

Vampire 961

Chapter 961 Comprehending Elemental Laws

Meditation Hall, Royal Castle.

Lilith brought Lith to this space. It was empty, but filled with elemental energies essential for cultivation.

The many runes on the walls and formations on the ceiling helped provide a steady flow of it.

Lilith turned to Lith as they stood in the middle of the hall. She held his face and said with a soft smile, "As much as mama wants to have you all for herself, she needs to wait. Yours and Alea's ascensions are near, the main focus should be on that."

Lith nodded his head and didn't say anything.

Lilith smiled and gave a soft kiss to him. "Alright, sit down. Mama will teach you a few things and once Alea joins, we'll begin your joint training."

Lith sat down, cross-legged, and focused on his mother. After so many years, he was back to being taught by her. It felt quite nostalgic.

As the matter was urgent, Lilith did not waste time and went to preaching the elemental laws.

She was well aware of where Lith lacked and focused on those elements first.

The element she chose to teach first was Wind.

Going from the basics, about what Wind energy actually was, Lilith smoothly elevated Lith's level to the realm prior to his.

As she started talking about the laws he needed to comprehend at his own level, that is, the Half King one, she began with,

"...Wind is not the movement of air. It is the opposite. Air is the result of Wind elemental energy. At your level, you should also know that a world where sentient beings live only exists if all twelve elemental energies are in harmony and equilibrium."

"Light brings heat, and it evaporates Water. The vapour flows to the land through Wind, and it starts raining, giving rise to Lightning as well. The rain then solidifies the growth conditions on Earth; Life comes into play and making use of this opportunity, lets plants grow."

'Ah... The water cycle...' Lith suddenly thought as his mother took a pause. 'Haah... Who would've thought I would be learning about grade school science theories during an important ascension...'

It was a bit funny how this was deemed so important and was a must to know to comprehend the elemental laws.

If Lith did not possess an all elemental affinity, so much was not needed to be known.

In any case, from the water cycle his mother shifted to talking about the growth of plants through Life energy, and then how it's consumed by animals, and eventually brought the Fire, Dark and the Death elements in the mix.

Space, Time, and Destruction elements were skipped, as they weren't a proper part of the water and the life cycle.

If things had to be summarized, the elemental energies could be grouped together.

An element in a group could only exist on a planet if the others were present. It was not a hard and fast rule, but generalizing it wasn't wrong either.

Fire, Water, Earth, Wind, and Lightning were in one group. Even with a single element missing, the others would cease to exist. There were exceptions, but those worlds were really rare.

Next, Life and Death could be grouped together. It was mandatory, a compulsion, and a law of the universe. One could not exist without the other, there were no exceptions to it.

If there was no beginning(Life), there was no end(Death). Likewise, if something did not end, then could it even begin again?

It was thought provoking and a complex topic, but long story short, Life and Death elements could not exist without each other.

Next group was the Space and Time element. Usually they existed together, but they were independent of each other. This was a group completely opposite to the Life and Death one.

Next was the Light and Dark. Just like Life and Death, this was an inseparable pair too. One could not exist without the other, and there was no exception to it.

One important thing to note about this was that, Darkness is not the absence of Light, it is the presence of absence.

Dwelling more onto it would become philosophical and in this realm, knowing this much was fine.

The last element, the Destruction element, is usually seen as independent to the other elements.

However, this element was like potatoes. It went together with anything and everything, and was good enough on its own as well.

One Life and Death cycle could also be called one Destruction cycle. Water turning into vapour can be said to be destroyed and converted into another form, but this was not a proper reasoning, but also not something totally false.

Dwelling too much on this at the current realm was not needed. Knowing this much was enough.

Lith's attainment in the Destruction laws had started rising already.

All around Lith, multiple sparks of colorful elemental energies ignited as he comprehended one law after another.

As his attainment was steadily rising, the elemental energies in his immediate surroundings were breaking free from their equilibrium and rushing into his body, more specifically, into the twelve elemental cores around his main core.

At some point, Agalea and Alea had arrived in the meditation hall, but nobody disturbed Lith or Lilith.

Alea simply walked towards Lith and sat beside him, basking in the preaching Lilith was giving.

She closed her eyes and comprehended these things as well.

Soon, even her immediate surroundings had elemental energy fluctuations and sparks appeared.

Agalea watched at the scene with an interested look, a proud feeling swelling in her heart.

Alea had been stuck in the Half King Rank realm for so long, it was finally time to break through the bottleneck.

She was a thousand years old now and most geniuses break through to the King Rank, but Alea was yet to do so.

Comparison was a thief of joy, but still, it pained Agalea to see her child waste her potential by slacking off.

She didn't force Alea and let her grow at her pace, however, this girl was too carefree and relaxed, and didn't bother much with her cultivation.

Thankfully, she was taking it seriously. And with Lith cultivating with due diligence, Agalea felt it would affect Alea too and boost her morale to work harder to ascend.

Everything was good, Agalea was happy with the developments. She smiled and continued to watch her daughter and nephew comprehend Lilith's preaching.

Time swiftly passed by and it was almost fifteen days since Lilith began preaching.

She would stop time to time to let the two digest the preachings, but now she stopped because of the changes around Alea.

The elemental energies were zapping around her body like lightning, and it was much more intense than Lith's.

This indicated her ascension was here, and with just one thought, she could start it.

"Alright you two, get out of your meditation and focus on me."

Chapter 962 Refining Alea's Yin Energy*

Lith and Alea snapped out of their meditative state and looked at Lilith.

Lilith pointed at Alea and said, "Alea's at the peak of her realm and only some boost is needed for her to breakthrough. There's also some refinement needed before the ascension starts."

Lith tilted his head. "She needs my help?"

His mother was clearly saying that to him and not Alea.

Lilith nodded. "Helping her is helping yourself. You need to consume as much of her Yin energy as you can from little Alea. This way, her Yin will become purer and from your own Yang energy, she will get a good boost."

"..." Lith blinked and stared at his mother, as if she didn't just say all these things with a totally straight face.

Alea's eyes lit up. She smiled and getting up, held Lith's hand. "Little cousin, let's go refine some energies!"

Alea was not the innocent girl anymore to not understand what all of this meant. And she would never say no to intimate time with Lith! She genuinely loved it and was happy to do so.

In the meditation hall, only these three were present. Agalea had been here a while ago, but she left after getting a call from Jasmine, leaving Alea in Lilith's care.

Lith stood up and instead of leaving, asked, "How long do we have to do it?"

Lilith smiled softly and replied, "You and little Alea would know it yourself. Now go and prepare."

Lith nodded, and instead of leaving at once, walked up to Lilith and hugged her, surprising her.

Bringing his mouth closer to her ear, he whispered, "I'll make it up to you later, mom."

Lilith's body shook in response and under her amusement, Lith stole a kiss and left with Alea.

Blinking in surprise, Lilith touched her lips and stared in Lith's direction. "This boy... Where is he learning all this..."

Lith was aware of his circumstances. He had been away from home for such a long time and after coming back, like usual, his time was supposed to be spent with his mother and sister, but the ascension thing appeared out of nowhere and they had to rush.

Lith could figure out his mother, despite being unhappy for not getting to spend quality time, was supportive of Lith's ascension and didn't delay it.

Thus, Lith could only smile wryly and make some promises to keep her happy.

His method seemed to have worked with how Lilith stood in a daze and had a faint smile form on her face.

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Lith walked with Alea into his bedroom.

Alea wrapped her arms around his shoulder and said with a big smile, "Little cousin, I didn't get to say it before, but I missed youuuuu~"

The cute elf's pointy ears twitched in response to her happy comment. Her emerald eyes twinkled brightly, and her face beamed with joy as she said that.

Lith smiled and placed his hand on Alea's face. Rubbing her moist lower lip with his thumb and feeling its softness, said, "I missed you too, Alea."

Feeling Lith's intense gaze, Alea smiled and brought her face closer to his. She closed her eyes and hummed, "Hmm..."

Nothing had to be said anymore. Lith kissed Alea and wrapped his arms around her waist, slowly moving them down.

Intertwining his tongue with Alea's, Lith tasted her sweet saliva and she tasted his rosy one.

