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Chapter 1531 Twenty Minutes I

Adrian and the others appeared above the vast ocean a few thousand kilometers away from the western continent. Despite Ascalor being the most proficient in spatial magic, all he could do is to transport them to a location a few nautical miles away from land as even the waters around the western continent have been afflicted by the mana storm.

The entire western continent is covered in an ominous dark blue sky which signifies that a mana storm is currently afflicting it. Even flying monsters were not seen in the skies as if they were afraid of their own aerial territories. Even the waters were quiet as the usual boisterous sea monsters have hidden in the very depths of their territories.

"Your twenty minutes starts now, boy. We will now move to our locations as the other demons have started to raise concerns on the dimensional stability." Ascalor stated as he transformed into his true form and headed north of the western continent.

"Good luck in your timely endeavors." Koronn stated as he also headed to his location which is the east side of the western continent.

"Remember to not let your guard down but also take note of your duty. You are an Arch Demon." Bronx stated as he headed towards the west side of the western continent.

Adrian was given twenty minutes because that was the time when all three of the elders will be in position. They would only start casting spells when they reach their position. Adrian looked at the others as he was controlling gravity to keep those unable to fly afloat.

"What about the other members of the guild?" Adrian asked.

"Some are currently at the western continent protecting the Temple of the Sun God. It seems that monster activity has increased when the summoning of the Distorted God Apophis started. Those that died will only revive tomorrow that includes Vayu and Kabrakan." Solstice stated.

"The plan now is our only shot at stopping the full descent of the Distorted God Apophis. The only way to truly stop it is to kill the vessel of Apophis. Does anyone have an objection?" Adrian stated.

Frey wanted to say something, but she also swallowed her words. She was not strong enough right now to say that she could protect the vessel of Apophis from being taken. She saw the frightened face of the girl but even she agrees that killing her would be the best.

If she were powerful enough, then she would have been able to protect the girl as she was the earliest among them that saw her. If she only killed the girl as soon as she saw her then all this trouble would have been stopped. It seems that she has been truly immersed in this game as she sees NPCs as real people but that is not a bad thing in itself.

She has compassion which a lot of players in Pandemonium lack but sometimes too much could be damaging. Just because she did not agree with Adrian's initial decision, a whole continent full of innocent people are now in danger of being killed. She also read some of the reports that her acquaintances at the Briar Rose guild have reported.

The western continent is in complete and utter chaos. The air itself was unbearable to the normal person to breathe which led to small human populations to die off. The other avatars of the gods could only create a barrier around their cities to save the weak from dying from the pressure. This in turn made all the avatars unable to get away from their territories.

The whole western continent could not stop the descent of the Distorted God Apophis because they are busy with protecting the people. The Shadow of Apophis planned this perfectly as it had a lot of time to spend recuperating and it had the help of an outside force. The demons must stabilize the dimension that is falling apart from the descent of the Distorted God Apophis which meant that only outside forces could defend the western continent.

"I guess this mission is now left to us. I just hope that we could actually pull it off." Adrian muttered as even he is not sure that twenty minutes are enough.

"Limit Break: Summoner!" Adrian stated as he summoned all of his soulbounds.

"Descent of the Tree of Life and Death." Levin Cloud stated as a seed came down from the heavens and dropped at the ocean.

The ocean below surged as a huge tree suddenly sprouted which became their home base for the moment. Adrian undid the gravity manipulation and all of them descended. As soon as Adrian descended, he immediately started to give orders.

"Levin Cloud would make use of the large network that the Tree of Life and Death could provide as a way to search for any sign of movements. The demigod Toggua might still be looking for the boat that the Followers of Apophis used which means spotting him would mean that we are close to the vessel as well.

Levin Cloud will stay at the Tree of Life and Death with Creepysoo as his back up. The others would search for the boat and remember that we still have the scale of Apophis which means that any reaction from that would mean that we are close to the vessel." Adrian stated as Peridot, Soleil, and Solstice immediately scattered into the direction that the former specified.

"Be careful as well and I believe that you will do what is right. If you cannot do it, then you can always call for me as I will make the difficult decision for you." Adrian told Frey when it was only the two of them speaking.

"Do not worry as I will do what I must as the fate of an entire continent now lies on the life of one person. She must not bear such thing when life has already been crashing down towards her. Still, I am glad that you offered your hand on such difficult decision." Frey stated as she smiled at Adrian.

She thought that Adrian did not have compassion, but she was actually looking at it differently. From the start of this situation, Adrian has been the one that has the most compassion. She only looked at the situation from her biased perspective.

She heard from the Demigod Toggua that Equinox was the guardian of the boundary of death. She understood from that statement that it was Adrian that has encountered lots of dead souls in the game. He was the one that understands them most because he did say that the vessel's soul will not go to the afterlife if devoured. Frey flew away to her designated location with her mind being ready.

"You know... your flirting skills need some work. You need to level that up." Levin Cloud stated as he was actually at the side with Creepysoo when Frey and Adrian were having the conversation.

"I thought you did great big bro! The way you said that you will make the difficult decision for her was so romantic." Creepysoo stated while giving a thumbs up.

"Any signs of the boat?" Adrian asked as he wanted to divert the subject.

"Not in my area of sensing. Are you sure that they would use the southern port though?" Levin Cloud asked.

"Our shadow unit reported that the Followers of Apophis were gathered at the southern port. They must definitely use it. We now have fifteen minutes remaining. I wish all of us the best of luck." Adrian stated as he commanded all his soulbounds to scatter as well.

A few moments after Adrian left...

"I wanted to ask this earlier, but I did not want to because Frey was here. Do you think that she has grown weaker? She does not feel as intense compared to before." Creepysoo asked as he always felt some fear towards Frey as she could deal great damage to him should they fight.

"I noticed that as well. I thought it was only me, but I did notice that her usual holy aura seems to have decreased. Did she do something to offend her goddess?" Levin Cloud stated as he continued to sense any activity in the large area that the roots of the Tree of Life and Death are spread.

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The Followers of Apophis were sailing towards the southern port of the western continent as planned but they had to take some detours which time. They needed to take detours because the Demigod Toggua actually followed them, but they managed to lose him when they entered the waters of the western continent.

They were travelling at such a fast pace that they would reach the port in under ten minutes if the mages do not rest. The mages were already exerting all of their mana and even life force so that they could reach the port sooner. They could almost see the land, but they could also see a strange silhouette of a large tree like being in the horizon.

"Gungnir!" The beautiful voice of a female riding a pegasus echoed.

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A spear made of light suddenly manifested above the boat as it plunged towards it. The Followers of Apophis did not expect such an attack as they were more focused on the huge tree that they can see in the distance. The leader of the Followers of Apophis slit her wrist as she offered some of her blood to create a protective spell.

The blood of the leader of the Followers of Apophis dripped on the boat and it suddenly glowed with runes. The entire ship was actually an artifact, and it also explains why they were able to shake off a pursuing demigod. The ship is suddenly covered with a powerful barrier that has the crest of a snake.

The spear of light clashed with the shield, and it showed no signs of penetrating it. Seeing that they were getting attacked, one of the Followers of Apophis launched an item that looked like a signal

flare into the sky. The signal flare snaked into the sky and released a silhouette of a snake after a few seconds.

As soon as the signal flare was released, all the Followers of Apophis that were waiting in the dock immediately started to move as well. Levin Cloud immediately gave the information to the group that they have found the boat. He also gave them the details of the Followers of Apophis using other boats to help the initial boat.

"I will help Big Bro Levin Cloud with the incoming enemies, but I will not be enough." Creepysoo stated.

"I will help the big bros then." Soleil stated as she flew towards the shore instead of going towards the boat carrying the vessel.

