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Chapter 1741 The Princess and the Demon I

"Mistress!" The guard that was outside suddenly rushed to report what was happening.

"We already know that there are four beings outside. You do not need to rush too much. We are just stalling for time to see what they want. Do you have that information?" Ina stated.

"Yes, mistress. They told me that they are looking for the young lady." The guard stated which made Yumeko's parents become all ears.

"Might it actually be true?" Ina stated as she turned to her husband.

"It might just be coincidence since our little girl only said a week. It is not strange for that to happen but what do they want with my little girl?" Saito Hajime asked the guard with a fierce voice.

"They only want to meet with the young lady. One of the beings outside even told us that his name is Nether. He said that the young lady would know what that means." The guard stated which brought a shock to Yumeko's parents and even the house god, Shirohe.

"Thank you but we must make sure that my daughter is safe. I should let Kondo be the one to judge their characters." Ina stated as the guard returned to the gate to relay the message.

"What should we do? It seems that our daughter's dreams were not merely figments of her overactive imagination?" Ina stated towards her husband.

"If they really did come here to cure Yumeko, then we should invite them, but we need to test their character first. Kondo will not fight them but gauge their intent which he is very proficient." Saito Hajime stated.

"Mistress!" One of Yumeko's attendants suddenly stated quite loudly as she entered the main hall.

"What is it? What is the problem?" Ina asked.

"The young lady has evaded our sights. We were playing hide and seek but she no longer hides in the spot she always does. When I said that the game is over, she did not jump out of her hiding spot. I fear that she must have been taken." The attendant stated as she started crying.

"Do not worry. If my daughter was no longer in the premises, then Shirohe should have been alarmed. She is keeping watch over the sacred flame after all. The sacred flame and Yumeko are connected so anything that happens to it will alert us of what happened to my daughter as well. She probably got bored playing and is sneaking into the kitchen for some snacks." Ina stated but she suddenly felt that was not the case.

"Search everywhere for my daughter! She must not meet the ones outside or else she might get tricked." Ina commanded as she did not believe Yumeko that Nether was real.

Shirohe started to look for Yumeko as well as the latter is not easy to pinpoint. Shirohe has always made sure to have her eyes on Yumeko because she cannot sense her even in the territory. Yumeko's aura is like that of a ghost and Shirohe might even say that Yumeko's aura is even fainter than one.

She would physically watch over Yumeko when she is awake to make sure that the latter does not leave her gaze. There are instances where she does not look after Yumeko like when she is needed

in the main hall. She can sense Yumeko's presence, but it is not absolute which is why she makes sure that an attendant would always be beside Yumeko.

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Yumeko started wandering around the halls after sneaking into the kitchen to get a dango. She wanted to try the food that Nether would eat as her mother ordered all her favorites to be made for the week. Should Nether not visit then she would just eat her favorite food, so she is always in a good mood.

"I wonder when Nether would come?" Yumeko stated as she knew that the effects of the dust are starting to wear off.

Yumeko could feel that she is starting to become lethargic once again which is why she is making use of all the energy she has right now. If Nether does not come in a week, then Yumeko might fall into a long sleep once again which she does not like. She sincerely hoped that everything was not just a dream as she longed to be cured.

"Nether?!" Yumeko suddenly stated as she felt an aura that is incredibly familiar to what Adrian releases in Limbo.

Yumeko is very perceptive as a being that could dream walk. She needs to be very perceptive because she must never dream walk in a place that has numerous evil spirits or even mischievous elementals. She can also feel danger preemptively which is why she is hailed as incredibly perceptive that Master Omnyoji's would want to teach her.

"That must be Nether! He must be at the gate!" Yumeko stated as she immediately ran towards the gate.

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"To think that the world is extremely small. You even managed to cure someone with Eternal Sleep. I commend you for being such a dedicated person. You must treasure Yumeko a lot." Adrian stated which made Kondo a bit frazzled which made the latter leak his sword aura.

Adrian responded in kind and released his aura as well, but he did not use his Asmodian one but his Netheros aura. Adrian did not want to suddenly release his aura as it might be seen as a sign of aggression. He made sure to provoke Kondo into releasing his aura so that he can also release his.

"Yumeko should now be able to feel that. She is very perceptive about auras after all. I taught her so that should be a given." Adrian stated as he taught Yumeko how to judge other people based on their auras that she can feel as she does not have an evil eye like him.

"Nether!" Yumeko shouted out loud as she was still far away as the group at the gate looked at the cute little girl running towards them.