Squeezing her buttocks, Lith slowly undressed her and moved themselves towards the bed.

As Alea's robes were undone, Lith pushed her on the bed and got on top of her, kissing her neck and then moving.

The smooth, soft body, and the scent of flowers from Alea acted as aphrodisiac on Lith, arousing him greatly.

Licking around Alea's erect nipple, Lith incited a moan from her.

The pink pearl was a delight to taste and bite onto. And not keeping the other breast unattended, Lith kneaded like dough into whatever shape he desired.

Alea moaned once again and held Lith's head, trying to push him away from her sensitive nipple.

Lith stayed on his ground and after licking, biting, and pulling both of her nipples to his heart's content, licked his way down to her bald, smooth nethers.

"Ah... Lith~..." Alea softly called out as Lith's hot breath was felt on her exposed flower.

Lith parted Alea's legs and had a look at her glistening pussy.

The labias were slightly parted and the small fuckhole was contracting and relaxing, inviting Lith to enter it.

'Not so soon,' thought Lith. Alea's Yin energy had to be refined first, and that meant bringing her to multiple orgasms. Lith also had to consume it, so penetration had to wait.

Broadening his tongue, Lith gave Alea's pussy a long lick, making her body shiver.

"Ahh~" Alea moaned and clamped her legs.

Lith parted them again and went back to tasting the sweet juices slowly seeping out. Oh how much he had missed this taste.

Lith took his time and licked and sucked Alea's dripping honeypot. It was when he felt she was getting restless did he get serious and slowly insert a finger inside her warm canals.

Alea's insides tightened up on Lith's fingers, as if trying to crush them. He grazed it against the walls and pushed them deeper, eventually curling at a spot only he knew of.

"Ohhhhh!" Alea suddenly clamped her legs once again, this time moaning out loud as Lith touched her weak spot!

Knowing he had hit the right place, Lith continued curling his middle and ring finger inside Alea's vagina, stimulating her further.

"Little cousin... Haah... Lith... go slow..." Alea clutched the bedsheets and said in between her moans.

Lith drew alphabets on Alea's clit with his tongue and continued to curl his fingers, making her shake.

From a to b to c... all the way till z, Lith didn't stop!

"Ohhh... Ohhh... It's coming..." Alea moaned loudly.

Lith didn't slow down and bit on Alea's sensitive cli, tugging it upwards.

"Ahhhhhh!" Alea let out a screaming moan. Her back arched while her toes curled up.

Lith pinned her down and continued to bite on her clit, making her shake intensely while moaning.

Lewd love juice gushed out of her pussy as she went through her orgasm. Lith gulped it all down without wasting a single drop.

A cool sensation spread from his throat and stomach as the juices went in. Lith could feel his energy surging.

'Dual cultivation sure is amazing, heh.' Lith thought.

Alea's physique was special. Lith had made use of her and ascended to Half King Rank, but who would've thought that this time they would need both ascend together and also need each other.

Alea had to be filled with Lith's Yang energy, but first, he prioritized drinking as much of her Yin energy as he could to refine it to a greater purity.

Chapter 963 Alea's Tribulation**

In Lith's luxurious bedroom, the scent of roses was overpowered by the scent of herbs.

Lith's bed was drenched with Alea's juices as she went through multiple orgasms, and was the reason for the lewd scent.

Alea was currently on her knees, bending on a pillow with her back arched, giving Lith a complete view of her innocent elven pussy.

Lith took his clothes off and rubbed his raging dragon on Alea's moist slit, lubricating it.

He had stopped feeling the cool sensation a while ago from drinking Alea's Yin essence. This meant it was properly purified and didn't need more refining.

Lith confirmed it with Alea, and here they were now, about to begin round two where she was supposed to be filled with his Yang essence.

Wriggling her butt, Alea said with a muffle voice, "Liffl cuffsun... Puff iff innff!"

Lith chuckled and slapped Alea's smooth, tender ass. It jiggled like jelly and had a handprint etched on it.

"Patience, lady." Lith was craving it more than her, but going in without lubrication would be bloody, literally.

Having lubricated his shaft properly, Lith used his thumbs and stretched Alea's labias, getting a good look at her pink insides.

Positioning his shaft on the breathing hole, Lith slowly penetrated Alea's pussy.

"Oomphhh..." Alea moaned as she felt full, warm feeling pulsate her insides.

The movement was slow at first, but with how drenched Alea was, Lith knew the innocent elf craved anything but innocent, wholesome sex.

Giving her what she needs, Lith intensified his thrusts, resulting in loud flesh slapping sounds to reverberate in the room.

Juices rained out and flew everywhere while Lith's dragon was getting choked in Alea's tight fleshy den.

What started as an intimate movement turned into a wild ride, with the bed squeaking and moving along with the two's intense rhythm.

After what was Lith's longest period of abstinence, he finally gave in as the la la lands of fluff and warmth pulled him into their loving embrace, grunting in pleasure and joyously painting the wonderland with a shade of white.

Feeling the hot semen shoot all the way inside her womb, Alea's body shook once again and she went through an orgasm.

Though this time, she quickly recovered and focused on storing the violent Yang energy roaring in her body.

Alea channeled the energy to her Magic Core and after a few seconds, the overall temperature of the world inside her core was raised by a degree due to how hot the energy was.

Nothing could be done about it. Alea's physique did not allow absorption of Yang energy, but she could store it and use it later during her ascension, which was what she was initially instructed to do.

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Three days later.

Lith and Alea walked out of the bedroom, after totally messing it up.

The bedsheets were all soaked and crumpled up, the vase and the table lamp was broken with various pieces of parchment lying on the floor, stained with suspicious liquids.

The condition of the room was at its absolute worst after being clean and well maintained for two centuries.

Not only was the room messed up; beneath their robes, Lith and Alea's body contained a lot of scratches, and bruises.

Lith's back was full of scratches from Alea's nails while Alea's butt was a dark shade of red, her arms and legs bruised up along with her pussy lips being swollen red from the intense pounding.

Alea was having trouble walking and was supported by Lith as they made their way towards the meditation hall.

If one didn't know better, they would simply think Alea was injured from a battle or something.

Slowly but surely, the two reached the meditation hall once again.

Lilith was standing there, waiting for them.

As she noticed the way they were walking, she facepalmed and gasped. "Oh my..."

Lith brought Alea towards his mother and let go of her. He cleared his throat and said, "The thing you asked us to do is done, mom."

Lilith smiled and shook her head. "I never said you had to do it so early. Look at what you've done to poor Alea."

Alea giggled in response and said, "Aunty, I actually like this feeling."

"Some restraint would've been better." Lilith passed a light-

hearted comment and then went to the important topic.

"Anyway, since you're both prepared, we'll first begin with little Alea's ascension. Baby, you'll be watching her and learning, while Alea, I hope you're prepared for the tribulation."

Alea nodded her head. "I'm ready, aunty."

"Good. Let's move to the Ascension Hall. Your mother is waiting there for us."

Saying so, Lilith teleported away from the meditation hall and went to the Ascension Hall.

This Ascension Hall was more like an arena, surrounded by an oval pavilion for spectators to sit on.

This was the same place Lith had broken through to the Half King Rank and now this was going to be the place for his ascension to King Rank.

Alea drank a potion given by Lilith and walked towards the middle of the arena, feeling refreshed and energized.

She sat down on the ground, cross-legged, and took a deep breath, channeling the elemental energies from around the world into her Magic Core.

Lith watched closely and didn't even blink. His innocent, dumb, gullible Alea now seemed serious. It had its charm and Lith was trying to etch this moment into his memory.

As Alea absorbed more elemental energy, her six elemental cores lit up and poured their energies into her main core, expanding it and filling it to the brim.

As the limits of the Half King Rank were reached, the energies within the core pushed through the threshold and intruded upon the King Rank territory.

Right as Alea touched the higher realm, dark tribulation clouds formed above her, thundering and roaring at her.

Instead of Lightning, vines grew from the arena ground and whipped the air, turning into fleshy tendrils of poison.

These vines rushed at Alea and threatened to rip her apart.

Without getting up from her place, Alea closed her eyes and touched the ground below.

Loud rumbling sound resonated in everyone's ears and in an instant, the entire ground beside her turned into a giant crater.

