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Chapter 721 Essence Universe

Ezequiel took a deep breath and calmed his mind before flying toward the Altar of Emptiness. He immediately noticed something was wrong after seeing nothing stop him from directly stepping into the tenth platform.

According to the entity's words, the Trial of Death would end once he reached the tenth platform. If the Supreme Neo-Demon flew directly to the top of the Altar of Emptiness, he would finish the trial in less than a minute.

Of course, how could Ezequiel be so stupid as to do that? Especially after learning about the hidden requirement in the Trial of Life.

The Supreme Neo-Demon headed to the first platform. After fusing with Entropy and ensuring he was in peak condition, he landed on it.

As soon as he touched the platform, Ezequiel saw the world around him vanish. The next second he found himself in a universe made purely from Essence Chaos.

The energy was in complete disarray due to the lack of a functional law matrix, but thanks to what he learned in the Trial of Pseudo-Emptiness, Ezequiel managed to adapt fast.

This universe lacked any form of Astral Chaos or Nether Chaos, meaning an absolute absence of matter and spirit force, which defied logic. universe could only exist once the Astral Chaos, Nether Chaos, and Essence Chaos reached an equilibrium, but Ezequiel could not negate what he saw.

Somehow, the Lord of Emptiness created an energy universe roughly ten percent of the Prima Universe's size inside the Altar of Emptiness' first platform.

Although Ezequiel was amazed by the universe's structure, he regained his focus and understood just how unique this opportunity was.

There was no better place to improve one understanding of Essence Chaos and energy than in a universe made solely from it.

He immediately let go of the sense of self and fully immersed himself into this unique Essence Universe. That was not easy to achieve, but his control over World Strength and Outer Origin Essence allowed such an incredible feat.

The entity saw Ezequiel meditating on the first platform, and a cold light emerged in his eyes.

"Stupid brat, if you understood the original purpose of the Sacred Trial, you would know that there is no way you could survive the Trial of Death." It was easy to see how much the entity wanted Ezequiel to perish.

"Just fucking die so I can obtain my reward."

Ezequiel did not hear the entity's words, and there was nothing else in his mind other than the Essence Universe. Every day, his understanding of the principles that formed this unique universe increased.

After five years, his comprehension of the Essence Universe reached 50%, but unfortunately, no matter how hard he worked, he could not surpass that.

It was like something was missing. Unless Ezequiel found that missing piece, no matter how much time or effort he put in, his comprehension would not advance beyond 50%.

The feeling of a bottleneck was something strange for Ezequiel. His talent had always been superb, and he could continually progress no matter how hard something was.

He opened his eyes and stood up before focusing on the second platform. There was a chance that the missing piece he needed to improve his understanding of the Essence Universe was there, but his instincts told him things were not so simple.

Ezequiel rose from the first platform and was about to head into the second when he noticed how the cold light in the entity's eyes grew stronger.

The entity was an Extreme Rank 9 life form with a powerful soul, so he should have had no trouble hiding his emotions, but there was an apparent problem with his willpower, allowing that flaw to appear.

Ezequiel's eyes narrowed, and he descended. A force prevented him from sending his consciousness out of the first platform, so he could not see what was in the second unless he left.

Or at least that should have been the case, but Ezequiel had chosen the Immortal Avatar True Doomsday Body.

Under the surprised and enraged sight of the entity in charge of the Sacred Trial, Ezequiel split in two.

Splitting into two avatars diminished Ezequiel's battle power but did little to affect his perception. One remained on the first platform while the other flew to the second.

"Fucking cheater!" The entity roared with rage as he saw that, and there was nothing he wanted to do more than kill Ezequiel right now, but he could not do it.

Ezequiel did not bother with the entity as he was too engrossed in the universe held inside the second platform. Its size was similar to the one in the first, and it was also full of Essence Chaos, but something unique happened.

The Essence Chaos filling the universe was mutating, slowly evolving into a solid substance. Ezequiel saw how the energy morphed into matter!

It was still Essence Chaos but took the form of matter, fulfilling the purpose of Astral Chaos.

Not only did the Essence-Astral Universe inside the second platform teach Ezequiel something that he believed to be impossible, but it also improved his understanding of Essence Chaos, allowing his comprehension of the first platform's universe to advance beyond 50%.

The avatar in the first platform was fully immersed in the Essence Universe, while the one in the second did the same with the Essence-Chaos Universe.

Ezequiel comprehended the principles of the Essence-Astral Universe up to 50%, and that of the Essence Universe advanced to 70%!

Once again, the Supreme Neo-Demon faced a bottleneck, but now he knew what to do. He formed a new avatar and sent it to the third platform.

As expected, the third platform also had a universe, and in this one, there was a universe where Essence Chaos was able to give birth to sentience and spirit, fulfilling the role of Nether Chaos.

Chapter 722 Runes Of Truth

As Ezequiel's third avatar understood the mysteries and concepts of the Essence-Nether Universe, the avatars in the first and second platforms also improved.

Six years after Ezequiel created the third avatar, his completion percentage in the first, second, and third platforms became 90%, 70%, and 50%, respectively.

Unfortunately, Ezequiel once again faced a bottleneck. Just by understanding the changes and nature of the Essence Chaos, it was impossible to fully comprehend the principles of the universes inside the first three platforms.

A fourth avatar came to be, and this one flew to the fourth platform. As expected, there was also a universe in it, one made purely of an extremely heavy and dense force, Astral Chaos.

Ezequiel's understanding of Astral Chaos was already very high due to the Astral Chaos Omega Law. He only used two years to comprehend the Astral Universe to 50% and reach a bottleneck.

However, as Ezequiel did that, he discovered his understanding of the Essence-Astral Universe inside the second platform advanced a little, which also helped the avatar in the first platform.

The Lord of Emptiness made all the universes inside the Altar of Emptiness connected.

Understanding one in a higher platform would generate positive feedback to the lower ones. created a new avatar that headed into the fifth platform, where he found a universe with Astral Chaos giving birth to energy.

In the fifth platform, there was a universe where Astral Chaos mutated in order to fulfill the purpose of Essence Chaos. As one could expect, understanding this Astral-Essence Universe generated great feedback for the avatars on the second and first platforms, which in turn helped the one on the third. Eight years later, a new avatar emerged once Ezequiel had improved his comprehension of the different universes as far as he could.

