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Chapter 581: Plundering the Dead Island (4)

After issuing Autarch the command, Jacob emptied the vault filled with space rings. There were a couple of thousands of them, and surprisingly, they were all unlocked, and upon peering into them, they were all filled with thousands of crimson and blue pills.

Jacob knew this wealth was startling in the community of Dead Faction. Although he couldn't use them, he knew how to turn them into profit.

Next, Jacob started to look through the big lab, especially the books, and after skimming through some of them, his eyes shimmered with ecstasy as they were all about dark alchemy, and there were also a few pill formulas listed in them.

Even the Life Pills formula was within them, and more pills were used by dark beings. He pocketed them all and left their study to Nyx. Afterward, the most interesting thing in the lab was Thone's private notes and insights on dark alchemy.

According to dark alchemy ranks, Thone was an advanced unique Rank Dark Alchemist, and he could refine advanced unique rank Dark Medicines.

Furthermore, Thone was researching Battle Puppet, which was somewhat similar to the Killer Skull Society's Mutants. But unlike the mutants, the battle puppets were refined corpses that could devour life crystals and unleash power beyond their initial tiers when they were alive.

The patched corpse on the table was the result of hundreds of years of Spirit Magic Dead King's research, and he had given his most loyal men like Thone the task to continue to research it so they could perfect this battle puppet.

According to Thone's research, he was in charge of perfecting the magic runes that could devour the life crystals and turn them into raw power like batteries, and he was very close to achieving it.

But alas, now all this research fell into Jacob's hand, and the most protected secret of Magic Spirit Dead King was known to Jacob. Furthermore, upon closely reading the results of this research, Jacob had some insights since he already had examined the Killer Skull Society mutants.

If he could cross-reference the two research the result might be something startling.

He still remembered those faceless assassins he encountered in the Rare Plains, and to this day, he still didn't know which organization they belonged to. He never got to investigate them, nor did they come after him in the epic plains.

Furthermore, the Killer Skull Society was researching those mutants on behalf of the Dead Faction, and now, seeing this battle puppet, he was sure that the person who wanted to perfect this battle puppet was none other than the Spirit Magic Dead King.

However, he wasn't interested in creating live puppets since he had Autarch, who could create perfect puppets without any flaws except for his range of control and the puppet's decay properties.

But if he could really create this battle puppet and perfect it, he could send them far away while he would remain at a safe distance. That's why he was planning on giving this task to Nyx since she was like his assistant and very capable.

After making up his mind, Jacob has Nyx analyze the patched corpse as well as every piece of equipment in the lab before stowing everything physically.

Once he was done taking everything that he could take, he looked at the slumbering Thone. There was still time before Autarch could turn him into his puppet, so he waited before starting the next phase of his plan of plundering.

After an hour passed, Thone's empty eye sockets lit up in flame before he stood up in front of Jacob without speaking.

"He's ready!" Autarch's emotionless voice rang.

Jacob's lips curled up, "Good work. Now we'll wait for that guy to contact Thone again, and afterward..."

However, before the two hours given by Thone passed, the same voice rang again in panic, "General, I've just received an edict directly from the Spirit Castle!"

Jacob's eyes narrowed, and he had Autarch controlled Thone and replied, "What is it?"

"Someone has broken into the faction territory and killed our people wantonly. According to the Castle, he's extremely powerful, and our formations can't seem to detect him. Even Wrath Dead King can't do anything to him.

"So, the Castle wants us to report any anomaly the moment we notice them. I-I think this matter related to the Zombies is very strange; should I report it back?"

'So, the news already spread, and it seemed they are taking me rather seriously.' Jacob mused gravely as he knew this trip to the Dead Faction had become even more cumbersome.

"Impudent!" 'Thone' roared furiously, "Do you think this person is capable of breaching our security? If we report it back, we'll become the laughingstock of every race. Still, since this is his majesty's order, we can't ignore it.

"I want you to gather every material from the warehouses. Afterward, gather all the finished pills and every person on the island in the center of the Island including the controllers and security, don't leave anyone behind.

"If more people are missing, then it would mean our security has really been compromised. But if only those zombies are missing, I'll personally lead a search team. Quickly, I'll give you an hour to gather everyone. I'll be there! Oh, to make sure no one makes any contact with the outside and leaks this information of our blunder, cease all contact with the outside for a day!"

"What a splendid idea, my lord. I'll publish your order right away!" The voice was startled at first before he praised in elation.

This was indeed the fastest way to force the intruder out, and by gathering everything, they wouldn't have to worry about someone else plundering anything. So, Thone idea was quickly recognized as a brilliant one.

After the voice's owner was gone, Jacob pulled a cruel smile, "This night is going to be an extremely long one."

Soon, an island-wide announcement was made, and all the dark beings on the island were summoned to the center of the island. Since this order was issued directly by the Assistant General of the Island, everyone knew the General had agreed to it as well, so no one dared to delay.

Within an hour, a huge number of Midget Wights and a small number of Zombies, Brainy Imps, and Wraiths begin to swarm the center of the island while some of the armored Midget Wights were collecting every pill and material present on the island.

No one knows at that time that they were all gathering in a slaughterhouse, and a butcher was approaching while sharpening his butcher blade!

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Chapter 582: Dead Emperor Shrine Mountain

At the heart of the central dead continent was a towering mountain reaching all the way to the sky, and its peaks were hidden within the black cloud ring, and no one dared to approach it.

One of the reasons was this mountain was filled with dark energy, and it was so potent that even tier-9 unique rank dark beings wouldn't be able to handle it for more than a few minutes before.

The main reason was that this mountain was the seclusion place of the Faction Leader and was known as the Dead Emperor Shrine Mountain. The only people who could climb this mountain were the five dead kings, and they even needed the Dead Emperor's consent before they dared to step anywhere near the Dead Emperor Shrine Mountain!

At the top of the Dead Emperor Shrine Mountain was a large black shrine with two black gargoyle statues sitting at its open entrance, which were completely pitch black, like the maw of an abyss.

At this moment, five figures were kneeling in front of the entrance without making any sound.

"You all may leave now, and remember, I don't want something like this to happen again. Capture the livestock within seven days, or you can all nominate your successor on the 8th day." A ghostly, ethereal voice filled with authority sounded, making the five dead kings tremble.

"As your majesty bidding!"

The five of them replied before they vanished like a smock; they knew if they failed to find this intruder who was killing their people here and there, they would really have to give up on their position.

Because this intruder has directly challenged the dignity of the Dead Faction and if they failed to capture him or let him leave, the Dead Faction would become the laughingstock of the unique plains.

It was the first time that the Dead Emperor had to seek them out and instruct them personally. This intruder has touched the Dead Emperor's bottom line.

After all, the Dead Emperor Shrine Mountain was the heart of the Dead Faction territory, and every island was connected with it. Any unusual activity will be instantly noticed by the Dead Emperor.

