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Chapter 541: Lifespan

About half an hour later, Jacob stood on top of the ship sail, and his head suddenly shifted in the northeast direction and his eyes narrowed.

Although there wasn't any movement on the sea, he could sense a vague fluctuation in water in the air and ocean.

The next moment, Jacob tried to focus on his eyes when suddenly his amber irises glowed in golden light before they suddenly expanded covering his entire eyes and turning into pure golden, and tiny silver flames were flickering within them.

The world around him instantly changed as countless strange particles appeared before him, and he finally saw an outline of a gigantic ship made with these colorful particles.

Instantly, Jacob closed his eyes and when he opened them again, they had turned back to normal. But his complexion was slightly pale, and sweat was beaded on his forehead.

'I've only opened them for barely two seconds, yet I felt exhausted.' Jacob thought bitterly, as he knew the eyes of judge were not something he could carelessly use.

But still, after barely using them, he knew just how terrifying they were, and the strain they left on his mind afterward was not to be laughed at. Immortika's warning was not unjustifiable.

Although it was his second time using them, he had to admit nothing could hide from them, even an advanced unique rank stealth mode ship!

Gulping down a rejuvenate potion, Jacob's lips curled in a malicious smile as he jumped down and found Sofie, who was waiting anxiously for his order.

"He's coming with the entire ship. The moment I jump on that ship, escape through the sea without hesitation," Jacob ordered as he clearly remembered the first time Captain Free Sword captured him.

That guy has a powerful method to teleport someone into the ship directly, so he doesn't dare to be careless or let Sofie flee first. He was afraid that the guy was monitoring them with some unknown device to make sure there wasn't any ambush.

If he saw Sofie escaping, then he might not come at all, so she had to be here as bait until he succeeded in neutralizing him.

Furthermore, he hadn't forgotten about the teleportation talismans. He had bought a treasure that could block space, Sky Lock Cube, for this exact reason, and Masha just happened to be in possession of an advanced space talisman, not a unique one, and her downfall was also because of it.

This also reveals just how precious a space related treasure was. But he can't underestimate Captain Free Sword, since that guy would not be stingy with himself.

Now, Masha was in his infinity pendant, and upon his thought transmission with Autarch, he found that he needed around six more months to completely devour Masha if she remained in that state, and Jacob wasn't planning to let her escape at all, so it was all in his favor.

In the end, Jacob knew he only had a single chance to capture Captain Free Sword, and he couldn't miss the timing, or he would be really gone once he escaped through a space treasure.

All of these calculations were accounted for, and he also has another helper this time around, "Nyx, I want you to plant a seed the moment you see Captain Free Sword. Focus your entire power on him—no need to care about others. Once I capture him, you can stop and focus on the others. There should be around twenty more enemies on that ship, and we need to kill them all."

"Ehh, what about my food?" Nyx asked, as she clearly was implying for a living prey.

"I'll see what I can do about it. It's not easy to retrain so many Uniques, or do you think I want to give away the free chance of getting so much lifespan?" Jacob retorted, since he no longer thought about killing others first.

From the last time Nyx absorbed those two dwarfs and one ogre's dreamscape realm, he got 1,100 years of lifespan!

Even Jacob was in disbelief when he saw that number adding to his own lifespan, and he knew he had hit a jackpot with Nyx. Now, as long as Nyx was alive, and he let her continue to feed on the living beings, his lifespan would continue to increase!

Furthermore, he knew the more powerful a species is, the more lifespan they would have. Like a goblin, even in epic rank, could only live for 200 to 300 hundred years. At the same time, an epic elf or giant could live up to 1200 to 1500 hundred years. An epic magic beast and orc's life span was around 500 to 1000 years, depending on their bloodline.

Lastly, Nyx could only get half of the remaining natural lifespan of her victim. It would not be deducted from the years the victim has already lived.

For example, if a victim has lived for 1000 years, and he only got around 100 years more to live, Nyx could only get 50 years not 550 years.

Furthermore, those victims can also replenish their lifespan with medicine, but Nyx would not devour this lifespan because it is not a natural lifespan.

Lastly, both Combat and Sorcery could affect lifespan differently. A combatant could live more than a Sorcerer because they had stronger bodies.

So, the younger and more talented her victim is, the more lifespan she can gather! A unique species' average lifespan is around 500 years, and a species like a unique ogre and dwarf would have an average lifespan of around 4000 years!

That's why Jacob got over one thousand years despite Nyx getting the other 30% from just three of those victims.

This was the reason Jacob now wanted to prioritize capturing the Uniques then just killing them. After all, lifespan was far more alluring than just temporary meals.

Furthermore, it wasn't like he wouldn't get to eat them once Nyx was done with them, so he wanted to get both lifespan and their meat now. Still, he knew this time deaths were unavoidable, even if it was a waste.

But it wasn't like he didn't have a shot at it, and all of this depends on whether he could subdue Captain Free Sword or not.

At this moment, in few meters away from Jacob's ship, a gigantic ship suddenly appeared out of thin air, and on top of the ship's ugly figurehead, Captain Free Sword stood tall while coldly glaring at Jacob and Sofie!

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Captain Free Sword spoke without having any intention of moving from his spot, "I humbly apologize for my previous offense, and this time, I've come with sincerity. I invite Miss and Sir to my humble ship to show my hospitality!"

'Not leaving your turtle shell, huh? But you're only inviting the wolf into your house...' Jacob smiled coldly, as he had already predicted this outcome.

Captain Free Sword would naturally not leave the safety of his ship and crew after knowing Jacob's strength, and he would feel secure with them, so he invited them over.

But Jacob was also ready, and a gray disc appeared under his feet before he began to fly towards the ship. Captain Free Sword's eyes contracted to see this, but he didn't panic.

On Jacob was on the same height as Captain Free Sword, he looked down on the guy, making him uncomfortable, and said, "Since you show yourself, I'll naturally return the courtesy. Led the way."

'So, he is the one in charge!' Captain Free Sword's eyes shimmered with understanding as he had already suspected this since this giant was too powerful. How could someone like him listen to an epic?

Sofie was just a front to keep him hidden, which was completely justifiable since Captain Free Sword would do the same.

"Please." Captain Free Sword didn't pay attention to Sofie anymore and directly led him into the Ship's meeting hall.

Jacob nonchalantly entered, and he also felt many eyes on him; Immortika was right in front of him, and he confirmed that Captain Free Sword wasn't a puppet and all the crewmates were hidden and keeping a close eye on it, ready to react the moment he showed any malice.

However, Jacob had already acted. It was just that Captain Free Sword and his crew didn't detect anything.

They both enter a spacious hall with a table full of rare delicacies and mana fruits, and all of them are unique rank. This also shows Captain Free Sword's wealth.