Chapter 1742 The Princess and the Demon II

"Nether! You really came!" Yumeko stated as she ran towards Adrian and the others with tears in her eyes.

Yumeko might not want to say it out loud, but she was incredibly doubtful that Nether was real. She believed it at first but the constant opinions of those around her started to fill her with doubt. This is

why she would roam around the house for the next days after she woke up to make sure that Nether will come.

Yumeko thought that she was just really imagining things. Each day that passed by with Nether not coming to her house made the doubt in her mind pile up. She still held on to the belief, but each day would make her heart ache a little as her hope that was bright started to get dimmer.

"Wow! She is really cute." Frey and Peridot stated.

"Why does she call you, Nether?" Levin Cloud asked.

"That is my alias when I am working in Limbo. My name would also show up as Nether there as I am considered an NPC in Limbo. Did the Anubises not tell you? We have the same duty." Adrian stated.

"They did but I could not think of one, so I just used Levin." Levin Cloud stated.

"Yumeko, you must not approach strangers easily!" Kondo stated as the others looking for Yumeko has also arrived.

"Nether is not a stranger! Nether is Yumeko's friend. Although, he looks very different, but that aura is only from Nether!" Yumeko stated.

"I believe that we have already met once before Kondo. Do not tell me that you have forgotten about the Scribe that helped you decipher that scroll?" Adrian stated which made Kondo enlarge his eyes from shock.

"Scribe Equinox?!" Kondo stated as he suddenly tried feeling Adrian's aura once more and it was now familiar to him.

"Kondo, do you know him?" Saito Hajime asked.

"He was the one that told me how to cure the Eternal Sleep. He was the scribe that I was telling you about." Kondo stated which suddenly made Yumeko's parents embarrassed.

"What do you mean, Equinox?! Nether is Nether!" Yumeko stated.

"I actually forgot to tell Yumeko that I have a different name here in the mortal realm. In this realm, I go by Equinox. You can also call me by that name but Nether is also fine." Adrian stated.

"We sincerely apologize for keeping you waiting for too long. To think that it was the Scribe that helped us find a cure. We are so ashamed." Yumeko's parents stated as they bowed.

"No need to worry about that as you wanted to protect her which is understandable." Adrian stated.

"What are you waiting for then? Come in. You are our honored guest." Ina stated as she elevated Adrian and his friends to the most important guests in the house.

"Thank you for your hospitality but we cannot stay here for long. We might attract the eyes of those that we are trying to elude after all." Adrian stated.

"In that case, please come with us to the shrine hall. I believed that you want to see the sacred flame as my daughter has told me." Ina stated as she led the way to the shrine hall.

"In that case, Frey and I will look around the city outside as you might talk about boring stuff. We would rather sightsee and have a girl's night out!" Peridot stated.

"You say that, but Frey has yet to agree with you." Levin Cloud stated.

"No worries. I also want to look around as my sister said that this place is beautiful. I want to see the sights of the eastern continent while we are here." Frey stated as she also does not want to join the conversation with Yumeko's parents since she just joined to get closer to Adrian.

"If that is what you two want then you can go. Maybe we can look around more when we finish early." Adrian stated.

Peridot and Frey told Adrian and Levin Cloud to call them immediately if they finished. The two girls were also assigned with an attendant to show them around the land. Adrian and Levin Cloud were the ones that went to the shrine as both of them would be needed to the next thing to happen.

Adrian and Levin Cloud were shown to the shrine hall, but they were also given some tour for the places they passed through. Yumeko was the one that was giving the details with great enthusiasm as her happiness was through the roof. Her fervent wish to become a normal girl is finally coming true.

"Nether! You promised to take me to the places that we visited in my dreams." Yumeko stated.

"I did not want to spoil you Yumeko but the places that we went when you were dreaming walking are real. The moment you and I were no longer in Limbo, we visited the places that you say that you dreamed of. It was only your spirit but you were essentially there so you can brag to others about it." Adrian stated.

"Can you please explain? About our daughter's state?" Yumeko's parents asked as they were the most curious since no scholar in the east could help them.

Adrian decided to explain the details of Yumeko's condition along the way as well as her special ability. Yumeko's parents were afraid at first since they were told that their daughter's spirit traveled to the afterlife, but their worries were washed away as Adrian said that he was there to cure her. A big look of relief could be seen on the faces of Yumeko's parents as they learned that she can be cured.

"To think that we had the soul of an immortal!" Ina stated in shock.