In truth, the Dead Emperor Shrine Mountain was an unfathomable treasure, and this treasure was the main reason the dead faction could claim so many inhabited islands and make the other factions wary.

Furthermore, with the Dead Emperor Shrine Mountain under the Dead Emperor's control, no one could challenge his authority, and he was invincible in this place.

Once the five dead kings left, the Dead Emperor's voice rang again, "Contact the Zodiac Night Federation Master for me!"

Just as his majestic voice trailed off, the two gargoyle statues' eyes began to shimmer in crimson light, and magic runes appeared in front of the shrine.

The next moment, a projection of a blurry silhouette appeared, and an impassive voice as heavy as a mountain reverberated, "How fortunate, I was trying to get in contact with Faction Leader Necro. You are quite a hard person to get in contact with."

"Ryan, drop your ruse and tell me who this person is, or suffer the consequences!" Dead Emperor Necro coldly demanded.

The Federation Master Ryan didn't seem to be worried about his tone and impassively asked, "Did you capture him? If you tell me the truth, I'll tell you what you want to know, and I'm even willing to form an alliance with Dead Faction! I've heard you have been trying to claim another large size island for decades, but the Life Faction is also not backing down. I can help you with that and more."

Necro remained silent for a moment before coldly replied, "No, he's still roaming free, but he'll die horribly very soon. Just who is this? You are even willing to take sides. Don't tell me he stole your federation's Legacy Treasure?"

"He's still not captured?" Ryan sounded surprised as he knew just how dangerous the dead faction territory was, and no one could just barge in and then roam free.

Even he or the Life Faction Leader won't be able to do this without getting encircled by the Dark Beings.

"Since you're being honest, I'll be direct with you as well. This intruder is none other than the person everyone is searching for, Captain Free Sword!" Ryan revealed.

If he could, Ryan didn't want to reveal this information to anyone, but he knew they had missed their chance to capture Captain Free Sword, and now that he had entered the Dead Faction territory, he'd be captured eventually, and they wouldn't let him leave Scot free.

Furthermore, even if he made up some lie, Necro would never agree to spare him since it would mean showing weakness. But they need Captain Free Sword alive, so he's been trying to contact him since he heard the report of mission failure.

But the Dead Emperor was most troublesome to get in contact with, and he almost decided to make a trip personally. However, out of his expectation, Necro contacted him on his own, so he was ready to negotiate the terms.

Yet, unexpectedly, Captain Free Sword was far more capable than anyone expected, and he's still not being captured. Still, this changes nothing since he was still in the dead faction territory, and from Necro's tone, it was quite clear he was enraged and wouldn't spare him.

Necro contacting him was probably out of curiosity and one of his schemes to find his true identity so he could then kill anyone remotely related to Captain Free Sword.

"What? You're telling me this vermin is the same pest who triggered the Path of Legend?!" Necro's voice boomed with clear disbelief and a tingle of excitement.

"Indeed." Ryan gravely said, "From our investigation, he's Captain Free Sword, and we've been chasing him since he appeared in the unique plains. But he's far too cunning, and his means are strange.

"Nonetheless, since he's now in your territory, I won't fight over him with you. In fact, I want to form an alliance; as long as you find him, you will have our full support, and I'm also willing to give the dead faction 10 Medallions to show my sincerity.

"In return, I want you to take all the qualified people in the path of legend from the federation. I'm also sure that with the key in your hand, all the neutral faction powers will stand behind you, and the life factions won't have any chance to enter the path of legend.

"Lastly, the path of legend is filled with danger, and it won't be easy to cross it. So, with all of us together, we can protect each other from other galaxies. I won't mind telling you an ancient secret recorded in our federation records if you're willing to share the location and key!" Ryan solemnly stated.

A contemplative silence fell in the vicinity, but Ryan didn't hurry Necro and patiently waited. He knew if Necro disagreed, then the Dead Faction would be facing joint attacks from the Life Faction and the Neutral Faction.

Because the path of legend was too important for everyone, it was fine if only Necro had that information, but Ryan also knew, and this was his trump card. If Necro disagreed, then Ryan could reveal this information to everyone, and Dead Faction would be in huge trouble.

This was also the reason Ryan wanted to capture Captain Free Sword first before anyone could find out; alas, it didn't go his way, and now he has to use another method.

At this moment, Necro finally replied with four tyrannical words, "Fuck off, I refuse!"

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Chapter 583: Trick to Death

In a vast space filled with neon lights, a slender figure was sitting in the center like a moon surrounded by stars.

A projection was opened in front of this person showing nothing but darkness, and at this moment, Necro's tyrannical voice reverberated, "Fuck off, I refuse!"

The next moment, the projection vanished, which meant Necro had cut off the connection.

"Greedy Bastard!" Ryan's furious voice reverberated in the space like a thunderclap.

"Since you want to hoard the path of legend just because you control the entire dead faction, I'll let you know just how ridiculous your plan is," Ryan muttered with fury.

Ryan then issued a command coldly, "Contact the Leaders of Life Faction, Dark City, and Cardinal Spirit Temple! It's time for those greedy corpses to vanish from the Unique Plains!"

Night descended, and oblivious of the huge tremor he had caused in the entire Unique Plains, Jacob approached the center of the research island while Thone was leading.

At this moment, thousands of dark beings were gathered together in an empty space, and a Midget Wight in ash gray robes stood on a high platform, and behind him were hundreds of armored midgets. This gray robe midget was the Assistant General of this island.

Suddenly, the Assistant General sensed something and looked behind and saw Thone walking over.

"General is here!" He loudly announced, and all the dark beings quickly bowed their head in respect.

Thone didn't show any reaction and walked over to the platform in front of the Assistant General.

Without waiting, he coldly speaks, "Since everyone is here, I won't waste more time. Someone is targeting our island, and they have already plundered our resources. Although I don't know if it's a false alarm or not, we can't ignore it, or we'll all be punished by his majesty.

"So, it makes sure this won't happen, and the offenders are not hiding among you, I have summoned you all here to undergo an inspection. Don't worry, it wasn't something excessive. Whoever clears this inspection can leave here and get back to their posts.

"Let's start without ado; from now on, ten of you will walk into the building behind me every minute. If you are clean, then you don't have anything to worry about, and you'll be able to leave from another exit.

"Since it's an inspection, it has to be fair." Thone then turned around and looked at the Assistant General and the island guards and commanded, "Assistant General, take nine of your most trusted men and start. Once you're done, hurry back to your post."

The Assistant General didn't find anything wrong with this sequence since they were all here. The island was completely unprotected, so by inspecting the guards and him, they could quickly return to their post. This will also show that everyone is a suspect, and no one would have any resentment in their heart.

"Thank you, General. Oh, this is all the pills and materials I've collected." The Assistant General quickly handed Thone a space ring.

