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### Chapter 1551 Equinox Summons A Primordial II

The conversation of Adrian and the Anubis Warriors met the ears of every player there because they were excited to see a god being summoned. It was even one of the gods of the dead, but they did not know what Adrian meant of a primordial. Only a small number of players know of the real ranks of gods as they only know that they are gods where some are more powerful than others.

Adrian actually hoped that someone would answer his call and he even asked the God Abaddon if the latter could break the rules for him. He then received an oracle from the God Abaddon of a small Chibi of him with a tissue as if he was crying that he could not help.

"If you were able to send that then you should have broken the rules a bit and helped me." Adrian muttered but he knew that breaking the rules of life and death is more catastrophic compared to breaking time and space. He does not want a random immortal being that cannot die being born after all.

Adrian then remembered that he has something from the underworld when he was frolicking or rather having a tour. He took out a small conch shell that had the energy of the dead which made the Anubis Warriors flinch. The Anubis Warriors looked uneasy when they saw that small conch shell as they knew which god of death uses such thing.

"It seems that we have overstayed our welcome here, Champion Equinox. We must get going." The Scimitar Anubis stated as he was the first one to see the small conch shell.

"Why?" The Sword Anubis asked as he was tapped on the back by the Spear Anubis as the latter's line of sight pointed at the small conch shell.

"You guys are not going anywhere for the moment as I am constantly feeding all of you energy. I need all of you to welcome the goddess that I am going to summon after all. It was all of your idea and you guys must see the fruition of your brilliance." Adrian stated clearly and audibly.

The Anubis Warriors started to feel nervous, and they would have started to sweat if they could. The players on the other hand were excited to see a god of death descend. The Anubis Warriors wanted to tell them to not be excited when it was that goddess that would be summoned.

"Since I will need all of your help, I will need to tell all of you some tips if you want to live." Adrian stated with a clear voice but some of the players thought that he was joking.

"You are not pranking us, right?" One of the players asked.

"I do not prank others when it comes to death. This is a serious matter and the being that I will summon is one of the highest goddesses of death. If you cannot look at her directly then avert your gaze as that will increase your chances of survival. Also, make sure that all of you do not faint as she might drag your spirit to the afterlife as well." Adrian stated which made all the players gulp.

All the players made sure to take a mental note on Adrian's words as they do not want to get dragged to the afterlife by a goddess, but some might like that. Adrian changed his form to his

Netheros Form as he needs to represent death as he will be summoning a goddess of death. Adrian flew up high in the sky and wrote runes using his mana that he scatters around.

In just a few minutes, Adrian has already created a barrier in the hallowed ground. The death energy in the surroundings became even heavier as he intensified it. The area became colder as well as some mists started to roll in as well which calmed down some of the children.

Adrian held the small conch shell and slowly descended to the ground. He then placed the small conch shell at the center of the magic circle that he created. The small conch shell suddenly melted into the ground immediately upon placing it on the ground.

The surroundings that were already cold suddenly become even colder. The players had to huddle up with each other to feel the warmth of their bodies. When they tried to speak, the players breath would actually be visible as the air is almost freezing.

"I shall now start with the sacrifice needed. I would need at least 50% of all your health and the same amount of your mana as well. This is to show that we want the help wholeheartedly after all." Adrian stated as wisps of red and blue light came out of the players that melted into the magic circle as well.

All the players did not even felt resistance as they gave out their offerings for the children. They could even see the child spirits huddling with each other as they also felt cold. Adrian also sacrificed half of his health and mana but his had a different color.

Adrian's health has the color of nether energy as he mixed some of it while his mana has the color of aether energy as per his instruction towards Paradox. As soon as Adrian offered his health and mana, the space suddenly shifted as if they were transported to another dimension. The players could also feel that they were no longer in the western continent as all communication has been blocked.

"Huh?! When did the sand transform into water?" One of the players stated as the sand that they were stepping on has changed.

"Ili-ili tulog anay... Wala diri imong nanay... Kadto tienda bakal papay... Ili-ili tulog anay..."

An unknown song in an unknown language reverberated around them as if a choir was singing it. It was an eerie yet calming song that thugs on the soul of every person there. The song was a lullaby that moved the hearts and ears of those that listened.

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The lullaby was heard once more but it was more evident than before. The first time that they heard the song, it was only like a whisper to their ears. This time, they all heard the song clearly as if the ones singing the lullaby was near them.

The lullaby had a sweet yet eerie tone, but it calms anyone's heart just by hearing it. The lullaby is not only sung by one voice as it was something like choir singing since there is harmony. Adrian unfurled his wings and stood by the Anubis Warriors until they heard a version of the song that they could now understand.

"Little one, little one, sleep now... Your mother is not here... She left to buy some bread... Little one, little one, sleep now."

The entire area became silent as the fog rolled in. The sky was not day, but it was not night as well, but it was a clear sky. The thing that changed greatly is the fact that a large full moon could be seen on the horizon.

The moon was not small at all as it looked like it was rising from the waters below. The had a large smiling grin as well as if it was smiling at the people hazing at them. The clear waters that they were standing on suddenly became dark in color as if it was dyed with ink.

"The Champion of the Twin Gods, Equinox, greet the Primordial Goddess of Death and the Sea, Magwayen." Adrian stated as he bowed towards the goddess of death.

(Author's Note: Magwayen is pronounced as Mag – Wa – Yen for those wondering.)

"The Anubis Warriors greet the Primordial Goddess of Death and the Sea, Magwayen." The Anubis Warriors stated simultaneously as they bowed to the goddess as well.

A large, towering goddess clad in the dark waters that seem to connect to her like hair is suddenly in front of Adrian and the Anubis Warriors. The players were extremely shocked upon seeing the Goddess Magwayen as there was no one in front of Adrian when they were observing him closely. They were only able to see the Goddess Magwayen when Adrian himself greeted her.

"Little one, little one, sleep now... Your mother is not here... She left to buy some bread... Little one, little one, sleep now." The Goddess Magwayen sung as her voice made everyone calm as the sea that they are standing on.

"It is great to see you as well, Goddess Magwayen. I, the Champion of the Twin Gods, am in need of your help and benevolence. Thank you for answering my call despite your precious time." Adrian stated.

The Goddess Magwayen cannot be described as a beauty because she was covering her face with a thin veil that seems to be made of the dark waters. If one looked closely, the Goddess Magwayen is not wearing any clothes, but her beautiful and slender body silhouette could still be seen as the only cover for it was her hair made of the dark waters below them.

The most prominent thing that one could see on her would be the large conch shell that she carries so gently with her beautiful hands. The large conch shell seems to be made of a crystal-like substance close to diamonds as it gives off a twinkle in the dark waters. Also, she was five feet tall in height which really makes one wonder why the players did not see her immediately.

"I know what you want from me, little one. You even made use of the gift that I gave you for the benefit of others when I told you to use it for yourself." The Goddess Magwayen stated in a displeased tone which made the Anubis Warriors nervous.

The voice of the Goddess Magwayen was extremely beautiful yet there is a hint of disappointment in her tone. The small conch shell that Adrian used as a sacrifice was a gift that she gave him when he accidentally reached her domain in the Death Realms. She gave it to Adrian because she found it intriguing that a Champion of the Twin Gods actually managed to reach her or get to her domain when it was the most avoided one.

