

Abyssal 221

Chapter 221 - Purge (IV)

The Soul Forging existences of the Fallen were discussing among themselves and their accusations were growing more and more severe. Without any of the two leaders trying to defuse the situation, the conflict only continued.

Although Nero's group made solid arguments and stated irrefutable facts, the Fallen accompanying Verius always changed the subject whenever something they did not like came to light or used some excuse to justify their behavior while pushing the blame to others.

The level of shamelessness of Verius' group was impressive. Even when they were found guilty for great mistakes, they refused to take any sort of responsibility.

Verius had a smile on his face when he saw the frustration of Nero's group. In his mind, all the mistakes he and his group committed were in one way or another the fault of the rest, and he refused to see it any other way.

This type of discussion had appeared before when everyone gathered, although not with such intensity, so Verius was used to the type of behavior everyone displayed, but when he saw Nero's attitude he frowned.

He was set in taking this opportunity to obtain the leadership of the Fallen since he was the only one fit to rule them or at least in his mind he was.

Verius had made sure his people were prepared but the target of most of their attack was not paying attention to them. He just stared at the distance with profound meaning in his eyes.

To someone like Verius, Nero not caring about the accusation thrown to him was like saying he did not care what he had to say about him. That was something the Angelic Paragon could not tolerate.

"Leader Nero, we are discussing important matters of our race and how to handle the new threat you have brought to us, and yet it seems you do not care. It seems you only care about those who share your ideas and are powerful enough. That is not something we can accept in a leader." Verius spoke with an aura full of righteousness.

When Nero heard those words and saw the attitude of Verius, he could not believe the level of hypocrisy he displayed.

Those words Verius just said perfectly described him and still, he was using them to accuse others.

If it was any other time Nero would have been angered by such shamelessness but now he was not bothered by them. He looked at Verius and all the ones who were siding with him, with disdain and loathing.

"The Heavenly race mentality is twisted to the level they can be compared to fiends when they interact with other races, however, they still fight side by side with their comrades until death. Every single one of you is a coward or a traitor who thinks themselves superior to the rest. I honestly cannot understand how someone so disgusting and shameless can look at their reflection and still think they are anything different than a bag of garbage."

When Nero spoke those words, not only Verius' group but also the ones beside him were surprised. He has always been composed and no matter what they said about him, he always made sure to not escalate the situation since it would hurt the race if everything went out of control.

His words were like slapping Verius and his group and it was clear that with their petty nature, they could not withstand such insult.

"How do you dare to speak of me and my brothers like that. You are nothing more than an abomination, a mistake in our perfect bloodline." Verius' face was twisted by rage and his words were once again packed with hypocrisy.

He was someone who was not willing to obey others because of the rules their bloodlines applied to them, and yet, he was also defending it when it suited his goal.

"You are just a coward who only knows how to hide"

"Without our group's help, you would be nothing"

The ones beside Verius were just as shameless as the person they have chosen to follow. More than one of them was saved by Nero, and yet they replied to him with malice and hatred.

The seven winged Fallen had stopped caring about all of these people the moment he decided to follow Zatiel's plan. An immense might was released from his soul and the illusion of a blue star appeared behind him that made everyone silent.

"I was wrong before by letting all of you be part of us. Your kind is the perfect example of cancer, truly disgusting. All of you are lumps that need to be destroyed. I was foolish to wish for cancer to change his nature. Cancer doesn't play by the rules so neither can I." There was great killing intent in Nero's words and his power increased even more to the point where it made the entire cave tremble.

When they felt the power of Nero and the murdering intent he released, the Soul Forging existences beside Verius became apprehensive. Whatever they thought about the seven winged Fallen, they all knew he was incredibly powerful.

It was just that Nero was always calm and no matter how they attacked him, he had always taken the high road. But things seem to be different now.

If he did not care about the consequences and attacked all of them right now, more than one would die before the rest were able to escape.

Verius was also afraid but after a moment courage came back to his heart.

"You should remember that a lot of members of the Fallen see me and my brother as their true leaders. If something were to happen to us, no one knows what they would do. Maybe they would go back to the Heavenly race and tell them everything they know about our people and where the weak ones hide."

It was easy to understand the meaning behind Verius' words. Before the Angels of Supremacy and Angelic Paragons beside Nero were wondering whether his leader was going too far, but now all of them had the same killing intent in their eyes that the seven winged Fallen.

If the Heavenly race were to find out their bases, although they would be able to escape with ease, it will not be the same for those at Rank 1 and 2.

A mocking smile appeared on Nero's face when he heard Verius' threats.

"Do me a favor and contact any of those people who think of you as their leader."

An ominous feeling appeared on Verius' heart when he heard those words and without hesitation, he used his ring to communicate with his weaker allies, but no matter how much he tried no one answered.

He was smart enough to understand that any of those Rank 3 and beneath Fallen would not dare to ignore his call, no matter what they were doing, so there was only one possibility left. They were all silenced forever.

Panic started to appear on the Fallen beside Verius when they saw the anxiousness with which he attempted to contact someone.

All of a sudden, Nero's group focused on the seven winged Fallen and confusion filled their mind. This was due to a message they just received from him.

"It will happen in the next second, no matter what you feel do not resist"

Verius looked at Nero with dread. If he dared to kill those hundred of Fallen, then he would not hesitate to do the same with him.

A shock even greater assaulted Verius when he saw a blonde man come out from Nero's shadow and cover the Fallen around him with his consciousness before disappearing.

As soon Nero's group was no longer in the cave, Dimitry who had been acting normal this entire time, started to convulse and a powerful necromancer aura was released from inside his body.

Runes appeared all over his skin and in an instant, they drained all of his vital force and the energy of his soul.

When he saw those runes, Verius' instincts screamed and terror appeared in his eyes. Without caring for the rest of the Fallen in the cave, he attempted to run.

Unfortunately, he was too slow and an explosion of fiend fire covered him and the rest of the Fallen.

The explosion was so powerful that it destroyed the cave and extended for more than twenty kilometers inside the ocean.

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The moment Nero agreed with Zatiel's plan back in the forest, they acted immediately. The first thing they did was search Dimitry's mind for all the knowledge he had about Verius and his group. It was with that information they learned the identity of every single member of the Fallen who had sided with them.

Something that shocked Nero was to find out that Verius had made sure in case something happened to him, some of those Rank 3 Fallen would inform the Heavenly race everything they know about the Fallen.

The seven winged Fallen believed he understood the limit of Verius, but only when he discovered that plan did he realize how wrong he was.

That information made his decision of killing Verius and all of those who sided with him much easier.

The next step was to introduce a trojan horse. By using an extremely powerful necromantic spell, they were able to transform Dimitry into a special type of undead who still had his soul but who was under their complete control.

This was done by Totto with the knowledge provided by Zatiel. The Lich was already very close to the peak of Rank 4 and his talent in necromancy helped him learn that spell very fast.

There were downsides to the spell, with Dimitry power dropping to the bottom of Rank 4 and him being incapable of using his Law Avatar. Verius would have been able to identify the changes with the Angelic Paragon if he had enough time, but he was too focused on the gathering and when he saw that there was nothing wrong with his soul, he thought everything was fine.

After that, the Neo-Demon inscribed the insides of Dimitry's body with Fiendfire runes. Despite just being a Rank 3 rune, when the fuel was the life force and soul of a Soul Forging existence, the power it reached was immense, to the point that it could equal Rank 4 runes in terms of destructive power.

Despite being very deep in the ocean and under countless tons of water, the explosion of fiend fire was so powerful that it created a vacuum inside the ocean full of black flames where not a single drop of water was present.

A couple of seconds after the explosion started, two figures came out from it. They were two Angelic Paragons, one covered in a mantle of shadows filled with skulls and the other was inside an iceberg.

Right behind them, three Angels of Supremacy also came out from the explosion of fiend fire. One was covered by a cocoon made of liquid poison, another was inside a tornado and the last one was surrounded by electric snakes.

These phenomenons that were protecting the Fallen and that extended for kilometers were their Law Avatars.