Jacob couldn't help but secretly sighed since he now returned to this place as a feared guest then just an ant and Captain Free Sword didn't even notice his voice which made quite clear that Captain Free Sword didn't bother to remember him, he was just a disposable pawn.

Captain Free Sword also felt a little bit at ease when he saw Jacob calmly sit down, which meant he really wanted to form this partnership, and he was at fault from the start. Still, he didn't dare to let his guard down, and men were closely monitoring this place.

At this moment, Jacob picked up a golden fruit, carelessly removed his mask, and bit it while coldly stating while glaring at the corner, "Tell your man to stop hiding there and scram before I change my mind, or do you want to repeat the same mistake?"

Captain Free Sword was shocked as his heart trembled because Jacob was staring at the same place where Vile Horn was hiding using an advanced, unique rank stealth treasure, but Jacob saw right through him!

Furthermore, Jacob didn't even bat an eye before eating that fruit, so he wasn't worried about poison, which give him an air of mystery.

'Just who is he?' He thought gloomily and quickly said, "Ha...ha, it seemed my man was quite curious about Sir, don't worry it won't happen again. Vile Horn, if you've seen enough, now, leave our guest alone. I'll accompany sir."

The next moment, Vile Horn's figure appeared, wearing a gray cloak, and his eyes were filled with doubt and a hint of fear before he bowed his head and left the hall. He didn't dare to refute it, as this person was really not to be messed with.

"If there's someone monitoring, tell them to stop, since what I'm about to say is not something just anyone could hear. Or do you think I need to put up this act if I want to deal with you?" Jacob coldly stated while picking up another fruit.

Captain Free Sword was now really impressed, and he no longer had any thought about suppressing this person. Since he dared to come, this could only mean he was fearless, and he didn't need to bother with all this if he had ill intentions, so he was slightly convinced.

In the end, he gives a signal that only his crewmates can understand before smilingly replying, "Haha, I trust sir completely. There is nothing here but my sincerity. I wonder what instructions sir has for me." He calmly sat down on the other side of the table, as he still didn't dare to sit close to Jacob.

Jacob smiled slightly as he asked, "Tell me, how did you end up here?"

Captain Free Sword didn't find this question unreasonable and replied, "My comrades betrayed me, and they disclosed my whereabouts to a powerful enemy, so having no choice, I was forced to use a trump, and I ended up here." Although he was subtle, he still gave a reasonable answer.

"Since your enemy was willing to spend so much time with you, then this could only mean you have something that interests them, or you've done something unforgivable, right?" Jacob asked.

Captain Free Sword smiled bitterly and masterfully dodged the question, "Sir, you should know we star pirates are outlaws, and there are hefty rewards in our heads, so anyone would be interested in calming them. I'm just a little pirate, just living in fear of others. How could I interest others? It's just that some people wanted to be heroes by dealing with a bunch of nobodies like us. We are not evildoers.

"On the other hand, I'm quite curious about how someone like sir is doing here, and what do you want from a nobody like me? As long as I can do it, I'm willing to work for you since all I want is to go back." He quickly changed the topic.

'What a sly bastard. He clearly has something that others want, and he is forced to flee. It seems he is hiding something terrible.' Jacob thought as he easily saw through Captain Free Sword's façade.

Even an idiot could tell that Captain Free Sword was hiding something, which forced him to use something important that could send him directly to the epic star ocean. So, it wouldn't be just some random item.

In the end, Jacob decided to capture him first before taking his sweet time investigating it. He had already won some of Captain Free Sword's trust by lowering his guard.

"How is it?" Jacob questioned Nyx.

"Yes, he's not powerful enough to even detect my seed entering his dreamscape realm. Now, even if he runs, I can easily find him." Nyx confidently replied.

This was Jacob's true goal from the start. Even if Captain Free Sword could teleport away, Nyx's seed would be in his mind, and he couldn't escape Jacob's tracking no matter what. He was now completely in his palm.

The next moment, a ruby color cube appeared in his before crimson light flashed past Jacob's eyes as he used his hex, "Slumber Hex!"

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The moment Captain Free Sword's eyes begin to shut, Jacob doesn't even waste a second and instantly moves his hand toward Captain Free Sword!

His plan was simple: as long as he could touch Captain Free Sword, he would instantly send him into his infinity pendant. Because once he was inside, Jacob was 100% sure that there was no space talisman or any kind of space treasure!

Jacob even used fluid acceleration on his blood to increase his speed to maximum, and his hand appeared to be teleported directly to Captain Free Sword's face.

Before his eyes even closed, Jacob's giant claw was holding his face, and at this moment, a purple light seemed to be emerging from Captain Free Sword's chest.

However, Jacob was fully prepared and instantly tried to send him into his infinity pendant, and Captain Free Sword's body vanished!

With uncertainty and anticipation, Jacob quickly looked into his infinity pendant to confirm if Captain Free Sword had vanished into his pendant or if the teleportation treasure was even faster.

His eyes instantly brightened with ecstasy when he saw Captain Free Sword's slumbering figure lying in his pendant, and he almost roared with excitement!

In reality, only a second had passed, but for Jacob, this second was filled with anxiety and exhilaration. He had been preparing for a long time for this signal second, and now Captain Free Sword was finally at his mercy!

It was the same kind of feeling that he felt when he escaped Decker's clutches, and their situations completely changed. From being a slave to a master, this feeling was something he could never get tired of.

However, Jacob quickly calmed down as he knew this wasn't the time to celebrate because, despite talking down the ringmaster, his puppets were still very much alive, and the true battle would now begin.

It was now a matter of how quickly Jacob could get rid of them all.

Instantly, he begins to recharge his hex mana since no one has noticed that Captain Free Sword is now gone. He wanted to capture as many alive as he could for Nyx.

After five minutes, Jacob stood up and headed towards the closed door, and he could clearly see a few heartbeats outside.

Once he opened the door, Vile Horn and three other ogres instantly looked over, and when they saw Jacob coming out, they were confused since not even ten minutes had passed.

'Could it be the meaning was over?' Vile Horn thought as he didn't find anything suspicious.

But the next moment, he and another ogre lost consciousness, startling the other two ogres, and they were alarmed since it was too strange.

At this moment, swords appeared in Jacob's hand, and his killing intent manifested, making those other two ogres tremble.

He coldly said, "Captain Free Sword is gone, and if you guys are sensible and don't want to end up like these guys, surrender, and I promise I'll spare your lives. I'll even let you guys join the dark city and get rid of this lowly status of pirates.

"Captain Free Sword wanted to sacrifice you all, but I'm not like him, as I need capable men for a voyage to unique plains. Now, decide if you want to be a stubborn fool like your captain or a sensible person who knows how to bend with the flow."

