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Chapter 511: The Necropolis of Epic Trial (2)

It was quite a strange scene seeing the dark beings and undead at each other throats, and the dark beings had a clear disadvantage.

The Wight Dead Duke was clearly struggling to keep up with the onslaught of the undead as they were dominating the Ghost Wights with their magic deflection and superior agility.

At this moment, the Wight Dead Duke, who was enshrouded in a dark mist, suddenly let loose a roar of fury, and a massive magic circle suddenly appeared behind him. Thereby, all of a sudden, more Ghost Wights begin to emerge from the sinister dark magic circle.

Jacob watched all of this with an impassive expression. The number of dark beings was enough for his hex core to enter the next rank. But he knew if he entered the fray, he'd be exposed to undead as well.

Besides, he knew once he was done with this trial, there were plenty of dark beings in the epic plains to serve his purpose, so he decided to move on.

He could now see a massive mausoleum in the distance, which was the size of a castle. Magic torches surrounded its corners, and the statue of four beasts of directions was standing tall. There was a phrase written on its entrance.

'Life is full of limits, and Death is at the end of each one!'

Furthermore, as he got closer, he spotted a massive army of undead skeletons wearing armor and powerful flying mounts guarding its open entrance.

Observing from the above, he mused that it would be impossible to sneak in with all those undead as he knew if he got in specific distances, those undead would notice him.

So, he decided to go all out from the start. He took out three atomic grenades and dropped them on the vast army from high above the sky. He wanted to confirm the beast of the necropolis was really inside that mausoleum by drawing it out.

The best way to do it was to destroy its home and army!

Four massive explosions sounded in miles of radius, and mushroom clouds rose in the darkness.

It was loud enough to draw everyone present in over a hundred-mile radius attention.

However, Jacob remained at a safe distance, and this much radioactive smoke was not enough to harm him or the heat.

He didn't directly go down and decided to wait for any movement. He was pretty sure his surprise attack wiped out the undead army, and the mausoleum was most likely destroyed.

However, Jacob suddenly noticed something absurd when he saw the light of magic torches within the thick smock and the silhouette of the mausoleum outlined within the light.

'Are you kidding me? It even survived four atomic grenades?' Jacob was shocked as he wondered if he was imagining things or if the mausoleum was made of something that even the atomic grenades couldn't blast off.

Whatever the case might be, Jacob had to go down to make sure, so he slowly glided towards the entrance.

The undead army was really blasted into smithereens, but the mausoleum was still standing tall without any scratch, and there wasn't any movement from the inside. Furthermore, the smock seemed to be avoiding the dark entrance as if there was an invisible wall present.

Jacob frowned, and he found this situation quite absurd since it was clear that he had to enter the mausoleum or he could try to launch a Blue X-Sun Missile. But the latter option was quite risky since he had to escape far away, and if it remained ineffective, he had to wait a long time to come back to check.

That's why he first wanted to draw the beast out to ensure it was there before launching it. But the final condition has surpassed Jacob's imagination, and now he has to decide between risk and waiting.

But deep down, Jacob was getting impatient because he wanted to get out of there as soon as possible, and there was no telling what would happen if he delayed this. There were many possibilities, and waiting might not be a good choice.

So, biding his resolve, Jacob headed towards the dark entrance amid the intense radioactive heat.

As he got closer and closer, he felt a peculiar aura that wasn't threatening but filled with warmth, which was quite strange.

At this moment, Jacob's disc finally crossed into the dark entrance, and suddenly, the high heat vanished rather, a bone-chilling coldness engulfed him. He stood in a vast frozen space, and in the center of space was a black column, and above that column was a pitch-black egg wrapped in dark flames.

Just looking at it made Jacob feel alarm like never before. He felt extreme danger just looking at that pitch-black egg.

Furthermore, looking at it closely, there were few cracks on the egg, as if the creature within was still in the hatching phase.

Jacob instinctively looked behind and was shocked when he found the entrance was gone entirely. There was nothing but a frozen wall. Now that he looked closely, those frozen walls were filled with magic runes, and most of them were unknown to him despite learning the unique rank rune language.

His attention again retracts to the pitch-black egg, which made even him feel fear despite his overbearing aspect.

'Don't tell me the beast of Necropolis still needs time to hatch...' Jacob came to a terrifying conclusion, and a part of him wanted to let it hatch so he could measure its strength, which Jacob instantly suppressed.

Killing intent flashed past his eyes as his rifle appeared. Even if it wasn't the Beast of Necropolis, he had to kill this thing before it could fully hatch. This much was clear.

But before he could pull the trigger, an excessively gentle, ethereal voice rang directly into his mind, "Wait... you're making a mistake!"

Jacob's eyes widened as he looked at the egg. He clearly didn't know the language of that voice, but he could clearly understand it!

"You?"

The voice rang again, "If you help me, I'll grant your deepest dream! I'm the Beast of Primordial Dream, entrapped in this place for eons. If you help me, I'll be your partner and help you achieve any of your dreams!"

Jacob frowned as he wasn't expecting to encounter such a situation in the trial plains. He was under the impression everything here was without intelligence or at least unaware of their situation.

The trial plains were like an illusion, but at the same time, they weren't because it was all too real to be just an illusion. No one knows where the lands and being within the trials came from. It was one of the biggest mysteries of the Zodiac Plains.

Now, this egg was telling him it was trapped for eons, and it seemed highly intelligent, so Jacob naturally hesitated.

Still, from his experiences up to this point, he was sure that nothing in this world was free or without any price.

"I'm afraid we can't help each other. Whatever trapped you here won't let you walk out of here alive, and I have no intention of offending that kind of existence!" Jacob coldly stated.

He was telling the truth; this monstrosity was trapped here, and now his objective was to kill it. He didn't want to find the consequences of going against a trial condition. Not to mention, he has no way of confirming if this thing is even telling the truth and won't just kill him once it is born.

The voice rang again, "I know why you are here, and I also know it is impossible to escape my current situation. All I want from you is to form a contract with me before you kill me. I'll be able to escape my long nightmare!"

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Chapter 512: Primordial Nightmare Contract

Jacob was surprised by those words, 'Not only is this thing highly intelligent, but it also knows why I'm here and the purpose of this trial. Then it wanted me to form this contract before killing it? No, it's too risky; for all I know, it might be a trap to trick me.'

Jacob wouldn't listen to some unknown entity and form a contract with it just because it told him to. He knew better than anyone just how vast and mysterious the zodiac plains are and believing something unknown was the biggest mistake one could make in this place.

Like Immortika, he still couldn't completely trust it because too many things were hidden, and it was always the one in control. Adding another such existence was not something Jacob could handle. At least, in the cursed immortality case, he has some trust in its ability to grant him longevity and power.

Furthermore, this thing was entrapped in this place for who knows when and couldn't escape without dying, while Immortika could hide whenever it wanted. So, it wasn't hard to choose which one was more powerful.

Making up his mind, Jacob pulled the trigger!

"YOU!" The voice was shocked at Jacob's decisiveness. He didn't even say anything and attacked!

Almost instantly, the black flame around the egg suddenly burned intensely, and when the atomic bullets touched, no explosion occurred. Two bullets just turned into ashes when they came in contact with the black flame.

'Boomm...'

The sonic boom rang, but Jacob was shocked because the bullets were already gone without causing damage.

"Are you out of your mind? If you want to negotiate, say so! There is no need to attack. I'm more than happy to provide you with whatever you want as long as you agree with me!" The voice sounded in a hurry, filled with indignation.

Jacob narrowed his eyes as he looked at the black flames, 'Did those flames just become slightly smaller?'