Being true to their nature none of them thought of waiting for the last Angel of Supremacy. The truth was that if he was not able to exit the explosion of fiend fire after the first couple of seconds, his fate was already decided.

Verius and his group were leaving a trail of blood as they moved through the ocean. Despite their power and the help of their Law Avatar, fiend fire can penetrate most magical defenses, so the damage the explosion provoked was extremely severe.

They Fallen knew that remaining in the ocean was dangerous due to the magic creatures that filled it. The explosion would certainly scare a great number of magic creatures, but those were the weak ones.

Rank 4 Magic creatures would be drawn to the explosion and when they find wounded Angelic Paragons and Angels of Supremacy, then they will attack them due to the allure of their bloodline.

As they advanced, they were forced to fight against all types of magic creatures, but by remaining together, they defeated most of them and stopped the rest from following them.

Thanks to them using their Law Avatars to increase their power, the speed they were able to achieve was impressive and in less than half an hour they were able to reach the sky.

Unfortunately for Verius and his group, their nightmare was far from being over. The moment they left the water, they were attacked by Heinz and Nero, both of them empowered by their Law Avatars.

Nero's Law Avatar took the form of a blue star ten meters in diameters that remained behind him. Although its size was small, the power it released was much greater than any of the Law Avatars of Verius and his group.

In this star, you could feel a defiant power that will not allow any sort of restriction put over it and a pride that will burn brighter with every challenge it overcomes.

The blue light from the star gathered around Nero's spear increasing its destructive power greatly and it also formed a halo above his head that filled the seven winged Fallen with flawless might.

Heinz used Void Disruption to appear right in front of the Angel of Supremacy who was covered by a cocoon made of poison. He channeled all the physical power he had into the next attack and after targeting the waist of the Fallen, he slashed with his sword.

The sword in his hand was a Law Avatar formed by the Law of Killing, Law of Blood, Law of Swords, and Law of Space. He used it to perform a Void Slash that split the cocoon of poison in two and severed the waist of the Angel of Supremacy inside it.

The Angel of Supremacy could not believe he was defeated with such ease. Heinz appeared in front of the Fallen and covered him with a mantle of killing intent before throwing him into his personal space.

As this happened, Nero targeted the Angelic Paragon inside the iceberg. The ice was extremely resistant but when the spear filled with blue light impacted against it, it was not able to resist for a second before shattering.

The Angelic Paragon attempted to fight against the seven winged Fallen but in less than three moves a cut appeared from his shoulder to his waist that divided his body in two. Nero did the same as Heinz, covering his enemy with blue light before putting him into his personal space.

When Verius and the other two Angels of Supremacy saw the defeat of their comrades, the only thought in their minds was to escape.

Nero focused on one of the Angels of Supremacy who was running. His Law Avatar shrank until it became a miniature star circling his spear.

The seven winged Fallen thrust his spear with all the strength he had and in an instant it reached the tornado, destroying it and shattering the body and soul of the Angel of Supremacy inside it.

The last Angel of Supremacy, the one covered by electric snakes was terrified when he saw how his comrades were being defeated with such ease and before he was able to advance much longer, from

above him huge chains made of light appeared that grabbed the Law Avatar with such power that it was not able to move.

Before the Fallen could understand what was happening from his own shadow a dagger was fired and it pierced his back.

The dagger was very old and it seems it would break at any second, but it buried itself with ease in the Angel of Supremacy and incapacitated him instantly.

When Verius detected he was the only one of his group that was not killed or captured, a great terror filled his eyes and it only grew stronger when he saw an old man with an aura made of solidified fear appear in front of him.

In the next moment, behind him, Heinz materialized along with Nero blocking any escape route. Sebastian and the Fallen who were part of Nero's group encircled Verius along with Zitra.

The Angelic Paragon did not know what to do. He was not stupid enough to think that he could escape from all these people.

It will be easy for them to kill Verius with a barrage of spells but none of them attacked. They focused on the Lich who walked closer to the terrified Fallen.

"He told me that fighting with someone like you will be of great help to me, so let's see what you can do."

A smile appeared on Totto's face and immense fighting intent was released from inside his soul. The Lich was very happy since he had not felt like this in a very long time.

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Verius' mind was solely focused on thinking of a way out of this predicament. Even if he were able to defeat the man in front of him who was challenging him, the rest will just kill him afterward. There was no way he could fight against so many powerful individuals especially when Heinz and Nero could kill him on their own.

"Wait, please hear me out!" Anxiety was present in Verius' face when he saw the Lich getting closer to him.

Totto could feel the fear of the Fallen. Although this fight was important to him, it would not hurt to hear what Verius' had to say.

"Speak."

The rest were confused by the action of the Lich since he had made arrangements to obtain this battle. But it was his fight so the rest remained in silence.

All sorts of ideas and plans were organizing in Verius' mind. After a couple of seconds, he kneeled. His head was so low that if he was not in the sky, it would have touched the ground.

"I can swear loyalty to the Magi World and become your servant. I will swear any type of oath and sign any contract you want to prove my sincerity."

When the rest of the Fallen saw this, disdain appeared on their faces. He was practically selling himself as a slave.

Verius arrogance was as high as the sky and his pride was immense, even rivaling Nero's. But you would never see Nero begging to survive. The seven winged Fallen would rather die standing than live on his knees.

When Nero saw the thoughtful look in Totto and Heinz, he frowned. They had agreed to leave Verius to Totto, but the Lich was supposed to kill him.

"Him remaining alive will only bring more problems. As long he breathes, he will continue spreading his poison."

Rage appeared on Verius' eyes when he heard that. If he could, he would rip Nero's wings off and flay him with them.

Totto and Heinz understood the meaning behind Nero's words. Even if he was a slave, he could still create a lot of damage to an organization by spreading fear and lies.

But the duo was not worried about that and the reason was simple.

"You really believe that he can't make this rat behave and assure that he cannot harm anyone?."

Nero's eyes narrowed when he heard that. They have known each other for a very small time, but he knew that Zatiel was capable of many things.

"I guess you are right."

When Verius heard that his entire body trembled. He was not bothered by lowering himself to become a servant since he was sure he would be able to rise again in the future. But when he heard the words of Nero, he started to understand that the one behind the Magi invader force is not someone simple.

Just when Totto and Heinz were wondering whether or not to call Zatiel, Zitra's voice interrupted their thoughts.

"If we call him on behalf of this person, he would not only reject him but he may get angry at us." There was confidence in the Magus' face when she spoke those words.

Totto felt that her word made sense but he was still not sure.

"Can you clarify?"

"How hard do you think it is for the current him to obtain a Soul Forging servant, even if it is someone at the bottom of Rank 4, with his abilities it would not be hard to push him to the peak. We all know how he cares for his clan and certain people that are important to him. If we relay the proposal of someone who betrays those he calls brothers, what do you think he would do?."

The Lich and the Cultivator understood the truth in her words. The Daybreak Clan already had a Rank 4 life form, and although it was a magic creature, with Zatiel's help it won't be long before it becomes invincible beneath Law Engraving.

"You have been paying a lot of attention to him, haven't you?" There was a smile on Totto's face when he said those words.

But it immediately froze when he felt the killing intent with which the Magus looked at him.

The Lich understood he had crossed a line and he turned to Heinz for help. However, he was out of luck.

The fearless Heinz, a Rank 4 Cultivator with the power to battle Law Engraving existences was looking at the distance. It was clear the mighty Prince of the Aeternum Empire was not going to meddle with the angered Magus.

Zitra only sneered when she saw Tutto's timid attitude and no longer focused on him.

Tutto relaxed when he felt he was not the target of the Magus anymore.

The atmosphere of comradery that was present a moment ago vanished in an instant when the Lich focused on the kneeling Fallen, and his eyes were cold.

"She is right, we would be making a mistake if we relay the message of garbage to him."

When Verius heard that, a hatred so immense was born in him, that his entire body trembled. He was willing to lower himself in front of people he considered beasts and yet they would not accept him.

