, hearing all of that, nodded her head and her expression became determined. This was no time to be sad, she can regret these things later. Now the main priority was to save Lith.

The future Lilith disappeared from Lilith's eyes and she was back to looking at the current situation properly.

Looking up, she realised there was a bit more distance she needed to cover to attack Lith's core and so, she increased her pace and moved towards Lith as fast as she could.

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Looking at her mother-in-law rush towards Lith so fast, Arya couldn't help but comment,

"So that is the speed of a Legendary Rank."

Lilith, in her moment of panic, left Arya behind and the speed with which she was gone made Arya comment that.

Arya was about to follow Lilith and join her up there but as she looked down, she saw a few black dots moving upwards.

It was evident that they were people.

"Well, it seems like I can't follow my mother-in-law." Arya looked down and said in a neutral tone.

Lith needed to be rescued and it was Arya's top priority. However, she couldn't do that as there were people moving towards Lith and Arya had to stop them, lest they become a hindrance in saving her husband.

As much as Arya wanted to go up and save Lith, she could only just steel her heart and put all her trust into her mother-in-law. These people here needed to be stopped and Arya had to do this job by any means.

Arya looked up at Lith and prayed for his safety internally. She then looked down and said with a serious expression,

"Let's see what's the quickest way to kill them all."

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Lilith soon reached and she immediately sent a spear imbued with pure destruction energy towards Lith's core. She ensured that it had enough power to destroy his core but not too much that would end up harming Lith instead.

It didn't take long for the spear to reach Lith's core and it immediately obliterated the entirety of Lith's core, thereby crippling Lith.

Normally, if one destroyed someone's core, it would end up releasing enough energy to destroy small towns and if it's an immortal core, it could even destroy an entire city if precaution wasn't taken.

However, Lith's state was different currently and he was transitioning from mortal realms to immortal realms.

His core thus had no energy as everything was spread into his body for ascension.

Lith's core got destroyed without any special thing happening and just as it did, Lith, who was floating in the golden beam of light, immediately fell down.

Lilith eventually caught his free falling figure and Lith's Astral World's consciousness was now in Lilith's arms.

Lith had a neutral look on his face as he lay in Lilith's arms. There were no signs of life coming from him and he appeared like a dead person.

As Lilith looked at him and saw how he wasn't responding, moving, or doing anything remotely living, tears couldn't help but come out of her eyes.

This was the first time Lilith had ever cried.

Lilith's tears dropped onto Lith's neutral face and as she looked at him, she couldn't help but say softly,

"I am sorry... I was a bad mother..."

Lilith hugged Lith after saying so and continued to sob.

While sobbing, she didn't forget to look for ways to revive him and her brain was working on full capacity to search for a way to get him back.

Her connection with Lith told her that Lith wasn't dead yet and there were still some signs of life. However, they were fading away and only little was remaining.

Lilith was thus stuck in a rock and a hard place and there didn't seem to be anything that she could do to help him. But still, she was trying her best to find a way.

Right at this moment, Lilith's future self appeared in front of Lilith's eyes again.

Lilith's future self, standing on a mighty platform, gazed down at Lilith and said calmly, "Stop crying. He won't come back even if you cry for an eternity."

Lilith didn't bother to look her future self in the eyes and was looking at Lith. Nothing mattered to her more than her son.

The Lilith from future sighed as she noticed this. She knew very well what emotions the current Lilith was going through as she had been through that as well. If given the option to, she would've chosen to not look at this scene again as it was really a very sad one.

However, she had to bear the pain and help the current Lilith as the Lilith of now wasn't powerful enough to do things on her own.

"Although I'll say you don't have to worry too much as he'll come back to life at any time from now, I know you won't believe my words and continue to be sad."

"Anyway, keep doing what you're doing, I'll just blabber a few things now and it's up to you to listen to them or not."

"So what's happening with him now is..."

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In the vast expanse of darkness, Lith felt himself fall down and down and down...

There was no sense of time, no sense of touch, no noise, nothing happening, and only darkness and emptiness all over.

Lith's thoughts were almost about to stop completely.

Previously, not only were his memories made to fade away, his thinking process was also limited.

