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Chapter 561: Unique Odyssey Begins

Today, the massive Advanced Unique Rank ship left the remote island and headed towards the boundary of the epic star ocean, where another small ship was waiting for its arrival.

Jacob stood on the deck in his signature black outfit, accompanied by Sofie, adorned in a silky violet dress, and the ogre Mic, who had an expressionless face.

Soon, another charming woman in a long white sleeveless dress embarked on the ship. She appeared exceptionally charming and graceful; she was none other than the Dark Marquis of the Dark City, Zoe.

At this moment, shock was written all over Zoe's beautiful face as she looked at the ogre standing beside Jacob. She was extremely knowledgeable and knew about races of the unique plains, so she easily identified Horn Ogre.

'How did he manage to subdue this fellow? No, where did he discover them? This ship is an even higher rank than my basic unique rank ship, which I got after spending so much wealth and connections. Just how many secrets is this guy hiding?' She was extremely curious about Jacob, and now she felt somewhat terrified.

She had received Jacob's message about them being ready to leave the epic plains and give her coordinates of this place. She had already tied up loose ends and was fully ready. She thought that they would be using her ship for this voyage, but now, seeing Jacob's ship, she felt she was thinking too little of him and was embarrassed.

"Welcome to my ship. I've prepared the best room for you. Please follow Sofie, and she'll bring you to it. If there's nothing else, should we start?" Jacob stated smilingly.

"I'll be in your care then. I hope you both have activated the secret dark mission. If you don't mind, Mr. Jack, I would like for you to accept this invitation to connect my ascending mission with yours, and then you can connect with Miss Sofie the same way. This way, you will benefit from mine, and Miss Sofie will be from yours, according to our Dark Noble Ranks.

"Furthermore, at that time, even if someone raised questions about this mission, we'd be in the right, and no one would dare to make things difficult for us," Zoe explained.

She was talking about the mission to ascend the plains, which only allowed to bring a number of helpers according to the dark noble rank. Although failing it won't have any consequences, the easy benefits will also be lost which was not worth it.

Furthermore, if someone cleared it alone, they would receive even more rewards, but ascending a plain was not an easy matter, especially when it came from the epic plains to the unique plains.

Jacob didn't reject this idea and accepted the invitation of Zoe, as for Sofie he had already learned all the rules and how these secret dark mission works so he had connected her mission with his long before Zoe came.

The benefits of this mission were quite generous, not only their dark noble rank will be raised by another rank, but Jacob will get a Dark Viscount Estate in the Unique Inner Dark City upon his arrival and also 1000 Dark Credit.

Sofie would get a small house in the inner city and 100 Dark Credit according to her Upper Dark Noble Rank.

The Dark Credits were the special currency of the Dark City allocated to only the personal members, and with it, they could access, and shop in the Dark Shop of the Dark City, only opened for the Dark City Personal members.

When Jacob saw this shop, he almost thought that he was browsing the champion shop as it was identical and almost everything was available. Once he ascends the plains, the dark shop will also upgrade to a unique rank. This made me excited. But his excitement was short-lived when he noticed the Dark Credits.

For joining the Dark City, he got 100 Dark Credits because he was a Dark Baron, while Sofie only got 10.

Furthermore, he found that Dark Credit could only be earned through Secret Dark Mission or by trading materials, medicines, pills, potions, etc., directly to the Dark City or Personal Members. They were not tradable between outer members or transferable.

Furthermore, anything bought with Dark Credit can't be trade with other than the Personal Members or leaked, this was the huge violation of the Dark City rules and punishment could be as serve as death depending on the value of item or knowledge.

Nonetheless, he knew as long as he could sell his stuff to the Dark City, he could earn as much as he wanted, and this was his specialty.

"Set sails," Jacob ordered Mic beside him, and he expressionlessly nodded before heading toward the control room.

"Why don't we control those women as well? Did you trust them?" Nyx's curious voice rang at this moment as she was talking about Zoe.

Jacob glanced at Zoe and Sofie leaving before he replied, "I don't trust anyone besides myself. As for them, Sofie is quite useful and refining her into a puppet would be a waste, I can't bother to found a new one. Besides, I want to see if she's capable of being loyal or just all the people of this world are cursed for being treacherous.

"Zoe is the same. Furthermore, even if I want her knowledge, I don't dare to take the risk because she is from the Dark City, and her dark noble rank is extremely high. According to the Dark City rules, every Dark Noble is being monitored by the Dark City AI, Dark Rose, through their Star Watches.

"If they died, the Dark Rose would send back those records to the headquarters, and the higher the dark noble rank, the more attention would be given to their death and cause.

"If they had died because of their own stupidity, then no one would care about them, and the matter would end at that. But if someone dared to scheme against or assassinate them, even if they were a member of the Dark City, it would bring endless trouble and punishment.

"Furthermore, to kill someone like Zoe, you need an excellent reason and evidence. That's why it's not worth it to kill her without any good reason. At least not until she makes a move first, then I torture her without worry. As for now, let's just see how she would handle the situation in the unique plains. As I said, I wanted to see if this world is cursed with treachery and greed."

A hint of coldness crept into Jacob's eyes when he thought about his several encounters with people like Hallberg and Ten.

"Why bother?" Nyx couldn't help but ask with uncertainty as she didn't understand why Jacob was even bothering to test this. Wasn't he a cold and heartless person who only put himself before others?

Jacob's lips rose as he looked into the endless star ocean ahead of him, "Lately, I don't know why, but my emotions are going through a strange change. I don't know if it's my imagination, but I'm beginning to reminisce about my past.

"If I want to reach my goal, emotions and relations will only slow me down. Whatever the case is, once I get the answer to this question, I think I won't have any sliver of hesitation to do the unimaginable, cruelest things!"

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Chapter 562: Star Ocean Boundary

Months have passed since Jacob began his voyage to the Unique Plains. The advanced, unique ship was moving forward without any hitch because of its stealth barrier.

At this moment, Jacob was sitting on the captain's seat in the ship's control room with a pristine blue triangular-shaped compass, which was shimmering in blue light as the black compass needle was pointing straight ahead.

This was the Unique Star Ocean Medallion in use, and they were traveling according to this compass needle and Jacob didn't dare to be neglected since he was afraid they might distract from their pathway.

Three of the ship controllers were moving the ship and keeping an eye out for any anomaly day and night with their listless expressions.

"According to Zoe the voyage to the unique plains from the epic plains should take around eight years if nothing untoward happened," Jacob muttered while looking at the compass before stowing it away.

In these past few months, he was sitting around doing nothing, but he was using the scripture of blank to form his water spirit glyph, and now his hex aura glyph was almost done.