Tutto noticed the state of the Fallen, but he did not care at all for his rage.

"You have only two paths. You can fight with me to death and try to kill me before dying, or we can capture you alive as we did with some of your friends. If you take the second path, you will live a couple more years but you will be nothing more than a guinea pig and I can assure you his experiments would make you think you are in hell." There was no point fighting against someone who would not fight back, so Tutto hooped to use his rage to fuel him.

Verius face was twisted due to the immense fury he felt. All of his dream and aspirations were destroyed due to the appearance of this group. If he was going to die, he would at least take one of them with him to the grave.

"It is true that no one will interfere?"

When they heard those words, Zitra, Heinz, and all of the Fallen separated from the duo. They still surrounded them, which made any attempt to escape impossible.

When Verius saw this, he focused on the Lich, and killing intent filled his eyes. He made all types of pills appear from his personal storage space and consumed them. They replenished all of the lost energy and pushed his body to its peak.

A lot of these pills would leave side effects in the future but since he was going to die, why would he care.

Tutto did not attempt to stop him and merely focused on raising his power to the maximum and filled his body with negative energy.

The mantle of shadows full of skulls around Verius became stronger. Like a tsunami, it pounced at Tutto with overwhelming might.

Behind the Lich, the Reaper appeared. There were some differences in him from the last time Tutto used it to fight.

The right hand and left eye of the Law Avatar was the perfect copy of Totto's Eye of Despair and Hand of Sorrow. His black robe was now filled with howling ghosts.

A ghostly domain was released from the Reaper and it clashed against the waves of shadows from Verius' Law Avatar.

The ghosts and skulls were tearing each other apart and thunder filled the sky as both Law Avatars clashed.

Although Verius law comprehension had not reached the 'Initial' level in any of his laws, he still had an Emperor bloodline, so he should be stronger than his enemy, and yet they were on equal grounds. This was a heavy blow to the Angelic Paragon.

As the clash between the shadows and the domain continued, the Eye of Despair in the Reaper began to absorb the broken pieces of the skulls and ghosts that the clash between the two Law Avatars generated.

This shocked Verius. His Law Avatar was generated by the Law of Fear and the Law of Shadows, and somehow his opponent was absorbing them.

But his surprise was far from over. The Reaper raised the Hand of Sorrow and all the power absorbed by the eye was fired from it.

A beam of ghostly energy full of the power of the fear and wither, pierced the Law Avatar of Verius before it crashed against him.

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The beam was potent, and it pushed Verius thousands of meters before he was able to stop his body. When the Angelic Paragon saw the condition in which that single attack left him, he was shocked.

The left side of his body had grown hundreds of years older in an instant. His right arm was mummified and appeared it would turn to dust in the next second.

The Law of Fear and the Law of Withering was wreaking havoc inside his body, and they were trying to crawl their way into his consciousness.

Luckily for the Angelic Paragon, his bloodline gave him an excellent resistance to the Law of Fear. Still, against the Law of Withering, the only path he had was redirecting some of his energy to contain it.

Totto's attack surprised Nero and the Fallen. It was not the power in the beam that amazed them, but the fact that the Lich was able to absorb part of the Law Avatar of his opponent and transform it into his power.

That feat was due to the artifacts fused into the Lich body and his ingenious approach over the Law of Fear. Instead of letting fear run wild, he transformed his body into a beacon that siphoned all of it, taking it away from others and transforming it into his power.

This path was certainly not a conventional one, and many could doubt its might, but the Lich had demonstrated the power it could reach.

Totto did not wait for his opponent to regain his focus. Along with the Reaper, they went back to the fray.

When Verius saw the glooming figure of the Reaper coming back at him, all the fear in his heart transformed into wrath.

"YOU, GODDAMN BEAST!" Without concern for the consequences, Verius started to burn his life force, which made his power burst.

Verius was not only burning part of his life force; he was burning all of it at an accelerated speed. It would be a miracle if he were able to remain alive for more than fifteen minutes at this rate.

But it was precisely that which made his strength grow immensely. His Law Avatar increased three times his size, and the skulls became giant skeletons.

A colossal hand made by shadows and skeletons was formed. It mimicked Verius' movements and threw a punch at the Reaper with devastating strength.

When Tutto saw the power of Verius' Law Avatar, he was astonished. Despite his cowardness and hypocrisy, the Angelic Paragon was worthy of being the second strongest Fallen and owner of an Emperor bloodline.

But unlike his power in the Lich's eyes, there was no fear at all. Without hesitation, he made the Reaper respond to the attack.

The shadowy skeletal hand was almost as big as the entire body of the Reaper. The latter focused all of his power into the Hand of Sorrow.

The moment both hands clashed, an immense power was released. It reached the point where the space around the collision broke. The shockwave released extended for kilometers, and it had the ability to evaporate Rank 2 life forms and fatally injure those at Rank 3.

The difference in power between the Law Avatars was significant, but the moment the Reaper touched the shadowy skeletal hand, the Eye of Despair was able to steal some of its power and transferred it to the Hand of Sorrow.

Despite the impressive application of the Law of Fear, the Reaper could not equal Verius' Law Avatar that was strengthened by his life force.

The Lich and the Reaper were fired like a cannonball. This time it was Tutto's turn to fight the energies his opponent's attack left in his body.

Luckily the energy that corresponded to the Law of Fear was not very harmful to the Lich, and he could even absorb it to heal himself. But the Law of Shadows was a different subject, and he was forced to use some of his negative energy to contain it.

"Hahahaha, that is true power, you disgusting beast, now die!" Madness filled Verius' eyes as he felt the immense power inside him. He thrust himself at Tutto like an enraged monster.

The Lich was able to gain control of his body in an instant. When he saw the crazy Angelic Paragon coming at him with that colossal Law Avatar, he launched himself back to the battle and made the Reaper clash with that shadowy skeletal hand.

Tutto was the loser once again, but his mastery over the absorption of the Law of Fear grew stronger, reducing the difference in power between the two Law Avatars.

Every time both hands clashed, they released powers that could destroy cities and kill millions of people. Despite being hundreds of kilometers in the sky, their clashes made the ocean go wild and gigantic waves were created whenever the two giants clashed against each other.

The air around them had become poisonous due to the energies they were releasing. That level of pollution would be enough to make a place uninhabitable for decades and mutate flora and fauna.

The power their clash released reached the level of destruction a Law Engraving existence could create and neither of them planned to contain themselves.

Totto's body was taking great damage with every clash, but those wounds were of little concern for the Lich. He had an undead body, and its only purpose was to contain part of his energy and protect his soul.

After every clash, he launched himself back to battle with a great fighting spirit. His absorption of the Law of Fear increased with every encounter. However, even after hundreds of collisions, the Reaper could still not equal the shadowy skeleton hand fueled by the life force of the Angelic Paragon.

Verius' eyes reflected complete insanity, and there was a crazy smile on his face as he continued fighting and burning his life force. His body had grown decrepit, and he resembled a hundred years old mortal.

As they were about to clash again, Verius consumed an enormous amount of life force in an instant, which made his Law Avatar grow even stronger.

Totto was taken by surprise by the actions of the Angelic Paragon. The shadowy skeletal hand was too powerful, but in the instant that the Reaper touched it, he pushed the powers of the Eye of Despair to the maximum.

The immense concentration of fear made a qualitative change appear on the energy gathered in the left eye of Totto and the Reaper.

The Lich was still pushed backward for kilometers after the clash, and his chest was blasted apart, letting some of his organs visible. If not for the Hand of Sorrow being strengthened by that new power, maybe his entire body would have been shredded to pieces.

The worst part of the damage to Totto was the one done to his consciousness, which proved a pain that made him think his head was being split apart.

Despite the great damage that the surprise attack achieved, the one who received the worst wounds was Verius. Burning so much life force in an instant made his entire blood evaporate, and some of his vital organs had become dust.

But all of that was of little concern for the Angelic Paragon, who had already given up life.

"Hahahaha." Verius released a hysterical laugh when he saw the deplorable condition of Totto.