Once the new avatar reached the sixth platform, he saw something defying logic. Powerhouses in the Prima Universe accepted as an unshakable truth that body and soul were contrasting concepts.

While they were intrinsically bound, flesh and blood could not give birth to soul force and vice-versa. That is why it was so incredible to see Astral Chaos, the precursor of all physical matter, create sentience and spirit.

The complexity of the sixth platform surpassed the previous ones, so Ezequiel spent around twenty years in it before reaching the bottleneck. Feedback made it so that all the avatars in lower platforms also improved their comprehension.

When the seventh avatar reached the seventh platform, Ezequiel saw a universe made purely out of Nether Chaos.

The soul is the most complex of the three centers of power, so the Nether Universe was more complicated than the Astral Universe and the Essence Universe.

Every bit of understanding that Ezequiel obtained from the Nether Universe greatly benefited the avatars in the sixth and third platforms.

It was not until fifteen years later that Ezequiel reached a 50% completion over the Nether Universe and sent a new avatar to the eighth platform.

As one would expect, the universe in the eighth platform was one where Nether Chaos mutated and adapted to give birth to energy. This process taught Ezequiel a lot about the nature of the soul, especially how one could find it before the rise into the Soul Realm.

In Rank 4, the soul of most individuals would manifest as a blue miniature of themselves, but before that, it was harder to perceive, and the reason was that it found itself in the form of a force field.

The eyes of all Ezequiel's avatars showed a sense of epiphany as they understood the nature of the eighth platform's universe. If you fully comprehend its principles, there was a chance to revert your soul to the state it found itself before reaching the Soul Realm.

A pensive expression appeared in the avatars as they realized what this Altar of Emptiness was teaching them.

Ezequiel created a new avatar and sent it to the ninth platform after reaching a bottleneck in the Nether-Essence Universe.

The ninth platform contained a universe where Nether Chaos, the force meant to create souls and spirits, mutated and gave birth to flesh and blood.

Once there was an avatar on all the platforms, they formed feedback that connected the first and ninth, making all of them enter a state of enlightenment.

The one affected the most was the avatar on the first platform, as he felt his understanding of the Essence Universe advancing non-stop.

Forty hours later, the avatar in the first platform began to tremble as his understanding of the principles that reigned the Essence Universe reached 100%!

At that moment, runes began to appear on Ezequiel's forehead. They formed a small line with less than ten characters, but that did not mean it was weak since its power surpassed any form of law.

The reason is that the power that made those runes was a Truth!

Less than ten hours later, the avatar on the fourth platform also trembled as he reached a 100% understanding of the Astral Universe.

A new line of runes containing the power of a Truth emerged in Ezequiel's forehead, crossing the ones made after comprehending the Essence Universe.

It was not long before Ezequiel fully comprehended the Nether Universe's principles, making the third line of runes emerge on his forehead.

Once Ezequiel fully comprehended the Essence Universe, Astral Universe, and Nether Universe, all the others became simpler.

Runes with the power of a Truth began to emerge in Ezequiel's left and right collarbone as he fully understood the Essence-Nether Universe and Essence-Astral Universe.

The Astral-Essence Universe and Astral-Nether Universe generated runes with the power of a Truth that covered the entire Supreme Neo-Demon's spine.

As for the runes that appeared after deciphering the principles of the Nether-Essence Universe and Nether-Astral Universe, they covered his sternum.

Once all the runes fully materialized, the avatar on the first platform waved his hand, and all others fused back into his body.

Now that all the runes were in a single body, they began to glow with incredible power and fuse into one.

Chapter 723 See A World In A Single Cell

Ezequiel felt great pain for a moment as the runes fused, and an immense amount of information reached his mind.

The runes taught him something that went above just reaching an equilibrium between body, soul, and energy. He understood that Essence Chaos, Nether Chaos, and Astral Chaos were not parallel concepts. They not only could fuse but also take each other's paths and fulfill multiple functions.

'So this is the Pan Inheritance. After your three centers of power have reached a balance to the point of energy and soul force merging into your flesh and blood, go to the extreme and erase all dividing lines.'

Ezequiel could not help but tremble as he imagined the might one could achieve if every part of his body could simultaneously deploy the full might of your energy, soul force, and physical strength.

The Pan Inheritance could grant a body where every single one of its trillions of cells could function as a physical vessel, an energy reactor, and a soul origin.

Ezequiel focused on the Altar of Emptiness' tenth platform, and he knew what would happen once he put a foot in it. To activate the Pan Inheritance, he needed a crazy amount of Emptiness Aura. the Emptiness Aura began invading Ezequiel, it would not stop. If he failed to evolve, the force would overload him until he exploded and died.

Had Ezequiel headed straight into the tenth platform when the Trial of Death started, he would have died without question.

Ezequiel focused on the tenth platform as he weighed the danger he would face. If it wasn't for his Neo-Demon's heritage, he was sure he would not have reached this point.

In the Empty World, it was because the Sacred Trial's rules did not consider something like an Artificial Path of Power possible that Ezequiel managed to display such a mighty power.

And if it weren't for his Immortal True Doomsday Avatar allowing him to form avatars, he would have never fully deciphered the principles behind the Altar of Emptiness' universes.

However, nothing would help him on the tenth platform. Ezequiel would have to face a challenge that no one in the multiverse could have the talent to surpass.

'He could!' A monstrous silver flame emerged in Ezequiel's eyes as the picture of a man with three eyes that seemed capable of encompassing the universe appeared in his mind.

"Are you ready!"

Ezequiel planned to do the evolution while fused with Entropy. That meant both would become unique if he managed to do it, but neither would survive if he failed.

"ROAR!" Entropy's answer came from a roar that proved his unbreakable will.

Ezequiel smiled as he heard the answer of his Sanctus Battle Partner, and all doubts vanished from his heart as he flashed toward the tenth platform. As soon as he put a foot in it, the Altar of Emptiness began to glow.

Every universe inside the nine platforms collapsed, channeling its forces into Ezequiel's body.