Moreover, Autarch was on the verge of achieving Unique Rank after absorbing all the Titian Tears he had and also new ones he made for it from the materials he gathered. But still missing a little bit.

But Jacob reckoned that the problem didn't lie within the epic titian tears. Autarch might need unique titian tears to break into the Unique Rank after all the fantastic insects were out of the norm, and it wasn't easy to raise them, especially the Brain Hunter!

Another thing worth mentioning was Nyx's progress in gunsmithing and other occupations that Jacob knows. She was already at Jacob's level, and with the nightmare realm, she could endlessly progress and research.

Jacob also benefits from her tremendously as he has already gasped much of the witch palace knowledge about the curse magic. But sadly, he can't research and emulate the eyes of judge since he doesn't have lots of information on it and how it works, nor can he imitate the immortal chapter.

So, now he was planning on comprehending the Night Hunter's Aura and Spirit once his hex core was done. Since he had three magic cores, he was going to reshuffle his magic abilities, especially the curse abilities for using the Imprecate and Whammy Poison.

Furthermore, he also tried to open that mysterious book he found in the rare plains with the cursed path glory gem but failed again. He also discovered that only the hex mana can make the book react, not the others.

But he wasn't far off; he reckoned that he might be able to open it once his hex core evolved into a unique rank.

All in all, he was making huge progress every day, and his unique rank strength and magic were fully assimilated, and he was now a true unique rank expert.

Just like that, time continued to pass, and, on this day, Jacob was immense in his fire aura training in the nightmare realm as he spoke with Nyx, who was also using the same power when she stopped and cried in alarm, "The ship is shaking!"

Jacob quickly stopped, and the fiery blades in his hand vanished. He disappeared from the nightmare realm, opened his eyes in the control room, and frowned.

He quickly vanished from the control room and reappeared on the ship deck with compass in his hand, he saw they were on the right track and then looked outside.

He was startled when he saw the stem of the ship seemed to stuck in the midair and couldn't move forward like it has encountered an invisible wall, the ship was shaking because of it.

Before he could comprehend what was happening, a stern voice rang, "Undo the stealth barrier. You are trying to pass the Star Ocean Boundary! We are from the Zodiac Night Federation. Show us your authorized permit, and we'll let you cross over or surrender for investigation. This is not a place that anyone could enter on a whim!"

At this moment, Sofie and Zoe also appeared and were startled when they saw the invisible barrier and heard that voice.

Jacob frowned deepened as he looked up and surprised when he saw a medium size flying ship with a Black Moon Symbol slowing descending, this was the trademark of the Zodiac Night Federation.

"Mr. Jack, this is the star ocean boundary I told you about that stopped others from crossing over from both sides. We can only pass either with the help of the Zodiac Night Federation or with the medallion. But I never thought these guys would be here so soon." Zoe's expression was grave as she walked over.

Realization dawn upon Jacob at this moment and he finally understood what was happening, he looked at Zoe and asked, "What should we do? We don't have this permit, and if we use the medallion, we'll be exposed. Should I take care of him? Furthermore, I like that ship. It'll be quite easy to travel through the air."

Jacob's eyes were focused on the flying ship as it was his first time seeing this technology. Although he could make flying projectiles like the missile, this ship was completely different, just like his flying disc. It was made with magic technology.

He was already in the process of reverse engineering the disc and had very little progress. Now, seeing this ship, he saw an opportunity to break through. This ship might be unique to the Zodiac Night Federation, so he wants it.

As for the people on the ship, he only senses two Uniques with the Hunter Sense ability of the Night Hunter Scripture, which can allow him to sense others within a 100-meter radius as long as they are on par or weaker than him, and he can easily take care of them.

Zoe was startled by Jacob's words, "I... it shouldn't be a problem as long as our identities won't reveal. But I'm not so sure since they might have other ways to detect us."

It was her first time encountering such a situation as last time, and she easily crossed over with the permit. But now, they had the medallion, and she knew Jacob didn't want to give it up, so she left it to him to decide.

Jacob suddenly smiled coldly, "If that's the case, then it won't be a problem."

He then sent a mental message to Autarch, "Go and bring along your puppets and take care of them. I want their information and that ship."

Autarch's emotionless voice rang, "Affirmative!"

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Chapter 563: Clash of Puppets and Guardians

Within the flying ship, two white robe men with black crescent moon symbols on their foreheads were looking at the giant ship arrogantly.

"It's clearly an unauthorized ship. We didn't get any heads-up from headquarters. Do we really need to indulge them?" A dwarf man with a long gray beard asked.

The other man with green scales and beastly eyes chuckled as he replied, "Newcomer, you should remember this lesson: although we have claimed over the Unique Star Ocean Boundary, we still can't just attack others. At least we should give others a chance to speak and then have a valid reason to attack.

"Furthermore, this ship is a unique rank, which means the person on it isn't so simple. I also received words that a medallion had gone missing and that ten unique rank patrols were dispatched to claim it at all costs.

"As long as this is the missing medallion, we can easily claim the benefits before others arrive. Today seemed to be our lucky day as we caught this unauthorized ship so quickly. Even if they are not our target just this ship will fetch a good price. As long as you follow me, I won't let you suffer. I have my own style to handle things, so learn carefully." He arrogantly proclaimed.

The dwarf was startled as he finally realized why Unique Rank members of the federation were dispatched to patrol this place. A hint of excitement flashed past his eyes as he looked at the large ship as if it were prey.

"Thank you for your pointers senior." He quickly thanked the man.

However, both of their haughty expression changed when eight cloaked figures suddenly jumped off the other ship, and they were directly coming toward them!

They had deactivated their ship's protective barrier to reveal themselves as they didn't expect anyone stronger than them present on other ships, much less someone would dare to make a move against them knowing their identities.

Yet, the unthinkable had happened!

"Bunch of brutes dare to retaliate!" The other man quickly recovered from his shock and roared furiously.

A long spear appeared in his hand, brandished in a sharp brown aura as he thrust it towards the eight incoming attackers, "Aura Spear Rage!" Multiple spear phantoms directly rained toward the attackers, creating powerful, sharp currents.

However, one of the attackers took out a blue staff with a white orb imbued on top and waved it as a static voice sounded, "Water Spirit Protection!" An ethereal barrier blocked the phantom spears.

"Not good. She can use spirit magic!" The dwarf and other man's expression finally changed as it was a clear sign of a unique rank expert!

"Earth Beast Rush!" The Dwarf instantly used his own spirit magic ability etched on his spirit glyph to cast this instant magic spell.

Green ethereal energy gushed from the dwarf; it took the shape of a tortoise and clashed with the water barrier!