He was paying close to the egg's movement, and it was impossible for him not to notice this change. He quickly guessed that to nullify his bullets, the black flames would have to use a portion of its energy. They were not everlasting!

"You think this little setback will deter me? I'm not interested in making contracts with unknown beings I can't understand." Jacob coldly retorted before he pulled the triggers again!

The black flames again nullified the bullets, but just like before, they were slightly diminished.

"Fool! Utter fool! The contract is of equal partnership. You can see for yourself. Our lives will be bound together. If one of us dies, the other will die as well!" The voice shrilled with anger as it couldn't understand why a mortal like Jacob rejected such an honor.

Jacob's eyes shimmered with naked disdain, and he scoffed, "Heh, you call this equality? Why do I have to die if you die? The last time I checked, I'm not the one begging you to save me, am I? You are not my equal, not by a long shot. It's quite clear to me that all I have to do is to kill you before you creep out your egg, and I don't need to risk anything, much less connect my life with yours."

This time, Jacob emptied the entire magazine of atomic bullets and changed it with diamond-iron bullets. He was going to kill that thing no matter what.

"Are you serious!? Can't you just let me at least reply before you attack? Didn't I say I'm willing to negotiate? Alright, I understand your point, and it was not right for me to put on airs while I'm seeking your help." The voice becomes flustered as Jacob now seems like a madman.

"Very well, we'll form a master and servant contract, in which you'll be my master, and I'll be your servant for 1,000 years. You can order me to do anything except for taking my own life with the exception of..."

Before it could finish, Jacob started to shoot again with bone-chilling killing intent.

Another magazine was emptied, and he changed it with another one while sneering, "You still dare to make demands? Do I look like I'm in the mood to bargain?"

"Y-you...scoundrel!" Rage leaked from the gentle voice as if it was on the verge of exploding, and even the egg started to shake like crazy.

Jacob's heart went cold as he felt something was wrong, and he quickly took out the atomic grenade. He was closely observing the egg's movement, and he knew the moment it realized that Jacob would not listen, he would show its true colors.

Even a corner rabbit would bite much less this terrifying existence.

However, before Jacob could even activate the atomic grenade, a pitch-black streak shot out from the egg at light speed, and the moment he realized that streak had already come in touch with his forehead!

Jacob's heart skipped a beat as he panicked, thought it was over, and was ready to fight.

However, his expression changed multiple times when nothing happened; he was still in control of his body and feeling just fine.

'Did I imagine it?' He thought with bewilderment.

But right now, a vast torrent of information breaks in his mind, and foreign information starts to surface.

"What did you do?!" Jacob was horrified as he shouted while looking at the egg.

The information was about a contract called the Primordial Nightmare Contract in accord with he was now the Owner of Beast of Primordial Nightmare. It wasn't the Beast of Dream at all!

Furthermore, he didn't have any say in it because the moment that contract came in contact with his body, it was finalized!

Additionally, the Primordial Nightmare Contract has many clauses and terms that almost make Jacob die of anger. Those clauses and terms were not restraining him. They were about under what conditions he could kill the Beast of Primordial Nightmare, and he couldn't kill it as long as any of those conditions wouldn't fulfilled.

Although he wasn't restrained, it was still the most significant restriction that would stop him from killing the Beast of Primordial Nightmare whenever he wished!

"Hmph! I naturally used my once-in-a-lifetime ability to bind myself with you. Although it cost me my freedom, it's far better than dying, isn't it? Besides, I think it was all worth it, O' owner of the Universal Godly Scripture!" The voice snorted, filled with hidden mischief as its entire demeanor changed.

On the other hand, Jacob was rooted in his place with a pale white face after hearing its last words. He felt like he was in a nightmare!

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Chapter 513: Beast of Primordial Nightmare

Jacob remained rooted in his place in a daze before he finally snapped out of it, and killing intent emitted from his very being as he looked at the pitch-black egg.

He tries to communicate it as he does with Immortika this time, and he knows it is possible because of the contract, "Do you purposely target me because of Universal Godly Scripture? How did you know?"

The Primordial Nightmare nonchalantly replied and no longer seemed to be afraid of Jacob's killing intent, "I was planning to fight with you to death as I supposed to you, even if it meant harming myself. But then suddenly, the moment you entered, my blurry memories suddenly became clear, and I finally remembered what happened in the past and how I ended up here.

"I didn't lie about me being trapped in this place for eons. It's just that I'm helpless to do anything about it as I was being influenced by something and can only wait for my fated battle. But you, the moment you entered, that influence seemed to have just vanished, and I got my memories back."

After hearing an unexpected reply, Jacob was startled and asked, "Is it because of the Universal Godly Scripture?"

It was the only explanation he could think of because he still did not understand Universal Godly Scripture completely. But he couldn't understand how Primordial Nightmare discriminated that he had one and whether the others had such an ability like it out there.

If there were such an ability, Jacob would be in massive trouble because not everyone would be as helpless as the Primordial Nightmare. It was like declaring to the world that he was the wealthiest person and he had no power to protect that wealth!

"I'm pretty sure it is. As expected of it..." Primordial Nightmare didn't deny it.

"How could you tell someone has Universal Godly Scripture?" Jacob questioned with an ashen face.

"Oh, my owner worries that others like me will target you, huh? Hehe, don't worry. I don't think other than me someone can tell you are the owner of Universal Godly Scripture. Unless they are like me, who were captured by another owner of Universal Godly Scripture and have my unique detection abilities." Primordial Nightmare replied with pride.

But Jacob was stunned as this was another piece of unexpected information he wasn't imagining. It was even more shocking than finding out Primordial Nightmare knows he has a Universal Godly Scripture.

"Y-you were captured by a-another owner of Universal Godly Scripture?! Does this mean this trial is under the control of another owner of Universal Godly Scripture?" Jacob hurriedly asked as he felt a chill running down his spine.

This was too much to swallow. An owner of Universal Godly Scripture in control of trial plains? It was hazardous for Jacob. If he had ill intentions, Jacob wouldn't have been able to do anything it because he wasn't powerful enough, not by a long shot.

"This... I'm not sure. When he found me, I've only developed my consciousness and instinctively recorded his unique aura that I'm sensing from you. Afterward, I remembered being in a dark place for an unknown time.

"When I saw the light again, I saw him standing in front of the blinding light, and he placed me in front of it. He said, 'This is good material for the next scenario.' In response, a voice so unrealistic it doesn't sound real replied, 'O' owner of Universal Godly Scripture, you've worked hard.'

"That's the only thing I remember before that light engulfed me, and after that, I remember being constantly influenced by a strange force that muddled my thoughts for a long, long time.

"Until recently, I found myself in this place where I regain control over my abilities, and I have only one thought: to kill every person who comes here. My hatching process, which has been stopped for a long time, also continued.

"But it was so slow that it is pitiful, and then you've come, my owner. How glad I am that it was you." Primordial Nightmare sighed with emotions and a hint of loneliness.

Jacob's eyes were narrowed into slits as that information was quite startling as well as terrifying. If what Primordial Nightmare stated was true, then an existence seemed to be ordering an owner of Universal Godly Scripture or simply working together.

'Could that light be Zodiac Will?' Jacob thought about the unknown entity that even Immortika seemed to be afraid of, and it was very likely true because the trial plains were under the control of Zodiac Will.

Still, it won't change the fact that Primordial Nightmare could somehow remember all that and even break free from the restraints put on it. Furthermore, it was still just an egg with a consciousness at that time and now as well.