That force's original purpose was to improve the Pan Inheritance's Vessel's comprehension of Nether Chaos, Astral Chaos, and Essence Chaos.

The Lord of Emptiness never thought that there would be someone that managed to fully decipher the nine universes before stepping into the tenth platform.

So, in Ezequiel's case, instead of improving his comprehension, which was already at 100%, those forces put the Supreme Neo-Demon in a state of absolute enlightenment.

Ezequiel's eyes lost their light as he embarked on the Pan Inheritance's evolution, and the first thing to happen was the implosion of his Inner Law Dimension!

Nothing but raging energy remained as the Supreme Neo-Demon's Inner Law Dimension was gone. It exited his body and gathered above him before swallowing an insane amount of Emptiness Aura that purified it.

Once Ezequiel's energy had reverted to a state so pure it was indistinguishable from Essence Chaos, it was time for the next step.

The Supreme Neo-Demon shook as everything made of Primordial Essence, meaning his True Soul, True Doomsday Body, and True Will also imploded!

The blue, black, and golden humanoids reverted to a force field made of pure soul force.

As his energy, the soul force field emerged from Ezequiel's body and began to swallow Emptiness Aura to refine itself. It only stopped after reaching a level of purity equal to Nether Chaos.

After the Emptiness Aura handled the soul and energy, it was time for the body. It began to invade Ezequiel's cells, pushing them into a reactive state, ready to mutate.

Now that his three centers of power were ready, his energy and soul force field began to pour into his body, reaching every cell.

The entity in charge of the Sacred Trial focused on Ezequiel, and although his eyes were still full of coldness and wildness, for the first time, there was also interest.

Ezequiel's cells began to react to the influx of energy and soul force. Each attempted to evolve after taking the new forces, transforming into something unique.

Unfortunately, while that evolution would grant each and every cell incredible power, achieving it was next to impossible.

The Supreme Neo-Demon's body began to disintegrate as his cells exploded after failing to evolve. In less than a minute, there was nothing left of him.

The entity saw that, but instead of showing happiness at seeing the one he had wanted dead for so long perishing, he only shook his head.

"I guess this farce is finally over... Wait!" The entity's eyes widened as he focused on the tenth platform.

Ezequiel's body was nowhere to be seen, giving the idea he had entirely disintegrated after failing to evolve, but the truth was there was still a piece of him.

It was a single cell, but one could see an entire world in it!

The three great forces had fused into something unique, giving birth to a small dimension where energy, soul, and flesh were one and the same!

Chapter 724 Singularity

That single glowing cell containing a world where energy, matter, and soul fused into a single force was a miracle at a level the multiverse had only seen once before.

The entity saw how that single cell was the only one left from the dozens of trillions that composed Ezequiel's body. Still, the presence of that cell meant the Supreme Neo-Demon had triggered the Pan Inheritance and fulfilled his evolution!

Oceans of Emptiness Aura entered that cell, making it tremble before experiencing mitosis, giving birth to a new one. That process repeatedly occurred as the cells differentiated and took specific roles.

A skeleton, nervous system, muscles, and organs slowly appeared above the Altar of Emptiness. The body they were creating was enormous, and once the cells completed their work, it was larger than a High World!

Ezequiel's body still had three faces and six arms covered in bone armor. However, the silver stars around his head were now burning suns. That was not the only change as a black matrix extended all over his body, through which a dark, golden, and white force circulated.

He slowly opened his eyes, which were now pure white from where flaming lightning emerged.

"AHHHHH!" The Supreme Neo-Demon roared as he unleashed all of his power, generating a blast of energy.

It was hard to say the level of his cultivation due to the uniqueness of his centers of power, but his soul force rose to Peak Rank 7. As for his aura, it seemed to have become infinitely close to Rank 9! kept roaring and burning his energy as he attempted to adjust. His body was simultaneously his energy and soul, making his senses go haywire.

Luckily, after a few minutes, Ezequiel regained focus and partially adapted to his new state. He moved his hand closer to his eyes and saw landmasses and basic life in each of its cells!

Nevertheless, Ezequiel did not have time to wonder as the void around him cracked before shattering like a crystal.

The next second, the Supreme Neo-Demon's eyes widened with utter shock as he saw himself standing in the palm of an enormous being.

Ezequiel was the size of a High World but still looked no different than an ant in the being's palm. He did not think for long to figure out who this person was.

"The Lord of Emptiness!"

As he heard those words, a smile appeared in the enormous being, and he looked at Ezequiel before starting to laugh.

"Hahahaha, so I was right!"

Ezequiel did not have the luxury of considering those words, as that laugh made his ears bleed and shook his vital organs. Had he not evolved, the sonic waves could have shattered his body!

The Lord of Emptiness was not attacking Ezequiel. He was sincerely just laughing. However, his voice had the power to harm Rank 9 life forms.

Luckily for Ezequiel, when the Lord of Emptiness saw the effect of his laugh, he stopped. After a moment, his body shrank to the size of a High World.

"Like this, our conversation will be easier."

Ezequiel's eyes narrowed as he stared at the Lord of Emptiness, and while this one did not seem to have any ill will against him, he did not lower his guard.

"WAIT!"

The Supreme Neo-Demon was just about to ask a question when he heard that shout. He turned to the right and saw the entity in charge of the Sacred Trial looking at the Lord of Emptiness with eyes full of wildness and desperation.

"GIVE ME MY REWARD!"

The Lord of Emptiness turned toward the entity, and no emotion could be seen in his eyes as he answered.

"Here is your reward."

Ezequiel saw how the Lord of Emptiness aimed his right hand toward the entity, making the last one explode!

An Extreme Rank 9 life form perished just like that, and the pieces of his existence fused into the Lord of Emptiness, making the eyes of this one glow.

"I am sorry for the interruption. You were about to ask a question, right?" The Lord of Emptiness' voice was calm as if killing the entity in charge of the Sacred Trial meant nothing to him.

'Rank 10!' Ezequiel's alertness spiked as he stared at the Lord of Emptiness.

Although he suspected that the Lord of Emptiness was a Rank 10 life form, being in the presence of one was still incredible. Those were entities capable of ending super universes, with life spans larger than an Epoch.