'Boom...'

Powerful explosion happened as blue and green sparks filled with air.

At this moment, the other seven figures finally emerged within the blast. Their cloaks were tattered, and some of their body parts were injured as blood was leaking out. But for some reason, their expression was completely stoic, as if they didn't feel any pain.

"Horn ogres!" The scaly man finally identified the giant attacks and his expression was warped.

The ogres were holding spears and broad swords as they all brandished them with their aura and hacked them down toward the two guardians.

"Aura Spirit Shield!"

"Earth Beast Defense!"

Both of them cried almost instantaneously to block those powerful aura attacks.

But to their dismay, those ogres were on par with them, and they were no match for seven of them at all. Their defensive magic was instantly broken, and they were sent flying while hacking blood.

"Bastards, don't even think about escaping. Just wait for the wrath of Zodiac Night Guardian!" The scaly man palely barked before he commanded, "Use the talismans. We are no match for them!"

The dwarf nodded grimly as he knew they had met terrifying opponents. But they didn't understand why these kinds of people were in this sort of place, and there were so many!

However, before they could take out and activate their protection talismans to escape, a pair of icy amber eyes seemed to lock on them, 'Slumber Hex!'

They didn't need the talismans on their bodies since they had never encountered such a dangerous situation before, and this was before their first and last fatal mistake that sealed their fates.

The seven ogres and a cloaked elf landed on the flying ship deck at this moment and quickly apprehended them, stripping their clothes, watches, and rings before taking over the entire ship.

Jacob was still standing beside Zoe and Sofie on the other ship as he sent a cold message, "You were too slow."

"Forgive me, Sir." Autarch's stoic voice sounded in his head.

"No worries, it wasn't entirely your fault. I thought those talismans were rare, but it seemed I'd made an error. Have your puppets search the entire ship and throw away anything suspicious we don't understand. We don't want them on our tails." Jacob commanded.

"I'm on it."

"Is it over?" Zoe asked with a pale expression as she clearly felt the power of aura and spirit just now, and that was quite scary.

Furthermore, she hadn't expected Jacob to have such a fighting force under his command.

Sofie was also ashen, but she was more compassed since she had already known about the crew that Jacob subdued, but she was still shocked after witnessing their true prowess.

Just how strong was Jacob to subdue all of them? His position in her heart rose even more.

Jacob nodded as he gravely said, "It is over for now. But I think this won't be the last of them we'll see. Let's get out of this place. Once we are on the other side, it won't be easy to find us!"

After searching the ship, Jacob stowed it away in a space ring before putting it away in his pendant just to be safe.

He then stood over the ship's figurehead with the medallion in his hand as it shimmered brightly before ordering the ship to move forward.

This time, the invisible wall didn't stop its advance, and they vanished into the star ocean boundary!

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Chapter 564: Wondrous Space

As the ship passed the invisible star ocean boundary, Jacob suddenly felt the entire atmosphere change and powerful pressure descend. But what he saw on the other side made his eyes widen with shock in disbelief and trepidation as if he were watching a dream.

"How is this possible?!"

On the other side of the star ocean boundary was no ocean; instead, it was a vast pitch-black space filled with countless stars as if the ship had directly entered the starry space itself!

But the strangest part was the ship was easily moving forward, and he could still breathe in this place, just the gravity had increased by over 20 folds. Furthermore, the magic energy in this place was extremely dense, over ten times more than the epic plains!

One had to know that the Star Ocean's magic energy density was half of the epic plains for some reason, but this space was filled with magic energy.

'Is this the true 'Star Ocean'?' Jacob shuddered, seeing the strange phenomena in front of him, and he also thought about what Immortika told him about the Zodiac Plains being an entire universe.

Soon, he calmed down, but he still was looking at the vast, endless space filled with stars while the compass in his hand shimmered brightly.

"Cursed Immortality!" He couldn't help but summon cursed immortality at this moment as he was very confused.

"What is this space?" He asked emotionally.

"Hahahaha... what can it be but the Star Ocean?" Immortika replied with relish.

He had guessed as much, "Can you explain more clearly? How can an ocean be connected with space, and what about those stars in the distance? Are they planets?"

"Hehehe... this is the true wonder of Zodiac Plains. Your common sense is useless here. The more you try to understand it, the more confused you get, so just let it go and enjoy the view. As for those stars, if you dare, why don't you try to go towards them?"

Jacob rolled his eyes perplexedly, "Don't try to egg me. Just directly say it is dangerous to go there. Still, at least tell me, if this is the space, what is above the atmosphere of the sky outside?"

"Heh, you'll know eventually. What's the hurry? You should be focused on crossing over and praying that no Zodiac Beast took a fancy on you or, hahahaha..." Immortika begins to laugh maniacally.

Jacob's expression finally changed, "Zodiac Beast, now what the hell are they?"

"They are space wonders of the Zodiac Plains with no mind of their own, and they only have the intent to devour. So, they are called the Zodiac Beast or Void Calamities that exist between the Star Ocean Boundaries; not even a legend can escape if they stumbled upon one. But you didn't need to be overly worried about encountering a Zodiac Beast. You either have to be overly foolish or extremely unlucky. Consider this information as a gift for you to enter the higher plains, hahaha!"

Jacob wasn't the least happy after learning about the Zodiac Beasts; instead, he was fearful now and wary of this wondrous space.

He quickly commanded to increase the speed to the fullest while tightly clenching the compass. He no longer dares to have any stray thoughts of exploring this place!

At this moment, within a large flying ship, another group of Zodiac Night Guardians were respectfully looking at a 17-

meter-tall burly giant with stony skin. His muscles were bulging in his robes, and his expression was gloomy.

"We lost contact with Patrol Ship No.8." He gloomily revealed, startling everyone in the room.

"What? How is it possible?" A scarred face, kobold exclaimed.

"I'm also curious about it. This is the edge of the star boundary between the epic plains and the unique plains star ocean. No.

6,7, and 8 were sent on the other side while we remained on this side.

"But now, the sign from No.8 has vanished, and the guardians seemed to be still alive, or we would've gotten their death transmission. The headquarters order us to keep an eye out for any unauthorized travelers, and they even dispatch Unique Rank Guardians like us.

"However, we didn't take it seriously since we thought about what could go wrong in this kind of place and why there was a need to dispatch a unique rank like us. But now, it seemed the higher-ups weren't kidding around.

"Since I'm in charge of this mission, it's my responsibility to take care of my men. This is our first and last blunder. From now on, I want everyone to take it seriously. Our enemy is cunning and most likely unique rank.