Both ogres paled as they couldn't even breathe because Jacob was simply too powerful, and his killing intent was something they had never experienced in their lives. Jacob was like a grim ripper, ready to reap their lives the moment they chose to go against him!

This was Jacob's first plan to try to scare them into submission by getting rid of those two in front of them. They didn't know he could only use the slumber hex twice before running out of hex mana.

However, no matter what, they were no longer a match for him. If he didn't want their lifespan, he wouldn't even bother to try subduing them. So, by giving them false hope, he could buy ample time and slowly eat them away.

Furthermore, he was sure that this place was being monitored and there were many hidden presences around, so his words were for everyone listening.

A deadly silence enveloped the corridor as those two ogres were looking at Vile Horn, who was third in power ranking among their crew, lying there like a corpse, and their color continued to change between white and blue.

This situation was the least they had expected, and Captain Free Sword's absence also proved that Jacob had really gotten rid of him and that he was the strongest among them, their support pillar. This naturally breaks their will to fight.

In the end, an ogre with a deep scar over his temple raises his hands, "I...I surrender!"

The other one was startled for a moment before he did the same, "I'll listen to you as long as you don't kill me."

Jacob was secretly elated seeing this working before he coldly stared at the end of the corridor, "What about you six?"

The hidden pirates' hearts trembled when Jacob easily discovered their presence; this made them even more appalled, and they were now sure Jacob wasn't bluffing.

In the end, they were all pirates with no morals and values, they all cherished their lives and loyalty came second. So, one after another, they appeared in the corridor and surrendered!

Jacob nodded, "Good, now you six go and bring everyone to the main control room. If someone resists, detain them. I'm sure some of you were not satisfied with Captain Free Sword, but I'm not like him. As long as you all cooperate, there are rewards for you. I won't mistreat my people."

The six of them looked at each other before they quickly received his command and left.

Jacob coolly stowed away those two slumbering ogres, making the remaining ogres panic a little.

"Lead the way to the control room." Jacob coldly commanded.

"T-this way." The one with the scar quickly gathered his wits and hurried led Jacob towards the ship's main control room, which was the heart of the ship, with the other ogre.

At this point, things were going quite smoothly and far better than Jacob expected. These guys really have no backbone, and they were zealous enough to seek revenge or bend their knees in submission.

Jacob liked dealing with these kinds of people the most in both lives.

The control room was the heart of the ship, and it was well protected, but right now, no one obstructed Jacob's way. Because just as he suspected, he was being monitored, and since others had already submitted, others didn't dare to resist.

Without Captain Free Sword, they were all fish on the chopping board as they fully cooperated.

Once Jacob entered the high-tech control room of this ship, he saw there was an elf and two more ogres already waiting anxiously for his arrival. He didn't even need to tell them before they quickly bowed their heads in submission.

Jacob's lips curled up, seeing the control room filled with monitors and all sorts of unknown magic technology he wasn't familiar with. It was a flawless takeover!

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At this moment, Captain Free Sword's eyes opened with bewilderment as he found himself in a familiar gloomy room with dim red light. If his memory serves him right, this should be the torture chamber!

The confusion in his eyes suddenly vanished and was replaced with absolute horror. His eyes darted around before stopping at the giant figure sitting not too far away on a chair, and beside that chair was a metal table filled with strange torture tools.

Those tools weren't normal as they were made specially to torture Unique Ranks people like them, and Captain Free Sword never let collect rust. But today, he wasn't sitting on that chair and grinning at his victim.

He was stark naked with his precious armor gone, the five space rings on his fingers were gone, and the strangest thing was a rectangular piece of his skin about one foot in size had been cut off from his chest, and blood was stopped by charring the skin!

Jacob looked at Captain Free Sword's appalled expression and couldn't help but smile with derision as their positions had really been switched.

Captain Free Sword finally felt a burning sensation on his chest, and he felt even more terror because he knew his trump card had been rendered useless by this unknown monster.

Completely appalled, he tried to ask and appeared calm, "Is there any need for all this? I know I shouldn't have offended the Dark City. B-but I'm willing to work for you to repent. I'm no use for you dead, and I promise I can be extremely useful!"

'He still wants to talk his way out?' Jacob couldn't help but admire Captain Free Sword's will to live. It was almost akin to his, but alas, he wasn't as stupid as to let a possible threat walk free, especially if that threat was of a completely unknown origin.

Suddenly, a piece of skin appeared in his hand, and there were black rune symbols carved on it, and blood was still dripping from it.

Seeing that piece of skin, Captain Free Sword's chest burn was even more painful as he knew it was cut out from his chest, and he had paid a very high price to have a terrifying Rune Artificer engrave those runes.

"I never thought that it was even possible to engrave runes on our own body. If I'm guessing right, this should be your life-saving trump card, a space teleportation talisman, right?

"I have to admit, I almost let your body escape just now. These runes are quite impressive, and now, thanks to you, I'll be able to use 'your' talisman if I ever fall into trouble. It's really amazing." Jacob was telling the truth.

When he takes out Captain Free Sword's body despite removing his space rings and clothes in his infinity pendant, the runes on his chest almost get activated the moment he comes out.

If he hadn't been alerted enough, Captain Free Sword might've already slipped away from his grasp. Only then did he notice those runes, and he knew they were not just tattoos but a talisman that had been carved into his skin, and it was directly connected to his magic core.

Even Jacob didn't know it was possible, and whoever did this had to be a terrifying rune artificer with a profound understanding of his craft. Even Jacob admired it.

"Please, I'm willing to submit and reveal my secrets. There's no need to go too far." Captain Free Sword pleaded again, as he was now completely sure that this person was a terrible existence that could even interfere with space runes or that he had an extremely rare space-restraining treasure.

In any case, he knew he had to get out of this mess, and the only way he could think of was to lower his head.

Jacob smiled icily, "In the face of absolute power, even if you're a king, you're not better than an ant with some jewels. And here I thought you'd at least have some dignity and resist. Alas, now, if I skin you alive, I'll feel awful about it."

A chill run-down Captain Free Sword's spine as that terrible smile remind him of Masha's sadist smile, he was too familiar with it.

"But, I'll give you a chance. Tell me the true reason you were teleported here. Oh, and I know many things from your crewmate already, so if you dare to lie, know this: I won't hesitate to skin you alive." Jacob coldly stated. He still didn't reveal his true identity since he really wanted to know why Captain

Free Sword was here, just what he was hiding, and also some more about the Unique Plains. He definitely knows more than anymore.

Furthermore, if Captain Free Sword learned that he was Jacob, he could easily guess that there wasn't any chance for him to live. So, Jacob let him think that he fell into this state because of Dark City, at least this way he would have hope that he might get out of this alive if he spit out everything.