The vines were uprooted and lost their source of nutrients, losing functionality and turning into dried husks.

The clouds rumbled furiously, as if angry at watching such a scene unfold.

The dark clouds slightly parted in their midst of rumbling, revealing a path for the moon's radiance to radiate on the ground.

Under the moonlight, thousands of red-colored predator butterflies spiraled their way downwards.

Lith knitted his brows at this time, watching that, and thought, 'The Scarlet Butterflies? Isn't this tribulation too much for Alea?'

Lith didn't voice his thoughts out and stared at the tribulation, wondering how she would go through this.

Chapter 964 Alea's Ascension

The Scarlet Butterflies spiralled down, moving gracefully towards Alea's head.

Despite looking beautiful, Alea could feel the danger stemming from them and sent a wind blade at one of the butterflies.

It flapped its wing and graciously dodged the blade, making Alea send a flurry of Wind attacks.

A wind blade finally hit it, making it explode. Blood spread out everywhere and touching the other butterflies, a sizzling sound spread in the surroundings.

That Scarlet Butterfly exploded as well, and as if a chain reaction had occurred, one-third of the butterflies were wiped out.

Scarlet Butterflies were creatures notorious for their harmless appearance yet deadly effects.

They did not attack anything in particular, but the moment they landed on anything living, they would suck the Life element out of it and make it decay.

Their touch also resulted in the body melting, and if one wasn't at least a Half King, they would simply die from their touch.

Maybe it was a necessity or maybe it was luck, but having the option to come back to life after dying was a much needed thing in this world.

Survival was next to impossible with a single life.

Not only creatures such as these commonly roamed the lands, there was a direct threat from the other races too.

However, there was no second chance during ascension. If one died, their soul would be wiped out. There was no reincarnating or resurrecting.

Everyone, including Alea, was aware of this.

Alea skillfully maneuvered her body to dodge the butterflies trying to land on her. She kicked her feet, landed on the ground on her hands, spun, and jumped to another area.

She repeated it multiple times and the places where her hands touched, bright flowers bloomed and attracted the butterflies.

Upon touching the flowers, the butterflies exploded. This time however, the blood did not splatter, rather, it formed into a mist and spread everywhere.

Alea's expression darkened. She quickly swiveled her arms and cast a bright mist of water to spread everywhere in the surroundings.

As the water touched the blood mist, it evaporated and a dense red fog was starting to appear.

On top of it, from the skies, another batch of butterflies, this time of blue color, dashed their way downwards. Their speed was much faster than the Scarlet Butterflies.

Knitting her brows, Alea began drawing circles in front of her and a bright golden disc was manifested. It flew towards the blue butterflies, but the creatures at the front saw it coming and dodged.

The ones who did not see it were burnt to a crisp and fell down.

The butterflies at the front that had succeeded in dodging were quickly met with another disc flying at them.

Alea's movements were quick and she made a hundred golden discs of pure Light energy in no time, encircling all of the butterflies and burning them.

The blue butterflies did not get a chance to show their might and were killed. The Scarlet Butterflies were still surviving and trying to fly towards Alea.

At this point, the ground beneath her rumbled and instinctively, Alea used Wind energy and flew up.

A thick black liquid seeped out of the cracks constantly forming on the ground, emitting a nauseating stench.

It boiled and bubbled, then started splattering around.

The splattering intensified in just a few seconds and some liquid flew at Alea.

Alea avoided getting in contact with this and flew higher. She cast a wind barrier, that sort of seemed like a giant slab, and pushed the remaining Scarlet Butterflies down on the ground.

The butterflies sizzled and exploded, not forming a mist anymore.

The liquid gurgled after the absorption of the butterflies and shot high up at the sky, exactly towards Alea.

She once again avoided it and cast a water column, imbuing it with light energy and sending it down on the ground.

With a lot more sizzling and gurgling noises, the black liquid evaporated and some seeped back into the ground.

Alea heaved a sigh of relief and using another spray of water mist, made all the blood mist vanish.

The thundering clouds above her head slowly disappeared, and instead of rejoicing, she quickly sat down on the ground in a cross-legged position, and focused on her Magic Core.

The internal tribulation was soon going to appear and she had to prepare for it.

Watching all of it, Lith raised his eyebrows in amusement and thought, 'She sure did everything effortlessly.'

Alea may seem like a frail girl, but in reality, she was anything but that. It was proven by the tribulation that had just descended down on her.

This form of tribulation she suffered through seemed simple and harmless, but it was much difficult to combat in reality.

Elemental energies would cause a ruckus during ascension. They had to be sorted out properly if one had to cast any attack.

This meant that a person was pretty much powerless initially and had no way of surviving any incoming attack.

The butterflies sure descended slowly, but Alea had to sort out one elemental out of the total six running chaotically in her body.

Sorting it and then sending an attack would deplete half the mental strength of a person and tire them out.

The more elemental affinities one had in such a situation, the more disadvantageous they would be.

However, more elemental affinities meant more variety and the attacks weren't limited, thus giving the cultivator a greater opportunity to survive.

Once the initial Wind elemental energy was sorted out in her body, she had a much easier time untangling the rest and fighting back.

The universe fought with a cultivator and tried to resist their ascension by sending tribulations. There were no benefits of surviving it, other than being able to ascend.

However, the tribulations that came after this—the one within one's core—brought a great deal of benefits.

The core powered a cultivator and was the source of their immortality and strength. If it were to vanish, the body would not be nourished and soon age and crumble, making the soul seep out.

The soul would not be able to naturally enter the reincarnation cycle due to it and would wander freely.

The only way to come back to life again was through possession, or the soul would simply extinguish after a certain period of time, succumbing to eternal rest.

Life, death, reincarnation... It was all a really complex matter and various aspects to it with this thing being one of it.

In any case, surviving the internal tribulation trouble brought a great deal of benefits, but it was also the toughest to do so.

One could take help from others for surviving this like Lith had done in his last ascension, but doing so would mean missing out on a great deal of experience.

Fighting a tribulation alone and with someone's help was an entirely different thing. Even if one could take help, it doesn't mean they should.

Lith's case last time was something he couldn't help. The tribulations were overpowering and he did not have the means to deal with it himself.

Not just him, no one else in his place would be able to deal with such a tribulation. They would simply perish.

What tribulation Alea was going through right now, he wanted to see it. However, looking around, he saw that his mother and aunt had already left the sitting area and were by Alea's side.

They were staring at her abdomen and were probably looking at the internal tribulation she was going through.

Unless needed, one shouldn't interfere with the tribulation. Such was the rule and they both were following it.

Lith sat down and waited for Alea's tribulation to be over, taking deep breaths and focusing on his own elemental energies in the meantime.

Throughout his ascensions, he had suffered through one problem after another. This time may or may not be an exception to it.

Hence, he was mentally preparing himself for it.

Initially, he would suffer the most since he had not one, two, or three, but a whole twelve elemental affinities, which were all of them. Sorting them out would be the most difficult part.

Things should be fine after that, he thought, and began meditating.

Time passed.

After half a day, some visible changes appeared on Alea's body.

She was sweating hard and her body radiated a lot of heat.

Agalea wiped the sweat off her face and Lilith sent a cool breeze to help her cool down.

Another half a day later, her body was trembling, with her brows starting to get covered in frost. This spread everywhere on her body and she practically turned into an ice sculpture.

Lilith sent a hot breeze to her and made the ice melt.

A day later, Alea's complexion turned deathly pale. This was a really bad sign, but Lilith and Agalea didn't do anything and waited.

One more day passed.

Alea's cheeks caved in, her eyes hollowed out, and her overall body turned thin, with her becoming frail to the point where even a raindrop could fracture her.

Two days later.

Alea's golden blonde hair turned white, her body seemed to be aging.

Agalea let out a pained expression and it was becoming unbearable to watch, but Lilith comforted her and asked her to wait.

The patience finally bore fruits.

Three days later.

Alea's complexion turned healthy once again, her cheeks filled out, her body returned to its original shape, and overall, she turned into an even better version of herself than before.

The air around her crackled, her aura bursted out, and finally... Her eyes slowly fluttered open.

"Alea!" Agalea cried out and hugged Alea. "I was so worried!"