"I did use it for myself, Goddess Magwayen. I used it for the completion of my duty as the Arbiter of the Dead. It just so happens that a lot of souls of children will be saved as a result." Adrian replied.

If the Anubis Warriors were not afraid of the Goddess Magwayen, then they would have given Adrian praises for his quick thinking by now to diffuse the disappointment of the goddess. One might think that the Anubis Warriors are overreacting, but the Primordial Gods of Death are different to the other god kings of the underworld.

Even the God of Death Abaddon treats the Primordial Gods of Death with extreme respect as they are the most powerful gods in this universe. The Primordial Gods of Death were beings that came to be a few moments after the God of Death Abaddon. They are literally just a step below him in both power and hierarchy.

The Goddess Magwayen is the most unique of all the Primordial Gods of Death as she embodies not only death but also the sea. In fact, Adrian was actually shocked earlier when he tried to summon the goddess because she actually answered his call before the ceremony was finished. The Goddess Magwayen does have a humanoid form when Adrian met her because she was an entire sea.

The dark waters that appeared below them is actually the physical manifestation of the Goddess Magwayen. She was the dark sea herself and that all beings standing on it was standing on her. She only took on a humanoid form because she was before other mortals or else their brains would not comprehend her existence.

"As quick witted as ever, my little one. No wonder you are my favorite among all those that became the Arbiter of the Dead. Still, to think that the Anubis Warriors could not even escort a few hundred thousand weakened souls is bothering me a little bit." The Goddess Magwayen stated as she shifted to a smaller humanoid form to pat Adrian's head.

"We are ashamed that we are not powerful enough to help them, Primordial Goddess Magwayen. We will make sure to train ourselves in order to become stronger and to meet your expectations." The Anubis Warriors stated as they bowed to the floor.

The proud Anubis Warriors that were valiant and headstrong which garnered the awe of the players were suddenly acting like scared puppies. The players could only re-evaluate their stand on the goddess that appeared before them. Still, they cannot feel any pressure from the Goddess Magwayen which is why they thought that she was not that strong.

"Master, you must ease yourself in blocking the pressure from the goddess. You might become internally injured at this point because you are protecting the others. It would serve them well to know the pressure of a powerful goddess for their growth." Paradox reported to Adrian as he was actually protecting the other players from the goddess' pressure.

"You know that if I did that then they might turn to dust immediately as she is a Primordial." Adrian replied to Paradox.

"I think that all of you are still doing a great job which is why it is asking too much of you to save these poor children. A few lesser gods of death would have sufficed in helping them, but it seems

that they need to be reminded of their job." The Goddess Magwayen stated as if she was making a blanket statement that the lesser gods of death were not doing their jobs correctly.

Just as she said that statement, numerous pale wisps suddenly came to her which were actually letters from the lesser gods of death. All of them were profusely apologizing for their inadequacy and promised that they will become stronger to do their jobs better. The Anubis Warriors suddenly felt that there would be a ton of comments from the lesser death gods towards them for letting Adrian summon the Goddess Magwayen.

"Such noisy little brats. Do you job right and I would not have any comments. Should I train you myself?" The Goddess Magwayen stated which suddenly made another round of letters come to her.

"I am sure that the Gods of Death are already having a difficult time, Goddess Magwayen. There has been a shorted of death gods since many perished in the war with the gods. They are doing their jobs terrifically despite the hardships." Adrian stated which made the lesser gods of death look at him like their savior.

"That is an issue, but I can solve that easily by creating more death gods. Do you want to become one, my precious little one?" The Goddess Magwayen asked Adrian which made all the players freeze.

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A question that not only made the players shudder but also the Anubis Warriors. The Goddess Magwayen might have asked nonchalantly but there was some truth in what she said. She could actually make Adrian a god of death is he accepts the proposal.

"I can make you a god of death as easy as a snap of my finger. There will be some effect on the laws of the world but that is nothing for a primordial being like me. The price to pay for a lesser god to appear would be easy for me to bear." The Goddess Magwayen stated as she looked at Adrian dearly.

"I thank the goddess for the offer, but I will have to decline." Adrian stated as he bowed to the goddess so that she will not be angry.

"I was just asking you but if you do not want to then you do not need to be pressured." The Goddess Magwayen stated as she was not offended that she was refused by Adrian which made the Anubis Warriors sigh with relief.

The Anubis Warriors were afraid that the Goddess Magwayen would become mad at them and suddenly drown all of them in the waters of the underworld. It is said that the rivers in the underworld all come from a source and that source is none other than the goddess herself. She was a primordial because she was the collective source of all the rivers in the underworld.

Adrian also refused the offer because becoming a god due to a Primordial God is not a simple process as the Goddess Magwayen says. It might be simple process to her, but Adrian would have to endure a hundred days of torture as the essence of the Primordial Goddess Magwayen permeates his body. Not only will he lose his body and all his strength due to becoming a being close to the patron god, but he will also lose everything he worked hard for.

"I thank the goddess for the offer once more, but we have pressing matters to attend to right now. The souls of the children need to be sent to the underworld while this special barrier is present or else, they will vanish. I want them to pass on to the afterlife and be reborn to a fuller life than what they have experienced." Adrian stated as he felt pity for the children since they were not even able to reach a decade in the mortal realm before becoming sacrificed.

"Do not worry, little one. I have already started the process as soon as I was summoned. I just like chatting with you because it has been a long time since we met. You do know that time moves differently in my realm." The Goddess Magwayen stated as the spirit of the children were already being treated by her.

As soon as the Goddess Magwayen was called, a faintly glowing liquid has already tended to the spirits that were extremely faint. Once they were touched by this special liquid, the spirit of the children became fuller as some of their features became clearer. A weakened spirit would usually have some of their features vanish due to their own essence being used to keep them from vanishing.

The small child spirits that looked like mannequins are now looking livelier as if they have returned back to life. The smiles and energy that the spirits have actually doubled as if they have returned back to life. The meek and calm child spirits earlier are now playing with the other children as soon as they were healed.

The Goddess Magwayen could be clearly seen smiling under her veil, but no one really knows as her face is covered. Adrian knew that the Goddess Magwayen pitied the children the most as she was actually called a Mother Goddess back in the day. In fact, some of her legend say that she became a Goddess of Death due to wanting to see her deceased child.

Adrian once asked on how she came to be as she was one of the rarest gods of death that has two titles. She was both a Goddess of Death and the Goddess of the Sea. She was also a primordial which meant that she is almost as old as the Twin Gods. There are only a few primordial gods in Pandemonium as they were either sealed, killed, or did not care for followers.

Primordial Gods are one of the gods that do not need followers in order to become stronger. They also do not rely on faith as they were already deemed essential once they came to be. This is also the reason why the Goddess Magwayen would rather have numerous lesser death gods to deal with the affairs of mortals.

As soon as the all the spirits of the children were restored, the Goddess Magwayen raised her giant conch shell. The sound of the sea could suddenly be heard, and it started to rain as well. All the children spirit started to frolic in the rain as they enjoyed it because it was their baptism.

