

# DUNGEON OF PRIDE, LAPLACE

## Chapter 4: Althaea

Hurriedly turning around, Simon was stunned to find that the wolf was nowhere to be seen, what was left was a scorched ground extending dozens of meters towards the forest.

The surrounding trees were scorched into charcoals and the fire was quickly extending towards the rest of the forest.

“This is bad if nothing is done the whole forest would catch fire.”

But before Simon could do anything a new set of pain assaulted him. This was different from the physical pain he experienced earlier, the pain that assaulted him now originated from his mind. New bits and pieces of information were flowing in him like an endless stream.

The pain was so unbearable that he felt that his brain was being gorged from inside out.

Fortunately, this did not last for long, the outlandish pain swiftly faded after a few couple of minutes. New lines of information that felt like new sets of memories have been implanted in his head.

He now knew what kind of existence he was, and what he needs to do from now on to survive.

But before he could dwell on this new set of information that he just received, savage howls and cries could be heard approaching from the forest towards him.

Soon enough Simon was surrounded by a group of enemies, these enemies were not foreign to him in fact he just defeated one a short while ago.

*Growl...Growl...Awoooooo..HoWl...grrrrrrrr*

A pack of Direwolves surrounded him drawn by the smell of blood, and the fire raging inside the forest.

Clouds of smoke rose high up towards the night sky, the flames lighting the sky in a crimson hue.

A fierce battle was about to erupt inside the forest, its witnesses were the stars and the moons hanging high up in the sky.

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The planet **Althaea** is an Earth-like planet, it is approximately twenty times bigger than the planet Earth, and its gravity was four times that of the latter. It is located in a thinly populated solar system with 9 other planets.

The planet is made up of nine continents with the Central continent being the largest and the Eastarth continent being the smallest.

That being said, Eastarth can easily dwarf the biggest continent on earth by four times the landmass. All the nine continent makes up for 65% of the planet's landmass.

Three moons orbit the planet and Althaea itself orbits a yellow sun in an elliptical pattern.

The existence of the energy called Mana which can be harnessed by every living being on the planet, helps Althaea set itself apart from the other planets in the solar system.

Mana is a mystical energy that comes from the planet itself. Like a heart, it pulses mystical energy generally called mana, to every corner of the world.

Wide ranges of beings have access to this mystical energy, due to this; studying and harnessing mana long overtook the other field of studies.

Knowledge and mystical energies pass from one life to another whenever one ends and another begins. If your ancestor happened to be powerful you are fortunate to be powerful too, as such nobilities and classes are more prevalent here.

Those who aren't born with powerful mystical energies use their determination as a driving force to propel themselves forward.

Due to the existence of mana the history of the planet was written in blood. War broke out many times in these past millenniums and peace was a delicate string. But it has also made the daily life of living beings more prosperous.

Mana is a double-edged sword, one that was difficult to balance.