Attempting to decipher what crossed the mind of a life form that might have lived for trillions of years was beyond the Supreme Neo-Demon's abilities.

"What is the reason you did all of this?" Ezequiel did not think he could outsmart the Lord of Emptiness, so he went straight to the point.

The Lord of Emptiness did not answer immediately. He focused on Ezequiel for a few seconds before shrugging his shoulders.

"I created the Sacred Trial to find a Vessel with the Gu Inheritance in which I could impart the Pan Inheritance. I would then possess that person and break the shackles of my nature."

Ezequiel's eyes narrowed as an immense coldness and killing intent appeared in them. No matter how futile the battle could be, he would not just let someone else take control of him.

"There is no need to act like that. If I wanted to control you, I would have done it when the Pan Inheritance changed your nature. I will explain everything in a moment, but you can rest assured that the power you have is now yours and no one else."

The Lord of Emptiness's answer relaxed Ezequiel. There was no need for him to lie since there was nothing the Supreme Neo-Demon could do to fight him.

"I must say, it is a pity that you appeared so late. Otherwise, you might have become the Singularity."

"Singularity?" Ezequiel had not heard that term before and did not know that was the way the entity in charge of the Sacred Trial called Zatiel.

"Singularity is how my kind refers to the Story's Protagonist."

Chapter 725 Higher Than The Prima Universe

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Ezequiel was confused by those words, something the Lord of Emptiness could see.

"Hahaha, sorry about that. My perception of reality and the universe is different from yours. First of all, allow me to introduce myself properly. I am Pan Gu. As for the title Lord of Emptiness..."

Pan Gu slightly paused after that as he focused on Ezequiel with a smile.

"That is not actually a title, but a race, our race. You and I are part of the Lords of Emptiness."

Ezequiel was surprised when he heard that. He knew that obtaining the Gu and Pan Inheritances had changed him, but the fact that he became a Lord of Emptiness was a shock. Nevertheless, it only made the questions in his mind grow.

Pan Gu saw the confusion growing in Ezequiel's mind and waved his hand, teleporting them into what seemed to be a raging ocean of multicolored forces.

Ezequiel felt he was suffocating. He could not breathe or think, and the pressure of the forces around him was about to crush him. Pan Gu put a hand over the Supreme Neo-Demon's shoulder, protecting him from the forces and stabilizing his chronoception and "This is the Emptiness. The crib of our race. Since you are a Lord of Emptiness, your flesh and blood were able to endure its corrosive power. Still, you are too weak and can not adapt to a place without space or time. You cannot truly see your surroundings and possibly only perceive raging colored forces."

Ezequiel was still trying to catch his breath as he heard Pan Gu's words. He focused on the surroundings, but no matter how hard he attempted, everything remained the same.

"You will see it once your existence surpasses the laws and you enter the Realm of Truth."

The Supreme Neo-Demon turned to Pan Gu and was surprised to see melancholy in his eyes.

"We, Lords of Emptiness, are born as Hegemons. Our power is immense, and we can wander the Emptiness without worry." Pan Gu waved his hand again, bringing him and Ezequiel back to the Sacred Trial.

The Supreme Neo-Demon saw the world around him change, showing him the Emptiness again, but this time it was an illusion.

Immense amounts of those raging multicolored forces began to concentrate in a single point, and after what seemed to be billions of years, a life form was born.

Ezequiel could see that Pan Gu was showing his birth. There was confusion in the Lord of Emptiness as he looked at his surroundings, but he was not alone for long.

A few minutes after his birth, other life forms similar to him approached Pan Gu. It was at that moment that the illusion froze.

"I was born utterly alone, but my race did not let me experience that loneliness for long. The other Lords of Emptiness taught me about the Emptiness, how to grow, and we explored all its wonders." Pan Gu's smile showed sadness as he looked at those Lords of Emptiness that came to receive him.

"Unfortunately, not even the greatest of us can defy the purpose of our existence, and one by one, they all left."

Ezequiel's eyes narrowed as he heard all of that. By how Pan Gu explained it, the purpose of the Lords of Emptiness involved a tremendous personal sacrifice.

"As my brethren did with me, I received and educated the new Lords of Emptiness until my time finally came."

The illusion changed, and now Ezequiel saw Pangu standing alone in the Emptiness.

He adopted a solemn expression before clasping his hands, making the Emptiness tremble and channeling those raging multicolored forces into his body.

Ezequiel had experienced the power of those multicolored forces, and just a stream of them was more than he could handle, yet Pan Gu drew endless oceans into himself.

Pan Gu's eyes grew cold as he looked at his surroundings and saw the billions of creatures charging at him.

The Supreme Neo-Demon recognized some of them as Outlandish Beast of Emptiness, but there were others with much greater power in that stampede.

"Hmph!" Pan Gu sneered as he saw the countless monsters coming at him.

He attacked without mercy, killing thousands with every move and devouring their corpses. However, no matter how many he killed, more and more came.

As the battle continued, more wounds appeared in Pan Gu's body, and it seemed he would not last for long.

Just as those creatures were ready to give the Lord of Emptiness a decisive blow, this one showed a cold smile before exploding, taking all of them down with him.

Despite being an illusion, Ezequiel's eyes glowed with amazement as he saw the might of that explosion and how it managed to alter the Emptiness.

Order appeared in all that chaos as a massive structure came to be. It was full of heavenly bodies, and there was a matrix that stabilized it.

Ezequiel's eyes glowed with enlightenment as he saw all of that, and he finally understood the starting point of everything.

"The Lords of Emptiness are the ones that create the universes. That is your purpose."

"That is right. The Emptiness creates us so that we can create universes." Pan Gu nodded to Ezequiel's words and proceeded to answer the original question.

"According to my brethren, the essence of each universe is that of a story. Countless events happen in every Epoch, all in the quest of raising one unique life form. We are currently in the Ninth Epoch, and finally, one has appeared."

Ezequiel contemplated Pan Gu's words for a moment before speaking.

"So the universe creates the Singularity?"

Pan Gu immediately shook his head.

"You could not be more wrong. No universe can create a Singularity as that would be a paradox."

The Lord of Emptiness waved his hand and made the image of a man with three eyes appear in front of them.