"I shall deal with the incoming enemies as well since they are greater in number. More blood for me would be good." Solstice stated as she flew towards the dock as well.

"I will take care of the boat. Make sure to destroy it." Adrian stated as he immediately called upon Kanlaon to return to his initial size.

Kanlaon dove towards the water and released his true size. Kanlaon then wrapped himself onto the boat as if he was a sea serpent, but it was still being protected by the barrier. Charon suddenly rose up from the depths of the water and summoned his chains around the boat as well which made it go into full stop.

Wisteria was swimming near Kanlaon as well and used her abilities to summon all the plant life below them. The sea weeds and other marine plant life started to stick onto the bottom of the boat. The paddles located beside the boat are also put to a halt by the marine life as well. Kimat summoned thunderclouds onto the sky as he charged it with lightning with the aim of destroying the barrier.

Peridot aided Adrian and Frey as well as she slammed an ice crystal onto the ocean to freeze the area where the boat carrying the vessel of Apophis is halted. She also started to chant spells that has barrier destruction capabilities. Frey also started to pour more mana into her spear as the thorns on it started getting sharper and sharper.

Adrian wanted to search the ship for the Vessel of Apophis which is why he has tasked Sirius and Dodu to infiltrate the ship. Sirius turned into a shadow as soon as Kanlaon wrapped around the boat and entered from the holes where the paddles are located. Dodu, on the other hand, altered its shape into a smaller slime and squeezed itself into the same holes as well.

When Sirius and Dodu entered the bottom of the ship where the rowers of the boat are located, they shared their vision with their master. Adrian saw the rowers of the ship completely exhausted and almost devoid of life, but they were still using all of their power to try and make the boat move.

All the people below the ship are being controlled against their wills and it is not an understatement to call them as puppets. Adrian could see that all the people there should have been dead but there is something that is making them unable to just stop and die. In the middle of the lower section of the boat, a small statue of the Distorted God Apophis could be seen radiating this type of energy.

The rowers were all avoiding their gazes as if the small statue itself was alive. Adrian could feel that the rowers were getting tormented by the small statue that contains some sort of connection towards the Distorted God Apophis.

"Destroy it!" Adrian commanded and Sirius immediately slashed at the small statue.

A small barrier suddenly sprouted which protected the small statue, but it was not enough to fully prevent Sirius. The barrier only held on for five seconds until it was slashed. The small statue of the Distorted God Apophis was cut into small slices as a result.

The rowers of the boat suddenly stopped from trying to make the boat move and cried. They were thanking the heavens that their prayers have been answered. It seems that they have been tortured and their life essence was also used as a way to power up the boat. They saw Sirius as their savior and bowed towards him in reverence.

"Thank you for finally granting us peace." One of the imprisoned people stated as he gave a smile.

Adrian was about to say something through Sirius when he saw the bodies of the rowers turning into dust. They were actually already dead but their connection with the small artifact and the boat kept their mortal bodies tied to the living realm. Adrian shuddered at learning of this fact because this is not something that should be possible unless multiple powerful gods cooperate.

The barrier covering the boat started to weaken as a result of losing some of the life force being used to power it. Adrian then told Sirius to go higher as there was still three tiers of paddles on the boat. Each of the boat levels had that same small statue of the Distorted God Apophis and all prisoners turned to dust upon destroying them.

Adrian could see the souls of the imprisoned people going to the afterlife with smiles on their faces as they would no longer need to be treated as something lesser than a human. Adrian immediately told Dodu to melt the boat into nothing as destroying the boat means a step in the right direction.

"Sirius search the boat for the Vessel of Apophis and immediately kill her." Adrian commanded as he told Kimat and Kanlaon to destroy the barrier.

Kimat roared and lightning came down from the skies. Kanlaon used his own dragon ball to amplify the skill that Kimat used as the lightning pillar became five times thicker. Peridot and Frey also released their skills as the barrier that was supported by the lives of prisoners broke. The sound of glass shattering and the roaring sound of lightning hitting the boat could be heard.

As soon as the barrier was destroyed, Frey immediately came down on the boat and searched for the Vessel of Apophis while killing those that get in the way. The Followers of Apophis could not let her do as she pleases which is why they prayed to their god and swallowed a black stone. Upon swallowing this black stone, the Followers of Apophis suddenly transformed into a humanoid snake hybrid that is similar to Nagas.

"Master, the vessel of Apophis is not here. There are traces of the Vessel of Apophis being here, but she has already gone." Sirius reported as he has already searched the entire ship with Yuki's help.

"Master, I can see a gigantic shadow that is like that of a serpent on the waters above my location. The serpent-like shadow is swimming past the Tree of Life and Death." Saena stated as she was keeping a lookout in the skies above.

"Levin Cloud, stop the being that is swimming past you!" Adrian immediately stated in their chat which alerted Levin Cloud as he used his connection with the Tree of Life and Death to sense the being he was told about.

Levin Cloud could not get a clear grasp of this monster, but he could feel the energy being a bit unnerving. Levin Cloud told Creepysoo to keep control of the situation as he fused with the Tree of Life and Death. Levin Cloud is now bonded with the tree he summoned as he used it like it was his own body.

The roots that were freely floating on the water suddenly started to form a hand. Levin Cloud then used this hand to grasp at the shadow that he felt, and he suddenly felt some sort of resistance as soon as he did so. Parts of his roots started to get tainted with some sort of energy while a large black serpent screamed in pain from suddenly being grabbed.

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"The dead of the sea! Rise and help me to defend it from the corrupted beings! Undead Rise!" Creepysoo stated as the Tree of Life and Death passively amplified the range of his spell.

A large magic circle suddenly encompassed the area in front of him as numerous undead monsters started to rise from the depths of the ocean. Skeletal fish monsters, undead sea monsters, undead sailors and even undead corals came to answer Creepysoo's call.

One could even see an undead ship starting to manifest itself as the undead sailors needed a vessel to sail the seas. Creepysoo was even able to create an undead captain to man the vessel which is an Epic Tier undead. His power was also amplified as he is standing on top of the Tree of Life and Death.

[You have created an undead naval fleet and summoned an epic tier Undead Captain.]

[You will have 10% more stats to all your naval undead.]

"Stop the ones that are coming from the shore!" Creepysoo commanded as he also used his buffs to empower the undead that he summoned.

Creepysoo is not alone in his endeavor at keeping the other Followers of Apophis at bay as Solstice and Soleil did so as well. Solstice landed directly unto the shores and started her own bloodbath of the enemies. The enemies are not only composed of Followers of Apophis but also the beasts that are under the control of the Shadow of Apophis.

Soleil did not descend on the ground as she provided aerial bombardment. She created numerous fireballs and released it upon the enemy boats. Some of the boats immediately started to go up in flames while others defended against her magic using defensive barriers.

Soleil knew that she would have little effect on a large body of water but that does not mean she cannot influence the surroundings. Soleil created an extremely hot flame and shot it onto the water itself. A powerful steam explosion would occur which actually is powerful enough to roll the boat over.

Solstice and Soleil were able to greatly deter those that are attempting to leave the shore and support the main ship, but they cannot perfectly handle everything. Some of the Followers of Apophis could be seen to have tamed amphibian or reptile monsters. These tamers were the first to

slip out of the encampment that Solstice and Soleil did, but they were the first ones to feel the wrath of the undead.

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[A sinister energy has caused parts of the roots of the Tree of Life and Death to get destroyed.]

Levin Cloud immediately let go of the serpent, but its body is no longer coated with this sinister energy as he did so. He thought that the being that he grasped was the Shadow of Apophis, but it was in fact the physical manifestation of the Venom Gland of Apophis. The purple scales of the snake became visible as the sinister aura around it vanished due to the reaction with Levin Cloud's holy energy.