"Release my orders; every from no.2 to no.10 will now pair up, and if they spot any anomaly, report it to me post hastily. Sent No.9 and No.10 to No.9's last known location for investigation. I want to report as soon as possible.

"Also release the Night Guardian Net, there is no longer any need to hold back. It is not easy to mess with our federation!" He solemnly ordered with killing intent swirling in his eyes.

"Yes!"

Everyone solemnly yelled before they quickly took their leave to pass the giant's order.

Once everyone left, the giant's eyes shimmered in a peculiar glint before a projection appeared in front of him. A pause image of seven horn ogres was when they were facing the two guardians in front of him.

"The horn ogres? Could it be this ship belonged to the top priority target of every power's list that has vanished for years now, Captain Free Sword? If it's him, and I manage to capture him, I might be able to be promoted to Purple Rank Guardian.

"But why is everyone looking for him so desperately? Even those old men were agitated at that time but didn't reveal anything. Just what did he take from the trial? Is it worth exchanging for a promotion, or should I just take it for myself?

"First, I need to confirm if it's him or not, and once I capture him, I'll decide for myself whether it's worth it or not. But for now, I can't let anyone else find out about it, or those old men might take action themselves..." A wily grin appeared on the giant's face as he looked at the horn ogres in the projection as if they were mere prey!

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Chapter 565: Pass the Star Ocean Boundary

After a warning from Immortika, Jacob didn't dare to be careless and fully focused on starring the ship ahead while he was vigilant of his surroundings.

Days passed, turning into months, as the ship was continuing to move forward in space, and on this day, Jacob suddenly felt the presence of an invisible membrane as the ship easily passed through it.

Thereafter, Jacob's vision changed, and he found himself in the vast ocean, and the sky was dark; they had finally crossed the star ocean boundary!

'Sigh...' Jacob had a massive sigh of relief as nothing went wrong this time, and looking back, all he could see was the ocean. There were no traces of the space like it never existed in the first place.

After confirming there was no more danger, he finally left his position for months, and he was mentally exhausted.

"You work hard." Zoe and Sofie approached him as they were also on edge, and they didn't dare to disturb Jacob. They knew he was fully focused on managing the ship.

Jacob nodded lightly, "We are safe for now. I'm going to rest for a bit. We still have a long way to go." He left afterward.

"We are finally on the other side of the star ocean, and from here on out, we are in the domain of the unique plains." Zoe emotionally stated it was like a homecoming for her.

Although they were still years away from the Unique Plains, they were already under the same sky as the Unique Plains. At least they would no longer encounter any barrier like the star ocean boundary.

"Will those guardians stop bothering us now?" Sofie frowned.

Zoe also grimaced, replying, "I hope so. This place is extremely vast, and it won't be easy to locate us even if they are looking for us. The only advantage they have is that they know our traveling route. But I don't think it would be a problem with Mr. Jack here."

"Indeed." Sofie nodded, but a hint of worry was apparent in her voice.

After crossing the star ocean boundary, it was smooth sailing from then on as the ship continued to move at full speed.

Jacob sat in the control room, and in front of him was Autarch in the face of the dwarf from the federation. Autarch has been busy devouring the two guardians' brains, but Jacob didn't have time to pay him any attention since he was busy steering the ship.

Now that the danger had passed, he finally summoned him.

"Tell me about these guys." He coldly asked.

Autarch quickly divulged the information about the Zodiac Night Federation but to his surprise, even those two didn't know much about the core secrets of the Zodiac Night Federation.

According to him, the Zodiac Night Guardians of Black Rank were akin to outer members who handled worldly matters. The true secrets about the Zodiac Night Federation were in the hands of the Purple Rank Guardians.

They were the ones who were pulling the strings behind the curtains. There were thousands of black-rank guardians but only five hundred purple-rank guardians in the unique plains Zodiac Night Federation. On the very top of the Zodiac Night Federation was the Federation Master, who was the only Red Rank Guardian present in the unique plains.

Ten teams were dispatched to investigate and found the missing medallion, but they were not told who had it. Their orders were to reclaim it if they found it.

Jacob was sure that this so-called missing medallion was just a pretext to claim his medallion. As for its secret, even these guys didn't know about it. All they knew was that the Zodiac Night Federation had many medallions, and each one of them was guarded with the highest security.

As for where they came from, only the purple-rank guardians know. But when Jacob asked how if these two had a medallion since they were able to cross the boundary, Autarch revealed that they didn't have any.

The reason they could travel through the star ocean boundary without the medallion lies within the flying ship of the federation. According to Autarch, the flying ship was engraved with a special rune that allowed them to travel between the star ocean boundary freely, and it was one of the core secrets of the Zodiac Night Federation!

Jacob winced when he heard this, and he finally understood how the Zodiac Night Federation was able to control the routes between the epic and unique plains and why the other organizations had to listen to them.

Lastly, Autarch also transferred a map that marked the hidden base of the Zodiac Night Federation as well as the accurate route to the unique plains. There were also markings of the territories of the three factions.

Unlike the epic plains, the influence of the three factions here was tremendous, and they didn't develop in the unique plains; instead, they focused on developing their own territories.

The Unique Plains were filled with wars between the life and dead faction and only the strongest forces of the two sides could live there. That place wasn't for the weak.

Although Jacob had already heard this from Zoe, he was still surprised after seeing the territories of these factions. They were a combination of hundreds of islands, and some of them were even bigger than the unique plains.

But they were at a massive distance from the unique plains, and to go there, one had to be prepared for the passage towards those territories, which were riddled with dangers, even more so than the unique plains!

"You did well. Dispose of these bodies. We don't want any trouble." Jacob dismissed Autarch after getting all the information he wanted.

Now that he knew about the dealing of the Zodiac Night Federation, he had the feeling that they wouldn't be giving up so easily, especially since one of their ships went missing.

So, he begins to devise another plan to counter them, as they are the only ones standing in his way. But despite all the grave information, there was a single piece of valuable information that was quite useful for Jacob.

Jacob's eyes shimmered coldly, 'They were able to travel so quickly from so far because they had set up multiple teleportation points in the star ocean, which lessened the years-long voyage to months. The locations are within the map, and the key to using them is the flying ship. Should I go for it?'

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Chapter 566: Playing Cat and Mouse (1)

"Sir Keegan, we got something on the missing ship no.8!" An elf suddenly came running into the captain's room, where the burly giant was sitting cross-legged while a violent violet aura was swirling around his body.

He opened his sharp, turbid eyes and commanded, "Continue."

The elf quickly reported, "The special signal from the missing ship surfaced all of a sudden a few moments ago, and then the teleportation point no.103 was soon activated before the ship's special signal vanished again!"