Adrian told them that the sacred flame is actually a soul of a powerful immortal being. The parents thought that it was really a soul of an immortal that saved them. Adrian did not bother to tell them what an Asmodian was since they might become in danger should others that know learn of that information.

Chapter 1743 Second Piece of Abel's Soul

Adrian stared at the sacred flame and has told them that it is indeed a soul fragment. He could see that there is a connection between the soul and Yumeko. She was feeding life force into the sacred flame as a price for saving the lives of all the people back then.

"If I had known then I would have done everything to break the link between them." Ina stated as she prioritized her child's safety.

"If you did that then Yumeko's soul might have been devoured instead of helping her. She signed a contract with souls which is why it must always be completed. The contract terms seemed to be only when the one who needs to gather the souls be present to take it." Adrian stated.

"If that is the case then Master Equinox would be able to complete the contract. You are here to collect the soul which means that Yumeko will be free. My little girl would no longer be tethered to the sacred flame." Saito Hajime stated.

"I am quite sorry if we sound like we are ungrateful, but we really thank the sacred flame for saving all of us. Its just difficult to see your happy child become sad all the time as she cannot play like the other children." Ina stated.

"I do not blame you for saying something like that. I bet even the soul fragment also knows that, but deals must always be completed. The soul fragment risked getting erased from existence to help all of you after all." Adrian stated.

"Can you remove her connection from it?" Ina asked.

"I can but I must warn you that this place has been infected with temporal energy. Should I lift everything then those that were impacted by that spell would suddenly feel all the repercussions." Adrian stated.

"Can you please explain?" Saito Hajime stated.

"How can I describe it? The soul fragment is basically continuously making sure that the magic that it affected you with is maintained. For example, Mistress Ina would suddenly have the poison that was corroding her leg spread. The attendant's stomach over there would suddenly explode into a bloody mess as well.

All of you are being maintained by the soul fragment which means all of you will return back to the state of injury before time was stopped. Parts of the house might also be destroyed but those that died will not come back to life though. The assailants will never return from the dead so you can be assured of that." Adrian stated.

The look of realization suddenly hit all of them, but they cannot easily grasp their head around it. They tried really hard to grasp the subject of the conversation, but they cannot. The minds of humans are very different from demons since demons can see the flow of temporal magic. If temporal magic was stinky then Adrian would not have come close to this castle.

"Since all of you seem to be a bit confused, let me show you an example." Adrian stated as he suddenly spotted a vase.

Adrian snapped his fingers and the vase suddenly shattered. The vase that was broken into pieces was then slowly returning back into position as time reversed. They could see that a magical aura was coating the vase which made it return back to its original form.

"Once I sever the connection of the soul fragment with Yumeko, all of you will end up like that vase. All of you will lose the temporal magic that is supporting all of you. Did those that were here when the attack happens not feel that they grow weak when they are away from the castle?" Adrian stated which made Yumeko's parents react.

Back then, all of them thought that it was a miracle that no one died. Due to the harsh incident, some servants wanted to return to their families for a while. It was then news that those that left the castle for some time, but they have suddenly become injured or were close to death's door.

"There were instances like that. Does that mean we will experience it too?" Ina asked as she suddenly learned how heavy a price Yumeko was paying.

"Yes. All of those that were injured back then will suddenly revert back to the time they are injured. All of you basically defied causality but no one was punished because it was the soul of a being that could defy it making the changes. If I might say, Yumeko just being weak is a very small price to pay for such a powerful change." Adrian stated.

"Does that mean Yumeko did something bad?" Yumeko asked.

"Nope! Yumeko was the bravest of them all as you became their pillar. Still, Yumeko must stop being the pillar if you are to be cured. You must let them crash for the time being as we will make sure that we will save them. A child like you must not bear such a heavy burden." Adrian stated.

"So... this was the reason that you made me stay here. If you were only going to explain to them then you are the only one needed. You need me to help you bear the brunt of causality." Levin Cloud stated.

"Someone needs to heal them from the effects of the temporal magic being lifted. Who else to do that than the Envoy of Life and Death himself?" Adrian stated which shocked all of those that were in the room.

The young man that was grumbling since earlier was actually the Envoy of the Twin Gods. The one that is said to be able to bring the dead back to life. Kondo was also looking for him in Avalon back then, but Levin Cloud needed to leave due to a mission when the former arrived.

"What do you need me to do?" Levin Cloud asked.

"I just need you to save everyone that is about to die. You are the best at that." Adrian stated.