Thone accepted the ring with a slight nod before the Assistant General and nine other guards began to walk over to the building without hesitation.

Although the Assistant General didn't ask any questions, he was extremely curious about this novel method that Thone was introducing to sniff out the traitors or intruders. Still, he knew Thone, one of the top researchers and inventors of the dead faction, so he might've invented this new method, which made the Assistant General even more respectful.

As they entered the building, the room was pitch black, but the dark had no effect on the dark being's vision.

However, before they even examined the room and found this method, a green streak flashed past their skulls like a lightning bolt.

The next moment, one after another, they begin to fall down while the dead flames of their lives are extinguished. From start to finish, they had no idea how they all died so quickly and effortlessly.

Jacob's smiling figure appeared over the corpse as he quickly collected their space rings and cores before getting rid of the corpses.

'This is going to be a very tiring night.' He thought before he vanished without a trace.

Outside, no one knows that the Assistant General and his group have already met their maker, and after a minute passed, another group of ten began to walk toward the building.

Since Thone was standing there, no one dared to have any thoughts, and they were very obedient as, one after another, they walked towards their death willingly.

After an hour, after sixty groups, many of them were sighing in relief since no traitor had been found yet, which means this method was effective, and they wanted to go through it quickly and return to their posts.

At this moment, Thone suddenly ordered, "Next group will be of 15!"

With the increase in number, the huge crowd began to shred down very fast, and all the high-ranking dark beings were already 'done'.

Thone increased the number by five again, and after eight long hours, only hundreds of zombies remained before nothing was left.

If those dead kings found that someone had tricked thousands of dark beings with high intellect to their death, they might explode from fury.

At this moment, Jacob walked out of the room, and Thone walked over to him and handed him the space ring, which was filled with thousands of space rings.

"Since we are done here, take this ring. It is filled with explosives. Arrange them to the underground channels. The timer has already been set. This will be quite a good distraction." Jacob handed over a space ring to Thone and ordered Autarch.

Since he was done with this place, he was going to leave for another dead island, so blowing this one would draw all the dead faction's attention, giving him even more space to plunder and kill.

Jacob was now feeling somewhat uneasy and wanted to complete the evolution of the hex core as soon as possible. So, his next target was going to be somewhere which is filled with high ranking dark beings, the military dead islands!

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Chapter 584: Ghost Insects (1)

In the central dead continent, the southern region was also known as the spirit dead region. It was the territory of the Spirit Dead King, and it was filled with Midget Wights.

Within the City of Dead Spirit was a majestic black castle, also known as the Dead Spirit Castle, where the Spirit Dead King lives.

At this moment, the Spirit Dead King was furiously giving instructions to midges in front of him when suddenly, another midget in dark robes walked in hurriedly.

"Your majesty, we just received an urgent report!" He said while kneeling.

The Spirit Dead King sat on his bone throne, but he wasn't as tall or appeared as majestic as the other kings. He was only 2'1 foot tall, and he was always laughed at by the other Dead Kings for his height, so it was taboo to discuss his height.

However, he has a pair of purple antelope horns, which were half the size of his body, and there were ghost-like white images shimmering on them, which gave everyone the feeling of certain death.

The Spirit Dead King looked at the keeling midget as the purple flame in his skull sockets flickered, "Tell me everything. Is it related to the vermin we've been searching for?"

After receiving an ultimatum from the Dead Emperor, the Dead Kings didn't dare to ridicule each other and quickly began to mobilize their forces so they could get rid of this intruder.

Although it appeared Wrath Dead King's fault that he failed to handle him, everyone knows this intruder was simply too strange, and even Wrath Dead King wasn't able to find him; instead, he was played like a fool by him.

So, this intruder was far from weak, and he knew how to hide his presence from their security measures. That's why the Dead Emperor was alarmed and summoned them all so they could stop holding back and get rid of him as quickly as possible.

After all, if this continues, not only will they lose face, but they will also lose their people's trust. In their eyes, this intruder was a lunatic who seemed to have a very deep grudge against them. Why would he sensually kill them despite the grave danger they posed?

However, what startled the Dead Kings was just after they left the Dead Emperor Shrine Mountain, they received a new set of instructions from the Dead Emperor, and he was very strict, this time, almost agitated and excited.

They were told that they had to close off all the territory boundary and encircle it with their ships, and then they had to find this intruder alive. The Dead Emperor especially emphasized the alive part, and if they accidentally killed him, they would be punished extremely harshly.

Furthermore, the Dead Emperor even told them that once they found his accurate whereabouts, they directly informed him, and he would take action himself. This left the dead kings gobsmacked and appalled as they all knew the Dead Emperor would never take action against an ant.

So, now they were sure that this person was either extremely strong or extremely important. That's why they were now giving their commands to inform them if they found any strange movements directly, and they'll move personally.

The Spirit Dead King was the same as a few hours ago. He had told his people to keep an eye out for any strange activity in their territory and islands under him. Right now, he is receiving feedback personally when this midget gets in.

But he wasn't angry since he had given the order himself that anything strange should be directly reported to him without any protocol.

The kneeling midget quickly replied with an appalled tone, "Reporting to his majesty, we just received a report that there had been a mass explosion on the Spirit Research Island No.87!"

"Not only that but once our men reached there, upon investigation, they didn't find traces of our men, no dead bodies or anything. The warehouses are also emptied. The facilities had been completely destroyed!"

Towards the end, everyone present in the throne hall was trembling as they felt powerful pressure engulfing them; the always-composed Spirit Dead King was enraged!

"When did this explosion take place?" The Spirit Dead King icily asked with killing intent.

"Half an hour ago!"

"Trash! Every last one of you is trash!" He smacked the bone handle of his throne, turning it into powder as his small body trembled with fury.

This was utterly humiliating, even more so than the blunder Wrath Dead King had caused. At least he was able to save the islands and many people, but his most protected island was destroyed, and not even a single person survived.

Even though the Dead Emperor wanted to keep this guy alive, his action made it very hard for the Spirit Dead King to forgive him. Furthermore, he was more agitated about the fact that all the research in Thone hand might fall into the intruder's pocket as well.

"Alert all the research islands and tell them if they see even an unrecognized bird, quickly report it back, or they can bury themselves if something like this happens again. Also, alert the other islands and dead kings about it and tell our men to dig out Thone's lab and find his research documents. If they are gone, I want to hear if they turn into ashes, bring me those ashes. Go!" The Spirit Dead King furiously roared.

The midgets quickly leave without daring to raise their heads. They knew this matter was going to blow off terribly, and even if they didn't report it to anyone, the other dead kings might've already heard about it because of their spies. Their faction was the same.

Once those midgets left, the Spirit Dead King took out a small ruby skull with a magic rune engraved on its head and poured mana into it.