The Lich ignored the Angelic Paragon's attitude, but a peculiar light appeared in his eyes as he remembered the power he felt running through him when he pushed the Eye of Despair to the limit.

When Zatiel found out the nature of Verius' power, he had recommended for the Lich to take the fight against him. The reason the Neo-Demon told him that was so Totto could have a higher understanding of what could be achieved when the fear reached a high enough level.

Zatiel advice was essential for Totto, and he made sure to obtain this fight.

"I guess I understand a little now. It is time to finish this game!" An immense might was released from Totto when he spoke those words, something you would not expect to find in a man with his chest destroyed, and consciousness hurt.

When the enraged Verius heard those words, he sneered and refused to believe that the Lich could grow stronger.

He was not the only one since the Fallen behind Nero thought the same. It was not that they thought Totto was weak; on the contrary, his power had reached such a high level he could fight a Peak Rank 4 Angelic Paragon who was burning his life force without him having to do the same. They could not understand how he could grow even more powerful; after all, existences like Nero and Heinz were very rare.

The Lich used actions to prove his words. He made the energy inside him explode, and a scythe made of shadows appeared on the Reaper's hands.

"Gate to the Underworld." An eerie sound accompanied Totto's voice, and the Reaper roared before waving his scythe and creating a portal in the space above them.

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The moment Totto opened that portal everyone felt a deadly aura assaulting them. There was a black wind that covered the portal and did not allow a good view of what was on the other side, but that did not diminish the fear it provoked.

When they saw the place where the portal connected, even the two strongest of the group, Nero and Heinz, felt threatened by it and did not dare to get closer.

The Reaper's scythe created a portal that connected to a place that is known through the universe as the blackest night, the heart of darkness, and the hunger that devours souls.

The Lich managed to create a ten thousand meters wide portal to the plane of death, the Negative Energy Plane.

Gate to the Underworld was a spell Totto created based on the Rank 4 runic diagram he obtained from Zatiel. It was incredibly difficult for the Lich to perform it, and it was only when he channeled his power through the Reaper that he was able to achieve it.

The black wind started to leave the portal and everything it touched became contaminated by the aura of death.

The Reaper roared once again. He used the Eye of Despair to create a vortex that drew the black wind, making it submerge both him and the Lich.

To any other person present, that hurricane of black wind would have caused irreparable damage to their life force and deteriorated their bodies until they became dust, but in Totto had the opposite effect.

His body started to reform and the wounds on it were disappearing at an astonishing rate. The damage to his consciousness was not so easy to heal, but the black wind was able to purge all the energy that was left inside him by Verius' attacks, so it helped him greatly to contain that damage.

The black wind also nourished the Reaper. The Law Avatar became larger, its power increased and the damage it received during its clashes with the shadowy skeletal hand was fixed very fast.

The black wind was negative energy in his most raw form and the quantities were staggering. To the undead body of Totto and the Reaper that was made by the Law of Fear and the Law Withering, it was very helpful.

Some of the black wind escaped the pull of the Reaper and landed in the ocean where it corrupted the waters as if it was the deadliest of poisons.

When Verius saw all the damage he sacrificed so much to deliver, being erased in a matter of seconds, he was startled. His body was broken beyond remedy and he had a couple of minutes of life force left in him and yet his opponent was bathing in what resembled to be the most heavenly panacea for him.

That image was the straw that broke the camel's back and finally destroyed the last piece of sanity that was left in him.

"BEAST DIE!" Verius launched himself at Totto, completely disregarding the negative energy that filled the air around him.

The colossal shadowy skeletal hand was fired against the Reaper. The Law Avatar was loaded with all the power that was left in the Angelic Paragon. Regardless of the outcome, it will be Verius' last attack.

When Totto saw the suicidal attack launched by Verius, he decided to also give his all. The Eye of Despair worked with even more power and drew more negative energy to both the Lich and the Reaper.

This power was channeled to the Hand of Sorrow, but this time it did not stop there and traveled into the scythe the Reaper was holding and that opened the portal to the Negative Energy Plane.

"Grim Reaper: Despair's Scythe" Totto body freed an immense might as he performed the spell that could only be done by his Law Avatar channeling the power of the Negative Energy Plane.

The scythe started to grow not only in size but also in power and the Reaper grabbed it with both hands before striking Verius' Law Avatar.

"BOOM!"

A sound that made it seem like if the sky was falling apart was heard when the two giants clashed. The power in that clash was greater than any other released over the course of the entire fight.

By drawing the negative energy out from the portal and stealing part of the power in his opponent's Law Avatar, the Reaper reached the level of strength where it was able to equal the shadowy skeletal hand.

The power of the Law of Shadows, Law of Withering, and Law of Fear were wreaking havoc in the surroundings. A tornado formed around the duo that extended high into the sky.

Verius did not care about anything and continued feeding his Law Avatar with his life force.

Even with the help of the Gate of the Underworld, it was hard for the Reaper to fight against the Law Avatar of the Angelic Paragon. But while one was able to draw an endless amount of negative energy, the other's energy supply was limited.

As Verius attempted to push his Law Avatar even harder, his entire body trembled and he coughed dust, which was his pulverized organs. The moment this happened, the power in the shadowy skeletal hand diminished greatly.

Totto detected the loss in power of his opponent. He made the Reaper channel all of his energy into the scythe and push with even more strength.

With the loss of energy and now the external pressure, Verius' Law Avatar was not able to withstand and shattered into millions of pieces in an explosion of epic proportions.

From the scythe, a wave of black energy was released that clashed against the Angelic Paragon. It did no damage to his body but extinguished the last ember of life force inside him and broke his soul.

The broken body of Verius fell into the ocean and the damage to it was so immense that pieces of the corpse were shed from it. But no one cared about the deceased Fallen, and they were all focusing on Totto.

Although the power he displayed in this fight was still not equal to the likes of Nero and Heinz, it positioned him at the absolute peak of Rank 4 battle power.

The body of the Lich was mended due to the immense amount of negative energy but after the death of his opponent, he instantly deactivated his Law Avatar. It could not be seen due to his condition as an undead, but he was exhausted.

This fight was a very tough one for Totto, but he was still very happy about having it. He learned a lot and his fighting style was refined greatly during this battle.

Now that he had time, Totto focused on the Gate to the Underworld and immediately started to close it down. A portal to the Negative Energy Plane was very harmful to any world.

The Lich controlled the portal and slowly started to shut it down, but something happened that shocked him. When the portal was half-closed, he lost control over the spell.

The portal not only stopped its closure, but it also grew back and in an instant was more than thirty thousand meters wide and five thousand meters tall.

When the rest saw this they were shocked but he was clear by the expression of the Lich that he was as confused as them.

Totto was sure that no one in a Middle World could take away the control of his spell, so the one who was enlarging the portal was on the other side, in the Negative Energy Plane.

In less than a second, the portal grew until it reached one hundred thousand meters wide and thirty thousand meters tall.

It was then that Heinz, Zitra, Totto, Nero, and all the Fallen saw an image they would remember forever. They saw a yellow pupil covering the entire portal.

The portal was now greater than an entire city and yet it was not large enough to show the entire eye of the creature on the other side.

A feeling of complete suppression rose on everyone that saw the pupil. Even Nero with his Law of Pride and Heinz with his Dao Heart were no different.

This feeling was completely normal since it was the first time any of them truly saw one of the true powerhouses of the universe.

A Being of Laws.

Chapter 226 - Running For Their Lives

The moment the pupil appeared not only Totto and the others were affected. Every single sentient life form in the world, from the small insect to the strongest Soul Forging existence stared at the direction where the portal was.

They did not understand why, but all of them felt a sense of fatality as if the deadliest thing that existed in the universe was in that direction, something capable of ripping apart this world.

The pupil did not remain in the portal for long and the massive body of the creature moved as he focused on enhancing the portal.

Heinz and the rest were not harmed and the restraint they were feeling vanished.

It was not that the Being of Law did not see them. To a life form like him, they were inconsequential, after all, have you ever seen an adult human go out of his way to kill an ant when he has more important things to do?.