Chapter 1744 Severing the Soul from the Child

"Please gather all of those that were here when the siege happened. We do not want anyone suddenly dying in the middle of the street." Adrian stated to Yumeko's parents.

"We shall do so immediately." Ina stated as she commanded all of the servants to call all the people that were here during the incident years ago.

"I should also warn all of you that we might attract the attention of all the monsters around the area. When I break the connection, all of the magic used will flow towards the soul fragment which will attract all the monsters. They might also be attracted to Yumeko's soul as it has been tempered to the fullest which will entice monsters that want to gain intelligence." Adrian stated.

"Fortify the city immediately! Only the guards that were not here during the incident should be those outside." Saito Hajime commanded as the soldiers started to create a defense line.

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"Just as I thought. He would not invite anyone unless something is about to happen." Peridot stated as she received the party message from Adrian.

"Does he always anticipate things like this?" Frey asked.

"Since he only brought us three then the monster horde might not attack. He might have deduced that a small chance that their ritual will attract monsters which is why he made sure to bring at least one of us along with Levin Cloud. Let us just hope that a monster horde will not come as he predicted." Peridot stated.

"I always wanted to fight monsters in the eastern continent. Maybe one boss monster would be fine!" Frey stated as she was suddenly excited but that made Peridot's have goosebumps.

"Why do I feel like I suddenly saw Equinox' mentality from her?! It might just be in my mind." Peridot thought as she quickly put that thought in the back of her mind.

Peridot took out twenty earth crystals and casted a spell on them. She then let them fall on the ground to be absorbed. The earth crystals would then travel to specified destinations to create a perimeter around the city.

"I have already placed Tagging Crystals around the city. Should a monster enter, I would be the first one to notice. I can immediately point you to a boss monster should one come." Peridot stated which made Frey amazed as the city was large even members of the Briar Rose guild cannot achieve such a feat easily.

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"I have laid down the array. Yumeko, please stay at that magic circle." Adrian stated.

Adrian created two magic circles that are connected via a link. One of the magic circles is drawn with the soul fragment in the middle. Yumeko stepped inside the magic circle as she was instructed by Adrian.

As soon as Yumeko entered the magic circle, the link that she had with the soul fragment can now be physically seen. Those around them tried to rub their eyes to see if they were seeing things but they could see clearly. There was soul link that was about an inch thick that connects Yumeko with the soul fragment.

"We can see the link which means that the spell is working perfectly. Are you ready on your end?" Adrian asked Levin Cloud.

"I think so." Levin Cloud replied.

"Sir Scribe, can you tell me what you are going to do? Are you going to create a complicated array that will slowly melt the connection?" Kondo asked as he was slight curious about the process.

"Oh no! I would physically cut the connection myself. The arrays are just a way for me to have a better view on what I am cutting. It also makes sure that the soul fragment and Yumeko stay in place." Adrian stated.

Adrian's statement made Kondo become unable to react. He did not think that brute force was the only way to destroy the connection. He almost laughed as scholars would have argued that there would be a better way but who would dare argue with the only one that has the solution.

"Will she be absolutely safe?" Ina asked.

"Do not worry as she will be safe. If I cut the connection without the magic circles that I placed, then she might be in danger. This way makes sure that she will not feel the pain of another soul attached to her be separated from her own. Are you ready, Yumeko?" Adrian stated.

"Yumeko is always ready!" Yumeko stated with great energy, but she was still slightly afraid.

"I am ready as well." Levin Cloud stated as he gathered the people that will be affected by the process.

Even though the servants of the house did not know why they were called, they made sure to not kick up a fuss since they have already served this house for quite some time. The more they zip their lips then the more comfortable their life will become. This was the etiquette of servants serving one of the most prestigious houses in the eastern continent.

"Yumeko, can you close your eyes with your hands? Only take them off when I say that you can take them off alright?" Adrian asked Yumeko.

"Okay!" Yumeko stated as she covered her eyes with her hands.

"Why did you make her do that?" Kondo asked.

"Children should not see the next scenes after all." Adrian whispered the answer.

"I will start!" Adrian announced as his human form started to shed.

A triple-colored mass of energy suddenly replaced Adrian's human form. His true form invoked horror to those that are not used to seeing it. Those that were afraid were told to look away while those that can see his true form have finally been given the physical form of absolute death.

Adrian actually manifested his true form in the real world without invoking his skill. He could feel the world pressuring him to stop what he was doing. Before Adrian could no longer bare the suppression, he used his sharp claws to strike at the link that connected the soul fragment with Yumeko.