The more one would think, the more difficult it is to break into their minds and whatever force that was trying to have a control of him, it ensured that Lith didn't have the ability to think too much.

This, coupled with his memories fading away, made Lith only have one thought at the last moment:

'It was a good life...'

Lith was in no state to think too much about things as his thoughts were completely limited and the force on him was so strong, he could only have one thought.

At the last moment of his life, when not made available to even think and just have one single thought, Lith appreciated the life he had.

His family, his wives, his friends, his maids, his butlers, he appreciated each and every single person and his entire life that he lived. There was only appreciation in his heart for them at his final moments when he could only have one thought.

With this, Lith felt the end was near but he couldn't even notice it as his memories were almost gone and his thinking process was almost stopped.

He could only just let things flow. There was no option for him to preserve, no option to fight back, and no option to change things.

With things being this way, Lith kept falling and falling and falling...

Soon, at who knows what time, Lith suddenly saw a small bright dot at a distance he couldn't even have an estimate about.

It didn't take long for the dot to become brighter and larger and although Lith would've loved to analyse it and see what it was that was present in this vast expanse of darkness, he currently was stripped off of the ability to think and process things.

The dot became brighter and larger and soon, it was clearly visible to Lith.

It was a silver ray of light.

Lith had no thoughts about it and just watched it close in on him.

The light came closer and soon...

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BOOM!

Lith's Astral World's body lying in Lilith's arms immediately had its aura explode, eventually shocking Lilith who was holding Lith.

Lith's eyes abruptly opened up and all his hair stood on their ends.

Lith's body once again got lifted and he floated up in the vast golden beam of light.

Lith's eyes were pure silver and bright and there were no pupils present there. His hair was floating against gravity and fluttering in the air.

Such an appearance of Lith caused Lilith to panic slightly, but she remembered the words of her future self and calmed down and looked at her son.

Lilith's future self had made the current Lilith prepared for everything that was about to occur and Lilith was thus slightly calm.

She went up in the air and stood right in front of Lith, watching over him in case any mishap occurred.

She looked at him and said in a soft motherly tone,

"Please preserve my dear child. You have to, for mama. Don't give up at any cost."

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As soon as the silver ray of light hit Lith, all the memories he had of his two lives flooded in and his thinking process was momentarily restored as well.

Lith immediately became conscious of the entire thing happening with him and he cursed,

"What the fuck is happening!?"

No sooner, Lith once again felt his memories to fade away and his thinking process to slowly get limited.

"My thought process is being limited, isn't it?"

"Who is doing it?"

"Hmm?"

"The more I think about things..."

"Ah..."

Something immediately clicked Lith as he had rapid thoughts in quick successions.

Having too many thoughts slowed down the speed of the force trying to limit his thinking process.

"So to not become a living corpse like before, I have to think, right? The more I think, the faster I'll be able to eradicate that force trying to limit my thought process."

"No way! I refuse to be a living corpse like before!"

"A good life, I said, right?"

"Good life my ass!"

"I can't die now. I've got too many things to do. Too many places to be and too many problems to solve."

"How the fuck did I even think my life was good? Although, I do agree my life was indeed nice, it had the potential to be nicer, nicest, best, bestest, bestestestest!"

"I am an idiot to think I've had a fulfilled life. There are too many things remaining and I can't die just yet without doing them. Also, I cannot die even if I want to. My wives, my family, they would all be sad. I can't let them be sad no matter what happens."

"If I am not wrong, last time when I hit the barrier and ended up falling... let's call it the void, I immediately went into a state of losing memories and having a limit on my thought process. Before I could even think about that situation I was in, I was forced into a state of coma perhaps."

"Damn it! Whoever's trying to kill me or whatever is too strong! Who even is it!?"

"I'll definitely find it out once I am out of this place. But to get out, I need to think faster! Much faster than the current thinking speed!"

The method to counter this force trying to control Lith's mind that Lith came up with as soon as he got his thinking process back slightly by some miracle appeared to be working as the more he thought and the faster he thought, the faster was his brain working and he felt his memories to reappear in his mind and also felt that force that was trying to limit him to weaken.