The moment they regained control of their bodies, everyone realized the immense danger in which they were. In an instant, they understood what they needed to do.

Heinz's Law Avatar appeared and without hesitation he fused with it. The power of the Cultivator grew exponentially but even though he could fight against a Law Engraving existence on equal grounds and maybe even defeat a weak one, he knew very well that he was still an insect in comparison with that Being of Laws.

His consciousness covered Zita, Totto, Nero and the rest of the Fallen before using Void Disruption and started to run away with all the power he had. It would have been faster to use teleportation, but the Being of Laws had affected the Law of Space in the area when he took control over the portal.

An instant after they started to run away, a formidable presence appeared, and with overwhelming might, he froze space and time around the portal. When this happened the portal stopped growing and the pupil once again was shown in it.

The only being in a Middle World powerful enough to fight against a Being of Law was the world itself. Against this type of threat, the World Consciousness was allowed to use all of his power without any sort of restraint.

When Heinz and the rest detected the appearance of the World Consciousness, instead of calming them, it only enhanced their urgency to escape from there. Neither the world nor the Being of Law cared about them, but their clash will destroy everything around them.

The Cultivator was confused about why he felt no force acting on him and trying to throw him out of the world, but he did not stop to think about it.

The reason was very simple, the World Consciousness would not care about a mouse that was inside his house when an elephant was right in front of him.

There was wrath in the pupil as it felt the World Consciousness trying to close the portal. The Being of Law did not remain silent and started to fight back.

Tremors could be felt around the portal due to the clash between these two powerful beings. Due to the suppression of the World Consciousness over space and time, the destruction their encounters produced was confined.

From the sky and ocean, two hands were formed. They were massive beyond measure and each of them grabbed one end of the portal and started to close it down.

The response of the Being of Laws was fast. From his eye, pulses of yellow energy that attempted to destroy both hands were released.

The power in the attacks of the World Consciousness and the Being of Law reached a point where the suppression over space and time was not enough to contain it. Several arcs of yellow energy were fired in all directions.

One of the arcs was fired at the place where Heinz and rest were. Despite the great speed at which they were moving and the distance they managed to create between them and the portal, the arc of yellow energy was able to reach their location in less than a second.

Heinz did not stop pushing forward and it was now the time for the others to act. Nero, Zitra, Totto, and the rest of the Fallen activated their Law Avatar and launched their most powerful attack against the arc of yellow energy.

The combination of their powers resulted in a rainbow-colored beam with a strength high enough that it could threaten the life of a Law Engraving existence if it landed point-blank. However, it was not able to defeat the arc of yellow energy.

Luckily their attack was able to destabilize it, making it explode. When Totto saw the power in that explosion, he acted decisively and used his bracelet, Jupiter's Night.

The Lich did not make the moon appear around his body. Instead, it was formed in front of the group, protecting them from the explosion.

That moon should have been able to resist without a problem the attack of a Peak Rank 5 life form who has fused with his Law Avatar, but it was destroyed almost instantly by the explosion. Some of the yellow energy still managed to find its way to the group.

Heinz had folded the space around them but it was of little help. The yellow energy impacted their bodies. They all felt their organs shaking and blood came out from their mouths, luckily there was no damage in their consciousness and they will be able to heal their wounds with enough rest.

Despite having survived, none of them felt happy. That arc of yellow energy was just a small part of an attack released by a Being of Laws, that was greatly weakened by the suppression of space and time performed by the World Consciousness and yet it almost killed all of them.

If it was not for that moon, even if they had not died, they would have been severely injured. Everyone put their hands on Heinz back and channeled all their energy into the Cultivator to enhance his speed.

The World Consciousness was winning the fight against the Being of Laws but the velocity at which the portal was closing was too slow.

Knowing that he could not allow the battle to continue for too long, the World Consciousness channeled all of the power in the elements of the Beta Heavenly World and created an immense bow.

There were energies of fire, water, light, shadows, metal, earth, and everything that formed this world in that bow, and of pure Origin Power, an arrow was formed.

The power in that arrow was shocking and it vibrated with so much energy that space broke around it. The arrow was fired and with a speed that seems to be faster than time and it crashed against the pupil.

The moment the arrow landed in the eye of the Being of Laws, it exploded. The power in it was high enough to move the head of the creature backward.

"ROOOOAAARRRR!"

An immense pain assaulted the creature as he released a roar full of rage and might, charged with all of his power.

A shock wave was created that passed through the portal and expanded into the Beta Heavenly World. It was so strong that the suppression of space and time did little to stop it.

When the World Consciousness detected that power, it made the two massive hands push with even more strength and close the portal faster.

The shock wave created a vacuum into the water that extended for thousands of kilometers, reaching to the ocean floor. And it continued growing larger as the portal was closing down, disintegrating every single magic creature it touched no matter how strong they were.

Heinz and the rest detected the shock wave and the Cultivator pushed his speed to the limit while the rest filled his body with every ounce of energy they had left.

If that shock wave were to touch them, then no matter what they try, they will be killed.

The eyes of the Cultivator were bleeding as he reached his limit. Luckily for the group, the destruction ended a couple of hundreds of kilometers away from them.

Heinz deactivated his Law Avatar and when he saw the devastation that a roar from a Being of Laws created, he was shocked.

Chapter 227 - Sinner's Mark

In the middle of the Ravaging Ocean, there was a vacuum that extended for more than fifty thousand kilometers. And this was thanks to the World Consciousness closing the portal extremely fast and suppressing space and time to diminish the might in the attack of that Being of Laws.

Although they were not visible even for Rank 4 life forms, a powerful type of energy had affected the ocean, creating instabilities in the space and twisting time. This would be known from now on as a danger zone of the Beta Heavenly World where even Soul Forging existences could perish.

Every single magic creature, from the weakest Rank 0 to the strongest Rank 4 were disintegrated to an atomic level by the shock wave. Their souls vanished from this world and whether or not they managed to reach The Eternal River of the Afterlife was a mystery.

If that shock wave had landed in the Fornes Continent, then more than ninety percent of the life in it would have been annihilated and it would have become a deserted place where no life could survive.

The portal was shut down and the shock wave disappeared but the vacuum remained there, and even with the millions of tons of pressure that the ocean was generating in every direction, it showed no sign of shrinking.

Everyone in the group was tired and wounded, but none of them could stop looking at the effect that a roar from a Being of Laws could create.

Heinz, Totto, and Zitra had once seen a river of fire in The Ocean of a Thousand Wonders, but that was only on the surface of this one, and in no way did it reach the seabed.

The scene in front of them was created by a shock wave provoked by a roar that passed from dimension to another and weakened by the World Consciousness, and yet the destruction was hundreds of times greater than the once a Rank 6 life form could produce.

Every single one of them had heard fantastic tales of the power a Being of Laws could display and how they were known as the destroyer of worlds. It was only now that they understood those tales were not an exaggeration.

Some of the Fallen stared at the Lich and although they were annoyed with him, no one had died and they did not feel the need to start throwing accusations. It also helped that he used Jupiter's Night to protect them from the explosion.

As they were resting, they felt a powerful presence focusing on them. When Heinz detected, he was sure it was the World Consciousness that was going to throw him out to the void.

But it was not on him, in whom it converged. The World Consciousness targeted Totto and before he could do anything powerful energy invaded his body and reached into his soul.

The energy transformed into a strange rune that branded itself in Totto's True Soul. The Lich felt immense pain when it happened and he almost fainted.

After leaving that rune, the World Consciousness disappeared and did not act on anyone else.

Regarding Heinz fusing with his Law Avatar. The World Consciousness was too focused on the Being of Law to even notice when it happened.

Totto focused on the rune but he could not detect anything. Other than the immense pain it caused when it was branded, it did nothing more.

The Lich was worried, after all, one's True Soul was very important, and having something attached to it and not knowing what it is was extremely dangerous.

"We will ask my brother, I am sure he knows what just happened." Heinz detected the anxiousness that Totto was feeling.