"Master!" Ezequiel immediately recognized the image.

"The one you refer to as Master was born as a simple life form with nothing special. However, he never stops advancing and growing stronger." Pan Gu's voice carried a deep sense of respect and even admiration as he spoke.

"No challenge could defeat him, and nothing could keep him down. He kept raising his destiny until this one became higher than the Prima Universe. Now, he is the sun, and everything else orbits around him. That is why he became the Singularity, the Story's Protagonist."

Chapter 726 Pan Gu's Saga

Ezequiel was able to understand the meaning of Pan Gu's words. The Lords of Emptiness consider the universes as wombs whose purpose was to give birth to countless life forms.

One of those life forms would then achieve such great heights that his destiny would surpass that of the universe, becoming the Singularity.

As for the when and how that would happen, the universe had no control over it since the Singularity was something that transcended it.

"If the universe's purpose is to give birth to a Singularity, then what is the purpose of this one?" Ezequiel was extremely interested in the topic of Singularities, especially now that it involved Zatiel.

Pan Gu was happy to share his knowledge with Ezequiel and answered the question. first step for the Singularity is to take complete control over their universe before ascending to the Realm of Truth, where they would break all forms of shackles and become a unique entity that rose to Rank 10 with their own power. As for what happens after that, I have no idea."

Ezequiel nodded to Pan Gu's words, and they made perfect sense. Lords of Emptiness were born to sacrifice themselves in order to birth universes. There was no need for them to know what would happen next.

"You have told me that the original purpose of this Sacred Trial was to obtain a Vessel capable of receiving the Pan and Gu Inheritances so you could possess him, but that is no longer possible." The Supreme Neo-Demon's attitude was solemn as he spoke those words. Even if Pan Gu had no reason to lie, there was no way he would trust someone he had just met.

Pan Gu could see the caution in Ezequiel's eyes but only smiled.

"As you know, my kind is bound to sacrifice themselves to birth a new universe. That is our nature, and none of us can fight against it." Pan Gu paused at that point, and monstrous willpower emerged in his eyes the next second. "However, I refused to walk the path others had laid for me. I might not resist the drive to create a new universe, but that did not mean I would just accept my death!"

Ezequiel admired Pan Gu's determination. He was the Godking of Freedom, so all those striving for it were heroes in his mind.

"Although the Prima Epoch Explosion would shatter my existence, using its pieces to solidify the newborn universe, I created the Emptiness Abode so it could preserve a fragment of my Primordial Essence."

Ezequiel was surprised to learn that the abode in which he took the Secret Trial had been present since the First Epoch Cycle.

"I had to be careful since if the Universe Will learned what I did, it would do all in its power to suppress me and prevent my rebirth. With each Epoch, I was becoming stronger. In the Eight Epoch, I became powerful enough to implement the last phase of my plan."

The Lord of Emptiness' nature bound him to the martyr's destiny, but this one fought with all his power to change it. The determination needed to implement a plan that would take several Epochs was beyond shocking.

"I fused drops of my blood into the Prima Universe's nucleus, so life forms with the Gu Inheritance would emerge in the Ninth Epoch. Then, I altered the laws so a new world would appear with the Altar of Emptiness as its core."

Ezequiel's eyes narrowed as he heard that and understood the connection between the Titans and Primordials. He was wrong in his belief that the first were descendants of the latter.

Titans contained the Primordial Bloodline hidden inside them because they were born in a world created out of the Emptiness Abode. The forces emitted by Pan Gu must have altered the world's origin and given birth to the Titan Race.

The Supreme Neo-Demon did not lose much time with those thoughts as Pan Gu kept talking.

"Originally, those with the Gu Inheritance would be drawn to this world where they would participate in the True Sacred Trial, the one you surpassed. I needed to test their abilities and also their personalities, as the possession would go much better if it were similar to mine." Pan Gu did not hide anything from Ezequiel, shedding light on the reason behind the secret requirement on the Trial of Life and Trial of Death.

A coward that would only hide could never surpass the Trial of Life, and someone without patience and determination would not be able to take things one step at a time and would fail the Trial of Death.

"After each Epoch Explosion, I entered a state of hibernation that could last several billions of years, so I needed someone to handle the Sacred Trial. The one you saw before was an individual I captured in the Seventh Epoch. Usually, Extreme Rank 9 life form's will would not be affected by the passage of time, but I made some alterations to him, forcing him to strive with everything he had to carry the Sacred Trial to completion."

Pan Gu saw that Ezequiel's eyes showed anger and disdain for the first time since he began speaking. That did not bother him, as he understood where those feelings came from.

"As someone bound to his nature, I also loath slavery, but I have no problem doing it with those that like to take away the freedom of others. That man enslaved almost a third of the universe during his prime, so I gave him a taste of his own medicine."

"Oh, so it was like that." Ezequiel nodded, and his anger vanished. Why would he protect the freedom of those that do not know its value?

"My alterations made him descend into insanity but transformed him into a perfect caretaker. I promised to release him of his burden once he fulfilled his purpose, so I did." Pan Gu showed nothing as he spoke about that man. He did not even care about learning the entity's name.

"Everything was ready for my rebirth in the Ninth Epoch, but I could have never predicted that a Rank 10 life form would have invaded the Prima Universe during the Eight Epoch."

Chapter 727 Rank 9 True Will

"Originally, once a Vessel combined the Pan and Gu Inheritances, that person would have become a unique Lord of Emptiness, not bound to our nature, and who follows only his wishes. I will have fused with that person, becoming a true Rank 10 life form bound to nothing, just like the Singularities. Unfortunately, all that planning went to waste." A rueful smile appeared on Pan Gu's face as he remembered the events of the Eight Epoch.

"The apocalyptic battle that occurred during the Eight Epoch as the entire universe rallied against the invader caused severe damage to the Emptiness Abode and myself. I won't be able to survive the subsequent Epoch Explosion, and if I were to return to the Emptiness for an extended period of time, my nature would act, forcing me to die as I create another universe." Pan Gu sighed as he reached this point. All his work and planning that extended for several Epochs failed because someone interfered right before he could succeed.

At this point, Pan Gu focused on Ezequiel, and a large smile appeared on his face.