The purple serpent could be seen having a few people on its back. The people on its back are none other than Seam, a follower of Apophis, and a flesh cocoon. Levin Cloud immediately knew that the flesh cocoon is none other than the captured Vessel of Apophis.

"It's the Vessel of Apophis! It is on the purple snake!" Levin Cloud stated as all of his party members heard him.

"I shall intercept. Follow me when you can." Adrian stated as he immediately vanished from his current location.

Adrian's soulbound followed their master as well as the boat is no longer needed to be damaged. Kanlaon rose to the sky and followed Saena to the location of the purple serpent. Dodu hopped onto Sirius as they vanished from the area as well. Charon, Wisteria and Kimat are left so that the other followers of Apophis do not follow their master.

Frey cannot immediately hop onto her mount and just fly away as there were still numerous Followers of Apophis in the sinking ship. She knew that they could follow into the water if left alone as they transformed into snake like humanoid monsters. Peridot did not leave Frey as well as she knew that she cannot stop every enemy and knew that Adrian would be supported by Levin Cloud instead.

"Primordial Armament: Bow!" Adrian stated as his appearance changed, and a bow appeared on his hands.

The bow on his hands feels much more different than before as he could feel that its power is strengthened. Adrian pulled the bowstring that appeared when he did the pulling motion, and a mana arrow is immediately created. The mana arrow is much more powerful than before as he needed greater strength to pull it compared to before.

Adrian let go of the bowstring and a larger mana arrow is released which is aimed towards at the purple serpent. Something at the back of Adrian's mind is telling him that something is not right but he cannot dawdle because only ten minutes are left. He sent a barrage of mana arrows onto the purple serpent as he wanted to kill it as fast as possible.

The arrows landed and even pierced the scales of the purple serpent but did not damage the real targets. Adrian wanted to target the beings being protected by the purple serpent, but it seems that a

barrier is casted on them. The one casting the barrier is none other than the leader of the Followers of Apophis as she could be seen slowly using her life force.

"Envoy of Manika! If you want our great god to hold our end of the deal, then you should protect us!" The leader of the Followers of Apophis stated as she used the energy of the purple serpent to rejuvenate some of her life force.

"Very well. My goddess has already betrayed the Dark Gods that sheltered her for a few thousand years for this. Our gods used the Vow of Existence which is why betrayal is not going to happen. My goddess does want to have her end of the deal completed." Seam stated as she seemed much different than before.

Seam seemed to smile genuinely as she remembered the thrill that she got when she betrayed the Followers of the Dark Gods. It was not only her goddess that betrayed the Followers of the Dark Gods but also other distorted gods as well. It was a well thought execution as each of the Distorted Gods had different things, they wanted that the Dark Gods could no longer give them.

"I could still see the face of that loser Porom. His confused then angry face was the most entertaining! I even got a bonus look at Eldritch' face! He thought that I was a doll dancing at the palm of his hands, but he never thought that I actually got scissors and cut the strings." Seam muttered as she could be seen having a face full of extreme euphoria.

"I, the Envoy of Manika, the Distorted Goddess of Life welcome the beautiful goddess into my body!" Seam stated as she actually threw her gigantic scissors into the air.

A large rift suddenly opened from the sky as the pale hand of a woman suddenly came out. The hand was extremely pale, but it was bursting of life energy. Adrian was familiar with life energy but this one is not something that is pure compared to what he has.

The life energy that pulses out from this being was twisted as one would feel nauseous just feeling it. This hand extended towards Seam as one of the fingers touched her forehead. A powerful shockwave then ravaged the area as part of the Distorted Goddess Manika descended unto her envoy.

Seam's clothes started to change as even her hair that was only up to her back reached unto her knees. The stitches that she has on every connecting joint also changed to be more like runes instead of strings. A pale golden glow could be seen surrounding her as well with her entire demeanor changing.

"Imperfect children... let this mother make you perfect." Seam stated as there was now an echo to her voice that is like a motherly voice.

The souls of the dead Followers of Apophis gathered towards her and even their dead bodies did as well. The bodies that were hacked to pieces are sewn together with the power of the Distorted Goddess Manika as she created her twisted version of living beings. After sewing the bodies back together, she placed the souls of the Followers of Apophis back into their bodies.

[The Distorted Goddess Manika has created her domain called the Twisted Wonderland.]

[All living marionettes will have increased stats when inside the domain.]

"Go my perfect children! Defeat your mother's enemy so that her wish will be granted." Seam, who is possessed by the Distorted Goddess Manika, stated and all the enemies that she reconstructed charged towards her enemies.

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[The Distorted Goddess Manika has created her domain called the Twisted Wonderland.]

[All living marionettes will have increased stats when inside the domain.]

[You have negated the negative effects of the domain that the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika has created because of the effects of the Tree of Life and Death.]

Adrian could see five living marionettes that were created using the lives of the Followers of Apophis. They were not only revived but have become stronger than before due to the effects of the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika. To make things worse, their body parts would suddenly get stitched back up even if one slices them up.

"Stardust Rain!" Adrian stated as he drew his bow.

The area that is affected by Stardust Rain was bigger than he anticipated as it almost covered the entire area around the Tree of Life and Death. Adrian selected this area as some of the living marionettes are also attacking the Tree of Life and Death which Levin Cloud is currently possessing.

Adrian released the arrow, and it traveled up into the sky as it actually cleared the dark clouds affecting the area above the target. The image of a starry sky blessed the eyes of those in the area but that was not the only thing that happened. The stars itself started to come down in a meteor shower like fashion and deal damage to all the enemies that are hit.

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Notifications of Adrian hitting the living marionettes with his skill started to compound until all of them have four stacks of slow. When four stacks of slow has been given to an enemy, the slow duration that was supposed to be only twenty seconds will become one minute. All of the living marionettes became slow even in the eyes of Levin Cloud that barely increases his agility stat.

Levin Cloud made use of the slowed living marionettes and clapped them to death when he has the chance. The living marionette will then be turned into a meat paste which will make it difficult to revive as their bodies turned to mush. The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika saw what happened to her beautiful and perfect babies and screamed in a very high pitch tone.

[You have been afflicted with the Doll Scream.]

[All stats will be decreased by 15% for 1 minute.]

[You have received damage from Doll Scream.]

[Your hearing has become somewhat less due to the effects of the Doll Scream skill. This will persist for a duration of one minute.]

"My lovelies!" The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika stated as she suddenly created hundreds of giant needles and sent it towards Adrian.

She immediately knew that the one that needs to be destroyed is the pesky demon that is handling her and the purple serpent. The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika needs to complete her end of the bargain or else her betrayal of the Dark Gods would be a waste. She is sure that the Dark Gods that bear grudges would certainly go after her which is why she needs to accomplish what she came to do.

Adrian knew that he cannot easily evade the giant needles that is sent towards him which is why he shot arrows to intercept the ones that he cannot dodge at the last second. Adrian would have been hit by some if not for the timely assistance of Sirius, Kanlaon, Saena and Dodu. All his available soulbounds used skills to destroy some of the giant needles.

"Such a bad child. Raggedy Doll!" The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika stated as the meat paste that was the result of squishing the living marionettes suddenly converged at the same area.

The meat pastes suddenly started to form a humanoid shape, but it was not human. The look of the being that was summoned is a doll that was made of yarn. Adrian could not believe the abomination that was presented in front of him as the doll was actually a mixture of not only the bodies but the souls of the dead humans as well.

"Kill him, my knight!" The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika stated as pointed towards Adrian.