When Totto heard that he relaxed a little. He was certain that Zatiel will know what this rune is but whether or not he will be able to remove it, is a different thing.

The group did not move from where they were. Heinz had detected Zatiel coming their way and they were all very tired so they took the chance to heal some of their wounds and replenish their energies.

After a couple of hours, Zatiel appeared in the vision of everyone. He was on the shoulder of a giant who was covered in red lightning.

Flanking Ezequiel, there were two great obsidian dragons and powerful flames were surrounding their wings, which increased their speed.

This was an impressive view, but for the group who just saw a pupil bigger than an entire city and encountered a roar that could destroy a continent, it was nothing.

Some of the Fallen were surprised when they saw Rank 3 life form coming their way. But after Sebastian gave them a signal, they understood he was part of the Magi invader force.

Zatiel did not go to the group and instead, he went with Ezequiel to the border of the vacuum and focused on it.

If he were able to analyze the energy left by that Being of Laws, he could identify his origin, but with his current power, just touching that energy would mean death. He was, however, still able to obtain some information by the destruction that was present in front of him.

"So who of you was dumb enough to open a portal into a High Plane, draw the attention of a Being of Laws and get marked by the World Consciousness?" Zatiel's voice was calm as if those events were not a big deal.

The Fallen were shocked. This man reached this place a few minutes ago, and without having to speak with anyone he was able to deduce everything that happened.

They were all Rank 4 life forms but this was the first time they experienced anything like this and it shocked them to their core. And yet the man in front of them spoke like it was something common.

Heinz, Totto, and Zitra were not surprised. The trio was already accustomed to Zatiel insight.

After a moment the Lich sighed and he took a step forward.

"It was me, I created a portal to the Negative Energy Plane. However, I don't understand how a mere Rank 4 spell could have drawn the attention of a Being of Laws." Totto was still confused by what just happened and could not understand it.

"Of course he was not drawn to your portal, but you create a connection to a random place of the Negative Energy Plane. You had horrible luck and in that place, there was a Being of Laws. He may not have the power to pierce the Crystal Wall of a Middle World but if someone opens up a portal for him, he will definitely try to pass through it and devour everything inside that world."

The reason why Zatiel knew so much and could speculate what that Being of Laws could have done, it was because more than once the Incarnation of Death and Destruction used the portal some fools opened to the Abyss to enter a world or plane and ravish them.

"Pass me the spell you used to create the portal." Zatiel was still focused on the vacuum as he spoke to Totto.

The Fallen did not understand what was happening and how someone at Rank 3 could know so much and order that powerful Lich. When Sebastian saw their expression, he remained silent since even now he did not understand the man with three eyes.

Even though Gate to the Underworld was a powerful spell that any necromancer would want to have, Totto knew it was not special in Zatiel's eyes so he did not hesitate and gave the Neo-Demon a crystal with the information.

Zatiel took the crystal and after he made some alterations to the spell he launched it back to Totto.

"The spell will now connect to a location of the Negative Energy Plane where no Law Beings are present. It also had a cloaking function to make it more secure. However, you will not be able to use it in the Beta Heavenly World, unless you want your True Soul to perish."

Totto was ecstatic when he heard that Zatiel fixed his spell, and like all the rest was impressed by his words.

Having such a high understanding of the Negative Energy Plane, that you can know where Being of Law resides or not is unbelievable. But everyone could detect the confidence in the Neo-Demon's words

Of course, the Lich cared most about the information regarding his soul being destroyed. Luckily for him, Zatiel did not leave him in suspense.

"The rune in your True Soul has many names, but the most common is Sinner's Mark. Your actions have produced great damage in this world, but since it was an accident, you were only marked. If you ever again try to create a portal to any other plane or world inside the Beta Heavenly World, the mark will pulverize your True Soul. You should be able to get rid of it when you enter Rank 5 and no longer can enter this world."

Chapter 228 - Strike Hard And Fast

After handling Totto worries and having a basic understanding of what just happened in here, Zatiel made them relate how they managed to survive and escape from the shock wave that had the potency to devastate a continent.

Zatiel made the Genesis Sun Seed appear and sent two arcs of golden fire at Heinz. There was no more because he used all of them a few days ago.

The Cultivator's injuries were the worst and although Blood Demodand Technique had increased greatly the power of his body, reducing the backlash of fusing with his Law Avatar, his True Soul was submitted to great stress and those injuries were not so easy to heal.

The next thing Zatiel did was release a torrent of All-Encompassing Sun Flame and bath Zitra and Totto in it. The lesions of the female Magus healed very fast since her wounds were only of physical nature and did not reach her consciousness and much less her soul.

The Lich condition was not so simple. The fight against Verius left some injuries in his consciousness but the power of the Law of Life in the flames was very effective.

The members of the Fallen, who had not seen Zatiel's abilities before, were impressed by the power in the golden flames.

Normally, the healing spells of a Rank 3 life form were almost useless in Soul Forging existences but Zatiel's fire healed the body of the trio with impressive speed.

"Sebastian, can you explain to us who is that man and what relation he has with the Magi invader force?" The one who spoke was an Angelic Paragon with wings made of strange black metal.

The name of the man who spoke was Enrik. Despite his bloodline being stronger, he talked with Sebastian with respect as if he was addressing an equal.

That attitude was something you would not find in normal members of the Heavenly race or people of Verius's group.

Sebastian saw that the Angelic Paragon was not the only one with questions.

"His name is Zatiel Daybreak, he is the one responsible for the thousands of members of the Heavenly race who were impaled and displayed in the periphery of the territories dominated by the Magi forces. Although I do not understand how and he did not declare it, I am sure he is the decision-maker of the Magi invader force. All of us need to be careful with our words around him." Sebastian's expression was serious and his voice was solemn.

This information shocked the Fallen. A Rank 3 life form ordering a Soul Forging existence was not something impossible, but the fact that he could take the leadership of an entire invader force that had the power to deal blow after blow to the Heavenly race was inconceivable.

Enrik has had a hard life so he was able to get hold of himself very fast. After a moment he focused on the giant man and he frowned.

"Who is that giant covered in red lightning."

Ezequiel's size could not impress the Angelic Paragon, but he felt very clearly the great power in him and the might of his bloodline.

"I don't know but I am sure he is not simple either." Sebastian also noticed the peculiarities of Ezequiel.

After fifteen minutes, Zatiel stopped sending flames to the trio and focused on the Fallen.

"You fulfilled your end of the deal. All Rank 1 and 2 Fallen can use the World Gate to go to the Magi World. I already made arrangements for them to live in my domains and wait for the rest of

you. The greater the help you provide us in fighting against the Heavenly race, the better the living conditions of your people will be." After he spoke those words, Zatiel sent some of his flames to Nero and the rest.

Nero knew that leaving the safety of his people in the hands of another group was dangerous, but they would be much safer in the Magi World than in this world, where they need to hide day and night from the Heavenly race.

'I will have to speak to my teacher and see if he can monitor them inside the Magi World.' Nero was not going to blindly believe in another group who just met a short while ago.

"We need to discuss some plans but this place is not fit for it."

Everyone understood the reasoning behind Zatiel's words and flew away from the vacuum.

It won't be long before members of the Heavenly race come to this place to investigate and even if their injuries were healed, their energy pools were still depleted.

After an hour they landed on an uninhabited island and Zatiel did not waste time.

"Our current goal is to gain complete control over the Fornes continent. We have the Ten Tower Formation put in place. We will gradually expand the range of the force field that weakens the Heavenly race, and once the entire continent is ours, all the Rank 3 Fallen and one Rank 4 Angel of Supremacy can use the gate and travel to the Magi World."

Nero understood very well that he will be the last of the Fallen who will be allowed to use the World Gate. But since he was set in leaving with all of his people, he had no problem with Zatiel's conditions.

"How the spoils of war will be divided."

The goal of the Magi invader force in this world was to obtain riches and the Fallen also needed them to help their training.