Alea's lips formed into a gentle smile and she hugged her mother back.

"Mama... I've ascended."

Chapter 965 King Rank Tribulation

Cold wind breezed past, making even a peak Half King shudder.

It had somehow gotten chilly around Lith, who was in a meditative state, preparing for his ascension.

From the seated area, Lilith, Agalea, and Alea watched him. This time around, it was just them watching Lith's ascension. Even the maids weren't here, including Lith's personal ones. They were all busy.

Taking a deep breath, Lith focused on the twelve elemental cores surrounding his main one. These were glowing brightly, appearing as if they would explode at any moment.

Lith bridged the elemental cores with his Magic Core and let the energies flow freely.

Like a parched person, the core hungrily absorbed all of the energies and its outer transparent color started changing as per the energy concentration.

Within Lith's Magic Core, abnormal expansions defying Space and Time took place.

New land stretched out, the boundless ocean spread together, and a vast amount of unnatural phenomena took place everywhere.

After a certain point, the expansion stopped. The elemental energies flowing into the core seeped out and spread into Lith's body.

It happened at a rapid rate, much faster than Lith's extraordinary reflex could even perceive.

Dark clouds formed in the sky and covered the silver-crimson moon. Thunder roared as nature noticed a being trying to defy it.

The elemental energies within Lith's body went haywire and the tribulation was here.

This time around, the chaotic elemental energies made Lith's head hurt and his body confused.

The Water elemental energy that was traversing everywhere within made him feel like he was water itself, sloshing inside a container.

The Lightning elemental energy zapping around made him feel a tingling sensation similar to one would get when they get up after sitting for too long.

The Fire elemental energy made his body heat up, making Lith sweat profusely.

Light and Dark energies clashed, making Lith feel as if he would explode at any moment.

Life and Death clashed as well. One was making his innards collapse while the other was healing it.

Destruction and Earth energy clashed too, an amusing thing Lith didn't think could occur.

Earth element was causing petrification of Lith's insides but Destruction element was eating it up and destroying it.

A game of Go was being played by the two, an amusing sight that couldn't occur normally.

The Space element made Lith feel the world around him contract and expand while the Time element caused the contraction to appear faster and the expansion to be slower.

It was a strange occurrence, but Lith focused on untangling all the elemental energies.

The thundering dark clouds got closer. At a center point they started revolving, forming a vortex.

Red lightning streaked across this vortex, with a deafening roar, flames erupted out from within and a silhouette descended down.

Lith looked up at the tribulation clouds and despite the world around him zooming in and out, he could faintly make out there being a flying monster of some sort.

The monster let out a shrill cry and charged at Lith, its sharp talons threatening to rip apart his head.

Danger bells rang in Lith's mind and his body rolled to the side instinctively.

The monster cried out a high pitched cry. It skillfully flapped its wings and went back to attacking Lith.

From the seating area, Lilith, Agalea, and Alea could clearly see the tribulation monster.

It was a two storey tall bird with red scales and multiple sharp talons. Flames ran along the spine of this bird and formed a buttercup comb on its head.

"What is that?" Alea asked.

"An otherworldly creature," said Agalea. There were far too many otherworldly creatures and knowing about each one of them was next to impossible.

Ever since the world was unsealed, everything had turned chaotic. From summonings to tribulations, what creature would appear was unknown.

People did record their experiences, and had named the creatures, but no one had the time to read all of that. People focused on their combat and survival skills to fight against whatever calamity was thrown at them.

What this creature would do and how Lith would fight it was to be seen.

Lith in the meanwhile was suffering through a strange sense of vertigo. His vision was disoriented, movements affixed on pure instincts to dodge, and his entire focus was on untangling the Space element that was causing the most problem.

His instincts were no expert, they simply were alarms that maneuvered his body to move in a certain direction.

It came at a cost.

Lith's shoulder was ripped off by the shrieking tribulation monster's sharp talons, making him bleed.

The high pain tolerance came at a clutch and Lith felt nothing but a prick as a major section of his body was torn off.

'At this point, I should just let my body do the flight movements and focus fully on the untangling part,' thought Lith as he did a barrel roll.

Due to its giant stature, the tribulation monster was having trouble catching Lith properly. It was similar to an eagle trying to catch a mouse.

The torn part of Lith's shoulder started repairing itself as he ran around.

It was not the usual flesh reforming itself, rather, absolute chaos ensued at his shoulder area as elemental energies tangled together.

The Earth element tried to form an area of rock, but the Water element made it muddy while the Wind element amplified the Fire element and destroyed it.

It was a colorful sight and made the spectators confused.

Alea tilted her head and asked, "What is happening to little cousin's shoulder?"

"Something similar would've happened with you, my dear, had you been injured like that," said Agalea in a soft tone.

"Ah, so it's related to elemental energies?" Alea couldn't feel the state of Lith as there was a barrier between them.

Agalea nodded.

Lilith propped her chin in her hands and, focusing on Lith who was running from the monster, said, "That's an extreme case you're looking at, little Alea. Not many possess an all elemental affinity, so chances of such a thing happening is less."

Alea blinked and turned to Lilith, as if she didn't hear something properly. "Aunty, did you say all elemental affinity?"

"Hm?" Lilith turned to Alea. "Yes? Is something the matter?"

Alea covered her mouth and gasped. "Little cousin has an all elemental affinity!?"

"You didn't know?" Lilith tilted her head and asked.

"No!" Alea aggressively shook her head.

Lilith let out a faint smile and patted her head. "Well, now you know. Even Lucy has it, and I do too."

Alea's jaw dropped. What was this information!? How come she never heard about it and only did so now?

Alea shot a look at her mother, who smiled wryly and scratched her face with her index finger. "I thought nephew Lith already said it to you."

"He never did!" Alea pouted in annoyance. How come such a vital piece of info was left out? Everyone did her really dirty by keeping her in the dark!

Agalea let out a dry laugh. "It was such a minor thing that I totally forgot about it."

"How is this minor, mama?" Alea glared and asked, very unhappy by this.

Agalea could only awkwardly laugh and turn her attention back to Lith, hoping that Alea would forget about it soon.

Alea harrumphed and turned to look at Lith. This could wait. The tribulation couldn't and she had to see every bit of it.

As her attention was back on Lith, she saw that he had finally stopped running like a drunkard. His body was steady and the shoulder was fully healed.

Lith took a deep breath and stood in an attacking stance. The Space elemental energy was finally untangled and not chaotic.

One of the twelve elemental cores revolving around his main core, a cyan-colored one, was glowing with a bright luster, letting out a radiance neither too bright nor too dim.

The others were twinkling chaotically and indicated they had yet to be untangled and stabilized.

The tribulation monster screeched once again and charged at Lith.

This time as it flew closer, Lith didn't see a blurry vision, but its proper figure.

The tribulation monster, looking at Lith not moving, let out a happy yet angry screech and dived at him, its talons aiming for his head.

Lith willed the Space elements around him and vanished from his spot, making the bird grab thin air.

The bird screeched angrily as it was tricked and tried to search for Lith, who had just appeared behind it.

Lith extended his wings out and stabilizing himself mid-air, punched the bird's back.

With a strong thud followed by a sizzling sound, Lith's hand went numb as it hit the tough scales of the monster, then melted due to the intense flames burning on the monster's back.

Lith grunted and using Space element, teleported away from the monster.

The monster hadn't realized Lith had hit it as his attack felt nothing but a small tickle to it.

Lith saw his melted hand as he distanced himself. Colorful elemental energies fought for dominance in its place with the hand showing no signs of recovering.

'What in tarnation! Not only is that monster's scales tough, but the flames are capable of melting my body. My regeneration's not working either! This is the absolute worst. Untangling the Space element was a bad decision, but I didn't have much choice. Space element does anything but help in offence...'

As Lith thought of that, he suddenly paused.

'Wait... does it really not help in offence?'

Lith pondered over it and not even a second later, the tribulation monster found him and screeched, charging at him again.

As it was halfway close to Lith, his eyes suddenly lit up.

'No way... who said Space can't be used for offence?'

The corner of Lith's lips curved up and he took on an attacking stance again. "Come at me, lil birdie. I'll show you the attack power of the almighty Space element."