If it was extraordinary, then why would someone like Zodiac Will or the Owner of a UGS would let it go? Unless they didn't know, which was hard to believe, or they didn't put Primordial Nightmare in their eyes.

"Just what are you? Shouldn't you hate me since I'm also like the person who put you in this prison? Why did you force this contract on me and become my servant who will die with me? You're clearly up to something." Jacob asked coldly.

The Primordial Nightmare Contract was nothing but an advantage to him, with the only restraint being he couldn't kill Beast of Primordial Nightmare unless it broke the rules of that contract. Furthermore, in a situation where Jacob dies, it will die with him, while Jacob would remain ineffective if something happens to Primordial Nightmare.

Furthermore, Primordial Nightmare can't lie to him no matter what, which is why Jacob believes everything it says.

"I'm the Beast of Primordial Nightmare. Sorry about the earlier lie about being the Beast of Primordial Dream. I was afraid you would not listen if I said Nightmare. And why should I hate you? You're clearly not that scoundrel, but you just gave me the same feeling as him.

"All I wanted to do was survive and escape this nightmare, and being a partner with a person like you would be my only choice. You see, I can't exist without a partner. Hmph, but I had to admit, you are an even bigger scoundrel than that scoundrel.

"At least he didn't kill me. You, on the other hand, won't listen. So, what choice do I have to become your lowly servant?" Primordial Nightmare replied in indignant tone.

Jacob was somewhat speechless as he couldn't help but ask in a strange tone, "Tell me the truth, do you even know what Universal Godly Scripture really is?"

"Well, of course, I don't. I know the owner of such a thing has to be equally powerful as the person who found me and that light. So, relying on such a person isn't bad for me. If I had this ability then, I would've used it on that guy too!" Primordial Nightmare smugly replied, clearly very proud of its choice.

For the first time, Jacob smiled as it was filled with mockery and found Primordial Nightmare naively cute. It was just as he guessed. Its intelligence was really of a child, no matter how cunning it was.

It decided to force a contract on him on instinct, not because it knew what a Universal Godly Scripture truly is, and it almost frightened Jacob. Still, he has to clear it with Immortika as well, whether it was telling the entire truth or not.

"It's really too bad... I guess I have no choice but to educate you as my servant. But first, tell me, how do you plan on escaping?" Jacob smilingly said with a hint of ridicule.

Since there was no danger to his life and Primordial Nightmare was powerful, he accepted another free meat shield. He would let it know just how big of a mistake it had made.

In the future, Primordial Nightmare would lament every time she remembers this day and always wonder who the real nightmare is between them!

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Chapter 514: Nightmare Contractor

Now that the Primordial Nightmare Contract was established, Jacob can sense Primordial Nightmare's emotions just like the Brain Hunter, which also gave him some confidence about Primordial Nightmare. But he still didn't know its abilities and what else it could do, or how he would be able to hatch it.

The Beast of Primordial Nightmare was still an egg; it could only rely on its intentions through this strange mental ability. Its body still hadn't developed in all these years, which was quite strange. Yet despite all that, it has awakened its intelligence and could use abilities like Primordial Nightmare Contract.

This alone would prove how talented and terrifying the Primordial Nightmare is, and letting his guard down would be a mistake unless he confirmed the authenticity of the Primordial Nightmare Contract like the Eternal Enslavement of Brain Hunter.

He even wondered if every terrifying being has such a weakness to ensure they never get out of control.

Primordial Nightmare answered Jacob's question, "Hmph, don't call me a servant. It's too uncouth! Although I'm your servant, I demand respect, my master!"

Jacob cocked an eyebrow; this egg was really something, or it was just fearless, and he couldn't help but think that Autarch was far more superior in demeanor than Primordial Nightmare and never spoke against him.

'I need to confirm this contract as soon as possible before it's too late.' Jacob grimly thought as he couldn't let this superiority complex cloud his emotions. The giant fighting spirit was too dominant, and like a Tyrant King who looked down on everyone and combined it with Jacob's natural Wise King-like bearing, it was a dangerous combination.

"If you don't like to be called a servant, choose any name you like and get it over with. Just tell me how I can complete this condition. Remember, in the contract, it is clearly written then, 'If the 'Master' encounters a situation where the 'Servant' death is necessary for 'Master's' safety, the Master shall sacrifice the 'Servant' therein!' and this situation can easily become such senior." Jacob coldly said matter-of-factly.

"Hmph, I'm not even born, yet you're already trying to find a loophole to kill me? Are you really so heartless? Are you sure you are not the Beast of Primordial Nightmare, not me, my master?"

"Still, I guess, as a loyal and caring servant, I must take care of you. Since you want me to choose a name very well, I have one that suits me quite well. You can call me Nyx, meaning Night!" Primordial Nightmare, or Nyx now, seemed extremely excited about naming itself.

'Strange...' Jacob suddenly felt his connection with Nyx become even stronger the moment she chose her name, and her voice became even more gentle and precise in his mind.

After being proud of herself for a while, Nyx spoke again, "I know from the restraint put on me that it's either do or die for me. Even if your presence made me sane enough to gain control of my consciousness, it still does not free me from my connection with this nightmarish place.

"It's like this place is my body, and I'm the heart, and we can't exist without each other. One thing is clear, though: this place has been empowering me for the past 100 or so days. The growth process that was stuck countless years ago suddenly started again, and it's far faster than expected.

"The closer I am to being born, the more inheritance memories are awakening and my abilities. The Nightmare Flame that's protecting me right now, the Psyche Reasoning that lets me implicit my thoughts to your mind, and the Primordial Nightmare Contract are the abilities I gained in just three months.

"Though I can only use it once in a lifetime, too bad, huh? It's quite ironic that I can only force this on someone to become their servant, not master, and all the conditions can't be changed no matter what. I wonder if my entire existence is for suffering..." Nyx lamented with bitterness.

Jacob frowned as he could feel the unimaginable loneliness in her voice and a darkness that could engulf everything.

But he cut her short, "Look, I know it's been hard on you. But you were able to preserve for countless years. It might be because of someone's spell on you, but when you regain control, you don't succumb to the darkness and try your best to live.

"You grasp every chance, even yourself, to become my servant just to get a chance to live, and I really respect that if it's true.

"But truth be told, I don't trust you until I confirm the authenticity of your claims. In a sense, we might be alike as I also don't want to die, period, and might've done the same thing if put in your shoes.

"But if your grit to live is true and you're sincere with your gesture, I won't mistreat you. However, if I discover even a hint of falsehood, I'll put in my entire being to ensure you won't implicate me and get in my way to longevity. This is my only goal, my dream!"

A terrifying determination hid behind killing-intent rage in Jacob's eyes as he declared, "So, now stop ranting on about how pitiful you are. I understand, I really do. But this is not the right time. Instead, make me believe you are worthy of continuing to live under me!"

Nyx became silent for a while as Jacob's cold expression didn't crack even a little. He seemed to be waiting to listen to something worth listening to.

"I have two ways. After getting closer and closer to being born, I found I couldn't die as long as I had a partner or a Nightmare Contractor. That's the true purpose of the Primordial Nightmare Contract.

"So, now that you have become my Nightmare Contractor, I can create my Dreamscape Nightmare Realm in your Psyche and live there while putting on a show that you've killed me. I'm sure the connection will break when I am isolated from this world and enter the Dreamscape Nightmare Realm!" Nyx stated sternly.

Jacob frowned and questioned, "What is creating a Dreamscape Nightmare Realm into my Psyche? Did I hear wrong? Explain more clearly!"