"What?" Keegan was startled, "How is it possible? Even if the assaulter managed to grab the ship and somehow managed to jam the signal, how did they know about the location of the hidden teleportation points? Unless those two reveal their locations and even give away the starting sequence." He frowned deeply.

"But that's impossible!" The elf exclaimed, "We all pledge our loyalty to the Night! It is impossible to reveal anything about the federation. If anyone has such preposterous, they will die before even

uttering a signal word. Furthermore, when a guardian dies, their star watches will automatically refresh. Even the star hackers can't do anything about this function!"

'Is this a coincidence? No, the implication of this matter is not something I can afford. If the higher-ups found that I didn't report such a bizarre incident and forgot about promotion, I might even lose my current rank. My life is more important than some treasure...'

Keegan gritted his teeth before commanding, "Redirect all of our ships to the teleportation point no.103. We are going after them with everything we have and keep an eye out for such a matter. If it happened again report it to me."

"Noted!" The elf hastily left.

Keegan wrist lit up, and soon, a wizened face blue skin lifeform appeared; on his forehead was a purple crescent moon mark, and his eyes beady eyes were icy cold.

"Paying respect to Purple Guardian Reginald." Keegan respectfully greeted.

"Since you disturb me, you better have a damn good excuse." Reginald coldly uttered.

Keegan knew Reginald's temper too well, as he was infamous for his vicious temper, and his position was quite high in the federation as well. He was one of the top ten purple-rank guardians.

He quickly said, "Reporting to Guardian, we lost ship no.8 of our group, and I also discovered something disconcerting. Please look at this video and instruct me."

Without hesitation, he sent the video where the two guardians were fighting the horn ogres before they lost contact. This video feed was recorded through the moon symbol on their forehead as it was not just for show but a special totem of their federation, which has many mysterious uses.

One of them is that it stops their members from betraying the federation. It was like the brain chip of the Killer Skull Society but far more effective and reliable. Once imprinted by this symbol, it can't be removed; that person will die and live with the federation. In fact, the brain chip was designed after it!

Another use was the supernatural recording through the eyes. A guardian can use it to record whatever they see and, with a thought, send it back to the special server of the federation. That was the biggest reason no one wanted to mess with them since the chance of walking away with it was very low.

Since Keegan was in charge of this mission, he had received this video instantly before Jacob cast a hex spell on them, but he didn't report it back for his greed.

But now, things have taken an ugly turn, so he had no choice but to come clean, or he'll lose his life for insubordination.

Reginald frowned slightly before he played the video feed, and his eyes suddenly widened when he saw the horn ogres and his eyes shimmering sharply.

"Those are the star pirates who belonged to the priority target, Captain Free Sword!" He muttered with a hint of excitement.

"Do you manage to apprehend them or at least lock on their location?" He asked with agitation.

Sensing the usually cold Reginald's ecstasy, Keegan knew this Captain Free Sword really had taken something that could drive even this old fox crazy. But alas, he knew he had no destiny with it.

"They were very quick on attacking before they got away. But the strange matter is, they somehow managed to take away our ship and hide its special signal..." He quickly explains the strange situation which forced him to contact Reginald.

Reginald was startled when he heard Keegan's report and winced, "How is this possible? Are you sure this is not just someone messing with you?"

Reginald was a purple rank guardian, and he knew how impossible it was to betray the federation and steal their property. Yet the impossible has happened!

"There is no mistake, sir. It seemed this Captain Free Sword had some strange means to acquire information on our secrets. I'm afraid it won't be easy to capture him. I'm currently headed in his direction, but I need reinforcement."

Reginald nodded, "He is indeed a tricky rat to deal with. But whatever the case is, we must catch him. Try to pin down his location while I'll report this to the Federation Master. It'll also take some time to turn down the teleportation channels.

"But don't worry too much; this time, the purple guardians will move; all you need to do is to find him and keep an eye on him. There is no need to tackle him. If you did your job well, you'll be the next purple guardian in the next selection! Now, I'm going to find the Federation Master and report everything related to this as soon as you get something!"

He quickly turned off the call as Reginald was in a hurry to report this finding. This matter was simply too big and important for them.

Keegan sighed before his eyes shimmered viciously, "Captain Free Sword, so what if I don't get to take you down personally? You can't escape from us now!"

At this moment, an ethereal white circle filled with complex runes shimmered on the water's calm surface.

The next moment, a ship with a moon symbol appeared in the vast ocean before the white circle vanished. Thereafter, another large ship appeared right beside it, and a few figures quickly jumped on the large one before the other ship vanished without a trace.

"Won't this draw the attention of the guardians even quicker?" Zoe couldn't help but frown as she questioned Jacob.

Jacob replied, "It might be a little dangerous, but we just covered 50,000 miles of distance within a second. The longer we stay within these waters, the more danger we'll be in. Since the Zodiac Night Federation had set their eyes on us, it didn't matter if they knew where we were as long as we remained a step ahead of them.

"As long as we are careful, it won't be easy to find us. I'm planning on using these teleportation points until they stop them. This way, they also won't be able to use them to send more people after us.

"Even if they prepare an ambush, let me worry about dealing with them. You just have to follow my lead!"

He declared coldly before he began to steer the ship toward the next teleportation point.

Jacob's eyes shimmered viciously, 'Let' see how quick they react!'

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Chapter 567: Playing Cat and Mouse (2)

Within a week, Jacob and his crew used eight more teleportation points of the Zodiac Night Federation.

The teleportation points were actually platforms engraved with teleportation formations hidden within the depths of the star ocean. To use them, one needed a corresponding key rune and a special starting sequence only known to the Zodiac Night Federation.

They are hidden fifty miles away from each other and are almost impossible to find without accurate coordinates. Each teleportation cost 1,000 Advanced Unique Rank Magic Gems.

That was supposed to be the well-guarded secret of the Zodiac Night Federation, but it is now in the hands of Jacob. He was taking full advantage of it, and he shortened his eight years' worth of voyage into five.

As for the Zodiac Night Federation's nine ships, they were always a step too slow, and before they could even pin down his location, he had already used another one, and this made them flustered.

The reinforcement from the headquarters would also take some time before they could catch up to Jacob's location. Still, if this continued, they were bound to cross each other paths. Moreover, they can't stop them either not till the reinforcement reaches the target, or it would take many years to catch up to him.

Jacob knew this too well, and he wanted them to stop those teleportation points because this way, they wouldn't be able to send more reinforcement in a short time. That's why he decided to take such a risk to expose himself.

Although it was still dangerous, he didn't want too many pursuers on his tail. Furthermore, he knew they might not give up and continue to tail him all the way to the Unique Plains and blow the matter.