"I did not want all my preparations to waste away, so I let the trial take place during this Epoch even if I could not take advantage of it anymore. Since I could not interfere, the difficulty in the Trial of Death reached an impossible level, so I did not really have much hope. However, you did it. You, Ezequiel Invictus, became a Lord of Emptiness free of the shackles of our nature." Pan Gu's smile only grew broader as a powerful sense of hope appeared in his eyes.

"You have the talent and destiny to reach the Realm of Truth. I hope that when that day comes, you can use your power to find our brethren in the Emptiness and help them break the shackles of our nature." Pan Gu's goal was to free himself, he also intended to give that gift to his kind and let all decide their own destiny!

Ezequiel remained silent as a powerful silver flame manifested in his eyes, making them resemble supernovas!

"I am the Godking of Freedom. Those who understand its value will have freedom, no matter who they are or who I have to face to give it to them!"

Pan Gu clenched his fist as he heard those words. He had seen Ezequiel's life through the river of time and knew that the Supreme Neo-Demon valued honor above everything.

If Ezequiel said he would free the Lords of Emptiness, there was no doubt in Pan Gu's mind that this one would do everything in his power to fulfill that promise.

"That is all I needed to hear. Now, you have become a Lord of Emptiness, but your situation is a little odd. Our kind is born at Rank 10, so we don't have a Path of Power to guide us through the Law Realm. I am sure that I can create one, but you will have to help me. During that time, I will also teach you how to use the Emptiness Aura and my most powerful spells and techniques."

Ezequiel's eyes widened as a rush of excitement filled his mind and heart. No one in the Prima Universe could teach him something better than he already had since the Incarnation of Death and Destruction was the strongest of all.

However, Pan Gu was a Rank 10 life form that explored the Emptiness. Who knew what kind of spells and techniques he mastered in his life.

"Hahaha, you finally acted like the brat you are!" Pan Gu began to laugh as he saw the expression Ezequiel made when he mentioned his spells.

The fact that the Supreme Neo-Demon was a Rank 7 life form or thousands of years old did not change the fact that Pan Gu looked at this one like a junior.

Ezequiel only sneered at that remark, which made Pan Gu laugh grow louder.

"Ok, enough fun, let's get serious. First of all, while your Primordial Essence fused with your cells, and we can not regain the True Soul, I can help you recover the True Doomsday Body and True Will. As a Lord of Emptiness, your three centers of power are one and evolve as such, but your Artificial Paths of Power are impressive, and it would be a shame to lose them."

"Of course, they are incredible. After all, the True Will and True Doomsday Body are the gifts that make my Neo-Demon Race the strongest in the Prima Universe!" Ezequiel's face was full of pride as he said those words. Hear a Rank 10 life form praise Neo-Demons' Artificial Paths of Power felt good.

Pan Gu had nothing to say about Ezequiel's remarks since Neo-Demons were superior to other Prima Universe's races. As for the fact that Ezequiel considered himself part of them, that did not bother him.

Who said that Ezequiel could not be a Lord of Emptiness and a Neo-Demon?

"The Path of Power that will train your path as a Lord of Emptiness will handle your three centers of power. The True Doomsday Body will take an auxiliary role, but that doesn't mean you can neglect it since it has incredible potential. As for the True Will Path of Power, that is something extraordinary, even by my standards."

Pan Gu thought of a way to generate synergy between the three Paths of Power.

"I already understand enough of the True Doomsday Body Path of Power to make it work perfectly with your new Path of Power. However, I need more information about the True Will Path of Power. What is its next evolutive stage?"

Although the information regarding the True Will Path of Power was a secret, since it would not harm in any way at the Neo-Demon Race, Ezequiel chose to share it.

"Once a Neo-Demon harmonizes with a Concept, he enters the Sun Collapser Rank, which is equal to Rank 8. Our willpower becomes eternal, and we obtain Will Force that can allow our bodies or spells to gain the strength of a newly advanced Rank 7 life form. To reach the peak, we need to keep strengthening our Concept Sun and stay true to our hearts."

"As for reaching Rank 9, that is easy. We just need to face the Universe Will."

Chapter 728 A Face From The Past

It had been more than two hundred years since Venganza returned to the Neo-Demon Realm and began his recovery. The Depravita kept his word and no longer devoured any world's vitality but did draw the Elemental Chaos that covered the realm non-sto From a distance, one could see an apocalyptic tornado of Elemental Chaos entering a world whose final destination was the Depravita's mouth.

Other than healing from his wounds, Venganza also improved his cultivation. His True Soul Path of Power had already reached the Peak Rudimentary Form Stage!

To advance from the Seed Stage to the Rudimentary Form Stage, one only needed a powerful Inner Universe's origin and mastery over laws capable of giving birth to the framework of a structure like a world or plane.

That framework was the first step in creating your Prime Structure. It took the Inner Universe's origin as its nucleus and was fundamental in a life form's mastery over the laws and forces.

A Primarch's Inner Universe was equal to ten percent of the Prima Universe's size, but that did not mean they would create a structure that would take all that space. If they were to do so, their universes would colla one would create a Prime Structure that would occupy ten percent of your Inner Universe. It would protect the universe's origin and enhance the energy coming from it before sending it into the void.

Beings of Law use the energy in the void to trigger their spells. Only in extreme circumstances would they draw forces from the Prime Structure. Using the Inner Universe's origin only occurred when they were desperate and had no way out since it would severely harm their foundations.

The type of Prime Structure you chose was important, as it involved the unique characteristics your Inner Universe would obtain as it evolved.

Venganza's Prime Structure resembled a bipyramid. The upper section was white, full of light, and contained forces that almost every race in the universe could use.

However, the lower section was its antithesis. It was black and evil and contained a power that only one race could use.

Venganza needed an Inner Universe that could enhance his bloodline's power and strengthen his Depravita Force's might.

Although he already had an energy source with Eternal Nightmare, the Virtual Dream Universe could not compare with the might of his Inner Universe, which will one day equal a super universe.

The Primordial Body Incarnation was not exactly happy with the path the Inner Universe was taking. Still, since Vegnaza was the original and had control over it, there was nothing he could do.