Nyx explained, "Dreams are a product of a person's imagination or desires; sometimes, pain, grief, fear, or traumas would change these dreams into Nightmares. But it happened in the Psyche, or Spirit, or Soul, whatever you like to call it.

"Anyway, my point is whenever a dream occurred, a temporary Dreamscape Realm would automatically create in the Psyche. Once the dreamer awakes, the Dreamscape Realm also suffers destruction, but it won't cause any harm to the dreamer, and the only side-effect is no one can fully remember their dreams. This cycle lasts until the Psyche dies.

"But I, as a Beast of Primordial Nightmare, can invade anyone's psyche without them realizing it, turn their dreams into nightmares, and then feed on their Dreamscape Realms to become stronger.

"However, there are dire consequences of devouring others Dreamscape Realms. One of them being 50% of their lifespan becoming mine. Also, they will lose the ability to dream and slowly plunge into never-ending emptiness, which will become their reality one day, and they will die in this world.

"But before sending my victims into their eternal damnation, I can do many more things. Like manipulate their dreams, turn them into powerful nightmares, and so no...

"My point is, I can do all this, but I need a Nightmare Contractor to do this, who can let me establish or turn their Dreamscape Realm into Dreamscape Nightmare Realm. It's like a nest if you want to hear it in simple terms."

Jacob couldn't believe what he was hearing; this thing was too dreadful, and the concept it just explained was mind-blowing. He never thought such a complex truth was hidden behind something as insignificant as dreaming.

Not to mention, there was this beast that could feed on them and then left its victim to die. He had no idea why this beast was trapped here and not killed or put in legendary plains.

"So, you want to create your nest in my mind? Do you take me for a fool who court death!?" Jacob rebuked with vigilance. This was too dangerous. What if Nyx directly devours his mind and takes control of his body?

It was like a sheep inviting a wolf into its house.

"What are you afraid of? I can't do anything to harm you, and you didn't even listen to the benefits you'll get from having a permanent Dreamscape Nightmare Realm in your Psyche.

"First, no one would be able to invade your mind, and mental attacks will not work on you as long as they are not stronger than me or the Dreamscape Nightmare Realm.

"Second, since our contract is not on equal terms, but I'm your servant, every time I devour someone's lifespan, you will automatically get 70% of it added to your lifespan.

"Third, you can enter the Dreamscape Nightmare Realm anytime and conjure whatever you imagine, practice magic skills with endless mana martial arts without physical exhaustion—research, and so on. Everything can be emulated in the Dreamscape Nightmare Realm like Reality.

"Fourth, time difference, the stronger the Dreamscape Nightmare Realm, the slower time from reality. And this is just the tip of the iceberg that even I don't know how deep it can go yet!"

Nyx's words were filled with passion and temptation, sending Jacob into an utter daze when he heard about Dreamscape Nightmare Realm!

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Chapter 515: Final Condition

Jacob's heart raced on its own for the first time in many years after he heard about the lifespan part. This concept was completely mythical and straight out of stories and even sounded like a scam. But if it was true...

'Didn't this mean as long as this thing continues to devour others, my lifespan would never run out?' Jacob thought as he was really tempted now.

But he didn't let the momentary greed cloud his judgment. Because as good as it sounds, it was still risky to let something unknown into his mind and create this Dreamscape Nightmare Realm.

At least not until he confirmed it is absolutely safe.

So, controlling his emotions, he asked, "Sorry, but I can't agree to this yet. What is the second way?"

"Oh, come on, you still doubt me?" Nyx's sounded perplexed, "You're overly cautious, my master. Sometimes, you have to take a leap of faith."

"I know, but you should understand it is too risky, and I'm pretty sure you won't let something unknown enter your mind, right? I can't just take your word for it. I've known you for what, five minutes?" Jacob sneered as he found Nyx's protest incredibly ridiculous.

He already had the cursed immortality, so being overly greedy would be a fatal flaw.

"Hmph, up to you. The second way depends on you. It should probably have the same effect if you can isolate me from this space. But it all comes down to whether you have a way to achieve the impossible.

"Because if you can't, then you have to wait until I'm born, and I'm pretty sure once I'm out, the restriction on me might become powerful, and then you don't even have to lift a finger, for I'll die for attacking you. So, decided quickly, I'm getting closer to it!" Nyx told anxiously.

Jacob fell into silence and frowned, 'Isolate it from this space? Will Infinity Pendant work? Or should I try to store this in the solar plexus like Autarch? But do I even know how? This thing is very different from Autarch, but I definitely can't get it into my mind without being certain. Let's try first.'

"Alright, I have a storage space that can keep you, but I'm not sure if it works or not. Or if you have a way to enter my solar plexus, this might work as well." Jacob proposed his plan.

If this doesn't work, he would have no choice but to find the exit from this trial and then ask Immortika and come back for Nyx. This was the only way he could think of to take Nyx away.

"What is solar plexus?" Nyx asked curiously, as its knowledge about the living was quite limited. She was relying on her inherited memories and intellect to devise this plan.

Jacob then shared his limited knowledge about the solar plexus. He also wasn't sure if it was feasible.

"Interesting. So, you think I can enter this space within you because I'm now contracted to you?" Nyx asked with a hint of uncertainty.

Jacob nodded, "This is how it should work, at least. Let's try to put you in the storage space first. I need you to put out those flames first. If that's not work, I'll try this method."

"You're not going to attack me, are you?" Nyx asked suspiciously. She clearly understands Jacob's character now; this guy was too ruthless and cynical.

Jacob replied impassively, "As long as you won't give me a reason to."

"I guess one of us has to be trustful," Nyx said before the nightmare flames around started to vanish, and what was left was a pristine dark egg.

Jacob then moved forward with anticipation in his eyes. Truth be told, he wanted this to work because storing Nyx in his body was still too dangerous. At least the infinity pendant was a place where Cursed Immortality was, so it was much safer.

Jacob hesitated for a moment as he could feel strange warmth from the egg as he got closer to it and finally touched it.

The moment his skin touched the egg's icy surface, he instantly tried to send it into the infinity pendant, and the next moment, it vanished!

Jacob became anxious as he looked around in the cold space, ready to throw the egg out if something happened.

But to his relief, nothing happened, and the egg was now lying in his pendant.

The column suddenly started to shake as cracks began to appear, and the isolated space started to crack.

"I feel my connection to that strange power completely gone. I think it worked!" Nyx's delightful voice sounded in his head again.

Jacob was pleasantly surprised, but what was happening to the surrounding space?

'Could it be that this place loses its purpose now that the Nyx is gone?' Jacob thought with scrutiny. But he still wasn't clear, at least not until something confirmed it.

At this moment, the voice that Jacob was desperately waiting for finally rang.

"Congratulations, Faceless Ancient, for clearing the Final Trial Condition!"

His eyes shimmered in excitement, 'It really worked!'

He quickly looked at the star watch,

"Congratulations on Subduing the Beast of Necropolis: Unknown Nightmare!

"Your glorious deeds have been spread far and wide!

"You have achieved something impossible!

"You have been rewarded with full Hunter's Legacy!

"Hunter's Legacy (Unique Rank): Night Hunter's Aura & Spirit (Universal Scripture)"

Jacob was astounded when he saw this notification, 'So subduing was an option from the start, but was it impossible to achieve? Cutting the connection with the trial plains resulted in subjugation, and maybe that's why it was impossible to achieve. After all, no brainwash being would be like Nyx.'

At this moment, a black vortex appeared in front of Jacob, and he knew it was time to reap his rewards and entered without hesitation.