Once that happened, it would be the same situation as the epic plains for him, and the dark duke of the unique plains might also see through the façade.

That's why he decided to take a detour to get rid of the Zodiac Night Federation or at least steer them in another direction. This way, by the time they realized what was going on, he would already be long gone.

Furthermore, this detour was very beneficial for him, so after using three more teleportation points, Jacob headed north at full speed, completely steering away from the route of the unique plains.

On this day, a massive flying ship with a purple crescent moon symbol, even larger than Jacob's, appeared above this teleportation point.

There were fifty purple-rank Zodiac Night Guardians in this massive ship, including the Purple Guardian Reginald! This force was enough to shock the entire unique plains since purple-rank guardians never make a move.

"Alright, this is the last teleportation point that was used three hours ago. All the other teleportation channels have been blocked. Our target should be in our range now, and they can no longer run anymore. Where is Keegan's ground?" Reginald coldly declared in front of the purple rank guardians in front of him.

There was another person standing beside him, which meant they were equal in terms of status.

It was a snake pupil woman with diamond-shaped orange scales, and two poisonous fangs were creeping out of her pale blue lips. Her gaze was cold and bloodthirsty. She was also like Reginald, another purple guardian who belonged to the top ten in the federation, Elspeth.

Elspeth hoarsely replied as her voice sounded quite eerie, "I've contacted him. He seemed to have discovered trails of the target and was now following them."

A hint of ecstasy flashed in Reginald's eyes, "Where are they going? Did they spot them?"

"From the report, they are heading north. But they still weren't able to spot them. But occasionally, the flying ship's signal would appear. It is very strange. I think we are deliberately being led in this direction. After all, we can only track the ship's signal when it is used in teleportation, but now, all of a sudden, the signal would appear in short intervals. Don't you find it strange?" Elspeth impassively stated.

She had been carefully studying the information she was receiving, and she knew just how strange this situation was.

First, their enemy was able to hide the special signal that even a space ring can't at will. Second, the enemy somehow got accurate information on their hidden teleportation points and even the activation sequence.

But all of a sudden, when they were about to prepare for an ambush and close the teleportation channels, their target didn't head for the other teleportation point; instead, they changed the direction entirely.

Moreover, they even begin to receive signals from the missing ship, it was as if their target were deliberately luring them toward them. Elspeth was the head of the intelligence department of the federation, so she was extremely astute and careful.

She knew just how important this mission was, and that's why she was sent with Reginald. So, she didn't want to mess this up.

Reginald's expression also turned grave as he knew Elspeth had a solid point and despite she ranked below him, he didn't dare to underestimate her. Even the Federation Master treats her carefully.

"What do you suggest? If it's a trap, I don't believe they can harm us. After all, according to the information, Captain Free Sword only had a crew of 32 people, and only he is at the tier-8 unique rank

aura user among them. With both of us here, we can easily crush him no matter what kind of trick he pulls." Reginald confidently stated.

Elspeth shook her head, "It's not so simple. The last time he was cornered, he had used an ancient scroll to teleport somewhere with his entire ship. We can't underestimate him. He's one of the top star pirates of the unique plains for hundreds of years so he might have more trump cards.

"First, we need to make sure he won't be able to teleport away, and the Federation Master has lent me a treasure just for this. But to use it, I need five minutes, and if he realizes, he might run away again.

"Furthermore, this treasure would also block us as well, so we should be careful to avoid collateral damage as much as possible."

Her snake eyes turned sharp as she looked north, "Besides, if I'm not wrong, this direction leads to the territory of the Dead Faction, and all lifeforms are forbidden there!"

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Chapter 568: Overbearing at Dead Faction's Door

While the Zodiac Night Guardians were in full pursuit behind Jacob, a small ship was heading east at full speed without anyone noticing it.

"Will he be fine?" A beautiful elf asked with worry; she was none other than Sofie.

Zoe was controlling the ship replied solemnly, "Mr. Jack is a capable and unfathomable man, and I don't think he'll put his life in danger like this. Although I don't know what he's planning, since he put his mind to it, all we can do is trust him and take full advantage of this chance he has provided us."

Sofie sighed with a tingle of guilt, "I guess Your Highness is right; we are nothing but a burden to him, so he sent us ahead."

Zoe smiled bitterly, "Indeed. Let's just focus on getting on the unique plains. We'll pave the way for him and welcome him once he is back. I'll also help you elevate your bloodline, and we won't be weaklings the next time we meet."

Sofie's eyes shimmered with determination as she thanked Zoe and thought, 'I won't miss this chance you earned for me...'

In the north direction, Jacob's ship was moving at full speed while he calmly stood on the top of the sail.

'Although this wasn't my initial plan, it can't be helped. I can move faster without the burden. I finally understand why that old weasel told me to go alone. Now, whether you guys survive or not, it'll depend on your capabilities...'

He suddenly smiled as he looked at the vast horizon.

"How far are we?" He sent a mental message to Autarch, who was controlling the ship with its puppet while its actual body was hidden within Jacob's solar plexus.

Since Autarch can no longer evolve without the unique titian tears, there was no longer any need for it to roam around. It can remotely operate its puppets as long as they are in a 100-mile radius range.

This was the true terrifying aspect of Brain Hunter and Jacob was fully utilizing it.

"According to the map, the Dead Faction's territories are still a year's worth of voyage ahead of us. But we might encounter their patrols sooner." Autarch replied.

"Let's just hope they won't catch up too soon. Continue to sail the ship at full speed. There is no need to worry about the magic gems. As long as they didn't have a legendary rank ship, it wouldn't be easy to catch up to us.

"We can lead them by the nose. I want to see how determined they are for my medallion. If they give up, then there is nothing to lose, but if they don't, I'll let the dark beings take care of them while I'll use the distraction to sneak into their territory." Jacob stated confidently.

Since he already has the map and knows where the den of the dark beings is, he decides to change his plan and go there first to evolve his hex core to a unique rank.

After all, this was beneficial for him in the long run, and he would have more trump cards to rely on. Furthermore, he needed the mystic signature as well, so he sent Sofia and Zoe off under the pretext of drawing the guardians' attention.

After all, they would be a burden and die eventually if they went with him. At least they would feel grateful and indebted to him this way.

As time continued to pass, Jacob would release the flying ship each day for a few minutes before storing it in the infinity pendant. This way, the Zodiac Night Guardians won't get lost.

On this day, Jacob suddenly made the ship stop because, far ahead of him, there was mist.

"We finally arrived at the purlieu of the dead faction territories. This mist should be a protective measure to keep the intruders from entering unescaped. Alright, found a place to hide this ship." Jacob commanded impassively.