Soon, Necro's icy voice rang, "Do you found him?"

Spirit Dead King trembled slightly, "No, but..." He didn't dare to hide it and quickly revealed everything.

"Useless scoundrels!" Necro's voice boomed as he was also furious upon hearing about this shameful event.

"Release Ghost Insects. I'm giving you permission and found this Vermin!" Necro ordered.

The Spirit Dead King was shocked, "Y-your majesty, this... if we release the ghost insects, we will exhaust 5% of all of our resources to control them. Furthermore, they will devour any trace of life, that intruder will die!"

The Ghost Insects were the Dead Faction's trump card, and even the Life Faction didn't have the honor to experience it, but now, just to trace this, nobody, the Dead Emperor, was giving his permission to release them.

This was simply too shocking.

"Don't worry, once they trace him, I'll personally interfere. We need to find him before he does any more damage!" Necro confidently stated.

The Spirit Dead King no longer has any misgivings, "I'll obey!"

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Chapter 585: Ghost Insects (2)

After leaving the research island, Jacob directly headed to the east on his flying disc.

Although he managed to farm more than four thousand unique rank dark beings they were far from enough, and for some strange reason, he was feeling uneasy.

A few hours later, he found another dead island but unlike any other islands, this place was well guarded. Even at the edges of the island, Wraiths and Liches guarded the perimeter without leaving any gap for an intruder's entry.

'This should be the military dead island under the Aura Dead King's command. But this security is far from the information I've gathered. This could only mean they are now well-guarded against me and completely serious. I wonder if the faction leader had gotten involved or not.

'If the Dead Faction Leader is stronger than the five dead kings, then he might be at the second step of legend, and his means should be unfathomable. If he comes after me, I don't know if my stealth will

work against him. There are more than 50% chances that it won't...' Jacob mused as he was getting this strange unease for a while now, which originated from his survival instincts.

Although it might be just because of the environment, Jacob didn't dare to ignore this feeling since the last time he got this sort of feeling from Captain Free Sword when he was captured.

The hex-core is far from evolution, and he knew the Dead Faction wasn't going just to let him continue as he pleased. He had already killed and plundered some of their best facilities, and even Wrath Dead King couldn't find him.

So, after the research island, he was sure that the Dead Faction would be fully prepared, and if he started to kill in this place, the deception he created on the research island would not hold the Dead Faction back.

After mulling over the gravity of this situation, Jacob finally hesitated as he hovered above the island without descending. The path of legend experts finally spooked him, and he was unwilling to test his luck.

'I should've learned the Noble Spirit Flames since it had an extremely poisonous effect on the dark beings. But I chose to create the Aura Glyph of Fire instead of Spirit Glyph...'

Jacob lamented when he thought about the Noble Spirit Flames scripture that he got from the top of the fire pyramid in the epic plains. This scripture has excellent healing properties, and it was the bane of the dark beings.

But he chose the Aura Fire over Spirit Fire because it was extremely potent in combat, and he also had the water mana, which was gentle in nature, and its healing properties were far stronger.

So, he decided to give up on the Noble Spirit Flames since they didn't have any practical use, and he was already immune to negative effects. But now he was somewhat regretting it.

However, his choice was correct and gave him long-term benefits since his enemies weren't restricted to just the Dark Beings.

Right at this moment, when he was still going through an internal struggle, a chill went down his spine as he suddenly felt a strange danger from his left side.

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Without hesitation, he summoned Immortika, "Who is strongest in this area?" He hastily asked as he was gawking at the mist; he still didn't see anything, but that feeling of danger was getting closer.

So, he didn't dare to stand still and took out the flying boat of the federation. He had already gotten rid of the tracker and dropped it in the middle of the dead faction territory's sea so that those guys would draw here.

Now, it was completely safe, but he wasn't using it since it burned magic gems, and the gray disc was more practical. It was also his trump card when he needed to flee.

So, now sensing the incoming danger, he used it without hesitation and released the ogre puppets to control it.

Only then did he look at Immortika's reply, "Your fleeing skills are improving, I guess the fighting giant spirit would not go in vain after all. Hahahaha..."

Seeing the familiar disgusting laughter and bullshit written on the page, Jacob's expression went dark, "Just the answer to the freaking question!"

Right at this moment, Jacob suddenly looked back, and his expression changed when he saw a crimson gray cloud approaching him, and the danger he was sensing was coming from it.

"How impatience... alright, since it seemed a good show is about to start, I'll tell you. That cloud you're seeing is actually thousands of insects called the Life Bane Borers, ranked 100th on the list of Fantastic Insects! They are also called Ghost Insects because of a ghost-like image on their shell!

"A ghost insect can only be born within the environment with potent death energy, and they have only one ability or natural trait, Life Bane. Life Bane as the name suggest is bane of all life, the Ghost Insect can devour life force from anything and that's how they grow.

"Their ability to seek food (Life Force) is top-

notch, and they can sense life force from thousands of miles distance. The ghost insect can directly bite off the life force of any living being no matter what kind of defense or armor they have, and they also release a spiritual toxin directly into their victim's spirit or soul.

"But a signal Ghost Insect can't pose a threat to anyone. Even in the same rank, the Ghost Insect can't do anything to its victim once found unless the latter is a retard. However, if you add thousands of them, then it's another story.

"Because their biggest advantage is their ability to reproduce and with enough life force they can multiply in thousands or even millions within few months. That's why whenever a Ghost Insect is spotted in any region rich with life force, they are immediately purged.

"Now, you are being chased by 7,483 Ghost Insects, and they are all at the peak of epic rank, and even for you, they are too many. Their only weakness is Lightning and Fire.

"However, even with a lighting or fire barrier, they can still bite off life force, and to kill them at epic rank, you need the temperature around 10,000 Celsius Degree. Even with your Fire Aura, which should be around 8 to 9 thousand Celsius degrees, you are no match for them, so it's a fool earned to confront them.

"Hahahaha... those dark beings really took you seriously, even dared to unleash those ghost insects. If they managed to break into unique ranks, they would be able to devour their dead flames, dark beasts, and dark flora all the same. They are really daring to rear a tiger despite being rabbits!" Immortika laughed manically.

However, Jacob had no mood to jeer at the Dark Beings' daring, as all this information was enough to spook him.

Seeing the cloud of Ghost Insects getting closer while the ship still needed time to accelerate, his heart palpitated, and he was about to take out something to get out of this mess when a ghostly voice filled with queer rancor rang.

"Captain Free Sword, surrender, and I'll spare your vain life!"

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Chapter 586: End of the Rope

"Captain Free Sword, surrender, and I'll spare your vain life!"

Jacob was startled when he heard that familiar name, and all of a sudden, it was like an explosion had gone off in his head, and he comprehended something.

"Shit, I was careless!" He cursed, but he didn't have time to mull over his mistake as he could sense a terrifying presence locked on him, and he felt life-threatening pressure engulfing him.