"Saena, purify it with burning light!" Adrian stated as he wanted to see what would happen to the spell binding all the bodies and souls with one another when hit by holy magic.

Saena's feather's glowed in golden light as rays of light hit the doll that the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika created. Despite being hit by a blast of holy energy, the sinister energy that the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika used on the doll was not destroyed. Adrian knew that he cannot rely on just holy energy but might have to use Nether energy instead which would be harmful to the souls.

"It is the only way to end their suffering." Adrian muttered as he pulled his bow once again.

"Meteor Star!" Adrian stated as the arrow that he created exploded in power that is twice as powerful.

Adrian released the arrow, and the doll did not even bother dodging. The arrow which looked like a meteor falling down pierced the body of the doll, but it did not stop its functions. The doll continued its advance while the Meteor Star skill went straight towards the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika.

The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika did not seem fazed by the skill that Adrian used as she created a barrier to protect her from external attacks. She thought that Adrian's attack would not be able to reach her, but she found the arrow odd as it was not losing power despite clashing with the barrier.

"Another one but charge it with nether energy as well. Meteor Star!" Adrian stated as he released one more arrow that the doll instinctively dodged as if it was tainted with something that it should not possess.

The Meteor Star that Adrian empowered with nether energy has the color of a black and gray light. The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika instinctively knew that she must not hit by that arrow, but she cannot getaway from her position. If she moves, then Twisted Wonderland would cease to operate until she declares another one.

"Protect me my children!" The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika decreed as all the living marionettes that she created were used as meat shields to stop the Meteor Star from hitting her.

The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika thought that she could just rejuvenate her lovely dolls after they take the hit, but she did not expect something unexpected to happen. All the living marionettes that were hit by the nether energy empowered Meteor Star suddenly ceased to function and plopped into sea as if a puppet with all its strings cut off.

[You have hit a living marionette with nether energy.]

[You have destroyed the twisted life energy maintaining the form of the living marionette.]

[You received experience points for defeating a living marionette.]

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"My lovely children!" The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika watched as her 'perfect' creations dropped dead into the sea.

The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika tried to recollect their souls, but her hand actually burned when she reached out for them. The souls of the Followers of Apophis were infected by Nether Energy which is the extreme opposite of any life energy. The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika felt the emotion of being afraid for the very first time as she has not felt this sensation.

"Great Enemy! Must eliminate with everything that I have." The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika stated as she knows this feeling well.

The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika has only felt scared of one being in this universe and that was the one of the twin gods. The God of Death Abaddon is someone that even the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika fears as he was her complete opposite that could destroy her if she was not careful. She might be afraid of the God of Death Abaddon, but it was not to a point that she will shiver in fear, but Adrian was different.

The nether energy that Adrian possesses is not something that the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika could easily defend against. It was the purest form of death or maybe even more as it actually destroyed her energy when it came in contact with it. The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika suddenly appeared with a pair of scissors on her hand.

The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika started to cut off her long hair until it was now only at the length of neck. Each strand of hair that was cut suddenly turned into sharp strings that cut anything that they passed through.

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The hair strands of the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika moved like swift strings floating the air, but they were in fact deadly. With just a few strands, she could easily cut off a human body into nothing. She made use of this strands to destroy the starlight arrows that were raining down on them. She did this without even batting an eye while she also released some of this towards Adrian as well.

Adrian had no choice but to gain distance as the hair strands can only work in an area near the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika. He safely gained distance and shot his arrows once again, but they were all destroyed against the ultimate strength of the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika. Still, Adrian can see that he is gaining upper ground because the body of the host for the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika has started to break down.

"Five minutes left." Adrian muttered as he needed to quickly handle the situation as well.

The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika did not just use her own hair strands as sharp string weapons but also attached it to the bodies of the fallen members of the Followers of Apophis. Frey, who thought that she could join Adrian, is now fighting the number of enemies that she faced when she started. She never thought that a Goddess of Life would be this difficult to face.

One might think that the Goddesses or Gods of Life are the easiest opponents when it comes to gods but that is not true. In fact, the gods themselves hold the Gods and Goddesses of Life in high regard because they are the ones that keep everyone alive. They can choose who will return alive and well when in battle as they play with the strings of life itself.

The Gods and Goddesses of Life were also a big factor when it came to the victory of the Gods of Pandemonium back then. The Dark Gods and Distorted Gods that attacked back then did not have many gods and goddesses of life in their ranks which led to them easily losing forces in battle. Still, the Dark Gods and Distorted Gods did have great fire power back then which evened the scales, and it was only tipped with the sacrifice of the Asmodians.

The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika is using everything in her power to make sure that all of their forces would live. Adrian suddenly remembered that he lost track of the vessel of Apophis as he was busy looking out for himself. Adrian looked at the back of the purple serpent and saw that the vessel of Apophis and the leader of the Followers of Apophis has vanished.

"The Vessel of Apophis is gone!" Adrian shouted which caught the attention of his allies.

Levin Cloud, who is still possessing the tree of life and death, immediately released his roots once again to sense any form of life in the area. Even he was fooled by the purple serpent as the poison that it released was actually enough to mess with his senses. Creepysoo took on the job of handling the purple serpent with his undead knights as Levin Cloud had to find the vessel.

Levin Cloud suddenly sensed a faint life signal that was swimming towards the shores. He tried to get a silhouette of them, and he saw a snake humanoid carrying something. He tried to send his roots, but they were actually cut off by the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika.

"I am afraid that is not allowed my lovelies." The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika stated with a smile.

"She planned this the moment she cut off her hair." Adrian stated as he then looked at the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika.

The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika smiled back at Adrian as she heard what Adrian stated. She already knew that they lost as the weakest line of defense was those in the shore. Adrian's allies that were handling the shore were Soleil and Solstice, but they were already caught up with the endless stream of monsters and Followers of Apophis.

Adrian tried to fly towards the shore, but the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika used her hair strings to impede him. He also cannot use spatial magic recklessly as he might tear a hole in the fabric of reality. He looked at the time and there was only three minutes remaining which is why he needed to make a decision.

"Give up, little demon. You will not be able to go there when I am here." The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika taunted Adrian.

"That is true, but I do not need to go there anyway when I can just destroy the entire area by myself. Andromeda!" Adrian stated as he flew ten meters away and spread his four wings.

A powerful energy suddenly latched onto the arrow that Adrian pulled as it was not only filled with primordial essence but also nether energy. The bow suddenly became bigger as it took in the energy of the universe to empower the arrow. A powerful starlight filled the arrow that crackled in this otherworldly energy.

Adrian released the arrow which create a powerful burst of energy that actually knocked him back five more meters. He had to use his powerful wings to negate the backlash or else he would have flown five times that distance. The arrow filled with powerful energy shot towards the direction that Levin Cloud has pointed to.

The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika tried to use her hair strings to block the attack as she was not taking any chances. All of her hair strings formed into a large cone and rotated in order for it to stop the immense energy inside the arrow. The hair strands were actually able to somewhat stop the attack until a spear suddenly pierced the body of the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika.

The Distorted Goddess Manika coughed up blood as the possession of Seam's body started to fade in and out. She did not expect that her barrier would be pierced so easily but she saw a plant being held by Frey.

"Holy Mistletoe! To think that a Valkyrie would use something like that. Where is your honor?!" The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika stated.

"I think you forget that Valkyries win wars. One cannot win war with honor alone as that is, but a foolish notion created by mortals about us." Frey stated as she plunged her spear deeper into the Distorted Goddess of Life Manika.