The Goddess Magwayen skipped the process for the children to go to Limbo as she welcomed them to her realm immediately. The Anubis Warriors wanted to say that it was not the correct process, but they cannot protest in front of the goddess. The Anubis Warriors would have to just work double time in recording the names of the children in their copy of the Book of the Dead.

"For the brave living souls that aided the poor innocent children, I shall bless you so that your hard work is not unrewarded. I shall also extend this blessing to those that have died as well."

[The Goddess Magwayen has blessed you for your sacrifice and heart. All the death penalties that you have gotten for the past two days will no longer be valid. For those that did not die, your next death penalty will not be applicable on your next death.]

[You have received a two times multiplier for your experience points for the next week. The experience multiplier will be three times for those that did not die.]

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The players clamored as they did not expect such a thing as they thought that they would not be rewarded for their hard work. Not only was their death penalty waived, but they also earned an experience multiplier boost which is very helpful for them that have a high level. The Goddess Magwayen then raised her conch shell once more as all of the children's spirits were covered in her waters.

"I have done what you have called me for, little one. Visit me in my realm once more when you do not have such hectic duties as I will wait for your stories. To those that have seen me for the first time, remember to treat life as precious and make sure that the innocent does not suffer or else you will be drowning in my waters." The Goddess Magwayen stated as her last sentence was more of a threat than a warning.

The Goddess Magwayen's humanoid form melted into the waters as a huge wave swept across everyone. The players thought that they would be swept away as they even covered themselves, but the waters just passed through them. The huge wave did not swallow them as they were not even dead as it only affected the dead.

The spirit of the children could be seen vanishing when the huge wave reached them as they were directly welcomed into the realm of the Goddess Magwayen. The children did not even look scared but elated as they were now able to rest in peace. The soft smile and the hands waving goodbye from the children made some of the players cry.

The players felt something tugging at their heartstrings as they saw the children pass through the afterlife with a smile. They suddenly forgot how much they suffered in order to help the spirit of the children. Some even forgot to report what happened to their own guilds as this was something that they have never experienced in the game before.

Adrian gave a soft smile as he resisted the urge to cry as he has already experienced this countless times. He might not look affected, but Adrian is one of the people that actually treat Pandemonium as if it is real. He makes sure that he still realizes that this is a game, but he immerses himself in moments like this as he has empathy.

The magic circle that was created to summon the Goddess Magwayen suddenly cracked as all of the souls were no longer there. The fog that rolled over when it was created has dispersed. As soon as the magic circle vanished, something shot towards the sky which made it dark for rain to fall over.

It seems that the Goddess Magwayen did not stop her blessing to just them but also blessed the place. Rain that was extremely scarce in the western continent started to pour in the area. Some plant life could be seen starting to sprout as a result of the direct blessing of the Goddess Magwayen.

"The Goddess Magwayen seem to be in a good mood for her to even use the Rain of Rejuvenation." The Scimitar Anubis stated as this spell is used using divine energy.

"She was able to see genuine and beautiful smiles of children after all. She usually just sleeps in her realm, but she was called to help which she clearly loves. She is one of the goddesses of deaths that love children and protect them dearly." The Mage Anubis stated.

"Did the champion summon the goddess because you know of her disposition?" The Sword Anubis asked as he was curious if Adrian intended to summon the goddess.

"Not really, I just remembered that I was gifted something by a Primordial. I guess we are extremely lucky this time that she was that kind. The other primordial death gods are beings that even I do not want to summon." Adrian stated as he actually thanked his situation for becoming this good.

"But next time, please warn us or give us the time to escape when you do something like that." The Spear Anubis stated which made the others nod in agreement.

"We have done our duty and we are no longer needed here. We thank the champion for summoning us to fight despite us lacking in some areas. It is time for us to return to Limbo as we have more things to do there." The Urn Anubis stated which made some of the perked-up ears of the Anubis Warriors flop.

"Thank you for your help as well. It was me that is lacking as I am not strong enough for all of you to use your great powers." Adrian stated as he opened the gate to Limbo to return the Anubis Warriors.

All of the players bid their farewells to Adrian as they are grateful to him for the things that they received. They would still report everything that they have seen to their respective guilds, but Adrian does not care. He only revealed some cards as the summoning of a goddess cannot be done without preparation.

Adrian looked at his hand as there was actually something on it. A small conch shell could be seen on his palm after he opened it. It seems that the Goddess Magwayen gave him another one as she deemed that he did not use it for his own benefit. Adrian smiled as this small conch shell is basically something like a wish that the goddess could do for him which is an item that anyone would want to possess.

[You have sent hundreds of thousands of souls to the afterlife.]

[Your Nether Gauge / Aether Gauge has increased by 10.]

[Your Nether Gauge / Aether Gauge has increased regeneration by 10%.]

Adrian finally received the rewards of his effort as the Shepherd of Lost Souls. When he has time, he would often do his duties to slightly increase his Nether Gauge / Aether Gauge which is a great help to him in battle.

Chapter 1555 Side Stories: Shepherd Of Lost Souls I



This is a time when Adrian felt that his nether energy was becoming too quick in consumption. He does not have that much confidence in lasting long in battles. The regeneration of his nether gauge was slow, and the value only increases every fifty levels.

He was at a lost as this was after the number of soulbounds were also reduced to three. He needed a way to make sure that he will be able to pace himself better but there will be times that having nether energy would be clutch. Just as he was wondering what he should do next, the God of Death Abaddon sent him a quest that can is literally godsend.

"What can I do to be come stronger as I am losing my nether energy too quickly?" Adrian thought as he suddenly received a golden notification which means that he is contacted by patron gods.

[The God of Death Abaddon has answered your wish. He has given you a divine quest related to your title of Shepherd of Lost Souls.]

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#### Title Related Repeatable Quest

Quest Name: Deliver Lost Souls to the Afterlife

Quest Difficulty: F to S (dependent on the state of the souls)

Quest Description: The God of Death Abaddon has heard your pleas on becoming stronger and he must respond as the Champion of the Twin Gods must be strong in order to protect the border of life and death. The God of Death Abaddon also wanted you to become more active in helping the souls that have wandered about or those that cannot ascend to the afterlife.

Clear Condition: Deliver 1 Soul to the Afterlife

Clear Reward: The Nether Gauge will regenerate Nether Energy faster by 1%.

Failure Condition: Soul is unable to be sent to the afterlife.

Failure: The God of Death Abaddon's cheering for you to become better.

Duration: 24 hours for each soul that is encountered.

Restriction: This quest can only be done by the Champion of the Twin Gods. You cannot enter combat when you are doing this quest.

Note: You will transform into a special form called Soul Guider which makes you immune to all attacks and invisible to mortals.

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[Do you wish to activate the Repeatable Quest: Deliver Lost Souls to the Afterlife?]

Adrian stared at the screen as he thought that something like this was not possible, but it was godsend. If he manages to send one soul, then he would have twice the speed of nether energy regeneration. Adrian did not have an important quest at the moment as he was only crafting talismans for him to sell.

"Let us do it!" Adrian stated as the world suddenly became almost lacking color.

[You have entered the Spiritual Plane of the Mortal Realm.]

[You are currently in your Soul Guider Form.]