Jacob has already learned from Harold that Captain Free Sword uses a very precious treasure to teleport so far away from the epic plains because he was chased by not only a single power but the entire unique plains. Even three hegemonies and dark beings were involved.

As for why, Harold or anyone else had no idea, but they all know that it all started after Captain Free Sword sneakily entered the Unique Plains Trial and then, four months later, even managed to escape.

The chase starts right after that, and Captain Free Sword does his best to flee deep into the Star Ocean. But who could've thought there were traitors among his crew and enemies would instantly surround him?

Even Jacob was shocked after he heard this, and that's why he wanted to know just what made all those powers hunt Captain Free Sword like mad dogs.

Captain Free Sword's eyes shimmered with unwillingness when he heard this question, but hope also bloomed in his heart because he knew he might be able to save his life if he disclosed this information.

After all, his life was far more important than some stupid secret, but he was too sly just to give it away since there was still a chance Jacob might directly kill him to keep that secret to himself; that secret was terrifying!

So, he took a deep breath and said, "As long as Sir signs an oath contract, I'll reveal everything. Or you can just kill me, but know this: what I know is something that every power wants to know; in return, I just want to live, and I'm even willing to serve, Sir!"

Jacob's eyes narrowed dangerously, making Captain Free Sword shudder. But unexpectedly, Jacob nodded the next moment and dismissively said, "Alright!"

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Chapter 545: A Mythical Secret (2)

There were two types of Zodiac Oath Contracts: the virtual one and the physical one.

The virtual Zodiac Oath Contracts were more common, and as long as someone had at least a 2-star star privilege, they could buy it directly from the star network, and each cost 100 million ZC.

As for the physical Zodiac Oath Contracts, they were rare because only Champion Shops could produce them, and their prices were also higher than the virtual ones, 150 million ZC each. But their effects were the same nonetheless.

After his encounter with Nelsen, Jacob brought five virtual and three physical Zodiac Oath Contracts for himself.

Now that Jacob has plundered Captain Free Sword's everything, his advanced unique rank star watch wasn't an exception, and he claimed it for himself as it was more advanced than the epic one.

Furthermore, he didn't dare to let Captain Free Sword use a star watch since that guy might sneakily do something, so Jacob took out a physical Zodiac Oath Contract.

Looking at the translucent blue sheet with white rune writing before him, Captain Free Sword was even more shocked since he knew just how rare these physical Zodiac Oath Contracts were.

One of the reasons they were rare was because the parties involved needed to drip their blood on them to bind the oath, and there was no need to say, 'In the name of Zodiac, I hereby acknowledge this Oath' as well.

These contracts were so miraculous that if someone weren't willingly dripping this blood on it, the contract wouldn't activate no matter what.

Furthermore, to write on them, one needs magic energy and knowledge of magic rune language.

The terms of the contract were very simple: as long as Captain Free Sword told the truth without hiding anything or omitting any details, Jacob would not kill him as long as Captain Free Sword wouldn't scheme or betray him.

Jacob has already dripped his blood on the contract, and all left is Captain Free Sword to do the same.

Captain Free Sword didn't expect Jacob to agree to this so quickly, but he didn't dare to miss this chance to preserve his life and instantly sweep blood from his chest and place it on the translucent sheet.

The very next moment, the contract turned into two streaks of blue lights and penetrated into both of their hearts.

But like before, the moment the contract tried to attach itself to Jacob's heart, his heart beat powerfully, and that feeling of something gripping his heart shattered.

Jacob hides his mocking expression, looking at the ecstatic Captain Free Sword. He was probably thinking that he was now fully safe.

"Now go on," Jacob said impassively.

Captain Free Sword no longer hesitates and reveals, "The Unique Plains Trial has been active for over 800 years now, and to this day, only one shackle has been broken by the Dark Beings.

"The Life Faction is furiously trying to do the same and leveling the field. They were even recruiting independent experts for the sake of it. I'm a 3-Star Criminal, so stepping on the Unique Plains will alert many authorities.

"But I have an Offender Ring, another product of the Star Hackers, which will allow anyone below 4-Star Criminal to hide from the scrutiny of the SAAI. So I can enter the unique plains without incurring another's attention.

"Since they were letting people enter the Unique Plains Trial, I also wanted to go because the trial this time was Kingdom Type. Sir should know that a kingdom-type trial is where an entire Kingdom exists in a trial or even more.

"The Kingdom-type trials are very difficult as well, as they contain far more opportunities than any other type of trial because there are living civilizations with different power systems than us. Sometimes, they also have different types of treasures and extinct materials, lost technology, and miraculous medicines.

"That's why whenever a kingdom-type trial occurred, both life and dead factions would go crazy, and they do everything to plunder from the kingdom while searching for shackles.

"I even heard a story that the last time when a kingdom type trial appeared, it lasted for ten thousand years because it was filled with rare precious minerals lodes. So, both sides signed an agreement that no one would fight for shackles until the life faction extracted those lodes, and they would let the dark beings kill the natives of the trial without interfering.

"This time was probably the same, as the life faction needed as much manpower as they could muster up. I wanted to try my luck as well. So, when I entered the Unique Plains Trial with the help of an associate, I was teleported into a hall that was filled with murals." At this point, Captain Free Sword's eyes were filled with emotions.

Even Jacob was startled when he heard about this trial plains of kingdom type. His knowledge related to the trials was extremely limited, and Immortika only revealed limited knowledge suitable for his circumstances.

Now that he has heard about this kingdom-type trial, he is quite shocked since he doesn't think there will be an entire civilization in the trial plains and can't help but think about Nyx.

According to her, she was put on trial, not born there, which clearly means the trial was some kind of farming grounds for the natives of the zodiac plains. As for their purpose, it was still a mystery.

Anyhow, he let Captain Free Sword continue.

"In those murals were multiple battles recorded, and they were extremely vivid, and I can only describe those battles as godly. But in the center of that hall was a stone tablet filled with bizarre information. It describes the structure of the world, the Zodiac Plains!" At this point, Captain Free Sword sneakily looked at Jacob.

Jacob's eyes were narrowed as his heart trembled. He never expected there would be this kind of secret hidden in trial plains.

"Continue." He coldly urged.

Captain Free Sword took a deep breath and said, "I don't know how much was true or how much was fake, but according to those writings, the Zodiac Plains is divided into twelve Grand Absolute Galaxies named Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces Galaxies.

"These galaxies are further divided into Higher, Middle, and Lesser Galaxies. Furthermore, all of these galaxies are connected and connected with each other through none other than the Star Ocean. Together, they made the Zodiac Plains.

"There was no information about the higher and middle galaxies or their structures, but it was written that the Kingdom in the trial plain was located in the Lesser Grand Absolute Galaxy of Taurus, and they worship the Taurus Demiurge who rule the entire Taurus Grand Absolute Galaxy!"