This gloomy pressure was even more threatening than the danger he was feeling from the swarm of ghost insects. He knew by the time the flying ship reached its full speed, it would be too late.

So, without hesitation, he stowed away the entire ship, and his heart began to accelerate at an alarming rate. As veins bulged on his entire body, his skin turned red, and the smock began to rise.

It was his first time using 70X acceleration after gaining a tier-9 unique physique. Although it was too energy-consuming, he knew it wasn't the time to hold back. He had made a fatal mistake in his calculation, and now the enemy leader had locked on his position, so he had to run as fast as possible.

"Still dare to resist? Hmph, do you think my dead empire is a place where you can come and go as you please?" Necro's disdainful cold voice reverberated in the entire dead faction territory.

"Death Imprison!"

Just as his voice trailed off, the Dead Emperor Shrine Mountain in the center of the faction suddenly began to shimmer in a dark glow, and a dark streak pillar shot toward Jacob directly from the top, piercing anything in its way.

"Shooting Star!" Jacob's fine hair stood in alarm as he quickly used a fire-type ability to accelerate his descent further; he wanted to enter the sea!

His giant body suddenly lit up in green flames, and his speed increased tremendously as he appeared just like a shooting star from afar.

However, the sense of danger still didn't lessen, and without hesitation, a teleportation talisman appeared in his hand, and he quickly activated it.

But to his horror, the talisman didn't react at all and remained listless like an ordinary paper.

'Space sealing barrier?!' Jacob instantly thought of this possibility, and he knew he was like a trap fish now.

So, now he was forced to take drastic measures, and at this moment, Jacob felt like a chilly air was approaching him, and darkness was suddenly engulfing his entire figure. The dark streak pillar was inches away from making contact, and the green fire aura around it vanished the moment it came in contact with that dark pillar.

Throwing caution to the winds, a thirty-meter-long purple missile appeared right behind Jacob and directly smashed into the dark pillar.

However, the dark pillar was corporeal, and it didn't seem to have any destructive properties; instead, it was like a dark prison, and the moment the atomic missile clashed with it, the pillar directly absorbed it, and the missile remained in its initial position within the dark pillar.

Yet, the pillar never stopped moving since its real target was Jacob, and Necro was controlling it. Jacob thought that the missile would automatically blast once it got connected with the pillar, yet nothing like that happened.

Still, it wasn't like he couldn't trigger it manually. He had already prepared for such an occasion, and the star watch on his wrist suddenly stirred, and a virtual remote control appeared.

In these past few years, Jacob has managed to take a step further into combining his world's technology with this world's technology. Although he wasn't at that level where he could create magic guns that shot atomic bullets, he had learned to utilize the Star Watch to his advantage.

It wasn't just a tool for communication or business. The Star Watch was filled with wonderful tools, and it also gave others the freedom to create their own tools for their advantage as long as they didn't touch the bottom line of the Star network like the dark technology of ATLAS.

Furthermore, Jacob has to thank those two siblings from the ATLAS for this breakthrough in the path of virtual technology because he got some secret notes from the ATLAS in their space rings. With Nyx's help, he was able to devolve this simple algorithm that could control the weapons made by him and trigger them remotely on the Star Watch.

Although virtual reality and robotics weren't his fields of expertise, the anti-missile, target trackers, and weapon controllers needed such knowledge so they could be installed into weapons.

Jacob wasn't just satisfied with creating the shell; he had learned everything about advanced weaponry. Now, he was doing the same here. Although he was still nowhere near the end, he was at least at the starting line.

While controlling the star watch with his mind, it only took a second before the missile was manually triggered.

The static missile within the dark pillar suddenly released a mechanical beep, and the next moment, the entire missile trembled before a sliver of purple-white ray appeared, and the next moment, it instantly began to boom like a blooming flower.

The dark pillar that was about to touch Jacob's windbreaker suddenly halted, and the next moment, it was enveloped by purple-white light. However, this light wasn't gentle; it was far from it. Instead, it was terrifyingly hot, like lava.

Jacob's expression was solemn, with his 70X acceleration, everything appeared slow motion in his view when he saw that light approaching him, he knew the missile has been successfully exploded.

The good news was with its help the dark pillar was stopped, and he will be able to escape the clutching of the Dead Faction Leader. But the bad news was, he knew just how terrifying this missile was; it was even more terrifying than the Blue X-Sun Missile!

With the experiment field like the Dreamscape Nightmare Realm, Jacob finally had the freedom to do mad experiments without being worried about killing himself. While training Nyx, he also tried creating more powerful atomic weapons by combining magic materials with the properties of radioactive waves.

In his experiment, he finally found a unique grade mineral in Captain Free Sword's stash called the Berserker Stone, which was highly violent in nature and could cause a blast upon throwing it with powerful force.

After processing using his unique method, he was finally able to extract its properties, and he found that it was slightly more powerful than plutonium. He then found the golden ratio and mixed it with the plutonium, and the results were disastrously good.

It was the most powerful bomb Jacob had created in both lives and to turn it into a reality, Jacob needed eight months to create just this one missile. And it was his biggest trump card in unique plains; he also hoped he never had to use it, especially if he was in its range of blast.

But now, he was forced into a corner, and he knew if he didn't use it, he might really die or meet an even more miserable end.

As the blinding purple-white light touched the windbreaker, it instantly incinerated the unique grade material it was made. At this moment, Jacob finally reached the sea and entered the water.

Although he couldn't outrun the speed of light, he wasn't going to wait to turn into ashes and use every type of barrier, treasure, and armor he had. He activated one of the most powerful life-saving water spirit-type abilities he got from the Captain Free Sword collection.

'Water Spirit Escape!'

Cursed Immortality

Chapter 587: Inception Legend Rank

At this moment, at the peak of Dead Emperor Shrine Mountain, the dark streak pillar suddenly shattered and Necro's voice filled with disbelief rang, "Impossible!"

However, before he could comprehend what happened, a brilliant purple-white light suddenly began to spread on the far horizon, and it was so bright that everyone could see it from miles away, even with the mist surrounding the Dead Faction territory.

It was like a sun had descended into the dead faction, and it wasn't the end of it at all as that light quickly began to spread and terrifying shock waves released, blasting apart all the mist, and the temperature began to rise.

"What is this sorcery!" Necro was utterly baffled.

But the true terror was still yet to arrive as that light quickly reached to the central dead continent. Those shockwaves blasted apart almost all the dead islands within the vicinity of hundreds of miles radius, and they were still becoming stronger.

The normally gloomy dead faction was like a burning sun at this moment, and amid this chaos, an earth-shattering boom like a thunderclap reverberated within thousands of miles!

The calm ocean suddenly becomes chaotic as huge tide waves begin to stir within thousands of miles, startling almost everyone in the vicinity.