[You cannot get damaged by any mortal life.]

[Beings with the undead, elementals, or spirit attribute will be able to see you but fear you.]

[You can only use one skill called Soul Search.]

Adrian looked at himself and saw that he was a ghostly form of his Netheros Form. In fact, he looked something like a malevolent being because he is burning in what he calls nether flames. He thought that the souls of lost beings would be more scared of his form than his current title.

"I do look cool though but scary at the same time. Let me take a photo of this form and make it my wallpaper." Adrian thought as he captured this moment.

"Soul Search!" Adrian shouted as he was already done looking and checking his state.

Adrian suddenly released a powerful energy wave that looked like nether flames spreading in a circle with him at the center. The circle radius was about one kilometer, and he detected all the souls in the area. He mostly got data on souls of living beings, but he got one reaction from a lost soul.

Adrian thought that he would need to move to a place where there are more deaths as he only used the skill to test it. Now that he has got a reaction, he must solve the problem immediately to be able to clear the quest. He was suddenly the most cheerful version of a grim reaper.

[You have received one reaction from Soul Search. Do you wish to transport to the location of the Lost Soul?]

A notification suddenly appeared in front of him which made him happy. Adrian thought that he needed to move there by himself, but he was suddenly asked to be immediately transported which made his mood even better. Adrian did not say no as he does not need to look for the lost soul. Who would not like a free ride when offered?

"Let us go!" Adrian stated as he accepted the offer.

Adrian thought that he would be instantly transported like teleportation, but he thought wrong. He travelled in a speed that is akin to light which suddenly made him incredibly woozy. Adrian actually took a one-minute break when he arrived at the location as he thought he would puke on his game pod.

After Adrian recovered, he was suddenly sent to a decrepit old home that seems to be rotting. He arrived in front of the lost soul that he is supposed to deliver to the afterlife. The soul was none other than of an old woman sitting on a chair on the porch.

"It seems that the grim reaper is here for me." The old woman stated but she did not stand up from her chair and continued to sit.

"If you already know then why you do not want to come with me, granny?" Adrian asked the old woman respectfully.

"You seem to be a respectful one for someone that sends souls to the afterlife. The other grim reapers would just stare at me silently and waiting for me to come to them. You are the first one that actually conversed with me. Are you new to this job, young man?" The old woman asked.

"You can actually say that. If you had been visited by the other grim reapers, then why did you not come with them? The mortal realm is not a place for souls of the dead as you might get corrupted by evil beings and turn into an undead." Adrian stated as this is his first time officially with a reward, but he has sent some souls to the afterlife before.

"I do not mind becoming an undead as long as I can wait for my grandson. I promised that I would wait for him here as this house would be his after he gets back from his journey." The old woman stated.

"By the looks of your house, it has been years since your grandson has returned. Maybe you can wait for him in the afterlife instead as other souls tend to do that." Adrian stated as he has seen some souls waiting in Limbo for their loved ones.

"It has not been long. My grandson only left for one year but sadly I could not hold out for that long. You see... he was a very intelligent child unlike the rest. He was given a scholarship in the Royal Capital of Magia Kingdom. He should be able to graduate by now as this would be his third year attending it. He even sent me letters but sadly I cannot reply to them anymore as I died last week. Can you read them for me, kind grim reaper?" The old woman stated.

"Sure. If that would make you feel more inclined to pass to the afterlife." Adrian replied as he went beside the old woman after picking up the letters on her mailbox.

Adrian started to read the letter from the week before and it entails the things that his grandson has done. He has already reached three circles as a mage and that he would return home in nine days. Adrian read the letter with the intended enthusiasm that it should have but tears could be seen going down on his face.

"It seems that the grim reaper that has come to me is indeed a kindhearted one. It seems that my grandson will return tomorrow. Can you wait for me until that day?" The old woman stated.

"That should not be difficult as long as you promise to come with me after tomorrow." Adrian replied as his heart has become heavy.

Adrian did not leave the old woman's side that day and even chatted with her. He has learned that the old woman was actually an herbalist in the village. Her mortal body has already been buried in her backyard where her plants are also buried.

Adrian did not cry no more as he wanted the old woman to be happy when she passes through. It seems that she was also beloved in the village as there would be children that leave flowers in front of the house. She would then smile when she sees something like that as it warms her soul.

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Adrian and the old woman chatted until the sun has risen and there has been some changes in the village. There was some sort of situation that happened in the village as the alleged grandson of the old woman has returned. He was greeted by the guard of the village, but it also meant that he heard the bad news.

A young man with a good amount of mana that has clear eyes and facial features could be seen sobbing as he reached the house. The grandson immediately went straight to the burial site of the old woman which is her backyard where all her precious medicinal herbs are located. The young man cried for such a long time until it reached noon.

"Why did you not wait for me, grandma?" The young man stated as he suddenly started to say all the things that he has done in the university that he has studied.

"My dear grandson. I wanted to wait for you, but time is not something that I can control even with all my knowledge in medicinal plants. I am simply not good enough to create elixir level medicine or else I might have at least extended my life for a few months." The old woman stated but she did not cry but there is a clear melancholic expression on her face.

After a few minutes crying, the young man managed to pick himself up but there is still sadness in his face. The sudden passing of your own beloved family member is not something that one can easily forget. Adrian then remembered that this world has very rare long-range communication as that is only available to royal families and not to the general public.

Adrian thought that the young man would not have been this grief stricken if he had learned earlier than he would have gone home as fast as he can. The old woman did not blame her grandson though as he would not have graduated if he were to get home earlier. The old woman might be sad, but she is also extremely proud of her grandson for achieving something great.

Adrian thought that it was extremely sad that the old woman was not able to say goodbye to her grandson. He then told the old woman that he would return after a few minutes as he would need to go somewhere. Adrian went straight to the Nether Realm and reached out to the God of Death Abaddon.

"I know why you have come to me my champion. The thing that you want to do is not something that should be done as it is taboo for the living to meet the dead." The God of Death Abaddon stated.

"I know that it might be reaching as I was only told to escort them to the afterlife but is it not easier for the dead to pass through and reincarnate if they have no lingering attachments." Adrian stated.

"You might be able to do it, child. The way of bending the karmic laws as you are the Arbiter of the Dead." The Goddess Nox stated as she was with the God of Death Abaddon.

"Bending the karmic laws is not something that the child should do, my love. He is not a lesser god of death to be able to use it. He might get hurt if he fails to use it." The God of Death Abaddon stated.

"Uhhh... can I know what to do first before you judge me if I cannot do it? Also, just because I might be able to do it does not mean that I will use it with every soul that I encounter." Adrian stated.

"Do not worry child as not every one can be blessed by bending the karmic laws. Can you explain it him, my beloved." The Goddess Nox stated as she looked towards the God of Death Abaddon.

"If my beloved says so then I shall at least tell him how." The God of Death Abaddon replied.

The God of Death Abaddon stated the ways on how Adrian could use some of his abilities as the Arbiter of the Dead. Apparently, there are some perks in doing the job as he could use some of the good karma that the souls have gotten when they were alive to create a small miracle. Not all souls are eligible for this small miracle as not all people have been good when they were alive.