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Chapter 546: A Mythical Secret (3)

At this point, Jacob was absolutely shocked, and he didn't know what to think. This was simply too much for him to swallow.

But then he calmed down and looked at Immortika, who was still in front of him; he didn't unsummon it just in case he needed it.

He only asked one question, "Is it true?"

"Hehehehe... how interesting. Yes, he's telling the truth." Immortika wrote.

Jacob took a deep breath as he asked another question, "Can you explain?"

"All I can say is, although you know about the structure of Zodiac Plains, you are still not qualified to learn the entire truth. Just continue what you're doing, and who knows, you might find something very interesting. But this matter is still something I can't speak about because you merely scratch the surface." Immortika wrote ambiguously.

Jacob could only give up and looked at Captain Free Sword before saying, "So you learn about the Zodiac Plains structure and that's why you were hunted down by everything? For some reason, I can't believe that, since unless you won't announce it to the world, how could they find out that you learned all this?"

Captain Free Sword smiled wryly, "Indeed, it wasn't the reason I was exposed, but it was my greed that got the best of me. You see, after learning this, I didn't want anyone else to get that information. So, I try to destroy that tablet. But who could've thought the moment I destroyed it, I completed a trial condition, and the announcement exposed me."

Jacob was again astounded as he finally understood why everyone tried to go after Captain Free Sword. He unknowingly cleared a trial condition that had drawn the fury of the life faction because Captain Free Sword was a star criminal.

But Captain Free Sword was still not done, as he continued, "But even that wasn't enough to draw all the power's attention to hunt me down so furiously. Right after that announcement, another announcement was made, which was completely out of the ordinary.

"It was; the path of Legend will open in a century. I don't know what that means, but the moment that announcement was made, all those powers came after me like bloodthirsty hyenas.

"Furthermore, I discovered an old key in the debris of that tablet, and if I'm not wrong, that key has something to do with this path of Legend. So, I have no choice but to flee. I somehow managed to exit the trial plan and then wanted to wait for more information.

"But who could've thought that those bastards would place such a lavish reward on my whereabouts, and then those traitors appeared, and everything went sidehill." Captain Free Sword couldn't help but furiously gritted his teeth.

This miserable state he was in was exactly those traitors' fault, and now he had no choice but to become a slave to someone else and sell his secret to preserve his life!

"Where is that key?" Jacob hurriedly asked as this path of Legend made him think about the Legendary Rank, and it might be a way to enter the higher plains.

Captain Free Sword might not know about the legendary rank, but Jacob does, and he knew those powers also knew, so they went after Captain Free Sword for more details.

But even they hadn't imagined just how difficult Captain Free Sword was to deal with, and he managed to flee all the way to the epic plains.

"I've hidden it on a barren island in the unique star ocean once I found that everyone was coming after me. The coordinates are saved in the map of my star watch." Captain Free Sword revealed.

Jacob couldn't help but comment, "How sly, if they had captured you, you could've used this same method to buy your life back and if they had killed you, this secret would've also gone with you. I have to admit, you are full of surprises, Mr. Pirate.

"Nonetheless, since we are in agreement, give me that map and coordinates right now, and you'll be a free man and reap many benefits." He coolly said before throwing a star watch to Captain Free Sword.

Jacob also thanked his stars that he didn't kill him, or this huge secret would've been lost. Now that he knew this key might have something to do with the legendary rank, he absolutely had to have it.

So, he decided to give Captain Free Sword an epic star watch to reconnect with his star ID and transfer this map since he also needed this once he entered the unique plains.

Furthermore, he only remembered that the star network was still down, and Captain Free Sword once said that a unique rank species like him couldn't connect with the Epic Star network.

Captain Free Sword was under oath, so he didn't have any choice but to transfer the map by using a star application.

After confirming the map and coordinates were authentic, Jacob was very excited as this gain was out of his expectation. Now, all he had to do was to go to the unique plains, dig out this key, and then research more about this Path of Legend.

"Am I free now?" Captain Free Sword asked hopefully, as he had already disclosed everything, and he knew Jacob couldn't go back on his promise.

"What's the hurry? I still have more questions for you." Jacob chuckled coldly as he began to ask about the powers of unique plains. Since Captain Free Sword was a native, he knew many things, and he was also a 3-star criminal, so his approach was very deep, especially in the underground area.

This was very helpful for Jacob as he would start his journey soon.

Captain Free Sword was startled when Jacob asked him about the Unique Plains, as he thought Jacob was from the Unique Plains. But now, he begins to question this notion because, from Jacob's questions, it becomes clearer that he doesn't know anything about the Unique Plains.

Furthermore, even if Jacob didn't know, the Dark City would have that information. This was really strange, as Captain Free Sword suddenly began to sense something was wrong, but he had no choice but to tell Jacob everything.

This integration lasted for about two hours before Jacob was finally satisfied, and Captain Free Sword's throat was dry because of speaking all the time. He was now fully sure that Jacob wasn't from the unique plains.

Once Jacob was done, a sword appeared in his hand, startling Captain Free Sword and blurted, "What are you trying to do?"

Jacob smiled coldly as he suddenly removed his mask, and upon seeing Jacob's face, Captain Free Sword's eyes fully widened, "YOU! I-Impossible!"

With a cruel smile, Jacob said, "Let me reintroduce myself. I'm Jacob S. King, your former slave and new master. Don't think too much about how I reach this point. Just know that I'm going to enjoy every bit of what is about to happen.

"If you want to blame someone, blame yourself for giving me a chance to live. But alas, I'm not an idiot like you!"

Afterward, the entire torture chamber was filled with blood- curdling screams and begging for death!

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Chapter 547: Last Preparation (1)

Five days later, Jacob finally emerged from the torture chamber, and he seemed to be bathed in blood. He spent day and night 'taking care' of Captain Free Sword and keeping him alive until Nyx was done with him.

Jacob has really let loose in these past five days; he had broken Captain Free Sword's body and mind until he was just a living corpse, and today, he finished him off. There was no longer the Infamous pirate in this world who shook the unique plains once.

Until the end, Captain Free Sword still wondered how Jacob was able to get to this point in a few years and how he managed to break past the restraints of the Zodiac Oath Contract.

After taking a bath in Captain Free Sword's cabin, which was now his, he summoned the new vice-captain, who was none other than the scarred ogre named Mic. Jacob appointed him because he was the strongest as well, and he seemed very obedient.

"How's the things going?" Jacob questioned while calmly sitting on a comfortable couch.

Although Mic was curious why Jacob had taken so many days in the ship's torture chamber, he didn't dare to tarry and replied, "Replying to the lord, everything is under control, and we are really to set sail anytime."