This ship was simply too big to store in a space ring, so Jacob had no choice but to hide it in the open and hope no one would find it.

Once that was done, Jacob gathered Autarch's puppets and stored them in his space ring. Since they were essentially dead, they can be stored in space rings.

The next moment, he took out the flying ship of the Zodiac Night Federation and began to operate it as it being to rose in the sky.

He had already learned the method to operate it from Autarch, so it wasn't a mystery to him anymore, and he also let Nyx analyze it so they could research it.

Now that he was already at his destination, he no longer had any qualms about using it, and he headed directly toward the mist far ahead while keeping the ship in stealth.

He knew the guardians had a special method to track it, and truth be told, if he wanted, he could've easily gotten rid of it a few months ago after he fully understood its mechanism, but he didn't since it wasn't the right time yet.

As soon as he entered the mist, Jacob felt a strange deprave sensation creeping into his body and mind.

"Oh, this is some kind of mental invasion." Nyx's curious voice rang.

"They have to be at least this competent for being one of the three absolute factions. We just need to be careful." Jacob commented as despite that strange mist his body and mind were completely fine.

As they moved deeper, the mist before more ticker, and so did its effects, and all of a sudden, Jacob narrowed his eyes and looked ahead.

Thereafter, deep blue flaming eyes appeared within the mist giving off ghastly cold pressure, an eerie voice rang, "Zodiac Night Federation, are you bunch lost? Do you know where you are trespassing?"

Jacob was a little astonished since he thought the dark being would directly spring into action, but it seemed they were also wary of Zodiac Night Federation. But it also made sense since the dead faction was already mortal enemies with the life faction.

But if a neutral faction took the life faction side, the balance would be tipped to the life faction side, and it wouldn't be good news for the dead faction whose whole existence depends on the life faction. So, this dark being didn't directly attack.

Jacob coldly replied while his face was hidden behind a mask, "Lowly freak, it's not your place to question the federation's action. Today, I'm here with my comrades to get rid of the scourge of Zodiac Plains!"

The flames churned violently, clearly startled by his disrespectful words, "What did you?!"

Jacob didn't even bother to reply anymore and uttered with killing intent, "Die!"

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Chapter 569: Wrath King

At this moment, ten ships of Zodiac Night Federation, nine with black crescent moon symbols and one with purple crescent moon symbols, appeared right outside the mist barrier of the Dead Faction Territory.

"Did he really enter that darn place?" Reginald's expression was dark as he questioned Keegan, standing behind him.

A projection of a map red dot blinding was active on his wrist as Keegan sweated profusely and replied, "Y-yes, the ship is no longer hidden, and it continues moving right ahead of us. Look, he even stopped moving! It seemed he's been captured, or he surrounded!"

"It seemed he didn't want his life anymore." Reginald spat with frustration.

Although they belonged to the Zodiac Night Federation, they still didn't dare to barge right into the dead faction territory without their consent first. After all, even if they were from the neutral faction, they still had to show respect to the dead faction, or before they knew it, they would be pulled into the endless war of the life and dead factions.

"In this past year, we were being led by the nose, and now it's clear he wanted us to chase him here. I also think that he's misleading us by using our ship, so we need to be careful." Elspeth's expression is also not good, as she has lost all of her confidence in their chase.

No matter how they tried, they couldn't catch up, and their target stopped even for a moment. She even spread their men just in case Captain Free Sword tried to run in another direction, but nothing like that happened.

It had become quite clear that they were being led in this place, and now she was no longer certain about what their target was thinking anymore. That's why she ordered others to stop here, or Reginald would've already barged in because he was completely infuriated from continuous chasing.

They have to be careful unless they want to earn themselves a free enemy, the Dark Beings!

"Patrol ship no.4 is a unit of dark beings, right? Have them explain the situation to their race; tell them we only want the killer of our people, not any trouble." Elspeth issued a command.

"I'm on it!" Keegan quickly left to issue the command.

Right at this moment, both Reginald and Elspeth, who were standing at the front of the ground, sensed something wrong as they looked toward the mist.

Suddenly, hundreds of massive black battleships filled with dark beings crept out of the mist, and right above those ships was a giant bone eagle enveloped in cold blue flames. Standing on top of that eagle was a giant, majestic black silhouette. The only visible feature of this silhouette was a crimson flame flickering in the center of its cloaked head.

Reginald's expression instantly changed, "T-that's the Wrath King! One of the five Vise Faction Leaders of the Dead Faction! What in the hell is he doing out here? Don't tell me they've already discovered who is on that?"

Elspeth's heart sank as she knew the Dead Faction also wanted to capture Captain Free Sword as much as they wanted. If he fell into their hands, they would never give him away.

The Wrath King's presence here could only mean that they had discovered, or why would one of the five vice faction leaders of the dark beings be here personally with such a huge battle force?

At this moment, Wrath King's booming voice rang in everyone's ears, "I want an explanation from the Zodiac Night Federation! Are you really declaring war on Dead Faction by killing one of my ministers?"

His voice was a mixture of man and woman and extremely gloomy as if he was speaking from the depths of the abyss.

Reginald and Elspeth's expression changed as they looked at each other with befuddlement in their eyes as they clearly didn't have any idea what the hell Wrath King was talking about.

Still, it was good news since this meant he still didn't know about Captain Free Sword and had some kind of misunderstanding.

When Elspeth thought of this, a sharp glint flashed past her eyes, and she replied, "Esteem Wrath King, I'm the intelligence department head of the Zodiac Night Federation, Zodiac Night Guardian, Purple Rank, Elspeth. We've been chasing a criminal who has killed our men and stolen their ship. I think there is a misunderstanding here! We are not here with hostility but to capture that person who has invaded your territory."

The crimson flame flickered violently when Wrath King heard it and spoke, "Do you have any proof?"

Wrath King was in charge of dead faction security, and when he heard someone brazenly invade their territory, he sent one of his ministers to take care of it. He was a unique rank tier-9, so it shouldn't be a problem.

However, soon, he received news that his minister's corpse had been found, which enraged him. The scouts also brought news that the intruder was none other than the Zodiac Night Federation, and he'd been killing anyone he found.

Enraged, he quickly gathered his men and tried to capture the brazen bastard, but to his surprise, that person had vanished with his ship, and no matter how they searched, they couldn't find him.

Then abruptly, he heard that more of Zodiac Night Federation's ships had stopped outside their territory, so he quickly hurried over.

But since they didn't directly attack, he decided to find the reason for their blunt provocation. Although he was enraged because his loyal subordinate and many men were killed, he didn't directly attack and gave them the chance to explain.

After all, the Zodiac Night Federation controls the passage between epic and unique plains. They can't just start a war with them on a whim.