Chapter 966 King Rank Tribulation (2)

The bird screeched in a high pitch voice and charged at Lith, feeling really angry for being tricked.

Its beak aimed for his head, wanting to pluck it off from his body like a flower from its stalk.

The moment it closed in Lith, he once again vanished from his spot, his attacking stance nowhere to be seen.

Space fluctuated and Lith appeared out of thin air at a distance, smiling and nodding his head.

"Perfect. To confuse the enemy, you must confuse yourself first. I successfully gaslighted myself into thinking Space can be used as an offence, and the stupid bird might've thought that as well."

The bird, in fact, had not thought of anything. It just found Lith and wanted to break him to shreds. Lith was overestimating its capabilities.

Lith smiled and once again took an attacking stance. The bird let out a shrill cry and flapped its wing faster than before, turning into a flaming rocket as it charged.

Its flames were capable of burning anything that came in its path and its force was enough to make a hole in a mountain.

The moment the bird appeared closer to Lith, it suddenly stopped and turned around, knowing he was going to vanish anyway and appear elsewhere.

Lith was dumbfounded by this and raised his eyebrows. 'I think I gaslighted the bird so hard, its IQ points have increased... in the negative numbers.'

Shaking his head, Lith smiled and said, "Space can actually work as an offence. Here, eat this Spatial Blade."

Lith slashed the air in front and with loud swishing sounds, a purplish-dark space tear appeared in the front in a crescent shape and rushed at the bird.

The moment it touched the bird's body, the bird monster let out a loud screech and rocketed away.

Lith didn't fail to see what had happened.

The Spatial Blades had actually sent a part of the bird's body into the void. They were really effective. Sadly, they couldn't be used often as they consumed a lot of spiritual power.

Lith needed to save the spiritual power to fight his internal tribulation and also to untangle his elemental energies.

As the bird has distanced itself, he fully focused on untangling the Death energy which was causing some major problems.

He focused on one strand of gray and channeled it down into its respective elemental core.

The elemental energy resisted and other elemental energies interfered, but as it was a small strand, Lith had better control and sent it down to its elemental core.

Lith made swift movements and before the bird attacked him again, one-fourth of the Death energy had been untangled.

The tribulation monster seethed with rage as chunks of its body had been torn off from existence.

It thrashed around and charged at Lith again, this time also sending flame vortexes at him by flapping its wings.

Lith dodged and kept running, all the while untangling the Death energy.

It took a few minutes, but he finished doing so. Life energy turned more chaotic as the equilibrium was broken and to Lith's surprise, it collaborated with Earth energy, resulting in thin vines to form within Lith's body and spread everywhere.

Lith felt a prickling sensation all over him. It was as if something was crawling under his skin. It was bizarre and Lith wanted to get it off, but thankfully, Destruction energy came in a clutch and destroyed the vines, making Lith sigh in relief.

His moment of distraction led the monster to near him again, but at the last second, Lith vanished once again.

At this point, a change occurred in the sky as nature sensed Lith had untangled his second elemental energy.

With the loud rumbling of thunder, a red portal opened up and from it, a humanoid creature, having the head of a boar and holding an axe slowly descended down.

This humanoid figure looked at Lith and with a loud growl, dashed at him with its axe.

'Shit... the aura is powerful,' thought Lith and used the Death element, summoning dark creatures and making them charge at the boar.

The dark creatures were summoned in a rush and couldn't put up much fight. They took two attacks from the humanoid boar and disappeared from existence.

Lith got just about enough time to summon a powerful creature. He did so and an orc-like creature wearing heavy armour, wielding a shield and a club appeared on the ground.

It grunted and air appeared beneath its feet, taking it to the humanoid boar.

Sending a powerful opponent coming at its with a killing n

Intent, the humanoid boar snorted and dashed at it, swinging its sword to split its body in two.

The dark orc used its shield and defended against the attack. The humanoid boar grunted and slammed its head on the orc's, pushing it back.

The dark orc swung its club at the boar, but it used its axe to block it, then charged at the orc head-on.

The dark orc once again used its shield and stopped the boar for a split second.

The boar tore through the shield and pierced its sharp curled tusks into the dark orc's eyes.

For a second, the boar was still, and this second was enough for Lith to appear behind it and send a Spatial Blade, cutting off the boar's head and killing it.

The use of Spatial Blade once again decreased Lith's spiritual power, but nothing could be done about it. Summonings due to the Death element were even more spiritual power consuming.

His spiritual power was almost halved and this was not a good sign.

Lith grunted, but persisted against the attacks of the monster bird.

Soon, his spiritual power slowly restored itself and with its help, he untangled another element, this time it was Destruction energy.

Nature sensed it once more and a blue portal formed among the dark thundering clouds.

From it, a small dot seemed to have appeared.

This dot zapped and within a few seconds, a tiny figure appeared in front of Lith, hitting his chest with something that sent a current through his whole body, and sent him crashing downwards.

A loud boom occurred as Lith hit the ground, a crater forming in his place.

Lith was yet to process everything when the small dot went to the dark orc, touching it and sending lightning current within it, thereby making it explode.

Lightning flashed in front of Lith's eyes and his body was convulsing, still not recovered from the previous attack.

The monster bird finally found an opportunity and charged at him, the small dot did so as well.

'This damn tribulation... Is it even a King Rank one at this point?'

Everytime.

Every. Single. Time.

The tribulations had been unfair when it came to Lith's ascension. They were far too strong and broke records for being the strongest in each realm Lith ascended from.

Why was this the case even, Lith did not understand. Why were the heavens so against him? Wasn't he a Chosen One? Shouldn't it actually be lighter on the tribulations when it came to him? Why was it so harsh, what was it trying to achieve?

Lith grunted and spat a mouthful of blood at the side, his death suddenly nearing.

From the spectator stands, Alea tried to rush to his side, but slammed into the invisible barrier.

Hitting it, she shouted, "Noooooooo! This can't be it! Little cousinnnnn!"

Chapter 967 King Rank Tribulation (3)

Everything seemed crimson and bouncy through Lith's vision as a current traversed in his body.

Due to the Time element causing chaos within him, the blurry dot and the giant monster bird appeared to slow down considerably. Lith's thought process hadn't.

This moment was the closest Lith had ever been to feeling true death in his whole life. If the blurry dot descended and hit him, it was game over.

Lith's body heated up, his thought process accelerated; heart pumped blood aggressively and adrenaline spread everywhere, causing his pupils to dilate.

Lith's vision turned clear, albeit still being crimson. He properly saw the figures of the slowed down blurry dot and the monster bird.

The dot was actually a black dragonfly, around which lightning crackled. Despite the slow down, its wings still seemed blurry due to their rapid fluttering.

In the face of death, despite being chaotic, the Time element came in a clutch and provided Lith a boost for a few seconds.

In full throttle, Lith used his spiritual power to will the Destruction and Space element. A faint magenta-colored glow formed around him.

However, right in the next instance, Lith's pupil shrieked as the Time element brought a complete opposite effect.

Less than a time it takes to blink, the monster bird and dragonfly were right in front of his eyes, staring at him menacingly.

Lith's vision turned dark and...

BOOOOOOM!

"NOOOOOOOOO!" Alea screamed from the spectating area, violently beating the invisible barrier.

Tears streamed down her face as she watched the monster bird and dragonfly attack the area Lith was at.

Lilith and Agalea did not come to comfort Alea. Their eyes were glued at the scene, a frown forming on their beautiful faces.

Dust covered their visions, but a second later, Lilith and Agalea felt a spatial fluctuation occur at a distance from the site of impact.

Agalea stared at it while Lilith sighed in relief.

She placed her palm on Alea's shoulder and pulled her in her embrace, patting her back.

"Calm down, Lith's okay," said Lilith to the crying Alea.

Alea blinked momentarily as she heard that and struggled in Lilith's embrace, trying to turn around and see the situation once again.

Lilith didn't hold her back and let her do so.

Alea could only see dust for a while, but as it partially cleared, she could see Lith's figure, coughing aggressively and spewing blood in a corner of the arena.

"Little cousin!" Alea exclaimed and jumped. "He's alive!"

Tears continued to trickle down her face as she said that, but this time they were of relief and not sadness.