Chapter 1745 Monster Horde in the Eastern Continent

Adrian pushed his true form out into the mortal realm without the confines of his domain. He could feel the pressure from the world in making sure that his true form does not get out. He knew that he did not have enough time which is why he immediately destroyed the link between Yumeko and the soul fragment.

As soon as Adrian severed the link, a powerful shockwave of energy is suddenly released from the castle. The source of the shockwave was none other than the soul fragment as it leaked some of its energy. The shockwave is then followed up by a force that swallowed everything back into its energy.

Yumeko fainted from the sudden process, but she was incredibly safe due to the array that Adrian has created. The shockwave was not only felt in the Land of Yamato, but it was actually felt in the entire eastern continent. Even the beasts that were sleeping suddenly woke up as a powerful energy source was felt.

The beasts roared as they woke up from their slumber. The shockwave that the soul fragment created was akin to a heavenly treasure forming in the eastern continent. These heavenly treasures are natural medicine that can change the destiny of any being when they absorb it.

Adrian immediately encased the soul fragment inside a time capsule that he created so that it would not emit anymore energy. He turned around and saw the horrible scene of people suddenly collapsing on the floor as they bled out. Levin Cloud immediately cast his most powerful healing spells in order to save all of those that gathered.

The people of the castle felt some sort of energy leave their body when they were hit by the shockwave. That was the immediate time where the temporal magic affecting them suddenly got erased. All of them weakened and started to show signs of being hurt.

"I can manage. You can return to Limbo and deliver that soul fragment. If it still here, then we might be in more danger." Levin Cloud stated.

"Thank you. I will return immediately." Adrian stated as he suddenly vanished from the room which made those that observed him clamor in shock.

"Those that can move... make sure that you observe everyone that looks like they would die. I am just healing them in a group. You must tell me if someone needs specific attention." Levin Cloud stated as he shifted to his base form since he cannot focus enough to keep his human looking form.

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"The monsters are coming." Frey stated as she could feel her blood pumping due to the numerous sounds coming from the surroundings.

"They are here. I want to do large spells but that would reveal my location. If that happens then I might invite more troublesome enemies. I am counting on you to lead this one while I will support you from the shadows." Peridot stated as she casted numerous buffs on Frey.

[You have cast Flame Armor on your ally, Frey. She will have increased 20% physical defense and magical defense for ten minutes and deal 0.01% of the enemy's health per second if they touch the Flame Armor.]

[You have cast Aqua Ringlet on your ally, Frey. She will have increased 50% health regeneration for ten minutes. She will also recover 5% of her maximum health every two minutes.]

[You have cast Enchanting Winds on your ally, Frey. She will have additional 5% magic damage on all her physical attacks and 30% defense penetration for 10 minutes.]

[You have cast Solid Ground on your ally, Frey. She will have 50% chance to negate the status ailment for ten minutes. She will also not be knocked back by any attack or skill for the duration.]

[You have cast Looming Shadows on your ally, Frey. She will have a shadow follow her and have it block attacks once every minute for 10 minutes. The shadow will block attacks that the ally cannot block or evade as priority.]

[You have cast Dazzling Light on your ally, Frey. She will have additional 10% light elemental magic damage added to her attacks and skills for the duration of ten minutes.]

"Wow! I never had anyone cast six elemental buffs on one person before." Frey praised Peridot as she is genuinely impressed.

Usually, elemental buffs are not something one could cast carelessly. An opposing element could cancel out the other which would result in the person not getting any buffs at all. The fact that six elements could become one is something that any elemental mage would be jealous about.

"No problem but it does take lots of focus which is why I do not do six at a time in group settings. Since I am only supporting you, then I can use it easily. Rampage to your heart's content while those two are still busy there. They would join us once everything has been taken care of in that place." Peridot stated.

Frey nodded at Peridot's suggestion and immediately activated Valkyrie's Ascent. Frey suddenly had rainbow wings made of light. Adrian actually became shocked when he met Frey at Avalon as she was no longer in a weakened state.

Frey has saved her goddess with Adrian's help and that restored their connection. Due to her selfless act, Frey became even closer to the Goddess Freyja which is why she was bestowed with a Goddess Fragment. This Goddess Fragment is none other than an actual piece of the soul from the Goddess Freyja.

Due to the Goddess Fragment from the Goddess Freyja, Frey's skills that stem from the Valkyrie job class has become stronger and easier to use. She can also call upon the Goddess Freyja to descend onto her body without any repercussions which means that she is much deadlier than ever. She did not use Goddess Descent yet since she does not know what kind of powerful monster might show up sneakily to head to the castle.