Lith thus continued to think as fast as he could and had a lot of rapid thoughts in mind. There were thousands of things he was thinking about at each instant.

It was all a piece of cake for Lith. He was an overthinker and his habit of falling into deep thoughts suddenly ever since he was young was now starting to prove advantageous to him.

Among the thousands of thoughts Lith had, some were...

"There's no way I can die here! I have yet to go on a date with my wives. It's still remaining. I haven't even gone on a honeymoon after marriage. Tsk, tsk, I would have too many regrets if I don't finish this task."

"Also, I haven't seen my wife Alexandra's smile to my heart's content. She has a serious mood almost at all times when she isn't with me. I want to see her be happy and smile even if she's not with me."

"Apart from her, I haven't had the chance to appreciate my wifey Arya's beauty and her divine eyes to my heart's content. Even though I appreciated it once or twice before, I need to do it at least a million more times to convey my point to her that she's indeed very beautiful, perfect, and her eyes are too nice."

"Damn it Arya babe, your blindfold hid your eyes from me and I haven't seen it to my heart's content. I am gonna do it when I get back"

"And also, I have yet to see Lucy finish the hierarchy of the vampires and give a proper suitable way for them to go up the nobility ranks. It had been what, ten years? It's been ten years and she still wasn't able to do it, lolololol. Oh wait, I shouldn't be laughing, hahahahaha!"

"Right, I also need to eat a pizza made by Emmy. The last two times she made pizza, she burnt it. I can't die before I taste a proper pizza made by her."

"Lastly, I haven't thanked mother enough and showered her with all my love and respect. I feel I was somewhat lacking. I'll ensure I properly show her some love, she deserves it."

"There's also Dennis and Ralph and then there's Luna and Noman and Ruben and..."

Lith continued to think and think and eventually...

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Hundreds of thousands of thoughts crossed Lith's mind each minute and although it was taking a toll on him, he didn't falter and continued to think as much as he could.

In this way, a good while passed and the external force's control soon became weaker, eventually giving Lith the control of his own consciousness.

As Lith gained control of his body, in the vast expanse of darkness, behind the slightly cracked barrier, the immortal core trembled.

It shook slightly with each passing moment as Lith gained control of himself and as Lith had more and more control, the immortal core shook even more intensely.

The small crack on the barrier started spreading and as time passed and Lith gained more control of himself, the cracking intensified and more light from the immortal core seeped out.

Back on Lith's side, he was having the time of his life despite being in a pickle.

"Maaaaaaaannnn... I've got so many things to do! I really need to get out of this place! I need to go!"

"Get out!"

"Get out!"

"Get ouuuuuuuut— oh wait, I should stop screaming like a wolf. I am not a wolf. I am a vampire!"

Having thousands of thoughts each second would make anyone appear like a lunatic and Lith was no exception to it.

If the calm and composed him was shown the replay of his thoughts in future, it was a hundred percent guarantee that he would cringe and think if it was really him.

Nevertheless, desperate situations need drastic measures and so what if he somehow turned into a lunatic temporarily? Being that way was better than being dead.

While he fought to not let anyone control him, outside in the Astral World, far below him at the base of the golden beam of light...

Swish! Swish! Swish!

Arya dodged all of the incoming attacks and sent three spheres inlaid with destruction energy towards the enemies in front of her.

There were ten people surrounding her and Arya had fought her way from the top to the bottom.

There were no enemies left at the top and there were only people at the bottom.

These ten were the remaining ones from the numerous others killed by Arya. There were more coming but currently, these guys took more priority.

The destruction energy ball sent by Arya was small when she sent it but soon became massive in just a few moments. The people were surprised by this sudden intensity of attack and immediately took a defensive stance.

Three spheres went in three different directions targeting three people each.

Mine people got to defending against the attack while the remaining one, before he could even decide whether to help his teammates or attack Arya, suddenly felt a sharp pain at his side.

He turned to look there and just as he turned, he saw Arya's beautiful face before he could see what was happening at his side.

In the next moment, Arya's face was gone and he saw everything around him turn upside down and then back to normal and back to upside down.

A few instances later, everything turned dark and he lost his life.

