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Chapter 135:

Keles stood up from her seat, followed by Mahu who left Ikenga's side as they approached their mother who was breaking down in tears.

As Keles and Mahu approached their mother, they could feel the weight of her words hanging heavily in the air. Despite the initial shock and hurt, they somehow understood that Nana was also struggling with her own emotions and uncertainties. They exchanged glances.

Keles reached out and gently placed a hand on Nana's shoulder, while Mahu kneeled beside her, offering a comforting embrace. "Nana, it's okay," Keles said softly. "We understand. We know you didn't mean to hurt us."

Mahu nodded in agreement. "We've always known that you've done everything you could to protect us and guide us. We're here for you, just as you will always be there for us."

Nana looked up, her tear-streaked face reflecting a mixture of relief and gratitude. She clasped her children's hands tightly, drawing strength from their presence. "Thank you," she whispered hoarsely. "I don't know what I would do without you."

Ikenga, who had remained silent throughout the exchange, approached slowly. Despite the lingering hurt, he couldn't bear to see his mother in such distress. "Nana," he said hesitantly, "we may not have asked to be born, but that doesn't mean we regret existing. We have a purpose, and we'll face whatever challenges come our way, together."

Nana looked at Ikenga, her heart swelling with love and pride. "You're right, my dear," she said, managing a small smile through her tears. "We may not have all the answers, but as long as we have each other, we'll find a way through"

Crepuscular and Jaws also came closer to show Nana their support, it was a moment of silence for the whole family but Nana got herself together "Where was i?" she asked.

"You were talking about how the Origin gods were the condition for the other world to make itself known" Keles answered as Nana nodded.

"Yes, the origin gods and the worship of humans are the conditions required for the other world to appear, when origin gods take on the worship of humans, because of the emotions they have in them the worship/faith isn't usually pure but the altar in your realm takes care of that as it absorbs the worship leaving with your only the purest of faith and the tainted part are just accumulated till it gives birth to the opposite of what you are"

"The mirrored world is a reflections of the deepest dark emotions that plague the mortal world which most of the time is hidden and even when acted upon is seen as sin but with the existence of the origin gods, these sins are no longer just simple sins but given essence and can affect reality"

"These sins are known as the seven deadly sins. It mirrors the insatiable cravings and physical desires that drive mortals to seek gratification at any cost. It mirrors the greed and overindulgence that lead mortals to hoard wealth and resources beyond what they need. It mirrors the relentless pursuit of material wealth and status that drives mortals to exploit others for their own selfish ends. It mirrors the laziness and indifference that lead mortals to neglect their responsibilities and abandon their dreams. It mirrors the destructive impulses that lead mortals to lash out in rage and seek vengeance against perceived wrongs. It mirrors the bitterness and covetousness that lead mortals to resent the success and happiness of others"

"Now all these are given birth and form through you the origin gods by tugging deep on the darkness inside of you gods, Crepuscular your alike came from the sin of pride exalting itself above all others and demanding unwavering reverence from mortals. Its radiance blinds those who dare to challenge its supremacy, casting a shadow of arrogance and disdain upon the world. In some mortal eyes you are a prideful entity that seeks to dominate and control, viewing any form of submission or humility as weakness to be exploited. Your followers are drawn into a web of vanity and self-importance, forsaking empathy and compassion in favor of elevating their own status above all else"

"Keles, yours is envy, consumed by your deep bitterness and resentment towards those who possess the light and vitality it craves. It covets the beauty and life that it can never possess, seeking to extinguish the radiance of others in a futile attempt to fill the void within. Envy twists the hearts of mortals, turning friendships into rivalries and kinship into betrayal. Those ensnared by its grasp are driven to sabotage and undermine, blinded by jealousy and consumed by a desire for that which they can never truly attain"

"Jaws yours is wrath, Unlike you who presents itself as the calm before the storm, your look alike presents itself as a tempest of rage and destruction that knows no bounds. Its thunderous roars and crashing waves herald the coming of chaos and calamity, as it lashes out indiscriminately against any who dare to oppose its will. Wrath consumes the souls of mortals, transforming righteous anger into unchecked violence and vengeance"

"Mahu, yours is sloth. Sloth drains the vitality from mortals, sapping their strength and ambition until they are left languishing in a state of perpetual stagnation. Those ensnared by its grasp become prisoners of their own inertia, forsaking dreams and aspirations in favor of a life devoid of purpose or passion. This aspect also represents the neglectful side of motherhood, embodying indifference towards her lunar children and earthly offspring alike. It retreats into the shadows, apathetic to the cycles of life and the responsibilities of nurturing"

"And lastly Ikenga, your sin is greed. This aspect hoards the bounty of nature, twisting its gifts into curses to satisfy insatiable desires. It consumes without remorse, draining the land of its vitality and leaving behind barren wastelands in its relentless pursuit of more. Its twisted roots and thorny tendrils ensnare all who dare to approach, draining them of vitality and leaving naught but desolation in their wake. Greed corrupts the hearts of mortals, driving them to exploit and manipulate others in a relentless pursuit of wealth and influence. Those who fall under its sway become slaves to their own

avarice, forsaking empathy and morality in pursuit of their own selfish desires" Nana said watching the gods frown.

Ikenga didn't like any of this one bit as Nana meaning all their sin hits too close to home especially the part about remorse, he doesn't know the last time since his reincarnation where he felt no remorse for his actions even though he was previously human, yet he has since his reincarnation pushed the boundary of what humans called morality and somehow he feels that that isn't enough. He is a god no one can judge him for his decision and choice he makes and even more so when he has the power to do whatever he wants to.

All of a sudden Ikenga began laughing, Nana was surprised by that but as he wasn't expecting the reaction, she got even more confused when Mahu joined in and started laughing, soon the other gods joined in too as they began laughing.

Nana, confused hesitantly asked "What do you find funny about the situation?"

"Nothing really mother, Except that the sins are quitting fitting for each of us" Ikenga said as he wiped the tears at the corner of his eyes.

The other gods nodded to show their agreement with Ikenga words, Nana frowned at that and said "Even with that you don't plan changing or feel any remorse"

Ikenga smiled as he massaged the back of Mahu who was now again by his side "No, not really"

Suddenly Jaws spoke up "Why did you stop us attacking when we had the chance mother, they were still newly born and weak"

Nana looked away from Ikenga before answering Jaws "Because, you would have been punished by the beings of the seven deadly sins, the birth was already finalized so the process have to be followed accordingly, them getting to that other world and announcing their birth is a necessary process, you guys attacking to stop that will be seen as an interference"

"What happens now after their birth?" Ikenga asked.

"Now it is just a never ending fight of temptation, mortals who no longer can suppress and control their darkest emotion are under the risk of being visited by the entities in that other world and taken over" Nana said as the gods expression changed.

"What happens when they are taken over?" Keles asked.

"Depending on the the emotional entities that took over them, the now taken over mortal will lay a ritual to one one of your look alike, who will briefly appear in our world and influence all those nearby to worship it"

"Their goal is to bring that mirrored world into reality and with the more influence they have on our world, the closer that goal becomes"