Suddenly, Vengaza waved one hand, making the Elemental Chaos' tornado that constantly fueled his body vanish. He opened his eyes and clenched his fist, making the space around him crumble.

"I am fully healed." Venganza stood up with Sophia's body still in his arms. He had not let go of the corpse during the last few centuries.

He did not do that just to look at her corpse. Whenever he saw her face, the desire to destroy and kill grew stronger in his heart, immensely helpful for his training as a Depravita.

Waves of Depravita Force began to cover Sophia's corpse, forming a black coffin. In it, one could find the powers of End Origin Essence, making it so that time could not affect her.

Venganza sent the coffin into his Inner Universe before looking at the void outside of the world.

Hades had been staring at the Depravita from a distance and could not help but tremble as he saw those eyes focusing on him.

"Hmph." Venganza only sneered toward the Ancient Being of Laws before teleporting outside the Neo-Demon Realm. He then adopted a meditative position as countless karmic threads emerged from his body.

Each thread connected to someone Zatiel had made contact with in one way or another during his third and fourth life. Most of them headed into the Neo-Demon Realm, but a significant portion vanished into the void.

The Depravita frowned as he analyzed the karmic threads and failed to locate the one he was looking for. It was not that the target was too strong, but their interaction had been brief and happened a while ago.

"Even if you are dead or in a hidden dimension of the Prima Universe, you will not escape from me!" Vengaza's aura exploded, making the karmic threads shine brighter.

It was then that Venganza's eyes narrowed, and he grabbed a karmic thread so thin that even a Rank 9 life form would have a hard time seeing it.

"I found you!" The Depravita said nothing else before using Void Universe and Void Teleportation. He moved at an incredible speed and reached a Middle World in the periphery of the Prima Universe in less than a minute.

For someone with Venganza's power, a Middle World was nothing. He could destroy it with a single strike, killing the trillions of life forms inside it.

Usually, Being of Laws do not dare to destroy worlds blatantly because the Primarchs had prohibited such behavior.

Destroying worlds would diminish the battle power of the Prima Universe and harm the universe life form's collective drive, meaning the Universe Will.

Of course, while the Primarch's wrath could keep others at bay, it meant nothing for Venganza.

Luckily for the Middle World, the Depravita looks for one person. Using his Karmic Samsara Origin Essence, he was more than capable of ending that individual's life despite the Crystal Wall between them.

Venganza's eyes were cold as he focused on an old man on top of a mountain. There was nothing special about him other than wearing an oversized robe with a sheep's picture on the back.

He was not alone as hundreds of youths were attentively listening to his teaching. The old man taught them cultivation, with the main topic being the Law of Faith.

The one that Venganza was looking for was the man that enlivened the fight between Zatiel and the King in Yellow, whom he knew back then as the Sage.

"Mr. Grey."

Chapter 729 Life Has Value

Thousands of years ago, Mr. Grey guided the Eye Holder's siblings to Zatiel, prompting this one to use them against the Sage.

One could say it was thanks to that interference that Zatiel managed to turn the tables against the Sage during the events that took place in the Beta Heavenly War.

However, you could also say that Mr. Grey used Zatiel, prompting an enmity against the Sage that ended with Sophia's death.

Venganza frowned as he stared at Mr. Grey. He was a Depravita, so he could see inside a life form's mind and soul, detecting any form of evil. Still, he saw nothing of it inside that old man.

"How can he be so... normal." The Depravita's eyes narrowed as he focused on Mr. Grey and saw the karmic threads coming out of him.

What he saw on these threads only bothered him even more. The old man was full of loved ones and was not the target of any unjust hatred. present tells me nothing, so let's see your past."

Venganza focused on Mr. Grey and used the power of Cause Origin Essence and Effect Origin Essence to see his entire life from the beginning.

Gradually, the frown on Venganza became stronger, as did the coldness in his eyes.

It was not that the old man was evil. On the contrary, Mr. Grey's life was one of virtue and peace. You would not be wrong to call him a saint.

However, that peace shattered after the arrival of the Sage. The entire world fell under its hands, as did Mr. Grey.

Only after every life form in the world had become a potential incarnation did Mr. Grey figure out Sage's true intentions.

Unfortunately, Mr. Grey was too weak, so even if he knew the truth, he could do nothing else but resign to his destiny.

Actually, that weakness saved Mr. Grey since the Sage cared so little about the old man that he did not even pay attention to his actions.

That allowed Mr. Grey to look for a way out with the Law of Fate. He searched non-stop, and no matter how many challenges or dangers he faced, he continued fighting until he finally reached the Magi World.

There, Mr. Grey learned about a genius that also had enmity against the Sage and decided to try his luck, which turned out amazingly well.

After Zatiel sent the avatar into the First Layer of the Final Purgatory, the Incarnation of Death and Destruction's body reacted instinctively and attacked with the power of Truth.

That erased the Sage from spacetime in the Prima Universe, destroying the seeds inside the people of Mr. Grey's world and saving them from becoming future incarnations.

The current Mr. Grey had no recollection of that, as Zatiel's actions erased his memories of the Sage. Losing all those harmful experiences was why the old man's smile was so pure and honest.

Venganza clenched his fist as a flash of rage crossed his eyes. He came here to kill the master schemer that used him against the Sage, but the only thing he found was an old man that fought to the end to protect his world and the people he loved.

But, that was not the only thing that annoyed him, as the life of Mr. Grey proved a point that he found extremely unsettling and affected his vision of the universe as a Depravita.

"Hmph, who cares!" Venganza almost yelled those words as he raised his right arm and was about to erase Mr. Grey.

"You will not do it." A voice appeared as the Primordial Body Incarnation emerged from the Depravita's body.

Venganza's coldness only increased as he saw the Primordial Body Incarnation. He only needed to close his palm to erase Mr. Grey from the universe.

"Oh, and you are going to stop me?" The Depravita's words not only were cold, but they also carried a threat. Anyone that got in the path of his vengeance would suffer the consequences, even if that individual were himself.

The Primordial Body Incarnation knew that Venganza was much stronger but showed no fear at the Depravita's words.

"You will not do it because it goes against your Concept."

"How could someone like you understand more about Concepts than me!? Even if his past involvement was small, it is enough for me to make him a target of my revenge!"