Arya, after sending the three spheres, charged towards this guy and sent him a kick at his side. The moment he noticed something wrong and was about to look, Arya sent another kick at his head and severed it from his body, eventually killing him.

The way Arya killed, it was not sure if the people had died or not. But whatever the case, they at least aren't a hindrance temporarily and that was better than nothing.

Arya went to attack the other people who were still busy defending and as she fought them, there were more people coming towards the base of the golden beam of light.

It would've been tiring to fight these many people but Arya had the determination to save her husband and she didn't want anyone to hinder the process. Thus, she put in all her work and fought people seriously without doing anything else.

Arya's mood was serious today and she had already ended up killing a hundred people. Despite that, the numbers of the people coming towards the base didn't seem to decrease and they kept on coming like tides.

Arya looked up towards Lith in the air and hoped, 'Please be okay, I'll come back as soon as I finish this.'

Arya went back to fighting the tide of people closing in after saying so.

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Crack!

The barrier in front of the immortal core had many cracks appear on it. It was evident that whatever Lith was doing was working.

The immortal core shook vigorously as well while the barrier had cracks appear.

Immortal cores are something unique to a person and despite there being a number of beings in the universe, the core would all be unique.

It was the same as how one person was different from the other and is a unique existence in itself.

The cores are also only formed when one is undergoing ascension to reach the immortal realms. Before that, there wouldn't be any sign of the core forming and the person wouldn't even know the existence of it.

However, Lith's case was special.

For some reason, he already had his core formed.

Although the core wasn't a material one, it was something that was formed in his subconscious mind and the vast expanse of darkness all around it was Lith's subconscious.

His immortal core, despite being formed, wasn't connected to Lith. This was simply present in Lith's mind and even Lith had no idea who it belonged to or what it was doing.

He didn't even have an idea that he was falling and falling deep into his own subconscious and getting swallowed by it.

The one to blame for all of this was of course the external force that Lilith's future self talked about.

Lith was still in his subconscious mind and the barrier that sealed Lith's core from Lith was nothing else but his own connection to his core.

The better connection he had with his core, the more the cracks appeared in the barrier.

The external force wasn't allowing Lith to have a connection and it only made Lith appear here in this state as it wanted Lith to ascend.

Ascensions are a time when one is vulnerable. It was for this reason that people always ensured they ascended in a secluded place.

The external force was taking advantage of this.

The moment Lith was in his subconscious and he touched the barrier to break it, it was a step towards establishing his connection with his immortal core and he underwent ascension to a higher rank.

The external force took him out right at this time and Lith's condition was thus very pathetic a while ago.

But now...

Everything was going good.

It was all thanks to Lilith who ended up destroying his core, Lith underwent immediate ascension once again and was momentarily out of the grasp of the external force.

Lith, when he touched the barrier, he was undergoing his ascension to Half Saint Rank.

Although Half Saint Rank isn't an immortal realm, it also isn't a mortal realm and is a bridge between the two.

It is in this rank that a person takes his time to ensure the proper formation of his immortal core and the core the person has in this rank was something in a semi-immortal state.

The transitions are usually smooth and people had no difficulties. They solidify their foundation and ascend to immortal realms from this stage.

In Lith's case however, he was following the normal path and undergoing ascension like everyone else.

As he was undergoing ascension to Half Saint Rank after touching the barrier, Lith's core got destroyed and it never had a chance to form.

At this point, a person might be crippled for life and become a mortal with a very tiny lifespan but this turned out to be a boon for Lith.

His immortal core in his subconscious found an opportunity to link itself to Lith after his original core was destroyed and this caused Lith to come out of the grasp of the external force.

Not only did that happen, Lith was now undergoing ascension to Saint Rank, a proper immortal and he ended up skipping his ascension to Half Saint Rank all thanks to many ups and downs that took place.

The barrier was the only thing that was stopping Lith now and once it cracked fully, Lith would end up becoming a Saint Rank.

The way to break it was simply to suppress the external force invading Lith's mind and to have a full fledged connection to his immortal core in his subconscious.

Lith was doing just that by having accelerated thoughts and just like this, time passed and...

Crack!