"In the battles that your people participate in, they will obtain resources according to their contribution. I have a system put in place that is completely unbiased. If after seeing what you gain in our first battle together, you have a problem, we can negotiate again. You will not acquire any land but five percent of what we collect from the places your people helped us secure will be yours."

The seven winged Fallen found no problem with Zatiel arrangement and after a moment he nodded.

"Ok, now I need you to tell me everything you know about something called Volcano Eruption." Zatiel's face was serious as he asked the question.

Mr. Grey had told him that the plans of the Sage in this world were related to Volcano Eruption. Although the Neo-Demon did not trust him, knowing more was always better.

Sebastian and the rest of the Fallen were confused when they heard that question but Nero's eyes narrowed.

A smile appeared in the Neo-Demon face when he saw that. Zatiel was sure that Nero had people infiltrated inside the Heavenly race and it appeared their status was not simple.

"Volcano Eruption is a type of drug that the Heavenly race army used when they fought against the demonic horde. Only Rank 3 and below members used it but they were not told what they were or their origin, just that it will make them grow stronger for a limited time. It makes lava scars appear in your skin and the name of the duke who created them is Oliver, an Angelic Paragon with wings made of lava."

When Zatiel heard those words, his eyes became void of any emotion while a black and vicious killing intent appeared around him.

Ezequiel aura also changed. The natural energy around the Supreme Neo-Demon grew cold.

Nero was surprised by the reaction of the two Neo-Demons. Sebastian and the other Fallen were happy they did not have the slightest connection to the duke of the Heavenly race. It was clear by the expression on the duo's face that they would not let Oliver have a fast death.

"Based on your description, Volcano Eruption also seems to work in Rank 4 life forms. When I fought the duke, he used it to defeat me." The one who spoke was Zitra. The Magus clearly remembered to see Oliver take a drug that filled his skin with scars made of lava.

The expression of everyone became solemn when they heard that. If there was a drug that any Rank 4 member of the Heavenly race could use to increase their powers greatly, then the future battles will be much harder.

"According to my information, only Volcano Eruptions for Rank 3 and beneath life forms are mass-produced. Those for Soul Forging existences may be extremely rare." Nero's words made sense. Drugs for Rank 4 life forms are hundreds of times harder to create than for those at Rank 3.

"That may not be true for too long. There is a high possibility the Heavenly race will obtain some mysterious help soon. In any case, my plans do not change much. We will strike hard and fast and butcher everyone in our path." Zatiel's words were cold. He was determined to slaughter every member of the Heavenly race he finds.

Chapter 229 - Tears Of Joy

An army of the Heavenly race that contained thousands of Rank 3 life forms and several dozens Soul Forging existences was patrolling around the vacuum that the shock wave left in the Ravaging Ocean.

There were several individuals with sophisticated gadgets who attempted to analyze the wild energies that were inside the vacuum, but even with the technological advances of the Heavenly race, they were not able to find anything.

However, even with their many shortcomings, the Heavenly race was not stupid. The fact that they were not able to obtain anything from the energy in the vacuum was a source of information itself.

Three people were leading the army and their expressions were solemn as they looked at the aftermath of an attack that had the power to destroy a continent.

Tomas and Oliver's power has increased greatly since the last time they fought the Magi forces. They were carrying impressive armors and it was easy to tell they were very powerful artifacts.

They were not the only ones who had enhanced their strength. Practically the entire army of the Heavenly race had grown stronger.

The reason for the increase of military power was due to assistance coming from the Heavenly Creator World. Normally satellite worlds dominated by the Heavenly race are solely handled by the dukes left in charge but Martin's death changed things.

It was an immense shame for both Tomas and Oliver to admit they end up losing against individuals who they considered beasts, but with one duke dead and the Ten Tower Formation in place, there was no way they could hide the events that happened in the Beta Heavenly World.

The other person who was accompanying the duo was a woman with six wings made of crystal. Her entire body, including her face, was covered by a white robe, but her figure revealed her sex.

Although the other two did not want to show it, it was clear they felt apprehension when they were in the presence of the woman.

An Angelic Paragon with wings made of black air got close to the trio and after performing a bow, he spoke.

"The investigation of the canyon that appeared close to the Magi's force field was finished. According to the data we were able to obtain, it was left by a very powerful attack but we have no information about the perpetrator. However, we were able to find traces of energy that matched the swordsman that the duke fought one time."

When Tomas heard those words, a complicated expression appeared on his face and it became more profound as he looked at the woman by his side. Even though it happened many years ago, he still remembered the battle against Heinz, as if it was yesterday.

Although he never bragged about it, the Angelic Paragon was always proud of his title as the strongest man in the world. He even hoped to also shine when he had to go to the Heavenly Creator World, after reaching Rank 5, but his fight with Heinz and the appearance of this woman proved to him that he was not truly special.

He was a supreme genius in the Beta Heavenly World, but the truth was that by the standards of the Heavenly Creator World, he was just a talented person.

"The Magi invader force will act soon. Make sure the army is ready to go to battle at any time and reinforce surveillance in the periphery of the Ten Tower Formation. The fact those insects were able to establish a stronghold in the continent is shameful enough, we cannot allow them to continue their expansion." The one who gave the orders was not Tomas nor Oliver, but the woman covered by the white robe.

Her voice was beautiful but the disgust and hate in her words were immense. After speaking, she left without waiting for the two dukes to speak.

Oliver's eyes narrowed when he saw the attitude of the woman, but he did not say anything and just signaled for the Angelic Paragon that gave them the information to leave.

When they were alone, Tomas stared at the direction where thousands of members of the Heavenly race were impaled and left for everyone to see. After a moment, he turned to look at Oliver and spoke.

"Desperate times require desperate measures. Tell him we will accept his conditions. Only with their blood, we will be able to wash away our shame."

When Oliver heard Tomas' instruction, a frow appeared on his face but eventually, he nodded.

'I will pay any price to break the soul of every single one of you, even if it means lowering myself and working with a beast.' There was a poisonous hatred in the eyes of the Angelic Paragon.

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In the sky above a tower in the territories dominated by the Daybreak Clan, thunder was heard. The Neo-Demons kneeled when they felt the presence of the people who arrived just now.

A mantle of red lightning appeared around a woman, who was hugging a baby, and she was lifted into the air.

Numir has experienced this before so she was not scared. Her eyes were filled with excitement as she looked at the sky and saw the impressive figure of Ezequiel.

She landed on his palm and was surprised to see a person sitting on his shoulder. It was a young man with black hair and the golden eye on his forehead was focused on her.

Her hard life has forced her to be always alert and pay attention to every detail around her. She did not have any information about the man but seeing his relaxed behavior as if he was ready to take a nap above Ezequiel's body, allowed her to deduce who he was.

"Numir greets Lord Zatiel, leader of the Daybreak Clan." Numir performed a bow to Zatiel before this one said a single word.

When Zatiel heard that, he was surprised. Even if he doesn't do anything, his body released an aura that would make any mortal feel afraid of him, but that was not the case with the woman in front of him.

"So she is the one you spoke of, not bad. A resolute will that was tempered by a life of suffering and grief. She will make a good addition to our race." Zatiel was pleased with Numir's attitude.

"Yes, she will." A tender light appeared on Ezequiel's eyes as he looked at the woman in his palm.

A happy smile appeared on Numir's face when he heard that and her eyes were full of devotion as she looked at Ezequiel.

"The process is very painful and although I doubt you will have a problem with it, I will still give you some warnings. Be sure your' will maintain resoluteness and do not fall into unconsciousness."

Numir made sure to engrave those words in her mind.

"Please, hand over the baby. It will not be safe for him to be with you during the transformation as we will use Abyss Aura, a dangerous type of energy which would harm him." Zatiel appeared in front of Numri and extended his arms to grab the child in her arms.

When Numir saw how Zatiel was about to grab her brother, her entire body trembled. She jumped backward and her eyes filled with fear but also a wild killing intent.

Peculiar expressions appeared on the Neo-Demons when they saw her reaction. Zatiel sighed and pity could be seen on his face, meanwhile, Ezequiel's eyes filled with boundless wrath.