The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika suddenly lost control of her hair strings for a moment and the arrow got back on track for its destination. The leader of the Followers of Apophis thought that she was successful as no one noticed that they were heading to the shore. Just as she was only a few hundred meters away from the shore, she suddenly felt her instinct that was empowered tremble as if death was coming to her.

"Sacrifice your life for my vessel." The voice of her great god echoed in her mind.

"As the great one wishes!" The leader of the Followers of Apophis stated as she coiled her serpentine body to protect the vessel from the incoming danger that she sensed.

The arrow flew towards the water and exploded in such a powerful passion. The explosion looked like mass of white and gray lights scattered in a large area. The explosion actually took the form of what a galaxy might look like from afar. Those that were in the explosion area were all sent flying and a small tsunami even formed.

The powerful arrow was actually able to carve the ocean waters for a moment before it caved back in. The figure of a serpentine woman could be seen getting caught up in the explosion. The leader of the Followers of Apophis absorbed all the impact in her body. Just as her great god commanded her, she protected the vessel with her life as her dilapidated body clutching the flesh cocoon was sent flying to the coast.

"Sirius!" Adrian commanded his fastest soulbound to retrieve the flesh cocoon.

Sirius immediately jumped from shadow to shadow and reached the shadow of the deceased leader of the Followers of Apophis. As he was about to destroy the flesh cocoon, a man in his twenties suddenly appeared squatting on top of the flesh cocoon and stopping Sirius' claws from destroying it.

"Bad dog!" The man stated as he sent Sirius flying with just a flick of his finger.

"Haha! Of course, that crafty snake would have a backup plan just in case. You have lost this one, but I will make sure to remember you as I will make you into a doll myself." The Distorted Goddess of Life Manika stated as she laughed before her body or rather Seam's body turned into particles of light.

Adrian could not believe that a being as powerful as that was present. Just like that, the twenty minutes that he was promised was up.

Chapter 1536 The Mysterious Man

The twenty minutes that Adrian promised vanished as a mysterious being suddenly appeared. Adrian could not believe the energy coming from this being as it was another demigod. Adrian did not sense any demigods in the area except for this mysterious man which is why he was puzzled.

This mysterious man suddenly appeared out of thin air, but Adrian believed that he was here earlier. A demigod does not just immediately pop out of the bush work. The only logical conclusion for this to happen is that this demigod being great at concealment.

The mysterious man picked up the flesh cocoon containing the Vessel of Apophis and suddenly jumped towards the hot deserts of the western continent. Adrian wanted to give chase, but he stopped himself because his body sensed the immense tearing of the fabric of reality. Adrian knew that he must do his duty or else everything would be in vain.

"I shall give chase." Solstice stated as she immediately tried to give chase.

"I shall follow her as well." The injured Frey stated as she sensed something familiar with the demigod that suddenly appeared.

The two women gave chase to the mysterious man but that does not mean that the forces of the Followers of Apophis would let them off. Soleil and Peridot immediately met on the shores and used their elemental spells to stop any being from giving chase to Solstice and Frey.

"We can handle this. You must do your duty already, Equinox." Peridot stated as she knew that the only reason Adrian did not chase is the fact that a large crack in the sky started to form.

"I agree with Big sister Peridot on this one. We can handle the aftermath of the battle and we are just that unfortunate this time." Soleil stated as she knew that they have all failed in stopping the descent of the Distorted God Apophis.

"I will follow all of you guys when I finish. We can still win if we could stop that demigod. Inform all of the guilds that are in the western continent about the things that happened. We cannot stop such a grand scheme on our own anymore." Adrian stated as he flew towards the sky.

Adrian appreciated the things that they said to him and made sure to quickly finish up what he has promised to do. He left his guild members and flew to the skies as he needed to fix the sudden dimensional rift that appeared. As soon as Adrian flew towards the sky to fix the rift, all of the lands in the western continent suddenly became heavy.

A powerful suppression suddenly fell on all the beings inside the western continent. The suppression differs on how powerful a being's persona or strength is. Normal people that were not protected by the avatars fainted. Stronger people would just feel like gravity suddenly became stronger, but they all knew what that was.

[The Distorted God Apophis has successfully descended its divine body into the mortal realm.]

[The world is trying to repel the Distorted God Apophis back to its own divine realm but is unsuccessful because the distorted god weakened itself to the structure of this world.]

[The Distorted God Apophis has weakened itself to have the power recuperate back into its divine realm.]

of a peak demigod in order to stabilize its body.]

[If the Distorted God Apophis were to get hurt by only 30% of its designated health in under a day, then it will be forced to recuperate back into its divine realm.]

[The western continent monsters have become stronger because of the power of the Distorted God Apophis.]

[The Western Continent Gods are now in panic as their mortal enemy has descended into the mortal realm.]

[All the Western Continent Gods have used some of their divinity to create a World Quest and portals to the western continent for those that accept it.]

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Quest Name: Make the Distorted God Apophis Return to its Divine Realm

Quest Difficulty: SSS

Quest Description: The Distorted God Apophis has done the unthinkable and sacrificed a lot of souls of both people and monster to descend unto the mortal realm. The Western Continent Gods that were at odds with one another fear that their land will be devoured by the serpent. You have been tasked by the Western Continent Gods to expel the Distorted God Apophis from the mortal realm.

Clear Condition: The Distorted God Apophis is expelled from the mortal realm.

Clear Reward: Guaranteed Legendary Equipment Chest for all those that accept the quest.

Failure Condition: The Distorted God Apophis is not expelled within the day.

Failure: The Distorted God Apophis manages to accumulate more experience in settling in the mortal realm and increases its power to that of a lesser god.

Duration: 24 hours

Restriction: Only those that have accepted the quest and dealt damage to the Distorted God Apophis would be eligible to get the reward.

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All the players in the world received the notification which gave them a triple S ranked quest. It was not yet at a level of a world quest, but the difficulty would surely skyrocket if everyone failed this quest. Some of the players already knew what happens when a god truly descends unto the world as they change the very nature of the area that they are in.

The Distorted God Apophis is not terraforming its surroundings because it sealed its own power for now so that the repulsion from the world is not great. It plans to slowly accumulate more strength as it plans to breakthrough the upper cap of the mortal realm which is Lesser God status. The Distorted God Apophis knew that the world would try its best to repel it should it descend with the strength of a Lesser God.

The Distorted God Apophis knew that the Western Continent Gods have used some of their divine power to give the inhabitants of this world a quest to stop him, but it just laughed at the attempt. The Distorted God Apophis knew that such attempts are futile because its plan was already almost at the end. The Western Continent Gods should have done something like this when its shadow was released but now is too late.

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Solstice and Frey disregarded the quest that suddenly popped up in front of them as they were chasing the being that carried the flesh cocoon. They knew that they were not the same power level as the demigod, but he was not their target but the cocoon. Solstice brandished her blood weapons and launched it towards the flesh cocoon.

The mysterious demigod just dodged the attacks instead of counterattacking. The demigod did not retaliate and just continued his travel towards the Distorted God Apophis. He did not even pay attention to what Solstice was doing as long as he could dodge the attacks.

Frey and Solstice noticed this behavior as a bit weird because demigods would have found this offensive. The demigod that they are chasing has clear intentions and that is helping the Distorted

God Apophis but the two could clearly feel that he was foreign to the western continent. The demigod that they are chasing clearly looked like a person that is from somewhere north due to his facial features.

"I am locked in. Gungnir!" Frey shouted as her spear suddenly transformed into a ray of light and is hurled to target the flesh cocoon.

Frey's skill called Gungnir is a sure hit skill that cannot be dodged as her spear would follow the target once she is locked. The only way to stop her spear would be to completely nullify it or use a barrier tough enough to defend against the attack. The demigod suddenly shivered for a slight moment as he heard the name of the skill.