Outside the trial plains, Nelsen was sitting in his luminous room chatting happily with Ellie, who had a clear, annoyed expression as she was tired of his bragging.

Suddenly, Nelsen eyes flashed with surprise when his star watch vibrated, and before he could check, a black vortex appeared behind him, making Ellie jump in fright.

Nelsen's eyes widened when he looked back, but he didn't seem alarmed at all; instead, his eyes shone with killing intent.

"He really cleared it in neck-breaking time. I guess it's time to meet the troublemaker!"

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Chapter 516: The Awarding Ceremony Halted!

In seemingly endless witness, two dark vortexes opened.

Jacob walked out into a familiar space but was surprised to see another vortex a few meters ahead of him. His eyes widened slightly, 'Could it be...'

Killing intent crept into his eyes as he saw a slim man clad in light green walking out from the vortex. His face was hidden behind a white mask. Only his astute and curious eyes could be seen as they were entirely locked on Jacob as if he were some rare animal.

Both men continued to gawk at each other without speaking, and the atmosphere was filled with murderous pressure.

"We finally met, Fellow Faceless Ancient. I had to admit you even made me panic for a moment there. But I also didn't have that kind of fun in a long time, so I must thank you." Nelsen finally broke the icy silence, sounding fearless, and even mocked him.

However, Jacob didn't reply as he remained mute. He didn't want to speak because he knew he couldn't control his seething rage if he did. Just standing calm was taking everything out of him while his body was doing everything to attack the person who humiliated him.

Only now, Jacob experienced how terrifying the will of Fighting Giant Spirit was. It wanted to turn the enemy into dust, especially those who aggressively humiliated it.

But Jacob still kept his rationality because he knew the sly fox in front of him wouldn't dare to come if he wasn't absolutely sure to be walking out of there alive. In fact, Jacob even suspects this guy was deliberately provoking him so he could attack him.

However, he wouldn't be Jacob if he didn't see through this petty trick. It's just that his body was becoming its own enemy, and he had to find a way to subdue it completely.

At this moment, Nelsen was about to speak again when SAAI's voice rang.

"Faceless Ancient and Amiable Wizened Monk, congratulations, you have completed all the Trial Conditions of Epic Plains trial: The Hunter's Necropolis!

"Faceless Ancient & Amiable Wizened Monk belonged to the Life Faction!

"The Life Being of other plains will now be freely given access to the Epic Plains as long as they aren't above the power cap until the next trial establishment!

"The restriction of the Dark Being of other plains continues to be 50,000 dark beings per decade!

"The Protection Barrier will now be lifted from Life Zone and Dead Zone until the next trial establishment!

"Alert! The Awarding ceremony will now enter a temporary halt!"

"What?" Nelsen sounded shocked when he heard the last phrase.

Jacob also frowned because he clearly remembered this didn't happen the last time and couldn't help but think it might be related to Nyx and become vigilant.

"According to Contingency Case#49483li4031l, both parties are suspected of being involved in destroying the Epic Void Star Server 115 Days ago!

"The Zodiac Plains won't support criminals! Please prove your innocence before continuing the Rewarding Ceremony.

"Amiable Wizened Monk, you are a 2-Star Star Privilege holder and Epic Plains Alchemy Guild President. You have to go through 5-Question Interrogation, please cooperate.

"Faceless Ancient, you are a 2-Star Star Privilege holder and an honorary badge holder of the Life Faction. You have to go through a 3-Question Interrogation; please cooperate.

"Permission to activate 3 & 5 Questions Interrogation from suspect Faceless Ancient and Amiable Wizened Monk.

"The party failure in granting permission in sixty seconds will be judged as Guilty and deal accordingly to the Zodiac Plains precept!"

A virtual clock appeared in the white space before the two, and the countdown began.

"Wait! How can this monster be an honorary badge holder!? And why am I being suspected with him?! It's quite clear he's the one who created that weapon and was involved in that bombing. In fact, his weaponry has turned the entire epic plains into a radioactive wasteland. I've never used mine!" Nelsen instantly started to blame Jacob, and he wasn't lying either.

The current epic plains were really turned into a radioactive wasteland, and no living being under extraordinary rank could live. Furthermore, the absence of Star Network had only made it worse, and it played a big part in turning Epic Plains into a living hell.

Furthermore, Nelsen also panicked because Jacob has an honorary badge of life faction, which means Jacob has an exceptional position, which even Jacob wasn't aware of yet.

Nelsen knew just how hard it was to earn a single honorary badge and why these people were treated with respect. He wouldn't have made an enemy out of him if he had known this, even if he had to beg Jacob.

But now, it was too late, so late that he had to do everything to eliminate him. Because forget about Jacob's terrifying means; if the three hegemonies learned about this, the three leaders and whoever was involved in this wouldn't be able to avoid brutal punishment.

"I grant the permission," Jacob spoke at this moment in his icy voice.

From start to end, he didn't speak with Nelsen, nor did he react to his slandering. All he understood was he had nothing to do with the bombing that day nor in the entire epic plains. In fact, he never used an atomic weapon in the epic plains but only sold them.

SAAI clearly stated they were being suspected, not confirmed, involved in the bombing that day. It never said anything about inventing and selling those weapons at all, nor about the bombing done by Society Killer.

They were only being suspected and interrogated because someone dared to mess with the Zodiac Plains, not just Epic Plains, and there was a considerable difference between the two.

The Star Hackers, or ATLAS, were simply too daring to provoke the world itself.

He also catches the line about 'Zodiac Plains not supporting the criminals', which means the trial plains were to nurture the prodigies or something like that, as for why, he couldn't guess.

Lastly, the honorary badge he thought little of before just gave him an advantage over a 2-star authority holder and the leader of a hegemony. This could quickly tell him that these badges hold more authority and meaning than he currently understands, and with how panicky Nelsen reacted, he was even more sure.

So, in the end, that unbearable anger and bloodlust suddenly vanished when he saw his enemy spooking and sensed fear. That guy was clearly up to something and wanted him to attack angrily.

That's why he decided not to react at all and simply accepted the interrogation and won't even give Nelsen a chance to lay a trap for him and make Nelsen even more miserable!

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Chapter 517: Final Verdict

Nelsen grimaced when he heard Jacob's quickly agreeing without retorting or trying to inquire about what was happening.

'Did he know?' His heart sank; it was too terrifying, and Jacob became even more dangerous in his eyes. He said, "I agree to interrogation as well!"

Jacob's lips curled in disdain, 'What a sly weasel.'

The timer in front of them vanished, and the next moment, two white pillars rose from the ground before them and stopped when they reached their waists.

Multicolor lines started to shimmer on those pillars as SAAI's emotionless voice sounded.

"Please place your hands on the Truth Pillar!"

Jacob scrutinized the mysterious truth pillar and placed his hands on it with uncertainty. Although he didn't know what would happen, he had no choice but to cooperate unless he wanted to appear guilty.

When he touched the truth pillar, he suddenly felt a warm current passing through his entire body.

SAAI's voice rang again, but it sounded directly to his mind this time!

"Faceless Ancient, the Star Administrator Artificial Intelligence (SAAI), will ask you three definitive questions. I suggest you answer truthfully because any lie detected in them will be used against you and directly affect the final verdict.

"First Question: Are you a member of A.T.L.A.S or related to them?

"Please answer through your thoughts or speak loudly if you're not comfortable!"

'How convenient...' Jacob was surprised and awed by how effective this method was for condemning someone.

He replied through his thoughts, "I'm not a member of A.T.L.A.S, nor I'm related to them in any way."

Three seconds passed before SAAI's voice rang again, "Is this your final conclusive answer?"