Not only can he use the good karma that they have received to create a miracle, but also use it so that the descendant of their choosing would be blessed with some of the deceased's talent. There are restrictions in place for him to do this though. One of the restrictions is that the soul should have a karma value of at least fifty.

Another restriction is that Adrian must perform the miracle when the deceased is present and the target of their choosing. The deceased should also agree to using up their good karma for Adrian to perform it. There are also other rules, but it is only minor ones that Adrian can easily do.

"Thank you. I will surely use this blessing as you call it to only those that want and deserve it." Adrian stated as he returned back to the mortal realm.

"Kind grim reaper, you have returned. Did you come to get me already?" The old woman asked as she can now agree to leave as she has already seen her grandson.

"Are you willing to listen to me?" Adrian stated as he explained the process of the small miracle that he learned.

"I would love to do so but do I have enough of this good karma that you speak of?" The old woman asked.

"You do." Adrian replied as he could see the value of the good karma that the old woman has accumulated.

[The target has a Good Karma value of 523.]

Adrian then explained that the old woman could use about 200 of his good karma to be able to materialize briefly for his grandson and say her goodbyes. Adrian also told her that the remaining would be used for her to safely traverse the afterlife and she will be able to reincarnate to a better life. Adrian did tell her that she would not remember her past life when she reincarnates though.

"Can you give all of it to my grandson then? I want to give him one last gift before I pass through. He is my precious grandson after all." The old woman stated.

"Are you sure?" Adrian asked as he is shocked that she would use all of it for her grandson.

"I am sure. I am not sure about the next life, but I want to leave this life without regrets." The old woman stated.

"If that is your wish then I shall do what you want." Adrian stated as he touched the old woman's hands and went near the grandson.

Adrian looked at the grandson of the old woman that is sitting on the favorite chair of her grandmother. He then flicked the forehead of the grandson which suddenly separated his soul from his body. The grandson was shocked of what happened as he could suddenly see his own body and he saw Adrian when he turned around.

"Ah!" The grandson screamed as Adrian's form is not something that can be said as friendly to the eyes.

"Did you raise him to be this easily scared?" Adrian asked.

"Nonsense. I raised him to be as tough as a stone herb. It seems that going to the capital has softened him up a little bit." The old woman stated.

"Grandma?!" The grandson stated as he suddenly saw his grandmother with this demonic being.

"Stop crying like a child. We do not have enough time." The grandmother stated as she proceeded to hug her grandson.

The grandmother was not crying before but she was now letting her tears flow. She did not want Adrian to see it, but she missed her grandson dearly. The grandson also started to cry again upon suddenly feeling the warmth of her grandmother. Adrian just waited in the corner as the two poured their hearts out.

"I really missed you grandma! Why did you not wait for me?!" The grandson stated as he cried.

"The important thing is that I am here now my dear. Remember that I will always watch over you even in the afterlife. Which is why you must get your life together. Fall in love with who you want and make sure to always do good things." The grandmother stated as she reminded her grandson.

"It seems that it is time." Adrian stated as the effect of his manipulation of karma is almost about to be released.

"I have already said what I was not able to say. I can now pass through without any problem." The old woman stated.

"Must you go, grandma? Can you not be with me even if you are a ghost?" The grandson asked.

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"She must not do that or else she might become an undead. Even worse would be her soul perishing which means she will no longer be able to go to the afterlife. If that happens then people who knew her would eventually forget her." Adrian stated as there are dire consequences of souls vanishing.

"My time has already passed my dear grandson. I am sorry that I will not be able to see you have a child which is why you must make sure that you get married soon. A love child is not bad as this is a new generation." The old woman stated.

"Grandma!" The grandson reacted with embarrassment.

"I am just messing with you, but I am also very much serious." The old woman stated as she hugged her grandson one last time.

"Can you not go?" The grandson asked once more but her grandmother only answered him with a smile.

"I shall now proceed with the blessing." Adrian stated as he placed his hand on the old woman's forehead.

A light suddenly came out of the old woman's forehead. This was the manifestation of her good karma that Adrian has gotten. He used the remaining good karma that the old woman has and then formed it into a materialization of her talent.

This is the materialization of talent that the God of Death Abaddon has told Adrian when karma is used. This would vary from individual to individual as talent is not something that can be copied. Adrian was about to use his energy to perform a divination of the talent when he heard a giggle.

He did not know where that giggle came from, but he suddenly saw a greenish silhouette of a lady appear before him. The old woman and the grandson could not see this being, but Adrian could feel some connection with this green ghost lady. Adrian cannot attack or defend in this form as he would waste the karma if he does so now.

Adrian also felt that the green ghost lady did not have any malevolence to her. In fact, the green ghost lady has some divinity to her. The green ghost lady looked at Adrian and patted his head like a mother before sprinkling something on the good karma that was forming. The good karma of the lady suddenly became better and fuller.

"It seemed to have grown in size." Adrian thought as the green ghost lady vanished after sprinkling something at the good karma.

The good karma finally took its intended form, but it was glowing in gold. The good karma took the form of a small tree with the form of an old caring woman clutching a book. The book has a title called Herbology. The talent that manifested was something that Adrian did not expect as it was glowing in gold which is something that only happens if the talent is at least mythical in tier.

"This is the gift that your grandmother has blessed you. Make sure to let it bloom and use it for the good of the people." Adrian stated as the good karma manifestation suddenly shot towards the grandson.

The grandson suddenly felt some sort of energy pass through him that made him float like air. The grandson also felt the love of his grandmother flowing through him which made him cry. Seeing that the gift has been given to him, the grandson was now ready to get back to his body.

Adrian flicked the grandson's forehead and his detached soul suddenly returned to his body. The grandson did not wake up immediately as all that he experienced will feel like a dream to him. A sweet dream that would make waking up a nightmare, but his heart will be healed in the process.

The grandson woke up a few minutes later with tears rolling down from his eyes. The pain of the loss is still there but he was no longer gloomy. In fact, there is some sort of determination on his eyes as Adrian actually saw a golden outline on his eyes. He then received a notification that he could not believe because he now knows why a green ghost lady suddenly appeared earlier.

[The Herbalist of Quaint Village that was supposed to become a Forest Sage has passed but her talents have been passed to her grandson. She would have become a Forest Sage if she abandoned her family, but her heart was akin to pure gold.

Seeing her determination for her only living relative, the Goddess of Life Gaea blessed the talent that would be passed to her grandson. The Herbalist of Quaint Village made sure to always treat those around her with care and a full heart. The heart and love of nature has always been passed to their family as their ancestors were of the Forest People that revered the Gods and Goddesses of Life.

A new bud has been planted to the new generation that will bloom in the future. A glorious new chapter will be written in the pages of the world.]

"I am now ready." The old woman stated as she gladly offered her hand to Adrian.

Adrian took the hand of the old woman gently as she looked at her one last time with a smile. Adrian opened a gate, but it did not look eerie or dark in any way. The gate that appeared was full of flowers and fauna and it was extremely inviting.

Adrian did not do this intentionally as it just happened naturally upon his activation of the gate to the afterlife. Adrian did not think that there is nothing wrong though as everything is under the effect of the system. He is only the one escorting the souls and not one that sets their destination.