Jacob nodded, "What are the members' attitudes?"

Even though Jacob was keeping them all alive for their lifespan, he had to admit having them work with him was not a bad thing. So, he decided to let them live as long as they could after Nyx devoured their dreamscape realm.

They were all experienced veterans when it came to Star Ocean, so as long as they behaved, he'd keep them alive. Furthermore, Captain Free Sword found many things about the unique plains, and that place was really not to be looked down upon, even for someone like him at the peak of the unique rank. That's why he had some changes in plans.

"They are all well-behaved and cooperative," Mic replied, and he was telling the truth, especially about the members of other races.

Captain Free Sword always looked down on other races, and they treated the other race's members like sacrificial pawns, and he never let them have real power in the crew. Only Masha was an exception because of her runic skills.

This was also the reason the people who betrayed him were from different races, not his own. Furthermore, to find the hidden traitor, Captain Free Sword had Masha draw slave runes on all the members, which secretly infuriated them.

But having no choice, they could only be cooperative. However, what made those other race members despise and hate Captain Free Sword was he didn't remove their slave runes, but he was done with them. But he removed them from his own race members.

Now, they were virtually free since they still thought Jacob had killed Masha, so they were very cooperative with Jacob's reign, but it was still too soon to tell where their loyalty lies since this might change once they returned. For now, they were obedient.

"Good, steer the ship to a barren island. I still have some matters to tend to in Epic Plains. This ship burns too many unique rank magic gems. I'm afraid we'll run out of them before reaching our destination." Jacob commanded.

Now that he was the owner of this place, he naturally knew just how expensive it was to have this ship. It operates on magic gems, and they are an extremely precious resource in the unique plains. Some even use them as currency.

Although Captain Free Sword's space rings have plenty of them, Jacob doesn't want to burn them just because of that, so he has Mic to stop on an island until he is ready.

Speaking of space rings, he made sure to make Captain Free Sword remove his mystic signature before he killed him, and he was very obedient.

"As you wish." Mic nodded since this made sense and quickly left to prepare.

Once he left, Jacob looked at his new star watch, which had actually turned from a simple wristband into a blue rune symbol on his wrist. To remove it, he needed to use his mana, and only if the user was not resisting would it reveal its true form.

This star watch was far more high-tech than epic star watches. It was directly connected with his mind, and surprisingly, now Jacob didn't need to use his mana to control it, but he could control it with his mind.

Furthermore, any voice communication would directly sound in his mind, which was even more shocking. He really wondered just who was the one who designed these things and what level of technology was required to make them.

With a thought, the rune symbol shimmered as a virtual projection appeared, and Jacob couldn't help but smile, "The star network is finally restored, and I'm thankful I can still use it. It seemed only someone who had been connected with the unique plains star network would be restricted, it's not depended on the technology level."

Jacob received a notification the other day about the star network restoration. He didn't know what was the result of the Star Network investigation, but it had nothing to do with Jacob.

Furthermore, the very day, he received multiple calls from the Society Killer, who was probably running out of bombs, and another person called him the Timeless Dark Tree from the dark city.

Lastly, he also received Sofie. She was probably worried about what was the result of Jacob's takeover. But Jacob didn't reply to any one of them since he was busy.

Now that things were on track and with new information, he moved to his next plan to go into the Unique Plains.

The first person he called was none other than the Timeless Dark Tree of Dark City!

Now that he had the same star privilege as the Dark Marquise, he no longer needed to be retrained.

"Mr. Ancient, you finally decided to return my call." A few moments later, the Dark Marquise's bell-like voice rang!

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Chapter 548: Last Preparation (2)

It was clearly the voice of a woman, and it was Jacob's first time calling her, so he was quite surprised, but only momentarily.

Jacob replied coolly, "I was stuck in something. Please forgive my offense."

"No worries, I don't mind at all. On the contrary, I should be congratulating you on your unbreakable achievement in the history of epic plains. I really admire you, Mr. Ancient. Now you are on equal footing with him." She plainly replied with a hint of admiration.

'So, she knew I'm already a 3-star privilege holder.'

Jacob knew what she meant since in the entire epic plains, probably the Dark Marquise was the only one who had the same privilege, and since she called the day, he was sure she had tried to use her privilege to send him an unignorable call but failed. And he was right!

"It wasn't a big deal. I was just lucky." Jacob impassively replied, as he didn't reveal his thoughts. He wanted to know what Dark Marquise wanted before initiating his plan.

Dark Marquise replied, "Heh, Mr. Ancient, you are too humble. Not only did you manage to clear four out of five trial conditions on your own, but you somehow made the great Nelsen surrender as well. Even I'm not capable of that."

"You seemed to be well-informed." Jacob chuckled as he had to admit the Dark City was really everywhere despite not interfering with other powers, and they were well-informed about everything.

"It's an occupational hazard. Even if I don't want to know I had, I hope you understand." Dark Marquise calmly replied, "The reason for calling you was simple: I want to know if you have the medallion?"

'Heh, just as I suspect they all know about it.' Jacob wasn't surprised, nor was he afraid, while replying, "Indeed, do you have some instruction for me?"

"I don't dare to overestimate myself. The reason I want to call is that I want to cooperate with you." Dark Marquise replied with a hint of excitement.

"What kind of cooperation?" Jacob asked plainly.

"Before I reveal anything, I want to know if you have any thoughts of joining the Dark City. Because if you're a member of Dark City, I can protect you as well as freely talk with you about this, or the Dark City laws restrain me. I hope you can consider this carefully because your life is really in danger." Dark Marquise revealed with confidence.

Jacob's eyes narrowed as this unexpected and Dark Marquise didn't sound like she was threatening him at all. Whatever it was, it had to be related to the medallion. He had already figured out that someone didn't want anyone to have that. Even the three hegemonies tried to do everything they could to stop him from competing in the trial solo.

They even succeeded, but who could've thought that Nelsen would yield and still make Jacob whole by surrendering his benefits? Even Dark Marquise was shocked when she found this, and since the star network was down, she was helpless since it was impossible to find Jacob. So, the moment star network recovered, she instantly contacted him.

"Can you at least tell me what kind of danger?" Jacob asked.

Dark Marquise refused without hesitation, "I'm afraid without joining the Dark City, I can't disclose his information because this topic is too sensitive. I'll be instantly harming myself. Just revealing this much is already putting a very huge pressure on myself."

Jacob's eyes narrowed dangerously, since he didn't expect even the Dark Marquise to be afraid.

'Well, I was already planning on joining the Dark City before going to the unique plains since this matter of Path of Legend is too huge, and every power is after it. So, going alone would be too dangerous in the long term.