"Yes."

"Second Question: When you sold the weapon to A.T.L.A.S, do you know it was A.T.L.A.S, and they were going to use it against the Star Network?"

"No, I have no idea at that time. I've only discovered the use of my weapon, like everyone else, on the day of the blast. I have no grievance or grudge against Star Network."

"Is this your final conclusive answer?"

"Yes."

"Third Question: Have you ever come in contact with A.T.L.A.S? If you have, why didn't you report to the law enforcement?"

Jacob frowned slightly, "That's two questions, but I still answer to show I'm not in cohort with them. I'd indeed come in contact with them once, and I'd killed them. There was nothing else to report since I didn't find their base of operation or plans."

"Is this your final conclusive answer?"

"Yes." Jacob impassively stated.

On the other hand, Nelsen was also going through the interrogation with the same yet slightly different questions.

"First Question: Are you a member of A.T.L.A.S or related to them?"

"No, I'm not a member or related to them in any way."

"Is this your final conclusive answer?"

"Yes."

"Second Question: Have you ever sold or given your atomic weaponry to A.T.L.A.S or anyone?"

"I've never sold it to anyone, but I gave some of them to my daughter for protection."

"Is this your final conclusive answer?"

"Yes."

"Third Question: As the leader of Alchemy Guild, you are part of the plains' law enforcement, and it is your duty to make sure to root out every last A.T.L.A.S member. Did you do your duty as an enforcer?"

"I've done my duty solemnly! I've acted every time A.T.L.A.S comes to my attention. Furthermore, Faceless Ancient is a threat, and I've been after him from the start because I was afraid that a bombing incident like that day would happen if he carelessly sold his weapons. He should be incarcerated now to stop something like that happening again!" Nelsen coldly stated.

"Is this your final conclusive answer?"

"Yes!"

"Fourth Question: Have you ever come in contact with or been approached by A.T.L.A.S? If you have, what was your response?"

Nelsen's pupils dilated, "This question is irrelevant to the topic!"

"Is this your final conclusive answer?"

Nelsen frowned as he knew this wouldn't work, so he had no choice but to answer ambiguously, "A member once approached me, and I'd remained true to my duties."

"Is this your final conclusive answer?"

"Yes."

"Fifth Question: If A.T.L.A.S approaches you now and offers you something you truly want or takes something precious to you, will you betray your faction?"

"Again, this question is irrelevant and about something that had yet to happen and never will!" Nelsen retorted.

"Is this your final conclusive answer?"

"Why are you asking this question?" Nelsen questioned again.

"Is this your final conclusive answer?"

Nelsen gritted his teeth before he calmed his nerves. This was going way out of his hands. He became emotionless as he replied, "Rubbish! No, I will never betray my faction!"

"Is this your final conclusive answer?"

"Yes!"

At this moment, the truth pillars started to sink back into the floor, and Jacob was paying close attention to Nelsen after ending his questioning. He saw him frown more than once, which meant the old fox was not having a good time.

'Could it be he has ties with A.T.L.A.S? It's good news if he had. He's too dangerous for his own good.'
Jacob's eyes shimmered with killing intent.

Nelsen suddenly looked over, and he was also staring at him with killing intent. He knew Jacob was far more threatening. In a way, like him, and he knew someone like him was far too dangerous to have as an enemy.

At this moment, SAAI's voice rang.

"Faceless Ancient, you have given conclusive answers to your 3-Question Interrogation and spoken 98% truth!

"SAAI deemed you not guilty!

"However, you have failed to report your encounter to the Law Enforcement. Therefore, you are being penalized with a 100 Million ZC fine. Please refrain from making such mistakes in the future. Anything related to ATLAS has to be reported to the law enforcement of your plains post hastily!

"Do you want to pay the fine or an alternative instated to ZC?"

Jacob frowned a little, but it was still not against him, and he was getting out of it with just a measly hundred million ZC and no other punishment, and his innocence was proven.

"Thank you. I'll pay with ZC."

Nelsen wore a dark expression as he knew a hundred million was chump change to Jacob at this point, and now Jacob was free, and he had lost his chance to take him down.

Now, it was his turn.

"Amiable Wizenen Monk, you have given conclusive answers to your 5-Question Interrogation and spoken 64% truth!

"SAAI deemed you not guilty!

"However, your response to the 3rd and 4th was ambiguous and unsatisfactory, and your fifth conclusive answer was a lie. Therefore, SAAI deemed you unworthy of your current position as the President of Alchemy Guild! You are to forfeit your position to your successor within seven days.

"Your 2-Star Star Authority has also been downgraded to 1-Star Star Authority. You are penalized with a 1 Billion ZC fine, which is to be paid within seven days!"

Nelsen eyes widened as he was utterly appalled by this harsh verdict. Although he was deemed not guilty, his position was gone, star authority dropped, and he had to pay 1 billion ZC on top of that. It was nothing short of being judged guilty.

He had overestimated himself when he tried to outsmart SAAI—thinking of it as a mere AI was probably his biggest mistake. No matter how much control he had over his emotions, this test was never about just some nerve-checking to begin with.

The truth would've still been detected even if he had stripped away all of his emotion. This was how terrifying the Zodiac Plains was; he was nothing but an ant trying to mislead the sky that was everywhere.

"Hahahaha..."

Suddenly, a loud laughter enveloped the silent space, snapping Nelsen out of his despair. It was Jacob as he laughed wantonly, and it was filled with mockery and relish.

"Hah, I had to admit, I'm in awe of SAAI. Even something like you can't trick it. Oh, you also have my respect that you even tried. In the end, you are nothing but a son of a bitch who's under the impression that he's the King who controls everything."

Jacob looked dead in his eyes and stated, "And this is just the start of your harsh awakening to reality because I'm coming for you and your little sultry family until there's nothing left of it!"

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Chapter 518: An Agreement of Desperation

Nelsen's aura stirred vigorously as he glared at Jacob with fury, but he was still sane enough not to attack Jacob when they were in the champion space.

Furthermore, attacking Jacob would only make things worse for himself because he couldn't see through his power level the moment he laid his eyes on Jacob, even with his unique visual ability.

That's why he wanted to provoke him into attacking, as SAAI would instantly react, and he could get rid of him.

However, the tables have turned, and he never saw it coming. It could've been fine if he was alone, but all this happened in front of his enemy, which revealed his weakness, and now Jacob can easily take full advantage of it. He knew because he would.

Now, he even regrets clearing this trial condition. Not only did he double-cross the King of Dead, he ended up exposing himself to an enemy like Jacob. Moreover, when Lucy and his other enemies discover this, they will not let him go either.

Suddenly, he felt immature and under dangerous pressure for the first time in many years and started to think of countermeasures.

At this moment, SAAI continued without caring about their personal disputes.

"The rewarding ceremony shall continue!

"Faceless Ancient and Amiable Wizen Monk, you both belonged to the life faction and as collective Champion of Epic Plains Trials, you have One Time right to activate the Life Zone for 500 Years by forfeiting half of your accumulated reward!

"Please choose whether you want to activate the Life Zone.

"Both parties need to agree within 499 seconds, or the choosing right will be voided!"

"I disagree!" Jacob instantly scoffed. He had no reason to forfeit his rewards for these selfish mongrels, not to mention this would also give Nelsen and his people all the time to focus on him.

Although he wasn't afraid anymore, he wasn't foolish enough to believe he was the strongest in epic plains. He had learned his lesson in the rare plains.