Agalea sighed in relief and went to comfort her daughter. It did not suit her ever-jolly Alea to show tears like that and be sad.

The turmoil these ladies were going through, Lith had no way of knowing as all around him, there was the arena ground, stretching boundlessly.

At the last moment, due to using most of his spiritual power, he was able to cast a destructive barrier made of Destruction around himself. However, he would've been swept in the impact had the Space elements not pulled him away.

Smartly, Lith had made a destructive as well as fleeing move in one go.

Had he not done so, the consequences would've been dire.

Lith would be swept in the explosion and killed if he didn't move, or if he simply moved without attacking, that dragonfly would've found him easily and killed him.

The excess usage of spiritual power hurt his soul and body. The blood coughing was a result of that.

Thankfully, after the dust cleared, Lith could see the monster bird's grotesque corpse. Its head was smashed into meat paste while the rest of its body was disfigured badly.

The flames had been extinguished, and maybe as a consequence, its body was turning paler with each passing second.

As for the dragonfly, Lith couldn't see it, but there were no danger bells ringing in his mind, so he assumed it was dead.

Sighing in relief, Lith felt the tribulation was over, until...

Rumble!

The dark tribulations clouds were still there in the sky, rumbling loudly.

Lith clicked his tongue and focused on healing himself and replenishing his spiritual power.

He took out a translated pill containing a hint of blue from his ring and gulped it. A cool sensation ran throughout his body and Lith's spiritual power accelerated its recovery rate.

There were pills that could replenish the spiritual power, but those weren't good as the spiritual power was something not made from one's own soul, body, and magic core.

Nobody preferred them either, hence they weren't available at the higher ranks.

As Lith was recovering, he noticed that there hadn't been anything else that appeared. He was still in the midst of tribulation, but it was strange to see no acid rain or sizzling liquid fall on him.

Shaking his head, Lith focused on the recovery in a few minutes, his spiritual power had been fully restored.

Lith now focused on untangling the Time element that was causing problems to his vision. He may have gotten lucky with the time being slowed down previously, but he was sure it was totally random and chances of it happening again were extremely low.

A few moments later.

Lith was almost done with the untangling. Only one strand was left. He quickly finished it and was about to focus on another elemental energy when...

Rumble...

Thunder roared in the sky and looking up, a blood red portal seemed to have formed in the sky.

Out of it, a hundred metres tall golem, rivaling even the Giants of this world, slowly descended down from it.

Lith raised his eyebrows in surprise. 'So that's how it is. A creature would appear after I'm done untangling one element. That's good to know—'

Another golem descended down. It was pitch black and half the size of the previous golem.

Lith squinted his eyes and faintly saw another golem descend down, even smaller than the one before it.

Lith sighed and shook his head. 'Is this even a King Rank tribulation at this point? The damn world is playing—no, toying with me with all these summons.'

Lith could only curse and get back to fighting. At least he understood one thing: a new creature won't descend unless he finished untangling an elemental energy.

With that in mind, Lith went ahead to kill the golem and see if what he was thinking was true or not.

It turned out to be true.

Killing the golems took a lot of effort, but they were much easier to defeat than before as Lith had more elemental energies to work with.

The snowball effect was real and worked wonders.

As Lith sat on a pile of rocks and dust, which were the dead golems, he took his sweet time and let his spiritual power replenish first.

Then, he began with the untangling and this time untangled the Earth energy which was causing a lot of trouble.

As expected, the clouds rumbled again, and a portal opened up. Out of it appeared a tall, elf-like creature holding a staff.

It was followed by an army of the same species.

Fighting them proved to be a challenge, but with so many elemental energies to work with and being energized from the rest, Lith beat them up too.

He didn't kill them though. They seemed sentient and could communicate. Their language was not something he knew, but on the verge of death and tormented brutally, Lith could guess what they were trying to say.

There were suppression seals in his space ring and using them, he grouped these guys and threw them at a side. They shouldn't interfere with the incoming summons and the seal on them could only be broken by a Supreme Rank or above.

This was a King Rank tribulation, there weren't going to be someone of Supreme Rank prowess.

Just like that, with each untangling of an element, there appeared powerful creatures.

Some came in a group, some alone. Some were mindless while some sentient.

As Lith untangled more of his elemental energies and recovered, the summons didn't pose him any threat, even if they were grouped together by the other ones.

Thus, Lith decided to capture them instead of killing them. They could be killed anytime, so he might as well see what these things were and study them.

From the spectators' side, Lilith, Agalea, and Alea had happy and relieved expressions.

They almost had a heart attack before, but it was all good now.

Lilith planned to intervene and her motherly instincts were screaming at her to go rescue her child, but she gritted her teeth and forced herself to stay in place. It was challenging, but she managed.

Intervention in the external tribulation was not good. It could pose a lot of problems later on and may even stunt one's growth. This was damnable and hateful, but nothing could be done about it. Nature was too annoying sometimes.

They continued to watch and Lilith could feel Lith finish untangling his last element, which was Life.

Thunder rumbled and a bright portal opened up.

Lilith watched curiously as to what the last creature would be.

As the creature descended down, Lilith raised her eyebrows in surprise as it seemed to be a normal looking...

"Human?" Alea called out.

Lilith scoffed at the tribulation being so stupid, however, as she turned to look at Lith, he was frozen stuck in place, his eyes widening like saucers and his hair standing on their ends.

'Huh?' Lilith didn't understand this reaction from her son.

Lith in the meanwhile, as he looked at the human descend down, felt his entire body tremble.

Continue chills went down his spine and with a shaking hand, he covered his mouth and said softly, "That's... h-how is that... possible?"

Chapter 968 Chance

A harmless human, wearing a black long sleeve t-shirt, olive green cargo pants, and black sneakers descended down from the portal. His gaze was neutral and his eyes didn't seem to be focusing on anything.

The human was 172 cm in height with black hair having one of the most common hairstyles from Earth.

He was not particularly handsome or ugly, just a normal looking everyday college student with dark circles, showcasing his sleep deprivation.

Lith's heart pounded intensely, to the point he felt it may leap out of his chest. The chills had not vanished either and his hair still stood on their ends.

The human fully descended down and as his feet touched the ground, his eyes seemed to have some focus restored.

The human turned to look at Lith and walked up to him, under his shocked gaze.

A creep smile formed on his face as he stood before and extended his hand out in greeting. "Hello."

Lith breathed heavily and tried to stop himself from panicking.

'This is not good. This is definitely not good.'

There were some secrets in Lith's life which were buried deep in his heart. Some that even his mother or sister did not know about.

It was not that Lith didn't want to share it with them. It was just the time wasn't right.

However, with the human boy appearing in front of him, who was a hundred percent aged 19, one of Lith's deepest secrets was out in the open.

The boy was none other than Lith himself.

The human Lith that was a student on planet Earth.

Words weren't enough to convey what Lith was feeling right now. If it weren't for years of training, his mind would've collapsed from the sudden shock.

Forcefully trying to calm himself down, Lith looked at the human and didn't greet him. He simply stared at him and wondered what this tribulation was meant to be.

The human Lith, finding no response from the vampire Lith, took his hand back and shrugged.

"You seemed to have become quite arrogant, Chance," said the human in a flat tone.

Lith shuddered at the word, a spine-tingling sensation enveloping his whole body.

Watching his reaction, the boy, who was a head shorter, and pitifully uncharismatic, tilted his head and asked, "Why do you seem so shocked? Are you not happy to see me, Chance?"

Hearing the word 'Chance' for the second time, Lith snapped back to reality and had a proper look at his former self.

This was him, named Chance, when he was on Earth.

It had been such a long time here that Lith had forgotten his own name from before. His memories from Earth were clouded and he barely remembered anything.

If it weren't for the fact that many elements from Earth were available in this world, he would've totally forgotten it.

Classics such as the Moonlight Sonata or anime or games or literature... A lot of things were available that reminded him of that place and didn't let him forget.

After his reincarnation, Lith was bombarded with a ton of information and things related to his past life were bound to be buried deep in the back of his mind.

With his former self standing in front of him now, Lith did not know what this tribulation meant or what the heavens wanted to achieve.

All he knew was that a lot of trouble awaited him and he had a lot of explaining to do to his mother, sister, and the rest of his family.