'Furthermore, I still need to investigate, and Dark City is clearly more reliable than the three hegemonies. I was just waiting for the right time to bring this matter up.' Jacob thought with scrutiny.

After his 'talk' with Captain Free Sword, Jacob knew the Unique Plains were far from simple, and even if he was powerful, those powers there were not to be trifled with.

Furthermore, even if he could suppress the entire unique plains, his goal was the Legendary Plains, and having an enemy there meant certain death without a backup. The Dark City was an existence that even three hegemonies were wary of, and he didn't have any enemy there except Halberd, and he seemed to have already been taken care of by Dark Marquise. So, joining them was not a bad idea, and he would have a background in the unique plains as well.

"What kind of benefits would I get joining the dark city, and how much freedom do I have?" Jacob finally asked, as he wanted to know if he could move freely even after joining the dark city.

He doesn't want to be overly restrained because of the rules. Now that he didn't need to kill anyone for immortality, he could work with them as long as they won't get in his way.

Dark Marquise quickly replied when she sensed Jacob was interested. She had personal dealings with Jacob, and she knew how treacherous and wily he was, and his weapon technology was peerless. If she could recruit such a person, it would bring her huge benefits, especially now that he could go to the unique plains anytime he wanted.

"There are two kinds of members in the dark city, outer and personal. The other members are those who can join any power as long as they won't harm Dark City. But the benefits are also very limited as they don't have access to the true resources of the Dark City, and even if they die, the Dark City won't interfere or seek justice for them. They also won't have any say in dark city matters.

"But the personal members are different, like the three hegemonies; once you become a personal member, you can't join another power. It is akin to betrayal, and Dark City will hunt down traitors no matter where they hide.

"The personal members also have freedom, but they have to put the Dark City before their personal gains, and they can't leave the Dark City no matter what. They will live and die with it. As long as they won't break the laws of the dark city, there is nothing to be afraid of.

"But the benefits far outmatched the little restriction. One of them being absolute protection. As long as you are in the right, you can kill the core members of three hegemonies, and the Dark City will protect you. If some dare to target you, the Dark City will also retaliate with full power.

"As for resources, they are out of your imagination and limitless. As long as you have merits, you can get anything like knowledge, treasures, materials, etc. You'll naturally understand once you become one.

"Now, you can decide if you want to be an outer member, then you can join through my personal recommendation, and you can directly become Dark Viscount. Once you enter the Unique Plains, your dark noble rank will be upgraded to Dark Earl directly.

"But if you decide to join as a personal member, then you have to start from Lower Dark Noble Rank and compete in Secret Dark Missions to raise your ranks. I'm really helpless in this matter. The Dark City

rules are fixed, and everyone has to follow them. But I can guarantee that you won't regret it." Dark Marquise stated.

Now, it was Jacob's choice whether to become an outer or personal member of Dark City!

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Chapter 549: Zodiac Night Guardian

Jacob fell into deep thought; he was expecting to think much, since the Dark City wasn't much different than the three hegemonies in regard to their member recruitment.

But it was still far stricter than the three hegemonies because they give ranks according to a person's power and occupation. However, in the dark city, everyone has to start from the bottom, and their rules also can't be taken lightly.

At least Jacob was expecting something like that bronze invitation. Still, it seemed even if Dark Marquise wanted to do the same, she probably could only do it with the outer member, or she might have already found the matter between him and Ellie and don't dare to play tricks.

Whatever the case was, at least she was telling the truth, so Jacob couldn't play any tricks.

"Alright, I'm choosing the personal member slot. Send me an invitation." Jacob stated. He didn't want to be an outer member, since his potion might not be enough to dig into the matter of legendary plains.

The Dark City greatly interested Jacob for a long time, but he didn't dare to join before because of his misgivings, but now things are different.

"Very well! You won't regret this decision." Dark Marquise sounded very ecstatic since she had a very high opinion of Jacob, and she quickly said, "Please come to the Dark City for registration because a personal member has to join directly through the city."

'Now, this is unexpected.' Jacob frown slightly since he thought he could join through Star Network. He didn't want to leave this ship, afraid those guys might rebel and flee with the ship.

This ship was over 4000 meters large, and he couldn't store it in his storage treasures. Even Captain Free Sword's advanced unique rank space rings were only 1000 cubic meters large.

"Alright, I'll pay a visit in a few days," Jacob answered and sighed as he would rather take a risk here than in the unique plains.

"I'll wait for your arrival, and you don't need to worry about any enemy attack in the dark city. I'll also discuss further business here. In the meantime, please look out for an Old Man with a Black Moon symbol on his forehead.

"Although I'm confident in your stealth ability and prowess, this person is not normal either. If he finds you, it will be very problematic. You need to hurry." Dark Marquise sternly warned before the call ended.

Jacob's frown deepened as Dark Marquise's voice was quite grave just now, "An old man with a black moon symbol?" He muttered with narrowed eyes as he was quite curious why this guy would come after him.

'Is it related to the three hegemonies obstructing the trial?' He wondered, but he wasn't overly worried since his power was not to be looked down on, even in unique plains.

Even if this person was a unique rank being, he was still confident in hexing him to death.

Now that he was done with the Dark City matter, he contacted the Society Killer to hear what he had to say. Furthermore, he was about to leave, so he might never contact this person again.

The Society Killer quickly received his call, and his jolly voice sounded, "My friend, what took you so long to contact?"

Jacob coldly replied, "I'm very busy."

"Haha, you should be. After all, you are a celebrity now. Why would you have had time for a low life like myself?" His tone was filled with teasing.

Jacob scowled, "What do you want?"

"Always straight to business, huh? But this is the quality I like about you." The Society Killer chuckled before his tone turned grave as he said, "From my sources, I heard you have acquired something you shouldn't have. You have provoked a calamity, my friend."

It was his second time hearing the same thing from two different persons. Although the Society Killer wasn't straightforward, his meaning was the same as the Dark Marquis.

Now, he was really curious about just what kind of calamity he had provoked by acquiring the Unique Star Ocean Medallion. Furthermore, how did the Society Killer know so much, and how deep was his network?

"Just get straight to the point. I don't like beating around the bush. Just don't tell me only you can save me." Jacob stated as he was getting impatient.

The Society Killer didn't mind Jacob's tone as he replied, "I won't overestimate myself. Alright, since we are old business partners, I won't hide it from you. The ocean paths towards the Unique Plains are guarded by an organization that even three hegemonies and a dark city didn't dare to provoke easily. They call themselves Zodiac Night Guardians, tsk, those hypocrites. Just mentioning them makes me sick.

"Those bastards won't let anyone enter the Unique Plains' ocean channels unless they didn't have any ties with Unique Plains. Simply put, people like you and me who are either from epic plains or lower plains.