The demigod that only ran away from them suddenly stopped in his tracks and created a barrier enveloping him and the flesh cocoon. Frey's spear suddenly clashed with the barrier that the demigod created and protected himself with the flesh cocoon. Frey's spear returned back to her as her skill was completely deflected.

"To think that I would experience my brother's skill here in the mortal realm. And it was even from a Valkyrie which is greatly ironic. Little caged bird, do you know what happened to your matron?" The mysterious demigod stated as he is now paying attention to Frey.

Frey shivered as the mysterious demigod seems to be reading her like a book. She suddenly felt like the demigod before her has some slight affinity to her as the power coursing through her is comparable to his aura. This only happens if they are in the same faction of gods which meant that the demigod in front of her has connection to the Nordic Gods.

"Who are you and why have you come to aid the Distorted God Apophis?" Frey stated as she gripped her spear with both hands.

"I am afraid that I cannot answer that little bird because your people are no longer counted as one of us." The mysterious demigod stated.

Chapter 1537 The Goddess Freyja In Trouble?

"What do you mean not one of us?!" Frey asked as she was puzzled.

"It seems your sisters have not told you, but Freyja has betrayed her own faction. Not that I care as she was not part of the initial plan anyway." The mysterious demigod stated.

"You will tell me!" Frey stated as she tried to gather the energy that she always uses called the Allforce.

She barely uses this energy as it does not generate quickly, and the charges are minimal. She wanted to use this against the Distorted God Apophis as the Goddess Freyja cannot descend upon her but the demigod in front of her speaks as if he knew the gods directly. Frey needed to do everything she can to get answers.

[You have been cut off from the Allforce by the administrator of the source.]

Just as Frey was about to use the Allforce, all the energy inside of her body fizzled away as every bit of Allforce in her body vanished. She did not expect that would happen because she has not experienced something like this before. The mysterious demigod saw this happen and laughed at Frey for her sudden loss of the Allforce.

Solstice used this chance to attack the mysterious demigod as he was laughing uncontrollably. Solstice thought that she would at least get one hit in but a hard frost barrier. All the blood weapons that she created became covered in frost and broke like glass.

"Be patient on that side first as I am talking to that young bird." The mysterious demigod stated as he suddenly encased Solstice in ice.

"What happened?! Why did my Allforce suddenly vanish?" Frey muttered as the mysterious demigod suddenly appeared in front of her.

"Why do you think so? I know the answer to that question. The answer would be the one that gives it out is now banning you from using it because you are facing me." The mysterious demigod stated as he chuckled.

"Who are you?" Frey asked as she never faced something like this even when she encountered other demigods.

"Who I am is not something that I should tell you? I am just a silent wanderer that is making sure that we return to our rightful place. Unlike your goddess... she must be in prison right now because of what she tried to do. I must continue on my way as I cannot waste anymore time." The mysterious demigod stated as he also blasted Frey with frost energy and sealed her in ice.

Frey could not believe that she was easily incapacitated by another being, but her mind is still filled with thoughts about the Goddess Freyja. She was told that the Goddess Freyja was in trouble because of something but she does not want to acknowledge the statement of an unknown demigod. Soleil soon reached their place and she saw Solstice and Frey encased in ice.

Soleil immediately used her flames to melt the ice that encapsulated the two women. Solstice and Frey were afflicted with frostbite, but it was not life threatening. In fact, the situation that they were in is something that they cannot explain when they were asked what happened.

"Why did the demigod not kill you two when he was powerful enough to encase both of you in ice? Soleil asked but the same question rang on their heads as well.

Soon, Levin Cloud, Peridot, and Creepiso reached the location of the three and summarized the situation as well. Even the three that know about demigods are shocked that they were let go or rather just stopped there. They wanted to give chase, but the unknown demigod did not leave any tracks for them to follow easily.

"The way that the demigod spoke about the Goddess Freyja is like he was her acquaintance, or they know each other." Frey stated.

"It might be that case if he speaks like that. What you guys must have encountered is a god that weakened himself to the state of a demigod. The reason he did not kill you guys must be due to a taboo, restriction or something." Levin Cloud stated.

"My master did tell me that gods that weaken themselves might accidentally slip up in using their powers in a higher degree which may get them rejected by the upper ceiling of this world. Even if

Lesser Gods is the highest for now, that state only applies to beings that rise to become lesser gods from demigod status." Peridot stated.

"We already lost him. Should we give chase?" Creepysoo asked.

"We must but he actually created three different tracks to follow. He might be unable to fully wield his power, but he is crafty. One might say that he is a 'trickster' god instead of a God of Ice." Levin Cloud stated but something suddenly gave Frey who she battled.

"What if he really was a trickster god and disguised himself using ice related abilities so that I will be caught off guard." Frey stated as she remembered that there was a god in the group of Nordic Gods that is famed as a trickster.

"Do you have any idea then? It might help against him if we encounter him again." Solstice stated.

"Since he used ice, I am fairly certain that he is that god and he also likes to use tricks. He might be the God Loki, but I thought a god needs a vessel to properly descend on the mortal plane. Plus, the God Loki is equivalent to the God Odin as they are said to be sworn brothers.

It also makes sense that I cannot use the Allforce against him as that power comes from the God Odin himself. I am also scared with what he said about my goddess being punished. If he really is the God Loki then the Goddess Freyja must have done something to offend the God Odin." Frey stated as her brain started to analyze the information she was given.

Chapter 1538 Stabilizing The Dimension

"There is only one person that I know that can answer your questions, but he is currently busy right now. He is up in the skies and trying to fix the huge crack that is present in the world." Levin Cloud stated.

"How is he doing by the way?" Peridot wondered as she looked up in the sky.

"We should not worry about that guy because he is probably complaining a lot right now. We should now proceed to search for this god that turned into a demigod. Alert all of the other guild members and send them the images of the search target." Solstice stated as she suddenly got a message from the shadow unit.

[The Distorted God Apophis has descended unto the ruined Temple of Horus. They have used a hundred thousand people as a sacrifice to bring about this descent.]

"New plan. The demigod might be headed to the ruined Temple of Horus. Do not waste any time in following the other tracks as the one on the right is where we will go. We might be able to win as long as we can deal damage to the Distorted God Apophis." Solstice stated as she looked at the quest that was given to everyone.

"Let us go!" Creepysoo stated as he summoned Night Mares for those that do not have fast mounts.

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"Why the fuck is it so hard to close!?" Adrian shouted as he was the only demon on the southern side.

Adrian immediately rose to the skies as soon as the twenty minutes were up to start fixing the problem. He thought that there would be other demons that will be present with him but there was

no one. He suddenly felt the crack spreading which is why he did not even bother looking for someone and started to patch the cracks.

Adrian immediately started to mend the cracks in the dimension using carefully molded spatial magic. One mistake and the cracks might become bigger due to the fact that any use of spatial magic is volatile in this situation. Fixing spatial cracks is not that difficult but it is time consuming, but this situation is different.

The spatial cracks should be patched up carefully and precisely to the point that Adrian has to use all of his concentration. Since he cannot protect himself, he made sure to have Sirius, Kanlaon and Saena flying around him. If Adrian could sweat right now, then he would be sweating buckets due to the immense effort trying to fix small cracks.

"Master, would you like my assistance?" Paradox suddenly asked which almost made Adrian lose focus.

"Do not startle me like that when I am already near the end of fixing the small crack. I might have punched a hole in reality." Adrian stated.

"Apologies, master. I am merely telling you that I can ease your burden by aiding you. If I aid you then you would have 50% decrease in time. Would you like for me to aid you, master?" Paradox stated.

"If you can do that then why were you silent earlier?" Adrian stated in sarcasm.