Lith sighed visibly. He did not want a situation like this to occur, but now that it was here, it was time to face it.

Panicking won't do him any good and after the initial shock, he turned calm.

Looking back at his former self, Lith flashed a faint smile, completely identical to his mother's, and said, "Who's Chance?"

Chance, his former self, was visibly taken aback by the comment, not expecting such a response.

He blinked his eyes and stared at Lith in confusion. "You are Chance."

Lith took a step forward, then looked down at Chance, metaphorically and literally.

Chance looked up in response.

"I'm Lith, in case you don't already know. Lith Lilith Evure, to be precise."

"Huh?" Chance seemed visibly offended. "What do you mean? You're Chance—"

Lith slapped his hand on Chance's shoulder and stared right into his brown eyes with his own amethyst ones. A cold glint flashed through them.

"I hope I don't need to repeat myself again."

Chance gulped, his Adam's apple bobbing up and down.

Lith didn't speak with his former self and looked up at the tribulation clouds. "I don't know what you wished to achieve, heavens, but I can tell you with assurance, I am not developing a heart demon due to this thing or feel like my mind collapsing. I have to say, you got me, but I'm over it now."

The dark tribulation clouds stopped thundering, turning silent, as if they understood Lith's comment.

"I suppose it's over, yes? I wish to keep this alive, but—"

As if sensing Lith's resolve, the dark clouds rumbled and Chance's body shuddered.

Lith turned to look at him and saw his face distorting, then his body melting into a black liquid.

His eyes turned lifeless and slowly, his body sizzled, turned into a black liquid, then turned into a mist and flowed into his Magic Core.

Lith raised his eyebrows in surprise, but then, a cool current spread everywhere within him and a sense of clarity returned to him, along with feeling rejuvenated, refreshed, and much stronger than before.

What changes had taken place, Lith would see it later.

Lith had to say, the heavens sure knew the carrot and stick method. First it gave him the stick, now it gave him the carrot when it realized there was no point in continuing.

This tribulation had a certain meaning to it and it definitely wasn't out of place. Lith had a feeling. He would ponder over it later.

For now, he gazed down at his abdomen and looked at his Magic Core. It was shaking and Lith could feel the internal tribulation descend.

He was going to be busy once again.

Surprisingly, Lith was more worried about the problems that would take place after the tribulation was over, rather than the current one itself.

Shaking his head, he thought, 'I should've told mom and sis earlier about it. But what's done is done. I just hope they aren't saddened after hearing this. I wish they would just punish me or beat me for keeping this hidden, but... sigh... I can't really predict what their reactions would be.'

Lith was worried. But nothing could be done about it. Such things weren't in his control.

Lith took a deep breath and sat down cross-legged, letting his consciousness flow into his Magic Core, and awaiting the internal tribulation.

Chapter 969 King Rank

From the spectator's side, Lilith had a big frown on her face.

Agalea and Alea did not have as much of an exaggerated reaction like her because they did not think much about the last summon.

All they had was confusion regarding it. Why would a puny human descend? And why was Lith so shocked when he saw that? They thought.

As for Lilith, things were far more complicated with her.

It was rare for her to show such emotional changes, but it was also not out of place, given how much she cared for her children.

With the external tribulation finishing and the dark clouds disappearing, Lilith made her way towards Lith.

He was sitting and meditating, working on his internal tribulation.

Lilith did not disturb him and squatted down, hugging her knees. She stared at his face instead of his Magic Core, and knit her brows.

Looking at the calm poker face that looked completely like her, along with the lush, silky silver on his head...

Yup, there was no doubt in Lilith's mind about it. This was the boy she had made after carrying him for a whole five hundred years. He belonged to her, there was no denying that.

Lilith's knitted brows slightly eased. However, they furrowed once again as a thought crossed her.

'But why such a strong reaction? And if it is what I am thinking it is... Why did I not feel it before?'

There were a lot of deeper mysteries involved in it than the eyes could see. There were some things only Lilith could think about and solve.

Lilith stared at Lith and patiently waited for him to get done with his internal tribulation.

Lith's complexion turned deathly pale in a while and made Lilith shift her gaze to his Magic Core.

Within it, a swarm of destructive insects were causing mayhem and also attacking Lith.

The tribulation was once again beyond what an ascender could handle.

Lith persisted and continued to fight to the best of his abilities.

The internal tribulation was also a summoning one. How many summons there would be, that was something neither Lith nor Lilith knew.

Just like Alea, Lith's body started withering as time passed. His silver hair turned white, his body wrinkled, and his muscles degenerated, making him appear a bag of bones.

Lilith wasn't fazed. She was looking at the Magic Core and could see he was burning some of his life force to fight against a few dragons that had arrived.

Expending life force was a bit exaggerated, but with him becoming a King Rank, Lith's lifespan would be near endless, almost giving him a feeling of an immortal.

It doesn't matter if he burnt some of it right now.

The tribulation continued and was mighty, but did not exceed the limits of King Rank.

This time around, Lith was almost beaten to death by it, but managed to survive and passed the tribulation.

His core was absolutely wrecked, with its topography being messed up, and the life forms that were appearing getting totally annihilated.

Lith was too spent to care about it for now. He opened his eyes and returned to the real world.

However, as quickly as he opened them, he shut them back as fast and went into deep sleep.

His body and soul had taken a hit and he was too tired.

Lith's aura as a King Rank leaked as he slept and looking at him, Lilith shook her head. 'The more I want to talk to him urgently, the more something comes up and delays it.'

There were some things not in Lilith's control, and majorly everything was related to her two children.

In any case, she held Lith in her arms and had a small chat with Agalea and Alea.

Lilith told them Lith was burnt out and sleeping, then insisted for them to rest, but Agalea and Alea politely denied and left the castle.

Alea had to consolidate her cultivation and Agalea was busy too, hence they couldn't stay even if they wanted to and left.

Alea promised to come back after she finished consolidating and Lilith wished her good luck.

Once they were gone, Lilith took Lith to his bedroom and shut herself in with him.

While he slept, she opened up a live stream and looked at what her eldest child was up to.

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Time passed.

Lith didn't know how long he slept, but he had a good sleep and wasn't exhausted like before.

The last thing he knew before dozing off was that he had successfully managed to defend against his internal tribulation.

It sure was tough, but not off the charts like the previous one where he required external help.

Even with his eyes closed, Lith could feel the King Rank energy within him.

In a happy mood, he opened his eyes and found himself in a familiar room.

Before he could look around, a gentle voice rang in his ears.

"Good morning. Did you have a good sleep?"

Looking around, Lith saw his mother's ever beautiful face. Not a single sign of aging, and even after three centuries, she seemed the same lady in her early 30s he had seen when he first arrived in this world.

Wait...

Wait a second, why did he suddenly have such a thought?

The gears in Lith's mind turned fast to come to a conclusion, but Lilith was faster.

She snapped her fingers and Lith switched positions.

He was now sitting on a chair by his study table, with his mother sitting right in front of him.

Lilith leaned forwards and bringing her face close enough for Lith to feel her breath, she touched his chin with her index finger and said with serious eyes, "It's time to tell mama everything."

The atmosphere was tense; the situation, serious.

Lith had only just woken up, but he knew his mother could tell whether he was fully awake or still half asleep. In the current case, it was the former.

"I can tell you..." Lith took a deep breath. Then peered back at her purple eyes, and continued, "but do you want to listen?"

"Hm?" Lilith tilted her head in confusion. "What can there be in the world that mama won't want to listen to?"

Lith sighed. "Mom, it's far more serious than you think. I don't have a problem answering, but are you sure you'll be the same you are right now? Are you sure our relationship—"

"Hold it," Lilith pressed her index finger against Lith's lips and knit her brows.

She then took it away and flicked Lith's forehead.

"Owf!" Lith rubbed his forehead. It was painful!

Years of torture training had proven to be useless in front of one forehead flick from his mother. What level of cultivation was this!?

Lilith didn't rub Lith's forehead like she usually did and let him suffer for a bit. While he did so, she continued, "Don't dare to question our relationship."

This was one of the sensitive topics that shouldn't be touched upon, let alone questioned.

Lith could feel his mother's unhappiness and smiled wryly in response. He was just trying to warn her...