Adrian entered the gate with the old woman, and they were sent to a paradise like place that Adrian has never been before. It was not the usual dark and eerie part of the underworld where the souls go to first but a beautiful forest paradise.

"Hello mom!" A beautiful lady with clothes made of woven flora and fauna suddenly appeared before them.

"Daughter!" The old woman stated as she went to hug her own daughter.

[You have done your job. You have completed the quest: Deliver Lost Souls to the Afterlife that has been given to you.]

[The Nether Gauge will regenerate Nether Energy faster by 1%.]

Adrian no longer needs to do anything because he has already completed the quest. He now knows that the being that came to him as a green ghost earlier might be a goddess of life under the Goddess of Life Gaea. There are times when chosen people that was destined to become something in life dies because of unexpected causes or not achieving something because of circumstances.

The old woman was special as she was someone that the gods and goddesses of life become a Forest Sage. Her talent and destiny are now passed onto her grandson which Adrian could use in the future when he awakens.

"Since I have free time... maybe I should explore the place as this is a place that I have not yet gone to." Adrian muttered but he just wants his mind off the things he witnessed or else he would have remembered the tear-jerking moments.

Adrian walked until he actually reached a place with a river, and he suddenly followed that river to arrive at a vast sea. He did not know that he was actually being called by the other beings to not go to the river and follow it downwards. It seems that Adrian has reached a different realm as he can no longer see the forest when he turned back.

Adrian realized that he was no longer standing on ground as all he sees is the sea. Adrian wanted to escape back to the mortal realm, but he suddenly felt trapped as something or someone was locked onto him. Adrian did not notice but a dark shadow has already locked onto him, and it was a being that was none other than the sea itself.

[You are being watched by a powerful being.]

"Ili-ili tulog anay... Wala diri imong nanay... Kadto tienda bakal papay... Ili-ili tulog anay"



Adrian heard a song that gave him goosebumps as he sensed a being suddenly rising from the waters. The waters itself rose as a large feminine face which is beautiful, but she was someone that was gigantic because she was the sea herself. The figure that Adrian can see right now is just a manifestation of her being she created so that he can recognize her.

"Hello little one. Have you been lost? This is a first that someone actually wondered my realm when they usually avoid it. Tell me... are you lost my cute little one?" The beautiful maiden stated but Adrian now knows who she was.

[You are under the presence of the Goddess of Death and Sea, Magwayen.]

#### Chapter 1558 The Snake's Ally I

The God Shesmu left Lebou's body as soon as he has stabilized the large cut on his arm. Lebou must survive as he needed to report something to the Distorted God Apophis. Lebou went straight to one of the sanctums of the Shadow of Apophis, but it was not there.

"The master has left because the ally of our master has said that he has delivered the vessel." One of the followers of Apophis stated as she started the healing process for Lebou.

Lebou screamed in pain as the process of healing a sliced-up limb is not something that good in the western continent. The healing arts in the western continent is mostly governed by the Temple of Eset and the healing arts of her temple is also a well-kept secret. The temple of Eset is the only one that can actually heal a dilapidated limb without it being painful.

Lebou's arm could be seen starting to grow but it did not immediately regrow. If one were to look at it, then they could describe his arm as a baby's arm. It was small but he could still move it in any way that he wants. The only downside is that it will not have the same reach to his original arm.

"Please make sure to not enter combat for at least a week for the arm to regrow back to its original size. It is also wise to not undergo any harsh training as it could lengthen the regrowth process. Also, it will grow much faster during the night which is why pain will be expected as well. You will need a tonic if you are not able to sleep due to the pain." The follower of Apophis stated.

"Will the Distorted God Apophis have no problem? It seems that there are a lot of people tracking down the vessel." Lebou asked as he did not want his sacrifice to go in vain as he did not want to lose an arm for nothing.

"The master has already made sure to move the other Imperial Beast under our command. All Avatar Lebou needs to do is focus on resting as the master will focus on getting the other fragments and conquering the continent after the transfer." The follower of Apophis stated as if it is already assured and Lebou believed her as the female that tended to him is a Seer.

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"Did you guys know where he ended up?" Levin Cloud asked as the trail they were following suddenly became a mess.

"I actually think that he might really be the God Loki as per Frey's assumption." Creepysoo stated.

The group was able to catch up to the demigod that they were chasing but he suddenly created ten illusions that went to separate directions. Even if they were able to catch up after being lost for the

first few instances, they were now unable to follow. To make matters worse, they could not trace the energy of the demigod anymore.

"It was as if he vanished from existence." Solstice stated.

"If he is the God Loki then he would be able to easily shake us off. He only made us think that we can follow him, but he made sure that we will never be able to truly catch him. He could even trick the gods then what more for us." Frey stated.

"If Big Bro Equinox was with us then he could easily see through the illusions. Things like this is not our strong suit." Soleil stated as she puffed her cheeks since she was not able to avenge her father.

"What if he never really went far from us but made us think that he needed to run far away?" Levin Cloud suddenly muttered.

All ten clones vanished into somewhere that they cannot easily follow but there were no traces that the demigod did not leave the area. He suddenly touched the sand below him and tried to feel the traces of life in it. The others wanted to ask what Levin Cloud was doing but they saw how he was extremely focused.

Levin Cloud wanted to see the layers of the earth as he extended his hands that turned into roots. All he felt in the first few meters was piles and piles of sand. He dug even deeper to see if there will be any reaction to the pulsing life energy he was releasing. Just as he thought that he would not have any reaction, he felt an unknown energy that sent a powerful shock into his body.

"Argh!" Levin Cloud exclaimed in shock and pain.

Levin Cloud's reaction immediately prompted a protective reaction to all of them. They wanted to heal him, but he was the healer of the group. All they could do was give him a potion, but the problem was not entirely physical.

Levin Cloud's pulsing life energy is also connected to his life force as that is how his race manipulates it. The fact that something could suddenly shock him meant that he was also attacked spiritually. Levin Cloud's hand could be seen turning into a shade of darker purple.

"Cut my arm! Hurry!" Levin Cloud shouted.

Solstice immediately created a blood sword and cut off the poisoned arm that Levin Cloud has. She did not even hesitate as she cut it off cleanly which shocked her team members. Still, Levin Cloud only calmed down when his poisoned arm has been cut off and he sighed with relief.

The poisoned arm that Levin Cloud has suddenly melted into a pool of acid that seeped into the sands. Levin Cloud's arm would then regrow back to its normal length as he is a being made of wood. He might look human or humanoid, but his true form is that of a Leshy which are also called 'wood people'.

"What happened?" Solstice asked as Levin Cloud was not someone that would just scream in pain all of a sudden.

She knew that he is built as tough as his brother when it comes to pain endurance due to their races. The fact that something could make him scream in intense pain and panic is not something that is of the normal variety. Still from Levin Cloud's reaction, she could guess that she must have found something.

"We were only going in circles. The Distorted God of Apophis is located several meters below us. It seems like there is an underground cave system below the sands.

I was able to sense some life forms below, but something struck me when I tried to see if they possessed the energy of the Distorted God of Apophis. It was a poison so potent that even my divine energy could not cleanse easily. I am lucky that it was only able to spread through my physical body or else I might have died." Levin Cloud stated as all of them directed their gazes below their feet.