Numir's eyes widened and her face became pale. Her body acted on pure instinct. When she saw the rage in Ezequiel's eyes, a great pain assaulted her heart.

"I am sorry... I don't know what..." She started to feel anxious but Zatiel calmed her.

"Don't worry, he is not angry with you, on the contrary, he cares deeply. We felt the greatest anger when we saw the people we love hurt."

The reason for the expressions of the duo was that they understood that the trauma the Heavenly race left on her was so grave, that even now that she wanted to trust in others, her body still reacted on its own.

The levels of terror she had to endure must have been enough to drive most people crazy.

Ezequiel saw the confusion his reaction produced and sent an arc of red lightning to Numir, that calmed her emotions and relaxed her body.

"We were waiting to deliver it as a welcoming present when you become part of our race, but it seems it will be better if we hand it over now." Zatiel waved his hand and two figures came out from his ring.

When Numir saw them, shock appeared on her face, and in the next moment, tears filled her eyes. Her heart was filled with happiness as she ran forward.

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"Mom, dad!" Those were words Numir thought she would always associate with sadness, however, there was pure bliss in her heart at this moment.

The reason for Numir's tears of happiness was that the couple who just appeared in front of her were her parents. The ones who died at the hands of the Heavenly race and the persons the woman thought she would never see again.

The couple was confused but when they saw their children, everything else in their minds disappeared and they ran to meet them.

The moment they reached each other, they hugged as if they were afraid that if they let go, they will never see each other again. Numir and her parents could not stop crying, but the baby only looked at the trio with an innocent smile on his face.

The two Neo-Demon remained silent and did not disturb the family reunion.

When Zatiel saw that scene an image appeared on his mind. A family of five, all of them laughing as they shared a meal. They were simple people, but they were happy and full of love.

'I have not thought about them in a long, long time.' A complicated smile appeared on Zatiel's face. After a moment he shook his head and let those memories fade away.

Numir hugged the couple for more than ten minutes until she finally was able to calm down and she stared at Ezequiel, who was looking back at her with a kind smile.

"How is this possible, I was sure they..." Numir was ecstatic when she saw her parent and realized her family was whole once again. But she could not understand how they were here when she saw how they were butchered by the Heavenly race.

"I recovered their remains from the battlefield in which I killed the members of the Heavenly race who harmed you. I reconstructed their bodies and then asked my Master to bring their souls back. It may sound like a miracle but in truth, it is just magic and knowledge." Ezequiel explained what he did to Numir, and he let the couple hear his words, to solve some of their doubts.

To the current Zatiel, resurrecting a couple of mortals who died by physical means was extremely easy. He was able to do something similar when he was just a Rank 1 Neo-Demon, and now that he has reached Rank 3 and had the help of Terminus, everything was much simpler.

"Thank you," Numir said nothing more but the feelings that accompanied those two words were as deep as an ocean.

"Ok then, let's get moving, I have a war to manage and time is precious. Leave your brother with your parents. After the transformation is over, you can solve their doubts."

Zatiel was too lazy to handle the thousands of questions the couple had.

Numir nodded and without delay she handed her little brother to her parents. A transparent cocoon of red lightning formed around the trio and moved them to Ezequiel's other palm.

The couple was puzzled by what happened around them, especially when they realized a giant greater than a mountain was holding them in his palm. But they remained silent and waited for their daughter to explain.

Numir followed Zatiel's instructions and adopted a meditative position. The Ancestor of the Neo-Demon race put his hand on her back and from his spatial ring, threads of liquid Abyss Aura were coming out and entering her body.

After the battle on the island, Zatiel transformed all the Fallen who were incapacitated into Abyss Aura and saved all of it into the spatial ring Gabriel gave him, so he could use it later.

Once he obtains the bloodlines of the Scientia Kingdom, he will start to transform the members of the Daybreak clan who have proved themselves worthy into Neo-Demons.

An immense pain assaulted Numir but a life where every day was a living nightmare had prepared her well.

Ezequiel was focused on her and was ready to provide help in case anything happens, but his concerns were for nothing. The Chaotic-Core was built without a problem inside Numir's heart.

While Numir was distracted by the power that was running through her body, Zatiel instructed Ezequiel.

"You can handle her training. Ask Dante if you need any type of Path Technique. I need to gather with the Fallen and also meet the troops that will come from home. Be ready, we will be fighting again very soon."

After Zatiel saw that Ezequiel nodded, he flew off the palm of the Supreme Neo-Demon and entered the magic tower before using the teleportation facilities.

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Thousands of people were flying to the first magic tower that was built in the Beta Heavenly World. All of them had wings on their backs and used the World Gate to leave this world and travel to the Magi World.

Unlike the usual smug and narcissistic expression that Angels and Angelic Paragons had, the eyes of the Fallen were filled with courage and determination. A life of constant fighting has tempered their wills.

Something common in all the Fallen was a black necklace. Zatiel had noticed it and understood their purpose immediately. They were a type of tool that would allow the seven winged Fallen to monitor the condition of his people.

The Neo-Demon did not understand how he planned to make them work. The immense distance that is between the two worlds will make it impossible to obtain any information about them, but he did not plan to interfere.

They were moving under the surveillance of Nero and the rest of the Soul Forging existence of the Fallen.

Not far from this group, all the Rank 4 Magi were present and the expression in the face of most of them was one of annoyance. They were not happy with Zatiel's deal, as they thought the Fallen was going to obtain too much wealth.

There was also the fact that all the Rank 1 and 2 Fallen who were leaving through the portal could make excellent cannon fodder in their future battles.

Some of them even tried to change the deal, but Zatiel refused to accept their propositions. Even if they attempted to call a council meeting and vote, the Neo-Demon already had secured the votes of Heinz, Totto, and Zitra.

Zatiel and Dante were beside the Cultivator, the Lich, and the female Magus.

The Neo-Demon knew his actions could anger some of the Rank 4 Magi, but in all honesty, he stopped caring about them a long time ago. The combined power of Heinz, Totto, and Zitra was already above what the other seven could achieve and he was sure that as long they manage to win battles and get richer, their dissatisfaction will disappear.

Nero noticed the friction between Zatiel and some of the Magi. He was impressed when he saw how those Soul Forging existences were incapable of doing anything against Zatiel.

When the last of the Rank 1 Fallen passed through the World Gate and left this world a pleasant smile appeared on Nero's face. He was one step closer to achieving freedom and safety for his people.

The World Gate had just stopped working but in the next second, and under the watch of the Fallen and the Magi, five twenty-meter tall giants appeared. They were completely covered by black armors and every single one of them was a Rank 3 life form. There was a strange type of energy inside them.

Following them, hundreds of warriors covered in white armors started to appear.

The Rank 4 Magi were able to recognize these warriors since the armor they had was very similar to the ones a group of the Daybreak Clan used. But unlike the first group who entered this world, whose power was at the bottom of Rank 1, all of these warriors were Rank 2 life forms and there was not a shortage of Master Rank 2.

Their bodies had different forms and the only part that was not covered by the white armor was their eyes, which had a golden flame inside them.

Dante left Zatiel's side and he got closer to this army. The black-armored giants positioned themselves around him, covering every direction.

He waved his hand and in less than five seconds, the two thousand white warriors who passed through the gate created units of one hundred with a Master Rank 2 at the lead in each of them. They displayed perfect coordination as if they were a single mind.

Even though this army could not pose a threat to any of the Rank 4 life forms who were watching them, they still were impressed.

These drones were the result of Tao constantly consuming thousands of Rank 2 life forms over the years. They were modified by the Elder Brain.

Their brains were replaced by a special type of parasite tadpole and Sunlight Aura filled their bodies.

This was an army who felt no fear and who would not hesitate to launch a suicide attack if they receive the order. They had the power to butcher any clan without a Rank 4 life form but to Zatiel they were just an expendable force whose job was to die instead of the Neo-Demons.

"Everyone must get ready, in two weeks we will march and start to expand our domain over this continent."