Nelsen suddenly said as his tone was impassive, and it didn't seem like he was angry at all, "I'm willing to give up my right to the final condition to you. All I want in return is for you to sign a non-aggression Zodiac Oath Contract with me for 1000 Years."

Jacob was astounded when he heard this unexpected proposal from a man who was enraged to the extreme and lost his power. He had to admit Nelsen was probably the most terrifying man he had encountered after coming to Zodiac Plains.

"Is it even possible to do it?" Jacob asked with uncertainty.

He might disagree if it was anything else, but if he could get the final condition cleared, didn't this mean he could get back his chance to earn the Unique Star Ocean Medallion!

This was his goal, to begin with, and that's why he had taken all that risk. He was even going to torture Nelsen later to beat another method to enter the Unique Plains out of him. But he never expected Nelsen would propose such a deal, or it was even possible.

"No, only as long as the champions are from the same faction. I'll send this condition clearance message to you and give my verbal consent to SAAI; the right of the condition clearance will also be transferred to you. You can be the sole champion and reap all the rewards of it, especially the Unique Star Ocean Medallion. The way towards the Unique Plains, I have a feeling that you wanted that, and that's also why we want to stop you." Nelsen stated.

Jacob's eyes narrowed as he wasn't surprised that these guys knew about Unique Star Ocean Medallion.

"Is there a specific reason for your desperation?" He asked.

"I can't tell you. Now, are you agreeing to this deal or not?" Nelsen coldly questioned.

Jacob ignored Nelsen and asked, "SAAI, what Nelsen just said, is it possible?"

"Affirmative!"

Jacob then looked at Nelsen and suddenly smiled, "1000 years is too long. I might not even live that long. All I can agree to is 10. I won't come after you in this period of time."

Nelsen eyes narrowed, "Are you joking? Five hundred years or no deal."

Jacob shrugged his shoulder, "Alright, no deal it is. I'll have to hunt you and your daughter down the moment I leave this place. Let's see how far you can run, and I won't stop until I see your ashes." His voice sounded like a demon who would do anything to achieve his goal.

Nelsen felt a chill down his spine when he heard those words. He gritted his teeth and said, "100 years!"

Jacob didn't think before saying, "10 or no deal."

"Just why are you doing this?" Nelsen asked through gritted teeth.

"Heh, I think you know the answer to this question." Jacob snickered coldly. He knew a guy like Nelsen would have a grasp of everything happening around him, especially his daughter. He was most likely involved in Ellie's schemes against him.

Nelsen took a deep breath as he never expected Jacob to be so hard to deal with, and he wasn't confident in getting away in a short amount of time. He was being so desperate because he was afraid Jacob would launch more White Sun Missiles in his direction. He wasn't afraid of his individual strength; he was afraid of Jacob's weaponry!

"20 years, and I'll add an extremely unique universal magic scripture that can be used with all elements. You won't scheme or target me or my daughter for 20 years or use your weapons anywhere close to us as long as you know we are there or even have a little notion of it.

"This is my bottom line. If you still do not agree, then let's see who has the last laugh. Although I admit I might not be your match when it comes to hiding or strength, I'm not someone who will go down without at least taking a limb or two."

Jacob looked deeply at Nelsen, and at this moment, he saw madness in his eyes, 'So, he's really at the end of his tether, huh? I have to admit, letting him go would be pretty troublesome.

'But I can't ignore Unique Star Ocean Medallion. Revenge is not as important as pursuing immortality. Twenty years are enough for me to gain strength; he won't be my match then or not in the same plain. I might even forget about his insignificant existence.'

"Alright, I agree with that. But you also can't do anything to me or tell anyone about what happened here today." Jacob stated.

Nelsen secretly sighed in relief as his eyes shimmered in a peculiar light, and he nodded, "I agree!"

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Chapter 519: Zodiac Oath!

Nelsen didn't delay but quickly started to manipulate his star watch, and a few moments later, a virtual contract was displayed over his wrist.

He said, "I want to make this official Zodiac Oath Contract with Faceless Ancient!"

The next moment, something magical happens: Jacob's star watch vibrates, and the same contract emerges!

Jacob was astounded because Nelsen didn't send him a request or anything, but by just speaking his star ID name, that contract appeared on its own!

"Zodiac Oath Contract is unlike any other virtual contract in the star network. If you have one, it can be formed from anywhere, even without the star network. You must know the other party's actual name or star network ID.

"Once this contract is formed, SAAI or the world itself will bear witness to it, and no one can break it no matter where they are. Once the contract is breached, only death awaits the oathbreaker. So, it's safe to say that neither you nor I can do anything against each other for 20 years.

"You can edit the terms if there is any loophole. My contract will automatically be updated as well. Once you are satisfied, say, 'In the name of Zodiac, I hereby acknowledge this Oath!' and it's done." Nelsen gave a general introduction to Jacob, as he easily guessed from his reaction that he didn't know how it worked.

Jacob clearly didn't believe Nelsen and asked SAAI, "Is it true?"

"Yes."

"You're really not trusting anyone, do you?" Nelsen sneered.

Jacob ignored him and started to read the contract, and it was not with any loophole. He won't do anything harmful or scheme against Nelsen or Ellie, nor can he seek anyone's help to deal with them or look for their whereabouts for 20 years.

The same goes for Nelsen and Ellie once this contract was signed!

Jacob suddenly frowned and asked, "Wait, how did Ellie be bound by this contract since only you and I are signing it?"

Nelsen looked at him with a peculiar glint in his eyes as he said, "Please send this contract to the parties involved in this. Change Ellie to Amiable Monk Fish!"

The next moment, 'Ellie' changed to 'Amiable Monk Fish' in the contract.

Jacob couldn't help but mock, "You're really a piece of trash."

"It was just a small error." Nelsen, naturally, wasn't going to admit it.

"Take the oath. I won't be going first without you two." Jacob stated that he didn't dare to be careless.

Although this old man looked like he had been defeated, he was full of tricks, and Jacob couldn't relax even for a second.

Nelsen lips curled as he said, "Don't worry, if involved parties don't take the pledge for 1 minute, the contract will be voided. In the name of Zodiac, I hereby acknowledge this Oath!"

At this moment, SAAI's voice sounded, "Amiable Wizened Monk has taken the Zodiac Oath!"

At the bottom of the contract, Nelsen's name appeared.

A few moments later, SAAI's voice sounded again, "Amble Monk Fish has taken the Zodiac Oath!"

Jacob finally relaxed a little and took the oath, "In the name of Zodiac, I hereby acknowledge this Oath!"

SAAI's voice sounded again, "Faceless Ancient has taken the Zodiac Oath!"

At this moment, the virtual contract turned into a streak and directly penetrated Nelsen and Jacob's chests!

Jacob was shocked by this, and he sensed something was gripping his heart, but the next moment, his heart suddenly beat, and that strange feeling vanished!

'What happened?' Jacob was surprised and confused.

"Don't worry. This is the effect of the Zodiac Oath Contract. The contract will be bound to our hearts, and nothing will happen as long as no one breaks it." Nelsen stated, as his expression was somewhat pale.

'Then why do I feel like my heart just removed whatever was trying to attach itself to it? Could it be the cursed heart can't be bound, or was it just my imagination?' Jacob thought with uncertainty, but he was also secretly hoping that the former was true.

Because if the zodiac oath contract can't bind his heart, then didn't this mean this oath was meaningless to him?

Just thinking about it made Jacob extremely expectant, and he knew he had to confirm it with Immortika because this could open a new door to countless possibilities.

After all, his heart was not simple!