"Apologies, this spatial crack is not in my database as it is fairly new. I needed to have the master fix it for a few minutes before I can aid you. This is the reason for my late response." Paradox stated.

"You do not need to explain. Just do it!" Adrian stated as Paradox suddenly flew in front of Adrian.

Paradox is now in the form of an astrolabe that is three dimensional. As soon as Adrian agreed to its suggestion, Paradox suddenly turned into a large sphere that could swallow Adrian whole. Adrian is suddenly inside of Paradox or rather the hollow inside of it.

Inside Paradox is like a small, encased dome where specks of light could be seen flickering. Adrian touched the speck of light, and it suddenly created a box screen in front of him. The box screen showed cracks and it was actually a representation of the cracks in the dimension.

He touched the box screen and he immediately felt some of his mana vanish as it was used to fix the cracks. Adrian is stunned as he never thought that it would be that easy. He usually had to concentrate in order to fix things like this as he needed to understand the depth of the crack, but this is no longer needed.

"I am the one dealing with the calculations needed for mending the spatial cracks. All the master needs to do is to provide energy and direct it." Paradox stated.

Adrian smirked as all he needed to do now is basically trace the line and provide the necessary energy. All the output and needed focus was done by Paradox which means he can finish the job

faster than before. There is a downside to having Paradox be the one computing for everything which is the inability for Adrian to go in combat.

[You cannot go into combat when your weapon is in this form.]

[If hit by any attack, the form will be broken, and the user must wait for five minutes before activating it again.]

"It is so easy! You are such a great partner, Paradox!" Adrian praised his ego weapon.

Paradox usually does not react to its master's praises but something inside of it has changed. For the first time, an ego weapon actually felt something warm in its core. It was not the ego weapon overheating, but it was a foreign sensation for an item that has awakened its consciousness.

"I live to serve the master." Paradox replied as its calculating capacity actually unknowing increased by 1%.

Adrian finished fixing the small cracks and is about to start on the large spatial crack on his side. He needed to wait for the other elders before he could start because he is the one sealing the formation. A few seconds later, a large magic circle started to spread across the dimension and it was only visible to demons.

"It is starting." Adrian stated.

Chapter 1539 Stabilizing The Dimension II

The large magic circle made of arcane magic spread towards Adrian's direction. He thought that the elders were a bit behind on the time which is quite worrying to some extent as they are usually early. Something or someone must have stopped them from reaching their designated location early.

"I pity any being that actually tried to stop them when a spatial crack this huge is happening."

Adrian muttered as he remembered an instance when he was taught to fix a spatial rift or crack by Ascalor.

Adrian clearly remembers a bird monster thing that they were food back then. Ascalor did not even think twice and gently used the energy of the spatial rift and transfer the monster towards it. There is only one thing that happens when beings without immunity to spatial distortion enters a spatial rift and that is complete obliteration.

Adrian clearly saw the bird monster become shredded to pieces. Even the blood and guts of the bird monster was destroyed and turned to dust. There is an extremely small chance of a miracle to happen like the bird monster entering the rift but that is only a one in a million chance. Adrian even once asked if there were humans that were sucked by a spatial rift before and returned stronger, but Ascalor only looked at him with judging eyes.

Ascalor told him that entering the spatial rift might be a miracle but travelling through it must have extreme luck in order to arrive at the other end. Since spatial rifts are unstable, a normal human body would arrive at the other side as a pile of mush. This is also a case-by-case basis as spatial rifts are not always the same as even two spatial rifts close to each other could lead to different worlds.

"Master, shall I commence the Great Arcane Spell 'Rift Conversion'?" Paradox asked.

"Yes. Let us now proceed." Adrian stated as he drank a mana potion to recover all his mana back to full.

"Commencing the Great Arcane Spell 'Rift Conversion'. Changing the master's form to a more suitable one that leads to ease of the body." Paradox stated as Adrian's body started to shift to his Aetheros Form.

"Using Aether Dust that the master passively creates to enhance the spell further." Paradox reported as the Aether Dust that Adrian created flew towards the magic circle.

"Should I say that the mana storm is making it lucky that there are no flying monsters around?" Adrian thought as there were no monster presence nearby.

Adrian with the help of Paradox easily connected their mana to the spell. The deep violet color of the mana circle flowed through Adrian's body as the runes hidden from sight started to glow. The runes that are normally not seen is now fully visible because Adrian is using arcane magic.

"Are we all connected through the spell corridor?" The voice of Koronn echoed.

"I am connected now." Bronx stated.

"I cannot hear the first one. He might not be that great in using magic if his line is choppy." Ascalor stated in order to tease Koronn.

"Did someone speak just now? All I heard was static." Koronn stated.

"I am already here, and I can hear how the two of you are arguing like children." Adrian stated as he did not expect that he would hear the ramblings of the two elders even when a world destroying rift is on the sky.

"Since the brat is here, we shall now commence the great spell. I also noticed that someone has reinforced the magic circle with something. Did you do that brat? It is the energy that one of your forms possesses." Koronn stated.

"Paradox, my ego weapon, has reinforced the spell. It should be more stable than before as it is using my own Aether Energy. It even emptied my tank to reinforce the spell." Adrian replied.

"Interesting!" Koronn exclaimed as there was a hint of interest in his voice.

"Is the area around all of you clear?" Ascalor asked as they must not be bothered while they are using the spell or else, they would have to start from scratch.

"My area is clear as I already made sure that anything that is five meters from me will have their time stopped." Koronn stated.

"My area is clear as well. I have deployed both barriers that stops physical and magical force." Bronx replied.

"I am clear as well. It took quite some time for me as I needed to thread carefully when using my spatial barrier." Ascalor stated.

"So, you were the reason why we were late. I thought it was the young brat." Koronn stated.

"Enough bickering because we need to close the spatial crack now. Some beings from that dimension are trying to seep into this world already. The descent of the Distorted God Apophis has already opened it wider than any event in a hundred years." Bronx stated with a stern voice.

"I am clear as well. My soulbounds are protecting me." Adrian stated.

"Since the brat is ready. We will now commence." Ascalor stated since he did not want Bronx to become mad at them.

The deep blue magic circle that is only visible to demons started to glow and make it visible to all living beings in the western continent. It is not only the strong individuals of the western continent that could see the magic circle manifest but also the most ordinary citizen.

"Reverse Time in order to restore order!" The voices of the four Arch Demons echoed in all of the western continent.

The voices of the four Arch Demon wrung even to the places where the depths of the sand have been buried. Some of the inhabitants of the western continent even thought that it was their gods speaking as something changed the moment that they uttered those words. The mana storm that was ravishing the entire western continent suddenly stopped from spreading to a larger area.

The pressure that the mana storm was inflicting on the western continent even became bearable even to the ordinary people. The mana storm suddenly started to recede back to the original area here it originated. The people could visibly see that the dark clouds that is the mana storm started to shrink.

The mana storm then turned into a small black cloud that is the size of a pebble as it shot towards the spatial crack. It seems that the origin of the mana storm was of a foreign energy that is present beyond the rift. Once the origin of the mana storm has returned back to the dimension, the suppression that was given by the mana storm has vanished completely.

"Seal the space to protect the world from outsiders!" The voices of the four Arch Demons echoed in all of the western continent once more.

As if it was a decree by the gods, the large spatial crack that was hidden by the dark clouds of the mana storm suddenly started to fix itself. The large crack that is now visible to anyone in the western continent started to slowly close as the dark lights coming out of it is starting to get sealed. The beings on the other side that wanted to enter the mortal realm started to riot.