"According to my sources, those hypocrites would stop anyone who want to ascend under the pretext of their safety. What I heard is that the Zodiac Night Guardian is a mysterious organization as old as the dark city, but they rule the star ocean, and many star pirates have secrets dealing with them.

"Furthermore, there is a secret hidden within the Unique Star Ocean Medallion which only those hypocritical bastards know, and they stopped anyone from acquiring it. They use the three hegemonies to do their bidding in return for providing safe passage between unique and epic plains. So, you can

understand that now you have acquired it, they won't stop until they claim it." His tone was filled with anger, and a hint of helplessness was present in it.

Jacob was astonished now that he heard it and finally understood why Dark Marquis said his life was in danger.

'So, the danger lies in the path to the Unique Plains.' Killing intent shone in his eyes, as this was completely unreasonable.

"What if I join the dark city?" Jacob probed as this matter suddenly became more complicated.

"That's a good idea, but you have to hand over the medallion to Dark City no matter what. Although the dark city will compensate you with a safe passage to the unique plains, I would advise you against it." The Society Killer gravely stated.

Now Jacob was surprised, "Why? Isn't this a good thing? I won't offend the Zodiac Night Guardians and also get what I want. I don't see any problem with that."

The Society Killer snickered playfully before replying, "Heh, let me tell you a secret; from some ancient texts I've gathered, the medallion is also a key to going beyond the Unique Plains!"

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Chapter 550: Epic Dark City

Jacob was startled when he heard the last part and quickly asked, "How confident are you in this information?"

Now, he was really dubious because if the Unique Star Ocean Medallion was really connected with legendary plains, then he couldn't hand it over to anyone, whether it was the Dark City or this Zodiac Night Guardians.

But there was also a chance that the Society Killer was tricking him for his own gain. However, what if he was telling the truth? Jacob wouldn't have a chance to regret it!

The Society Killer replied, "About 70% sure. Look, I'm not trying to trick you. You do know about my past with the Killer Skull Society, right? Those degenerates were collecting this information for a long time to spread their reach to the higher plains.

"In fact, I have to thank you because, without your weapons, I wouldn't have been able to collect this information at all. Furthermore, I also discovered that those dirty bastards have a secret relationship with the Dark Beings. As expected of the scum society. They are traitors of life faction!" His voice was filled with boundless hate and disgust.

Jacob fell into contemplated silence since he had already guessed this much from those rings filled with life crystals, and now the Society Killer had confirmed it. So, the chances of him lying were very low.

Now, he was in a quandary, "What do you suggest?" He asked as he wanted to know what The Society Killer was planning. This guy was really amazing and fearless, and his telling Jacob all of this was not out of the kindness of his heart.

"If you want my advice, if you're confident in your strength, then I'm also willing to put my life on the line to go with you. I have already gotten rid of those sums in the epic plains.

"But their main headquarters are in the unique plains. I want to annihilate them completely, but I have no power in the unique plains. We'll be at the bottom there, so I'd rather take my chances with you.

"Although it is dangerous since those hypocrites, Zodiac Night Guardians, would lay in wait for us. But, to get rid of those sums, I'll fight to the end. Now the question is, are you willing to do the same or not?

"Of course, you can try joining hands with the Dark City, but if you hand over the medallion, then I don't think it's worth it." He stated solemnly.

'He knows more but hiding it.' Jacob, though, clearly won't believe The Society Killer entirely because if he wanted just to get rid of the Killer Skull Society, then he should be in favor of just going to the unique plains, not caring about the medallion and even forcing Jacob to give it away for a safe passage.

But he was insisting on keeping it, so there was clearly an ulterior motive that he wasn't telling Jacob, and this motive was connected to the medallion.

If he can't even see through this, he has lived two lives in vain. He replied calmly, "Alright, give me some time to mull it over. I'm busy dealing with some matter, and once I decide, I'll reach out to you."

"Haha, good brother, I know you won't be so foolish. I'll wait for your good news. Take as much time as you need." The Society Killer laughed pleasingly before the call was over.

"Hmph. I'd be foolish to fall into another trap. That Halberd was first and last. Let's see what Dark Marquis has to say. If she is interested in the medallion, I'll just leave. Let's see who can stop me from reaching the unique plains.

"As long as there isn't a legendary existence hidden here, I didn't have anything to worry about. As for this guy, I'll wait for Autarch to deal with Masha. Taking my things is not easy." He coldly scoffed before he headed to the control room.

He wanted to dock this ship before making another move. Things were becoming very complicated all of a sudden. He needed a new plan to tackle it.

Just like that, days passed, and Jacob finally left the ship in another small ship and headed to the epic plains. He was now confident in finding it even if those guys betrayed him. They can't escape his grasp.

On the eastern shore, Sofie was already waiting for him since he had already told her to get all the materials he told her to collect and also from his partner merchants in the epic plains before telling them he wouldn't need their help for some time.

Jacob didn't tell them that he was leaving and abandoning their partnership since they were no longer useful. As for Sofie, he had told her to finish any business she had with Epic Plains, which meant he was going to take her with him, which made Sofie elated.

Seeing Jacob's gigantic figure approaching the shore, Sofie's eyes shone with reverence. She knew Jacob had claimed that ship, which meant he was extremely powerful, and now he was ready to set sail.

But what she didn't expect was that Jacob would tell her to accompany them to the Dark City of Epic Plains. She suddenly had a bad feeling after she thought about how he made her pretend to be the administrator of the dark city.

Nonetheless, she would follow him till the end. It was a test of her loyalty.

There was only a signal Dark City in the Epic Plains, and it was located in the neutral zone, which was actually the only snow region in the Epic Plains filled with snowy mountain range known as the Snow Peak Region.

In the center of the region was an extremely tall snow mountain reaching the clouds, and on top of this was the Dark City. Just to reach this place, one needed to be at least a tier-5 epic, for this entire mountain was filled with magic beasts.

But for Jacob, it was just a stroll as he quickly reached the familiar entrance of the dark city. However, for Sofie, this was her first time coming here since an alchemist like her had no fighting experience to speak of.

Once they bought the passes, they entered the huge, bustling city filled with large skyscrapers. But just as they entered, a large beast-drawn carriage with a special symbol of a wolf was waiting for them. Anyone who saw this carriage was extremely startled because it belonged to the Marquis Mansion, and they wondered what they were doing in front of the city gates.

The moment Jacob and Sofie entered, an armored kobold approached and respectfully asked, secretly shocked by Jacob's size, "Are you a guest of Marquis Mansion?"

Jacob had already contacted the Dark Marquis before coming, so he wasn't surprised to see this escort waiting for him.

He nodded, "Let's go."

The guard led them to the carriage respectfully before it steered away under countless curious eyes and entered the depths of the Dark City!