Nelsen didn't know Jacob's thoughts and manipulated the star watch to forward the trial condition message to Jacob before saying, "I'm forfeiting my trial achievement to the Faceless Ancient!"

"Transfer has been successful!

"Faceless Ancient has been declared Sole Champion of Epic Plains!

"Please leave the champion space, Amiable Wized Monk!"

The next moment, a dark vortex appeared behind Nelsen.

'It really worked.' Jacob has a sigh of relief.

Nelsen didn't tarry, and a silver title-less book appeared in his hand, and he threw it towards Jacob, "This is the Scripture of Blank, I promised. Last thing, I know we don't see eye to eye, and we start on

the wrong foot. But I want you to know it was all but a misunderstanding and a lack of judgment on our part.

"I don't want to be your enemy. I hope 20 years will be enough to quench your anger, and I'll try my best to show I want to repent. I want my daughter to live happily. Consider it a fatherly bias. She won't look for you anymore.

"As a final token of my sincere apology, I'll give you a piece of advice. If you want to go to the Unique Plains, look out for the Star Ocean, for it is your biggest enemy, and go alone. The more companions you have, the more impossible it is to reach there.

"That's all. I hope I never see you again, and even if I did, you won't be there to kill me." Nelsen sighed ruefully before he turned around and vanished into the vortex, leaving frowning Jacob in the white space.

'What did it mean the Star Ocean is my biggest enemy and go alone? He clearly didn't sound like something lying. Instead, it felt as if he was telling something from experience...'

Jacob grimaced as the Unique Plains became more mysterious!

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Chapter 520: The Secret in the Rings

After Nelsen left, SAAI's voice sounded again!

"Faceless Ancient, congratulations, you have completed all the Trial Conditions of Epic Plains trial: The Hunter's Necropolis!

"Faceless Ancient, as the Sole Champion of Epic Plains Trial, your Star Privilege has been increased from 2-Star to 3-Star. You have Level-1 Authority over the Epic Plains until the next trial establishment!

"Faceless Ancient, as the Champion of Epic Plains Trials, you have One Time right to activate the Life Zone for 500 Years by forfeiting half of your accumulated reward!

"Please choose whether you want to activate the Life Zone."

Jacob's eyes lit up as the higher star authority meant less annoyance and more access to the star network.

He instantly replied, "I'll keep my rewards!"

"Faceless Ancient, you have voided your one time right!"

"Your Rewards are as follows:

"For completing the condition: Kill the Beast of East

"You are rewarded with 1,000,000 Zodiac Credit

"For completing the condition: Kill Beast of West

"You are rewarded with 1,000,000 Zodiac Credit.

"For completing the condition: Kill the Beast of South

"You are rewarded with 1,000,000 Zodiac Credit

"For completing the condition: Kill the Beast of North

"You are rewarded with 1,000,000 Zodiac Credit

"For completing the condition: Subduing the Beast of Necropolis

"You are rewarded with 10,000,000 Zodiac Credit

"Total Reward: 14,000,000 Zodiac Credit

"For Clearing two conditions, the total reward has been doubled.

"Total Reward: 28,000,000 Zodiac Credit

"For Clearing three conditions, the total reward has been doubled.

"Total Reward: 56,000,000 Zodiac Credit

"For Clearing four conditions, the total reward has been doubled.

"Total Reward: 112,000,000 Zodiac Credit

"For Clearing five conditions and achieving an impossible feat, the total reward has been tripled.

"Total Reward: 548,000,000 Zodiac Credit

"Sole Champion Reward: 25,000,000 Zodiac Credit and One Free Advanced Epic Weapon and One Free Advanced Epic Armor from the Epic Plains Shop has been rewarded!

"Final Reward: 573,000,000 Zodiac Credit and One free Advanced Epic Weapon and One Free Advanced Epic Armor

"Please note that the fine of 100 million ZC has been deducted from your final rewards!

"The rewards have been transferred to your 3-Star Zodiac Account!"

Jacob's lips curled up as he didn't mind deduction; he had already earned what he wanted, and now it was time for what he had been preparing for.

"I can sell anything I want to, right?" Jacob questioned.

"Yes."

Without hesitation, Jacob takes out all the useless weapons, potions, talismans, pills, and so on that he had created all these years while practicing his craft.

Some of them were sold through the alchemy guild channels, but there were too many, and he also had the treasury of Witch Palace. There were many useless weapons he didn't want. But they were all high quality, and selling them to the epic plains would only empower his enemies. So, he wanted to sell them to SAAI.

The champion shop was an opportunity that was hard to come by, and unlike last time, he was ready to go all out and prepared for it.

Soon, a massive pile of shimmering items gathered in the white space.

"All right, tell me how much they are worth," Jacob said calmly after emptying almost all his space rings.

"Starting scan..."

SAAI's voice sounded before a red light shone over the pile, and a few minutes later...

"Scanning complete, begins calculation!"

"The final tally is 4.19 Billion Zodiac Credit!"

"Do you want to exchange?"

"Do it," Jacob confirmed. He had already guessed the amount was around this much.

The next moment, the massive pile was absorbed into the ground, and SAAI's voice rang.

"Exchange successful!

"4.19 Billion Zodiac Credit has been transferred to your 3-Star Zodiac Account!"

Jacob's star watch vibrates, and he instantly checks his new balance, which is now 19.39 Billion ZC!

'It's reaching the same amount I had in one of my accounts in my past life. But unlike before, this money is useful...' Jacob sighed with a hint of nostalgia. He knew money would lose value in his old world once you have everything, even the world.

But here, the more he had, the better.

Still, he wasn't done, as 28 space rings appeared in his hand. They were all locked with mystic signatures, and 9 of them were from A-0. Unless he had a mystic signature, they were useless to him, and he didn't know how long it would take to condense one. So, it was better to sell them.

"I want to sell these rings and contents within." Jacob impassively stated.

"Starting scan..."

A red light suddenly shone on the rings before vanishing.

"Scanning complete, begins calculation!

"The final tally is 6.06 Billion Zodiac Credit!

"Do you want to exchange?"

Jacob's eyes widened slightly, "Can you tell me what is inside?"

"10 Million ZC for appraisal."

"Do it!"

"Scanning result:

"Basic Epic Rank Items: 4,994,144 (Space Rings: 24, Weapons: 41, ..., Life Crystals: 4,991,405)

"Intermediate Epic Rank Items: 1,844,414 (Space Rings: 3, ..., Life Crystals: 800,739)

"Advanced Epic Rank Items: 476,100 (Space Ring: 1, ..., Life Crystals: 419,990)

"Basic Unique Rank Items: 8 (Life Crystals: 8)"

"What?" Jacob was shocked when he heard so many life crystals were in those rings, and he suddenly thought about the nine rings of A-0!

Life crystals could only be harvested by the dark beings from the life essence of the living. He was pretty sure that the people he killed here didn't have those life essences. The dark beings he killed also didn't have any space rings.

"Are the life crystals in these nine rings?" Jacob quickly pointed toward the nine rings to confirm his guess.

"Yes."

Jacob frowned darkly as he thought about the Killer Skull Society and how desperate they were to get their hands on these rings. So, it was impossible for them not to know what was inside them.

But what he couldn't understand was how, in the world, A-0 had so many life crystals, all of which were epic ranks, and eight of them were unique. What the hell were they up to, and how did they get their hands on millions of life crystals?

"What are the uses of Life Crystals, and why are they so expensive?" Jacob had to ask this question to clearly understand what was going on.

Furthermore, SAAI was buying them, and their price was higher than all those items he had sold just now.

However, the answer from SAAI sent a chill down his spine- it wasn't what he expected!

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