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"It seems that you were not able to shake off your pursuers easily. So much for being the trickster God Loki." The Shadow of Apophis stated as it took on the form of a black serpent with purple streaks.

The Shadow of Apophis used its venom glands to poison the one that was probing the area. It made sure to use a lethal poison that could even kill a demigod in an hour. It was sure that the being earlier would definitely die in a few minutes as its poison also attacks the soul.

"I was being chased by interesting individuals and stop being cheeky because that is not what I came here for. As a part of our deal, I present to you. Your one and only vessel in this generation." The God Loki stated with a smile that has a passive aggressive feel.

"I do not blame you as the whole world has moved because of my movement as well. I did not think that the closed-minded gods of the western continent would actually use their divinity to get aid. Oh! How far have they fallen!" The Distorted God Apophis stated as it took on the form of a gray snake that is coiled next to the Shadow of Apophis.

The God Loki then thought on all the distractions that he orchestrated to make sure that the demons do not follow what he was doing. He did not expect for another Arch Demon to be born in this era, but he dismissed it as it was a newly born one. Now he is regretting Adrian freely roam.

"Prepare the ceremony because you must take over the vessel now. It is tiring to keep maintaining your body with hundreds of sacrifices every day. If you do not enter the vessel, then we will lose more fighting forces for conquering the west." The Shadow of Apophis stated.

"You do not need to tell me what to do because we are one and the same." The Distorted God Apophis stated as it opened its mouth wide.

## Chapter 1559 The Snake's Ally II

The Distorted God Apophis opened its mouth wide as it attempted to swallow the vessel. The vessel of Apophis, Thueban, woke up just as she was about to be swallowed by the Distorted God Apophis. She wanted to run away but she could not move her body as if something was inhibiting it.

"No!" Thueban screamed as she could only lament how she has always been unlucky all her life.

She was always on the losing end and never the winner. For the first time in her life, she wanted to be someone that lives her life for her and become someone that can stand up for herself. All her life she had to endure countless mishaps that made her life incredibly miserable.

"To think that a mere vessel would cry out. No one would save you here girl because I know what you are thinking." The Distorted God Apophis stated as it stopped trying to swallow Thueban as she suddenly created some sort of mental resistance towards the Distorted God Apophis.

The Distorted God Apophis knows that it cannot just go into its vessel if there is something going on with her. Thueban was suddenly fighting for the last shred of humanity and hope left in her which actually repelled the mental attack of the Distorted God Apophis. There could be mental damage to both the god and the vessel if either one of their psyches is not stable.

"I will not let you do anything to me, vile serpent! This is my own body, and I am not your vessel!" Thueban shouted as something in her body erupted. It was a power that did not come from the Distorted God Apophis, but something innate that is only for Thueban.

"You might be feisty, but do you wish to know why your life is like that? I made sure that it will be like that. I am the cause of your miserable and challenging life because I was the one that created your lineage in the first place." The Distorted God Apophis stated as Thueban cannot believe the snake in front of her.

"Liar! My mother always said that snakes would be helpful, but she also lied and died too quickly. She told me that she would always be by my side, but she is no longer here today. Which means anything that came out of her mouth is but a lie." Thueban stated as she was unconsciously releasing a mental barrier around her which made it difficult for the Distorted God Apophis to enter her mind.

The Distorted God Apophis needs to both takeover her body, mind and spirit. The Distorted God Apophis could easily devour the body by taking over it forcefully, but the mind is a tricky maze even for gods. One hint of rejection or an unknown event happening would make the mind unstable.

The possession of the mind is also related to the possession of the spirit. If the mind is not stable, then the spirit would also wane. If something bad happens then both Thueban and the Distorted God Apophis would fight for the control of the body as the mind and spirit is not stable.

"Your mother might be dead, but I do not lie. Your lineage goes way back to the first being that I possessed and used to create a progeny. I even sacrificed some of my own divinity to make sure that only one child per generation would be born to control it or else the other gods would be able to see through what I had done.

Did you know that it is taboo for gods to use mortals or lay with mortals without their consent? I actually remember one powerful god that did that always back then when it was not yet a rule. He really took the fun out of everyone which is why they are no longer part of the main world.

Did you not wonder why you are powerful in the darkness? You not dying even though you wanted to kill yourself? Why you were able to live despite bot being in perfect condition? It is my blessing that made you able to live which is why it is only right for me to claim what is mine." The Distorted God Apophis stated.

Thueban could not believe what the serpent in front of her has stated because all of those details were on the back of her mind since she was a child. She would always wonder why serpentine monsters would actually avoid her when they had the perfect chance to kill her or when she is great at hiding in the darkness.

She always thought that it must be something that her family has carried as her mother was the same as her. She always believed that she inherited it from her mother, but it was actually from the being front of her if she were to truly believe. She refused to believe it though as she had strengthened her mental fortitude for years of being under constant problems.

"You cannot break a child's mind like that. Do you wish for me to aid you this time as well? I would make it free of charge because I am quite entertained with what I have seen just now." The God Loki stated as he suddenly appeared beside Thueban and grabbed her shoulders.

"Mind games are not my specialty but if you are to help then I would appreciate it as we are allies. Just make sure not totally break her mind as I do not want a vegetable as a vessel." The Distorted God Apophis stated which made the God Loki smile.

Thueban refused to concede in front of the beings in front of her as she knows that her will is the only thing that is keeping her alive. She even mustered whatever moisture is left on her throat and spat at the God Loki when he came closer. The God Loki did not find delight on the provocation of the girl.

The God Loki actually wanted to take his time to slowly weaken the mental barriers of the girl, but her action made him reconsider. The God Loki suddenly created a small ice shard that seemed to be illusory. The small ice shard was freely floating in the air as it crackled with a dark and sinister cloud.

The God Loki forcefully opened Thueban's mouth as he jammed the small ice shard inside of the girl's mouth. Thueban wanted to scream and flail about, but she was not yet in control of her body. If one with ocular skills looked at her then one would see that she is being held by a slithering serpent body which makes her unable to un or move.

"Have good dreams. I collected that shard from the tears of a frost giant and those large dumb beings are difficult to tear up." The God Loki stated as a sinister smile appeared on his face.

Thueban's whole body could be seen to be covered in a layer of frost that made her tanned skin pale white. Her eyes darted to the back of her head while she released muffled cries but unable to scream loudly. She was experiencing her most traumatic memories over and over again in a span of one second.

"She is actually holding on quite well for a human vessel." The God Loki stated as ten seconds have passed but it already felt like ten days for Thueban.

"MhmamH!" Thueban cried.

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"Did you hear that?" Levin Cloud asked as he suddenly heard a cry for help.

"We did not hear anything though. Are you sure it is not just a hallucination due to the fact that you got poisoned earlier?" Creepysoo asked as the image of Levin Cloud's melting hand is still fresh in his mind.

"If you guys did not hear it then it must have been someone dying or wants to die." Levin Cloud stated.

"This is the western continent. Death is not a weird thing here." Peridot stated but she was still worried for Levin Cloud which is why he checked up on him.

"That should be for later. We need to dig to the bottom now or else the loss of his arm would be for nothing." Solstice stated as she pointed towards the sands below them.