Even in faraway places like the territories of the Life Faction and Neutral Faction, some people heard a faint voice and also saw a dot of purple-white light. But it was so far that they only think of it as a shooting star.

At this moment, within a beautiful silvery cathedral, a silver-haired hair, wizened-faced old man with a burly build was wearing white priest robes.

In front of him, a huge projection slips into five different images.

His amber color eyes were cold and filled with wisdom as he looked at the blurry images. This person's identity was extremely noble in the entire Unique Plains. He was the current Pontiff (Pope) of the Cardinal Spirit Temple, Sebastian Edgar.

The Cardinal Spirit Temple was one of the three powers of the Neutral Faction, and their status was very special among all the factions as they were the only one in the entire Unique Plains who could utilize Light Magic.

"The key to the Path of Legend is in the Dead Faction?" He spoke as his mild, amiable voice would give anyone the feeling of warmth, which completely betrayed his cold expression right now.

"I've even shown you guys the conversation with Necro. That arrogant corpse simply wanted to hoard all the benefits for himself. I propose we join hands and get rid of those corpses. It will be far easier to cooperate with each other." Ryan impassively proposed with a hint of killing intent in his voice.

"Hahahaha... Federation Master, do you think we are fools? You wanted to make a secret deal behind all of our backs and failed miserably, so you come running here and begin to sound trumpets of your righteousness.

"Hmph, we have been fighting with the Dead Faction for so long, and your federation has never meddled before. But now, in front of benefits, you're finally willing to fight the Dead Faction? Just be honest and stop putting your noble air. It makes me want to puke!" An extremely overbearing voice rang, filled with disdain for Ryan.

This was one of the Three Leaders of the Life Faction, Chairman Mathias of the Zodiac Warrior Alliance.

"Now, now, Chairman, you can't be so blunt. What if you hurt the Federation Master's feelings? Since he wanted to help us, we should thank him." A seductive voice sounded, but she was equally disdainful.

She was also one of the three leaders of the life faction, President Bronte of Alchemy Guild.

"How do we know you won't just give up in the middle if the Dead Faction is willing to share the Path of Legend?" Another impassive voice sounded. This was the third life faction leader and bank Manager of Universal Zodiac Bank.

Ryan replied impassively at this moment, "It's not the question of whether I back down or not. It's the question of your life faction is willing to give up on the Path of Legend. If you have your doubts about me, then you three can remain on the sidelines, and once we're done dealing with Necro, you can forget about getting any part of the path of legend."

His voice was threatening. He knew better than anyone just how important the path of legend was for everyone present in this place. Even the Life Faction, who were a mortal enemy of the Dead Faction, will do anything to acquire even if it means forming an alliance with them.

The Dead Faction was not an easy target. Even the Life Faction can only fight with them equally without getting any advantage in all these years.

As for wiping them, everyone here knows it was an impossible dream, just like the other faction. They might be able to kill each other and reduce their territories, but their organizations won't fall until someone can completely destroy every signal trace of it.

But if they were killed, there would always be someone else to take their place; it was that simple.

At this moment, the final person, the Dark Duke of the Dark City, Tomas, finally spoke, "Gentlemen, I've just received an interesting report about the Dead Territory. Do you all want to hear it, or will you wait until your men bring it to you?"

Sebastian stoically replied, "What is it? Don't tell Necro to reach out to you for an alliance after realizing how foolish his idea was?"

"Heh, his excellency sure has imagination." Tomas scoffed before he revealed, as he knew this news would soon reach them all, "Just a few moments ago, a massive explosion took place in the middle of dead faction territory, and a huge mushroom cloud thousands of miles large is seen there right now.

"From our reports, it seemed to be caused by a radioactive weapon, which is at least at the Inception Legend Rank!"

Cursed Immortality

Chapter 588: Mystery of Cursed Blood

The reports of terrifying explosions that had taken place at the Dead Faction Territory quickly reached all the way to the Unique Plains, causing a huge ruckus.

Furthermore, another announcement that sent the Dark Beings into depth of despair was made the very day. The Neutral Faction and Life Faction joined hands against the Dead Faction, and a kill order against Dark Beings was issued.

The Dark Beings on the Unique Plains tried to contact the headquarters in their territory, but they failed.

Not only that, but the Unique Plains Trial was still active, and the three factions had just reached a common ground about how to extract resources from the kingdom-type trial. But now, that treaty has been voided, and the Dark Beings were suffering massive waves of large-scale attacks from all directions.

The chaotic, unique plains become even more chaotic after this while the others are still looking forward to the news from the Dead Faction. The most enthusiastic and gleeful in the Dead Faction were naturally the Life Faction.

Although no one knows who provoked this calamity, everyone was calling this daring person a hero in Life Faction without even realizing that even a bigger storm was brewing.

At this moment, in the depths of Star Ocean, there was nothing but darkness here and terrible gravity force that could leave even a tier-1 unique rank physique in crushing despair; a giant body lay on the ocean floor without moving.

The giant was extremely skinny, almost looking like a skeleton with a layer of skin.

Suddenly, the unconscious giant's eyes fluttered before his eyelids snapped open, revealing a pair of amber eyes. Jacob looked confused for a moment before Nyx's anxious voice rang in his head, "Ah, finally you're awake. I thought we were going to die."

Jacob finally came to his senses as he remembered that he used the spirit water escape ability, turning into water and fleeing from the terrible explosion. Although he managed to escape because of the features of the spirit water escape ability and his resilient body, he exhausted all the mana and lots of physical energy, so before he realized it, he fell into slumber.

Jacob tried standing up and soon found that he was under at least 500-G force and surrounded by water and darkness.

Furthermore, a terrifying hunger washed over him, and the effect of Wyvern's endurance long vanished after he reached the peak of unique-tier-9, so his hunger was now back and with revenge.

But he wouldn't eat here if he didn't want to drown in water, and he had no energy to move even. So, with some difficulty, he managed to take out injections with the healing liquid he had prepared with the healing potions he found in Captain Free Sword's treasures.

Fighting against gravity, he managed to inject the potion and felt a warm current and some energy returning to his body. Still, he was far more at his optimal condition, so taking advantage of his somewhat better condition, he injected ten more healing injections before he finally felt he could move under this force.

"How long was I unconscious?" Jacob asked Nyx.

"How do I know? I can't see anything unless you are awake. But it should be around ten days. You were very reckless back then. That explosion can easily incinerate you. We have tested it in the nightmare realm many times. If not for the presence of the water, you would've died. At least think about my little life before you take such a reckless action...!" Nyx began to rant on like crazy, as it was the first time she felt she was going to die.

Before, she thought she had taken a very powerful nightmare contractor, and with Jacob's performance, she felt even more assured. Yet, now she found that Jacob wasn't omnipotent and omniscient and almost died with his own hand, so she was getting very anxious.