Lilith leaned back and propped her chin on her hands. "Go ahead, say what you have been hiding. Mama needs to know. And yes, this is very important. And no, you cannot back out. And also yes, you shouldn't lie. Mama has the means to detect it."

Lith rubbed his temples. 'Mom's in full questionnaire mode. Didn't think there would be such a side to her. It's weird... but also somewhat brings me comfort. What a strange feeling...'

Chapter 970 Lith's Past

Lith truthfully explained the things that had transpired.

When he was on Earth, his name was Chance and he was an ordinary student living in a foreign country for his studies.

He belonged to a middle-class family and couldn't afford luxury but also wasn't poor enough to not afford meals twice a day.

Lilith listened intently and didn't interrupt. The only emotional changes that Lith could see were in her eyes.

There was a flicker of interest, and that's about it.

Lith skipped over his childhood and student life, and his mother noticed it. She urged him to clearly tell her everything he remembered since he was a child, from traumas to everyday events.

Lith had a slight blush form on his face, seemingly embarrassed, but he didn't hide things and told her whatever he knew truthfully.

Clearing his throat, Lith said, "Well, what can I say... I was a really good child. As far as I knew, I had stopped wetting my bed when I was six and—"

Buzzzzzz!

A buzzer rang beside Lilith and Lith took notice of it for the first time.

This thing looked like a table bell, but instead of ringing, glowed red and made a buzzing sound.

Lilith squinted her eyes and stared at Lith. "Why are you lying?"

Lith froze. 'Shit...'

When his mother said she would know when he was lying, he thought it would be something in her head and not so flashy!

Lilith's gaze pierced Lith's soul. She appeared like a demon that could devour him at any moment if he took a step wrong.

Needless to say, Lith's body involuntarily trembled in fear.

The mighty constitution that Lith had, it feared none, except for its maker. There was no escape for Lith.

Lith scratched his face with his index finger and said, "Right... I was a good kid and—"

Buzzzzzz!

The buzzer rang again, making Lith's face darken and Lilith's gaze fiercer.

"Mama's very curious now to see what you're hiding..." Lilith said, her gaze not leaving Lith's.

Lith sighed and raised his hands up in defeat. "Fine... I'll tell the truth."

And then Lith began stating his deepest darkest memories.

When Lith was in preschool, his first friend was a girl from next door. They both used to go to the institution together with their parents and were good friends.

One day, in preschool, when the entire class was busy playing outside, Lith went back to the classroom to fetch himself something.

His friend naturally followed.

"...now, I don't remember her name, but let's just call her friend," said Lith.

Lilith nodded. She had no problems with it.

Lith continued, "So when I went to fetch this something, this friend of mine came to fetch me—collect me, no, I mean, get me..."

Lith stuttered and made a fool of himself, an occurrence really rare for the Mary Sue type personality that he usually was.

The corner of Lilith's slightly curved up, but she controlled her expression to not make fun of him. If she did so, she was sure he wouldn't spill the amazing tea!

Lith coughed lightly and collecting his thoughts, began explaining the incident again.

So Lith's friend came to get him and Lith had got what he needed. On their way, they passed by the washroom and Lith said he had to go in.

"Now, this is where things got a bit weird. Can I please skip it?" Lith asked, his tone almost pleading.

"No." Lilith said sternly with a straight face. Her poor baby was suffering so much and she could feel it from his tone, but unlike prior times, she was giggling on the inside, finding glee in his misery.

Lith sighed and continued on.

Lith and his friend were two curious children. When he said he wanted to go to the washroom, his friend had a sudden doubt and asked why Lith and her had to go in separate washrooms.

She also said that she had never seen the boy's washroom and wanted to go take a look.

Lith was nervous and stated it would be bad if the teacher caught them. She would complain to their parents!

'Oh my... What an interesting threat!' Lilith thought internally, clearly amused by the life of mortal parents.

Lith continued that his friend somehow managed to convince him. He didn't know. And then they went to the washroom.

The washroom's interior was different and this surprised his friend. There were urinals separated by small stone slabs and there were also stalls for number two.

Lilith slowly spun her finger within her silver hair and stared at Lith with interest, clearly very amused by everything he was saying.

She didn't know boys and girls washrooms had such a difference. Very interesting.

Lith continued on and said that during this incident, he had seen a girl's private for the first time and a girl had seen his.

Lith then completely skipped it and went ahead to his later life, but Lilith stopped him right there and asked him to rewind and go into more detail.

Lith was ashamed. Very, very ashamed. He had no face left anymore.

'Well, at least my sister isn't here...' Lith sighed in relief.

As if the heavens had heard him and wanted to fulfil his wish, Lilith felt a burning sensation on the back of her palms.

Raising her brows, she turned to look at it and saw a few sigils in red appear on them.

"Wait a second, mama will be back." Lilith said and disappeared from her spot.

Lith raised an eyebrow in surprise and thought, 'She's gone? Should I escape now?'

The thought flashed in Lith's mind, but was suppressed just as quickly.

Running was not an option because there was nowhere he could run to. Even if he did, this was home and he had to come back eventually.

"Tch. What a situation." Lith thought out loud and patiently sat in his chair.

A few moments later.

The door slammed open and a thunderous aura filled the bedroom.

"Little brother!" A familiar melodious voice was heard by Lith.

Before he could react, darkness flashed in his vision and he felt himself suffocate in something warm and soft.

"Little brother! Little brother! Little brother!" A silverhead, appearing to be in her early 20s, stuffed Lith in her embrace and spun on her toes in joy.

"I missed you! I missed you so much!" The silverhead cried out, her words full of longing and love.

Lilith walked inside the bedroom with a smile and the door closed on its own behind her.

"My dear, you shouldn't suffocate him like that." Lilith reminded in a gentle tone.

"Haha, right!" Lucy said happily and let go of Lith, holding his face between her hands and staring at him.

Lith finally saw his big sister's beautiful face. Nothing had changed, she was the same, except, her eyes showed the vast experience she had been through and a new, completely terrifying sensation within them.

Lucy may seem calm and happy, but this killing intent hidden within her eyes didn't disappear.

Lith was surprised and temporarily forgot about his situation.

He smiled warmly, happy to see her back, and said, "Welcome back, big sis."

Lucy snickered. "Hehe, yes. Big sis is back!"

And then she sealed his lips before he could say anything more.

This was Lucy's first kiss in ages and she did not let go of Lith for a solid ten minutes.

Satisfied and content, she broke the kiss and smiled joyfully.

Wiping the saliva off his face, Lith looked at her and then at his mother. "You knew she was coming? If yes, you could've told me. We could go to welcome her together."

Lilith smiled and went back to sit on the study table. "I had that in mind, but then I was afraid Lucy would grab you and lock you in a room with her for many years."

'That seriously sounds like a good idea right now, even though it's not...' Lith thought.

Lucy nodded her head. "I had that in mind, but mom said you were spilling some good tea. I can't miss out on that, can I?"

Lith sighed for the nth time today. There really was no escape...

Lith was made to sit back on the chair once again by the study table.

This time, there was not one, but two silverheads staring at him while sitting on the table in front.

Lucy placed her hands on her knees and propped her chin on them. "Go ahead, little brother. Tell me what you were telling mom."

Lilith had managed to calm Lucy down by saying Lith had some secrets he was saying. Lucy was thus really compliant and didn't cause any trouble.

Once again, Lith sighed and continued on with his tale.

Firstly, he told Lucy the things that had happened during his tribulation. Then he went on to say he was a reincarnated person and his past life name was Chance.

Lucy's expression, although she seemed shocked, wasn't anything too exaggerated like Lith had hoped.

It was just like: 'Oh yeah you're a reincarnated person? Surprising, anyway, what were you saying...?'

Everything that was happening was out of Lith's expectations. He expected some sadness or resentment from his mother and sister, but there was none.

There was not even a hint of anger or annoyance.

Lith was once again reminded of how he was not a part of a normal family like before, but of immortals and maybe even gods.

Their emotional maturity was on another level of consciousness that one couldn't look through the mortal eyes.

Shaking his head, Lith continued, "...so I was then six years old and I had stop wetting my bed."

Buzzzzzz!

'SONUVABITCH!'