The beings on the other side tried to escape their realm and enter the mortal realm but the barriers that was already reinforced has sealed them off. The spatial crack that was large enough to cover the entire western continent has receded quickly and closed. The large crack was closed in under one minute as if it was not even a big deal.

"Return the stability of the realm by using force!" The voices of the four Arch Demons echoed in all of the western continent.

A powerful energy suddenly exploded from all four of the Arch Demons and it spread all throughout the western continent. The unstable and shaky dimension started to become firm as the people in the continent felt that the unnerving feeling has vanished.

It was not just the people of the western continent that have felt the dimension stabilizing as even the demigods from other continents felt it because of the large power that the Arch Demons have used. The entire western continent became dimensionally stable for the time being as all the Arch Demons have used their energy to make it.

[You have successfully completed the Great Arcane Spell 'Rift Conversion'.]

[All of your mana has been depleted to complete the spell.]

[You are not afflicted by Mana Deficiency due to the perks of your current form.]

As the dimension has already become stable, the elders suddenly appeared next to Adrian as they can now freely teleport. Adrian connected with his friends immediately as he needed a report on what they are doing.

"We have completed the Arcane Spell. We must now return to the territory as lots of spatial rifts are still sprouting out in the world right now." Ascalor stated.

Chapter 1540 The Distorted God Apophis Descended I

"Are you not going to help with the sudden descent of the Distorted God Apophis?" Adrian asked as he wanted the help of the elders with the problem.

"You know that we have already interfered enough. The mana storm that the mortals should be dealing with was solved by us. The Distorted God Apophis is also cut off from its own divine realm because of the spell that we did. We have helped enough in a problem that people have caused." Bronx stated.

"The strict old fogey is right. We have done too much, and we cannot easily help because that slippery god's trail vanished as soon as it descended. Even I cannot find its traces." Ascalor stated.

"My friends said that the Distorted God Apophis has descended to the location of the Temple of Horus. We can strike at it while it is still there as I know the coordinates to the place." Adrian stated.

"I am sorry to tell you but that being is not the Distorted God Apophis. Its divine energy is not twisted and sinister like when a dark god descended. Whatever the being that they saw in the Temple of Horus is... I am extremely certain that is not the Distorted God Apophis." Ascalor stated.

"Also, we cannot waste time here when the Distorted God Apophis is not even wreaking havoc. A lot more spatial rifts are happening in the world, and we must do our duty to stabilize the dimension. There will be a lot more evil gods descending if we do not do our duty." Koronn stated.

"We should let the ones that created this mess first sort out this problem. The western gods have already blessed the world using some of their divinity for mortals to handle this problem. We can only step up once more when the entire world is in danger." Bronx stated.

"Plus, we cannot say that our race is not doing anything. You are already participating, and the participation of an Arch Demon is much better than a hundred greater demons." Ascalor stated as he pointed out that Adrian himself is already looking into the problem.

"I understand." Adrian replied as the three elders vanished to return back to Avalon for their next mission.

Just as the elders told Adrian, the large spatial crack that appeared in the western continent has spread throughout the world. The dimension is starting to fall apart because of one large crack. The elders need to go to different parts of the world in order to fix everything as greater demons cannot fix large cracks that is about a quarter of what appeared in the western continent.

"Still, they told me something that is very important." Adrian muttered as he internalized what the elders told him.

The Distorted God Apophis that is posing on the Temple of Horus is not the real one but a sham. Adrian immediately told the information to all of his allies, but they still needed to verify it. Solstice immediately told the shadow unit to test the Distorted God Apophis that they are currently seeing.

"I need to hurry to help them as well." Adrian muttered as he teleported to a place near the Temple of Horus.

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The shadow unit that is under Awraka received the order to test the waters. They are a bit puzzled that they were told to attack but they must do what they must when commanded. The shadow unit of the Pantheon guild has already been known to some guilds, but they were only known for their espionage.

For the first time, the shadow unit that was only doing espionage is now going on the offensive. It was not only the Pantheon Guild shadow unit that is observing the gigantic snake slithering on top of the ruins of the Temple of Horus. All the espionage unit of the top guilds are also present at the scene.

"I shall be the only one that will move while all of you will collect information. The guild master will arrive soon." Awraka stated.

"If you want to but be careful squad leader." A member of the shadow unit stated.

Awraka immediately vanished from her location as she melded into the shadows. The Distorted God Apophis is said to be a being that has great control over darkness which is why Awraka never used some of her skills earlier to avoid detection. She thought that she would be caught walking in the shadow realm, but she was shocked that the snake did not even look in her direction.

"It seems that the information from the guild master is becoming true. As expected of my idol!" Awraka stated as she was excited but returned to her serious attitude immediately.

Awraka prepared her weapon which is a sharp nail on her middle finger. She immediately went out of the shadow realm and plunged her finger on a part of the serpent's body. The mark of a black butterfly suddenly appeared on that part of the serpent's body.

The guards that were present in the scene suddenly saw Awraka plunging her sharp nail weapon on the serpent's body and immediately acted. The guards of the serpent were from the Temple of Shesmu and tried to use poisonous scents to paralyze her. Awraka did not stand still though as she suddenly appeared on another part of the serpent and plunged her weapon as a mark appeared.

"Stop her!" One of the guards stated as Awraka started to deal damage to the serpent, but it was not actually attempting to protect itself. It was safe to say that the serpent was like a moving doll instead of an actual being.

"It is not even reacting to my attacks or is it just not minding me because it is a godly being?" Awraka muttered as she proceeded to resort to a more powerful attack.

"Flash Arts: Dance of the Midnight Moth!" Awraka stated as her body is suddenly filled with such a powerful force as a light veil covered her body.

Awraka suddenly spread some small orbs of light that only she could clearly see while the enemy can only see it vaguely. She then blitzed through all the locations of the small orbs of light and plunged her weapon once again on the marks that she has created. The marks that she has triggered exploded in energy as bits of flesh exploded from the area.

Awraka did all of that, but the serpent did not react to her attacks or even tried to attack her once again. She has now realized that the being that she is damaging is not even reacting to the intense pain it felt as she used a powerful skill to deal damage. Even a large human would find a fly bothersome if they are hovering all the time in its face.

"It did not even use its tail to swat at me and I realized that it is always slithered in a predetermined motion. I must return and report my findings immediately." Awraka stated as she has verified that the being here is not the Distorted God Apophis but a gigantic flesh puppet.

Awraka is about to escape using the shadows once again but a powerful being suddenly appeared in front of her. This being is none other than Lebou, the Avatar of Shesmu. She could immediately tell that she cannot escape into the shadows as the being in front of her could fish her out before she sinks thoroughly.

"Where do you think you are going little lady?" Lebou stated.

"Even if you manage to hold me here, there are other eyes that have seen that this serpent here is not even real. You might have done a better job if it was able to counterattack." Awraka stated as she wanted to throw off Lebou for a split second, but it was not effective.

"Do you think that we did not expect that the prying eyes of you people will not be present? We already expected things to be like this which is why all of you are now trapped here with us. Your bodies would make great sacrifices to our god but that only means all of you returning to life. This place will be your prison." Lebou stated as a huge barrier suddenly covered the entire area.

[You have been imprisoned in a Barrier of Silence.]

[External Communication will be disabled.]

[You cannot leave the barrier unless you have destroyed the barrier stone.]

Awraka suddenly cannot reach her guild chat as it was now disabled. She was able to chat with the other members of the shadow unit and told them to look for the barrier stone. She knew that she must make sure to deal with Lebou while her team members found the barrier stone, but she did not expect that other enemies will sprout up.

The ground trembled for a few seconds and beings that are serpent humanoids appeared in all the barrier edges. They are no longer just eyes watching as they have turned to prey trapped in a cage.