After all, her life was now connected to Jacob, and if he died, she'd die as well. Furthermore, since Jacob was unconscious, she was completely trapped in the Nightmare Realm and cut off from the outside world. It was a terrible feeling to keep waiting for her death, and only when Jacob was awake was she able to feel relief.

Still, she was very afraid now, and so she started to lecture Jacob.

Jacob, on the other hand, completely ignored the wailing voice in his head after he got the answer he was looking for. Still, he felt lingering fear, and he had really been extremely reckless with his new toy.

But it wasn't like he didn't have a way to escape, and he only took that risk because he knew the Spirit Water Escape would work. If the ocean wasn't present, he might've really surrendered and tried his luck as he did with the Captain Free Sword.

However, it was his last resort since he knew Necro was far more troublesome than Necro, and he wasn't as desperate as him. He might not even give him a chance after getting what he wanted, so this was the safest choice, and he had no regret since he was able to escape in the end.

Jacob then looked at his bony body and smiled bitterly. Although the advanced, unique rank healing potion provided him with energy, he was only 5% recovered, and his mana reserves were completely depleted except for the hex core.

'I need to recover my water mana, and then I can easily escape this place.' Jacob thought as he down the 500-G force wasn't a problem for him to endure, but swimming against it was a pipe dream with his condition, so water magic was his only choice.

There was also no mana in this depth of the star ocean, but Jacob wasn't too worried as a palm-size white translucent crystal appeared in his hand. It was an advanced unique rank Magic Gem, and he quickly began to absorb the mana in it, and replenished in water mana.

However, at this moment, Jacob was shocked because just as he absorbed the mana from the magic gem into his body, it didn't go towards his water magic core; instead, his Cursed Heart suddenly began to bet and begin to circulate the mana and convert it into energy and his body begin to heal!

It had never happened before, so Jacob was bewildered. His eyes began to glow brilliantly with elation, 'Could it be this only became possible after my body reached the Unique Rank? No, it should be the Cursed Blood. The heart is transforming the mana into blood, and then my blood is converting it into nutrition and healing my body!'

The changes in his body after he completed the stages of cursed immortality were still complete mysteries for him, especially the cursed blood. He still knows somewhat about the cursed heart, but the cursed blood is still a complete mystery.

Now, he accidentally found that his blood could convert mana into physical power and heal his body. This was a huge discovery and boon for someone like Jacob, who needed a huge amount of energy because of fluid acceleration as well as the Cursed Immortality's strange hunger.

Without hesitation, Jacob continued to absorb the pure mana into his body, and just as he thought, the cursed heart was channeling the mana into his blood before the cursed blood converted it into energy and healing him.

A pale grin appeared on his face as if he had discovered a treasure, 'Terrific!'

Cursed Immortality

Chapter 589: Trapped Under Ocean

After discovering the healing effect of the cursed blood, Jacob used magic gem after magic gem, and his body began to go back to its original state. However, this process was quite long and costly.

To return to his peak, Jacob used over 5000 advanced unique rank magic gems, which were enough to power an advanced unique rank flying ship for about a month at full capacity.

An advanced unique rank magic gem has mana equal to 100 intermediate unique rank magic gems and far more condensed and pure quality. To make an advanced unique rank magic gem, one needed 1000 magic cores of at least tier-7 unique rank, so one can only imagine how precious an advanced rank magic gem was.

Jacob only got around five hundred thousand magic gems from Captain Free Sword's entire crew, and this was the accumulation of hundreds of years of plundering. After his voyage to the unique plains, he had already spent more than a hundred thousand of them.

Jacob also noticed that only after his body fully recovered did the cursed heart stop interfering with the mana recovery of his magic core, and the mana was finally able to go through to his water magic core. It was like his cursed heart had priority over the mana.

He also tried this with the hex core by absorbing the mana from the dark beings' magic cores, but to his surprise, the cursed heart didn't interfere and let the mana go directly into the hex core.

In the end, he reached two conclusions; the first, the cursed heart could only absorb the pure refined mana of magic gem, or the dark being core's magic energy was not suitable to nourish his body.

The second, the cursed path glory gem, was the actual reason for his ability to convert dark being magic core mana into his own, so it might also be the reason for it not working directly on his body.

Whatever the reason, he was content with this new ability to heal and quench his hunger. Now that he was fully recovered after spending hours in the deep ocean, Jacob was ready to head back to the surface.

Although he didn't know what the result of that explosion was and how much damage it had caused to the dead faction territory, he was sure that it wasn't enough to kill the dead kings unless they were very close to that explosion.

Still, it was enough to deal a heavy blow to the Dead Faction. What he needed to be worried about was the misunderstanding about him being Captain Free Sword. He knew he was the most wanted man after his encounter in the unique trial plains, but he didn't expect it would be to such an extent.

Jacob could guess that on the day, he used ogre puppets to snatch the flying ship from the federation and kill those two guardians. They instantly connected them with Captain Free Sword's crew.

The reason for that senseless chase was most likely related to this reason as well. But what he didn't understand is how in the world the Dead Faction got the winds of it. If they wanted Captain Free Sword

to themselves, they would be very careful about how they got this information, and he was sure only the upper echelon of the federation would have this kind of information.

Unless a traitor informed the Dead Faction or tried to negotiate with them when they found that it would be impossible to grab Captain Free Sword directly from the Dead Faction territory.

Whatever the case was, it was still good news for him because as long as they thought he was Captain Free Sword, he didn't have to worry about being hunted since they didn't know his actual identity.

But he knew if he used the ogre puppets in the open again, he would be exposed, and everyone would come after him in full force. He wasn't invincible in the unique plains as he thought he would be, and to raise his power, he had to evolve either the hex core, which was now somewhat impossible, or start working on the final stage of the first phase.

Both of those options were quite dangerous right now, but the latter was still less dangerous. After making up his mind, Jacob decisively took out all the ogre puppets and left them in the depths of the ocean for good.

Now, even if someone investigates, they would only think the crew and Captain Free Sword died in that explosion. The only way to connect him with Captain Free Sword was through Sofie and Zoe.

Jacob had warned them never to reveal this to anyone unless they wanted to suffer, so he was sure they wouldn't open their mouth unless they wanted to become his dinner. He was pretty sure they knew what kind of man he was by now.

Afterward, Jacob used the Spirit Water Escape ability, and his entire body suddenly turned into water molecules, and he turned one with water. This was the most powerful escaping ability he had, and unless someone could completely get rid of the water body he was merged with, it was impossible for him to die.

Because of this very ability, he was able to escape death, and that's the reason he dared to use that bomb.

The magic abilities that used spirit or aura were called the Spirit Abilities or Aura Abilities, and Spirit Water Escape was a spirit ability of water type. This ability was extremely rare, and no one knows where Captain Free Sword managed to get his hands on it.