Venganza's words made sense, but the Primordial Body Incarnation only shook his head.

"I am not talking about that Concept. You might be the Depravita of Vengeance, but you are also the Godking of Justice."

Those words surprised the Depravita. He did not pay too much attention to his True Will, partly because his Depravita's heritage already granted him incredible spiritual defenses, making the golden humanoid not so useful anymore.

"Justice and vengeance can work together, but that would not be the case if you kill that old man. Besides, you want to end him because he is proof that the way your kind sees the world is not absolute."

Venganza's eyes grew even colder as he heard that last part. The Primordial Body Incarnation noticed that but carried on.

"Depravitas only cared about power, and only those with strength have the right to strive. That old man is so weak that the King in Yellow did not even bother with him, yet look at what his perseverance achieved." The Primordial Body Incarnation paused as he turned toward Mr. Grey with a smile.

"Life has value, no matter how weak it might be. There are bad ones that only spread darkness and do not deserve to live. However, more good ones only strive for happiness, which we must protect."

Venganza remained silent for a moment as enlightenment appeared on his face.

"I know what you are doing."

The Primordial Body Incarnation remained silent as he heard that, but the fact he did not refute it told Venganza a lot.

"Hmph." Venganza only sneered, but in the end, he lowered his hand.

"I need to kill. Let's go to Baator!"

Chapter 730 Venganza Vs Zurtur (I)

The entirety of Baator had suffered horrible damage after the events that took place over the Styx River. Not only did the Chaos-Order Unity Formation devour a significant amount of its origin, but the Chaos Sphere that clashed outside Minarous, the Third Circle of Hell, wreaked havoc on its Crystal Wall.

After beating the Champion of Chaos like a dog, the Incarnation of Death and Destruction destroyed all the Rank 9 Archfiends. Even though the Archdevils managed to reform their bodies during the last century, none of them was at full power.

The only silver lining for the Archfiends was that the Primarchs had also suffered severe wounds during the battle, and none of them was ready to start an incursion into the Evil Planes anytime soon.

Unfortunately, someone healed much faster and was ready to go all out in Avernus.

Venganza appeared in the sky above the First Circle of Hell. His perception allowed him to cover all of Avernus and detect the trillions of Devils in it.

"Time to finish what I started billions of years ago." The Depravita spoke those words before opening his mouth and releasing a mouthful of blood.

Venganza's eyes glowed as he fused the power of his Origin Essence Wheel into the blood before sending it toward Averus' Crystal Wall. countless Devils in Avernus looked to the sky as they noticed how the Crystal Wall had turned red. At first, they were confused, but soon they understood what happened as some attempted to teleport outside the plane and failed.

None knew how it happened, but the Crystal Wall that had worked as a shield against outside forces became a cage.

After reverting the cause and effect of the Crystal Wall, the Depravita flashed down, exploding when he touched the ground, transforming into a dark fog that began to expand in all directions.

Not only did this fog have the power to devour life, but it could also channel World Strength, allowing it to hide from the Plane Consciousness.

The dark fog moved at an incredible speed, and no matter how fast the Devils ran, soon they were drowned and devoured by it.

It did not take long for the fog to cover ten percent of Averus, and it just kept extending, using the energy devoured from the Devils to sustain its growth.

Such a catastrophe did not go unnoticed by the Archdevils in the other layers, but even if they wanted to help, which they didn't, none of them had the power to worry about others right now.

As the dark fog was about to cover thirty percent of Avernus, giant meteoroids fell from the sky toward it. All of them had the power of a weak Rank 9 Spell and contained the might of an Omega Law, allowing it to harm Depravitas, even in the Incorporeal Form.

"Hmph!" A sneer echoed through Avernus as the dark fog gathered in a single point, and Venganza emerged again.

The red and blue lightsabers were in his hands as plasma armor covered his body. There was also a domain around him that protected him from any attack.

Sacred King Battle Form and Sacred King Aphotic Dominion were much more powerful now they had an Inner Universe providing energy for them.

Venganza's Silver Stars of Origin glowed, and they pushed his physical might to the next level. As the meteoroids were less than ten meters away from his body, he moved his lightsabers in unison.

"Reverse Samsara Slash."

An invisible force emerged from his lightsabers, making the mighty world-ending meteoroids disintegrate into dust.

Zurtur, the Rank 9 Archdevil in control of Avernus, saw how his spells disintegrated under that attack and could not help but feel shocked. He couldn't care less about the fate of the trillions of Devils inside the First Circle of Hell but could not allow the plane's origin to suffer any more damage, as he needed it to heal.

"Negative Teleportation."

Zurtur heard those words before feeling his negative emotions transformed into a gate, allowing Venganza to appear instantly behind him!

"¡BOOM!"

An explosion of purple fire drowned Zurtur before sending him flying away, puking dark blood. Things were not over and he noticed Venganza lunging toward him, with the red and blue lightsabers ready to strike his neck.

"AHHHH!" Zurtur roared with rage as he pushed his power to the limit, drawing all the strength he could from Avernus' weakened origin.

He forcefully regained control over his body and sent a giant magma fist toward the Depravita.

Venganza's eyes narrowed as he saw the strike and counter it with both lightsabers.

"BOOOOM!" An explosion of purple fire and dark magma occurred as both strikes clashed.

The blast pushed back the Rank 9 Archdevil and Depravita thousands of kilometers.

Venganza felt his arms trembling due to the immense force of Zurtur. His aura might have reached Rank 9 but was at its bottom, and fighting someone at the Initial Everlasting Stage was very hard.

Of course, that did not weaken the Depravita's battle drive. He took a deep breath and closed his eyes as he remembered a face that drew love and hatred into his heart, making his Depravita Aura burst with power!

A dark and evil fire bathed Venganza's body and lightsabers. That flame was his Concept's quintessence and would burn those he had marked for revenge.

Zurtur felt his instincts screaming as he saw that dark fire, but there was nothing he could do to avoid this fight. Not only was the Crystal Wall stopping him from leaving, but if he did not control his emotions, the Depravita could use them as a gate.

Venganza did not care about the thoughts crossing the mind of his enemy. As soon as his battle power reached its peak, he flashed forward.