Now, hearing Elspeth's explanation, he was startled to think that this might be true and someone was sabotaging the Zodiac Night Federation. He instantly thought that it was the scheme of the life faction or someone simply wanted to seek death.

But he wasn't going just to believe whatever Elspeth said since it was a known fact that the flying ships of the Zodiac Night Federation could only be controlled by the guardians.

Elspeth clearly said that it was a criminal, not a traitor, so he demanded proof before coming to any conclusion.

"This?" Elspeth clearly hesitates since showing them proof means revealing the horn ogres to the dark beings.

Although this might stop them from falling out with the dead faction, they will also lose the chance to capture Captain Free Sword forever. She was again stumped by Captain Free Sword's shrewdness.

"What should we do? If we don't show him, he'll attack, and we are clearly outnumbered." Reginald said as he knew they were in trouble, and his hate for Captain Free Sword reached a new level.

Elspeth calmed her nerves and replied, "Before anything, I want to ask Vise Leader, did you manage to capture the criminal?"

Wrath King harrumphed coldly, "It won't be long before we sniff out that degenerate. Why are you hesitating for? If you have proof, then show me and leave. Since that degenerate dares to kill my men and invade our territory, he's no longer your concern. Once I find him, I'll send back your ship.

"But first, you need to give proper proof of your innocence, or don't even think about leaving!"

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Chapter 570: Dark Beasts

After hearing Wrath King's threat, Reginald and Elspeth's expression turned unsightly, they knew it was now almost impossible to capture Captain Free Sword. On the contrary, if they didn't give him a proper explanation, they might never be able to leave here alive.

While the dark beings and zodiac night guardians were on the verge of life and death battle, the person who incited all of this calmly stepped outside the watch on a gloomy shore.

It was none other than Jacob.

Looking at the dense forest with dark trees and sky covered in thick fog, he muttered, "I'm finally in the territory of the dead faction. I wonder if my action incites a war between the two factions. But it's highly unlikely since it would mean sending the federation to the life faction side. Well, at least those who followed me won't be able to leave without losing a limb or two. They would have no choice but to give up on following me."

With a small smirk, he moved toward the forest as he was very confident in his ploy and now, he can hunt the dark beings in mass and then leave after evolving his hex core. At the same time, the federation will have to take all the heat for his actions.

Right at this moment, he sensed a little vibration on his wrist before SAAI's stoic voice rang in his head.

"You have been connected with Unique Star Network!"

Startled, he activates his star watch and sees it has indeed been reconnected with the star network, 'Could it be the territories of the three factions are also considered a part of the unique plains?'

Jacob was astounded as he thought he had to wait before entering the unique plains to reconnect to the star network. But who could've thought the moment he stepped into the dead faction territory, he regained the star network?

At least he wasn't expecting this from the dead faction since dark beings didn't have star watches. Nonetheless, it matters little to him, and he closes the star watch and moves forward since this isn't the place or time to explore the unique Plains star network.

Jacob carefully made his way into the depths of the strange forest; there was no sign of life, and even the trees were giving off a strange, gloomy air. If not for his excellent vision, he might not be able to see anything in this dark place.

Although he has the ocean route to the dead faction territory, it has no details about its inner structure. All he knew was that the dead faction territory was a cluster of 129 islands, and the smallest one was around fifty thousand miles large.

These islands were divided among the different races of dark beings. But this information was superficial as no one knew how large the territory of the dead faction was, and it was the same case for the other factions as well.

Furthermore, unlike the other factions that were controlled by multiple organizations, the dark faction was one united entity under the control of the Dead Faction Leader.

At this moment, Jacob's footsteps suddenly came to a halt as an agile phantom suddenly lunged towards him.

With his quick reaction, he throws a punch brandished with green flames.

'Boomm...'

A small collision happened, and the mysterious phantom was sent flying into the trees, blasting many before it finally stopped.

Jacob's eyes were cold as he looked at the blasted trees, and dark green liquid was pouring out of them. Amid the destruction, a mingled body of a vile beast covered in blue blood lay there. It seemed to be a hybrid between a hyena and a zombie.

'A dark beast!' Jacob's eyes shimmered in realization.

The Dark Beasts were born in the territories of the Dark Beings, and they killed other dark beasts and dark beings and evolved by absorbing their dead cores. They also have the ability to absorb the life force of living beings and can only kill after extinguishing their dead flames. That's why they fell under the races of the dark beings.

The dark beings can also tame these dark beasts like the living beings can tame magic beasts and use them as mounts or battles.

But these dark beasts can only be born under dense dark energy, and the environment of the epic plains was only enough to rear common and rare rank dark beasts, so the dark beings wouldn't bother to tame them.

But the dark beast that Jacob just killed is a peak epic rank dark beast, which means this place is perfect for nurturing dark beasts.

'As expected of the dead faction territory. I'd never encountered a dark beast before, but here they seemed to be flourishing. Previously, that lich I'd faced at the entrance was also riding a flying dark beast of unique rank, and by killing them, I was able to absorb both of their dead flames. This detour was not a bad idea at all.'

Jacob smiled in satisfaction before he collected the magic core from the dead, dark beast. Although killing epic-rank dark beings was no longer useful for him, their magic cores were still quite precious for his mana recovery.

Furthermore, he is still nowhere near exploring this place, and he is still in the outer region so that he will encounter unique rank dark beasts or dark beings eventually.

Jacob then moves on towards the thick liquid substance gushing out of the tree, and upon close inspection, his eyes shimmered, 'This is advanced epic rank poison with decay properties, I should collect it. I can use it with whammy poison magic.'

He quickly takes out of a container and begins to collect all the liquid. He has already absorbed all the Vile Witch's knowledge, so he could be considered a full-fledged Basic Unique Rank Evil Poison Lord now, which is akin to a Basic Great Elder Alchemist Rank!

After collecting the poison, he moved on, and as he moved deeper, more and more dark beasts attacked him, and they were all killed with a single punch.

At this moment, a raging river appeared ahead of him, which was around three hundred meters wide, and on the other side was a mountain valley filled with strange plants and trees.

The gray disc appeared under his feet, and he began to fly toward the other side and enter the mountain valley.

This time, he encountered poisonous insects and dark beasts of unique rank, and he quickly dealt with them while collecting their poison. This place seemed to be a poisonous paradise and extremely beneficial for an Evil Poison Lord like him.

Days passed like this, and he had yet to encounter any dark being; on this day, Jacob suddenly stopped at a mountain hill, and his eyes widened.

In front of him was a towering dome hidden between the mountains, and hundreds of dark beings were patrolling this place.

'What is this place?'