After becoming one with water, the pressure seemed to have vanished, and like a ripple, Jacob shot upward at full speed.

However, Jacob had underestimated the depth of the star ocean. The spirit water escape required a huge amount of spirit to activate, so after only five miles, Jacob ran out of mana, and his body appeared again, and he still couldn't see any trace of light.

Furrowing his brows, he begins to swim against the pressure while holding a magic gem and replenishing his mana.

Although he was strong, swimming under 500-G force was no joke, and he was exhausted after swimming for a few miles, and he was still nowhere near the surface. Jacob's heart sank as his mana was fully replenished, but he hesitated to use his ability again since it wasn't guaranteed he would be able to escape to the surface.

If anything, he might begin to fall down and reach the same point where he started. He only grasps the true severity of his situation; he is trapped!

Cursed Immortality

Chapter 590: Lone Hero of Life

Realizing his predicament, Jacob decided to try another method to keep himself from exhausting. He begins to use the magic gem to absorb the energy into his body and then again starts to swim.

Although it was working, it was mentally exhausting. But he had no choice but to persevere since stopping meant going back again and remaining trapped in the ocean forever.

After swimming for another ten miles, Jacob suddenly felt the gravity begin to lessen bit by bit, which meant he was approaching the surface albeit slowly, but he was getting there.

Many hours passed, and at some point, Jacob felt like he might fall asleep any moment because of the mental exhaustion. With bloodshot eyes, he continued to persevere, and the G-force was already lessened by half, so his speed was also getting faster.

'Just how deep is this damn ocean?' Jacob wondered, full of resentment. He mused that he had already swum over a hundred miles, yet there was still no trace of the surface, and if not for his cursed blood's help, he might've never been able to make it. He was very happy that he found this ability when he did.

The darkness was slowly wearing down, and at this moment, Jacob finally used the Spirit Water Escape to sprint. The G-force was already less than a hundred, so the distance he was able to cover was also four times more than before his mana ran out.

At this moment, he can finally see the light, and he never thought he would be this excited to see the light in his life. He was exhausted, and all he wanted was to sleep. Preserving with his full willpower, Jacob finally broke out of the water's surface. He felt the sunlight on his skin and breathed fresh air.

Without wasting any time, he took out a large ship and activated its stealth function before falling into deep slumber.

He didn't know how long he had slept, but after he awake, all the mental fatigue was gone, and before doing anything, he began to eat like crazy. It has become a habit of eating, and he somehow begins to enjoy the flavor of high-quality flesh.

After eating almost all the epic-rank meat in his storage space, which was around a ton, he finally felt alive again and began to recharge his mana.

Once he was at his peak, Jacob finally came out of his cabin. It was already night, and the ocean was calm.

'Where am I?' He thought.

He didn't see any islands or any radioactive smog as far as he could see, so he guessed that he had drowned pretty far away from the Dead Faction territory because of the blast radius of the bomb.

But it wasn't like he was completely helpless; he activated the star watch and the map, and with the active star network, he easily found his exact location, and he was astounded.

'I'm this close to Unique Plains?' Jacob's eyes shimmered elation, and he quickly steered the ship in the east direction.

After setting the sails and location route, Jacob was at ease. At this moment, he finally noticed a notification he had received fifteen days ago about the time he lost consciousness.

Opening it, he was shocked to see the familiar notification.

"Star Administrator Artificial Intelligence (SAAI): Congratulations, Faceless Ancient, for completing a hidden achievement of the Unique Plains by killing over 5,000,000 Dark Beings and Destroying the Dead Faction's 40% territory alone!

"Achievement Reward (1): Lone Hero of Life (Honorary Identity Badge)

"[Lone Hero of Life: An Honorary Title granted by the Life Faction to those who have guts to enter the enemy territory alone and killed until the blood runs like rivers!]

"[Honorary Identity Badge (Effect): On equipping this badge, you will be exempt from any entry fees in the territories of Life Faction. You can enjoy a 5% discount on any item purchased with ZC by showing this badge anywhere in the Life Faction. You are also granted Honorary Hero Privilege in Life Faction and can browse and buy any knowledge of Magic present in Life Faction up to Unique Rank with Hero Shop.]

[NOTE: Hero Shop is only available in the Unique Plains]

"Achievement Reward (2): 500 Million ZC & 1 Life Substitute Doll (Advanced Unique)

"Life substitute Doll Description: Needs Mystic Signature to acknowledge an owner. The Life Substitute Doll can take the place of the owner in the cause of death and send the owner 100 miles away in a random direction and recover 10% of health!"

Jacob was still in disbelief when suddenly, something out of thin air popped up in front of Jacob.

It was a palm-size yellow mannequin engraved with complex rune patterns.

'Life substitute Doll?' Jacob grabbed the doll as he was very familiar with the scene. He had recovered a scroll this way in the rare plains when he eradicated the King of Dark Beings and his army.

Jacob never thought causing that explosion would also trigger this hidden achievement. After thinking about this Life substitute Doll's effects as well as the new Honorary Identity Badge benefits, Jacob found all that hardship and suffering he had gone through completely worth it.

'What is this hero shop?' Jacob quickly looked at the Star Watch interface and found a new application, 'Hero Shop' was written under it, and he quickly opened it.

The allure of knowledge from the Life Faction was something Jacob couldn't resist, and now he was getting all the knowledge regarding magic without even doing anything. This was really the first one for him.

"Hero Shop (Exclusive): Unique Rank

"Life Faction Knowledge Library:

"Magic Knowledge (Aura & Spirit)

Jacob only found two sections divided into aura and spirit. He quickly selected the Magic Knowledge of Spirit, and then another list divided into spells and scriptures appeared.

Upon opening the spell section, it was again divided into elements. There were many, except for legendary elements like life, space and time elements. As for elements like the Curse, Darkness, Death, and such, they were taboo among the Life Faction since they were the symbol of Dark Beings, so no one dared to practice them.

Jacob opened the water element section, and a huge list of spells appeared.

"Spell Section (Spirit Type): Water Element

"Water Wave (Basic Unique Rank Spell)

"Price: 10,000 ZC

"Water Sword (Basic Unique Rank Spell)

"Price: 15,000 ZC

"(Basic Unique Rank Spell)

"Price: 10,000 ZC

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"Compressed Water Bullets (Intermediate Unique Rank Spell)

"Price: 50,000 ZC

...

"Spirit Water Lake (Advanced Unique Rank Spell)

"Price: 250,000 ZC

"Spirit Water Chains (Advanced Unique Rank Spell)

"Price: 400,000 ZC"

Jacob saw many such spells of water type of unique ranks, and he was excited since there were simply too many of them, and he was free to choose.

After going through the magic knowledge section, Jacob knew he had stumbled upon an absolute treasure, and he even wanted to thank the Dead Faction for giving him such a gift!