"I would need some assistance. Help me?" Levin Cloud stated as he looked towards Peridot.

"You do not need to worry as the elements are my thing." Peridot stated as she puffed her chest.

"If that is the case then do it in two minutes." Solstice stated with a serious face.

"But..." Peridot stated but Solstice raised her brows.

"Fine!" Peridot stated as she took out a mythical tier gemstone that she was saving up as it was actually an emerald. A mythical tier emerald could be sold for at least two thousand gold coins but she already boasted about herself which means there is no turning back.

#### Chapter 1560 The Snake Takes Over

The shining green emerald is filled with natural earth energy which is something that would be treasured of not only mages but royalty as well. Peridot rose to the sky and gathered all the earth elemental energy in the surrounding. Levin Cloud told her to only provide support, but she could destroy the land by herself.

In many legends in the world, dragons are also beings of destruction especially when they are angry. They are powerful beings that could either bring prosperity or destruction depending on their demeanor. Peridot filled the gem with not only earth elemental magic but also the magic of the dragons that are their raw power.

Dragons are beings that forcefully control magic which is why they can use mana in any way they want. Peridot just uses a catalyst as it makes the spell faster in casting and also less burden to her body instead of just relying on her dragon tongue. The mythical tier emerald could be seen crackling with intense energy that it manifested into sparks of power.

"Great Fissure!" Peridot stated as she slammed the emerald into the ground.

As if lightning struck the ground, the emerald smashed into the sands and released a thundering roar that shook the surroundings. Levin Cloud gave a thumbs up to Peridot as he could feel the ground split open. One would think that a being of Peridot's level would only be able to split the ground in a small hole but that is not true.

Peridot is still a Ryujin when all is said, and they are famed dragons that control the elements. She is also one of the only ones that has affinity towards all the elements. She did not exaggerate when she shouted Great Fissure because she created a large crevice.

The crevice actually stretched to at least a hundred meters which made all the creatures hiding in the sands rise up. The erratic monsters aimed their hostility towards the beings that are present

when they became unearthed. All of them started to fight against the monsters but most of them were scared when the hidden presence below the bedrock emerged.

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"What is happening?" The God Loki asked as he cannot see beyond the sands of the western continent.

"It seems that a dragon is destroying the earth above us. Your pursuers are not ordinary people as you have told. I will make sure that they do not interrupt our process because this would be an important situation for us." The Shadow of Apophis stated as he peered onto the small crack that first appeared.

The Shadow of Apophis immediately rose up when the crevice created by Peridot was big enough. The sudden appearance of the Shadow of Apophis shocked the Levin Cloud and the others, but they immediately knew what to do. They immediately prepared for battle as Soleil immediately created a flaming tornado to give them enough time.

[The Shadow of Apophis has surfaced and have been detected by the Gods of the Western Continent.]

[All beings that were summoned by the Western Gods will be transported to the location of the Shadow of Apophis in ten seconds.]

[The energy of the Distorted God Apophis is also in the area where the Shadow of Apophis has been sensed.]

A notification popped up to all the players that accepted the quest to defeat the Distorted God Apophis. All of the players did not even have enough time to prepare as they were all transported to the location all of a sudden. Not all players that accepted the quest was teleported as some of them were not logged in.

Those that were not logged in were given notifications in their devices that the Distorted God Apophis has appeared. The players were greeted by the Shadow of Apophis coming out of a huge fissure that suddenly appeared in the western continent. The fissure was big, but the size of the Shadow of Apophis was quite large as well.

"Followers! Kill the ones that have become pawns of the weak gods!" The Shadow of Apophis stated as numerous Followers of Apophis came out of the fissure as well to support the black serpent.

"Everyone, get ready to fight!" One of the players shouted as he seems to be one of the rankers that was present.

All of the players charged towards the enemies as they were given the opportunity to kill the Shadow of Apophis now. It might be powerful, but it has been weakened significantly by the previous fight. They believed that they would be enough to kill the Shadow of Apophis and end this world quest in one go.

The players are right because the Shadow of Apophis has not returned to its peak power unlike before when it took years to become that powerful. The Shadow of Apophis has the strength of a

demigod at this point which means it is weaker compared to before. Although, the Shadow of Apophis is not alone because there are other allies or rather beings that it has already corrupted along with the God Shesmu.

Three golden pillars that is infected with sinister energy suddenly appeared near the Shadow of Apophis. This came from the three avatars that have already signed a contract of subservience to the Distorted God Apophis. The three avatars are none other than the Avatar of Babi, Avatar of Ahti, and the Avatar of Menhit.

The players that were charging recklessly and that did not have enough power to counter avatars died with just a few swings of the weapons from the three corrupted avatars. All of this was happening without the others knowing that the real danger was still being hidden beneath the fissure.

"We should go beneath the fissure now that they are being our distraction." Levin Cloud stated as he could see that they were no longer the center of attention when the other players arrived.

"How? The body of that huge serpent is basically filling up the hole while most of it is being protected by the enemy." Creepysoo asked.

The entire fissure had enemies coming out of it as the full force of the enemy seems to be hiding in the tunnels below. If they were to try and dive into the hole, then they would surely be noticed by the enemies. They would not be able to go without getting attention of the players or the enemy.

"Do you guys want to experience the flower express?" Levin Cloud stated with a smile.

Even though Levin Cloud asked, he actually already used the skill as a large flower suddenly appeared next to each of his allies. The large flower swallowed his team members and vanished into the ground. Levin Cloud did not use the skill on himself as he just transformed himself into roots that seeped into the ground.

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"Is it not yet finished?" The Distorted God Apophis asked as it seems that patience is no longer its virtue.

The Distorted God Apophis might have waited long years for this to happen, but it suddenly became impatient now that its plan has been set in motion. It could not believe a mere puppet would actually delay its plans. The Distorted God Apophis does not know that humans are beings with great wills because it only views those lower than it as ants that should serve it.

"Your vessel is tougher than I thought. Still, she would break down eventually. The signal would be when she releases tears. That is the time that you can truly devour her." The God Loki stated.

Just as the two godlike beings were observing the vessel on her hardships, large flowers suddenly bloomed on top of the cave ceiling. Frey, Solstice, Soleil, Peridot and Creepysoo emerged from the flowers and saw the vessel of Apophis. Levin Cloud did not show up immediately as he was taking his time to see if he could interrupt whatever is happening to the vessel.



"We have guests. I have already interfered enough, and I can no longer help you at this point. Should I do more then I would be hit by the world providence." The God Loki stated as he stepped behind the Distorted God Apophis.

"A bit useless but I do appreciate what you have done." The Distorted God Apophis muttered which slightly angered the God Loki, but the latter must keep his cool as the former is as powerful as Odin in its full strength.

"You think that you are powerful when you have played right into my schemes." The God Loki stated as he fully vanished as he left the area since he might get caught up in the fight. If that happens then all the things that he has done would be for nothing.

The Distorted God Apophis knew that most of the followers left here would not be able to perfectly defend against the beings that appeared before it. As soon as the Distorted God Apophis saw a slight tear falling down on Thueban's face, it immediately went for the vessel and devoured her.