Frey knew that she might be fighting in the front line, but her real objective is to protect the castle. All the people of Yamato also started to take arms as they were determined to fight. Those that cannot fight were told to evacuate to the castle but that is only small children.

The people of Yamato are not pushovers which is why this is considered the safest place in the eastern continent. The people here are actually warriors themselves and they pride themselves with strength. One could even get a free meal in Yamato as long as they defeat the owner of the stall in terms of strength or ability.

The large monster horde that might scare off any normal civilian is actually quite welcomed by the people of Yamato. They were even looking at the monsters as their special ingredients in their dishes. They were not afraid to fight because they have been doing so for generations. Even preteens join in on the fight, but they are still guarded by adults.

"Why do I feel like I have been surrounded by battle maniacs? This place might be the definition of heaven to Adrian." Peridot stated as she made sure to carefully use magic since she does not want anyone to know that she is a Ryujin.

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"You are quite early in getting the soul fragment." The God of Dreams Morpheus stated.

"I did not need to fight such perilous battles to obtain it which is why it is quick. I still need to return quickly though as a monster horde is attacking the city. It would be quite embarrassing for me to not participate in the fight when I was the one that triggered it." Adrian stated.

"Very well. Place the soul fragment with the other one. I have already told my brother to visit this time so we should just wait until he arrives." The God of Dreams Morpheus stated.

A few minutes later, a boat suddenly started to get closer to them from faraway. The Ferryman of the Dead Charon has come with the soul fragment. Adrian already sent word to the God of Dreams Morpheus when he met Yumeko earlier. The Ferryman of the Dead Charon handed the soul fragment to Adrian and the one that he had suddenly fused with the first one that he received.

[You have attained the second soul fragment of Abel.]

[Do you wish to view the memory? This might give a clue to the location of the next fragment.]

"I shall view the memory later. I need to return to the mortal realm and help in the fight. I thank the two gods for helping me in storing the soul. Please keep it safe again, Ferryman of the Dead Charon." Adrian stated with a bow as the Ferryman of the Dead Charon nodded back towards him before sailing away.

"When you wish to view the memory of the soul fragment, just come to me and I shall aid you. I also want to see what memories an Asmodian holds." The God of Dreams Morpheus stated as he returned to his realm.

Chapter 1746 Yumeko is Healed

Adrian immediately returned back to the mortal realm, and he heard the loud cries of the beasts outside. He saw Levin Cloud healing all of the ones that had the static time taken away. Thankfully, Levin Cloud was able to heal them in a quick manner and he also responded to those that needed special attention.

"Hmm... it seems her soul has separated from her body again. Did you happen to see where Yumeko's soul went?" Adrian asked Levin Cloud.

"I do not know! I am busy here remember!" Levin Cloud replied.

"What happened to my daughter?" Saito Hajime asked.

"Relax. She must have wandered off somewhere while I was away. It was an oversight on my part that I did not bound her soul temporarily in the magic circle. Please call out to her as I cannot do the final step if her soul is not in her body." Adrian stated.

"Calling out to her? I tried earlier but she did not respond or wake up." Saito Hajime stated.

"Because you only called out to her normally. You need to call out to her with every fiber of your being. Call out as if you have a desperate wish that is more desperate than staying alive." Adrian stated.

Saito Hajime gave a huge sigh and inhaled deeply. He resolved himself that he would call out to her daughter even if he were to trade places with her right now. He summoned every fiber of his being in order to utter the next few words.

"Yumeko! Come to father! I am waiting in the Shrine Hall." Saito Hajime stated.

Saito Hajime felt his entire body shiver as he suddenly fell to the ground. He was incredibly tired for some reason even though he just spoke a few words. He wanted to speak again but words cannot be uttered by his mouth.

Yumeko suddenly felt her entire body become light earlier when her connection with the soul fragment was cut off. She did not see the other turn into a bloody mess as she wandered outside the castle walls. She saw the large monster horde coming towards them and saw every citizen fight for their homes.

For the first time, she knew that she was dream walking. This was different to when she went to the afterlife because everything was perfect in her eyes. She also felt that an invisible wall was keeping her out of a place which is why she did not come to Limbo.

"Father?" Yumeko stated as she suddenly heard someone calling out to her.

The voice did not come from any direction as Yumeko heard her father calling in her head. She then turned around to look at the castle where she grew up and knew that she must return. She was worried about the citizens, but she knew that her father cannot move unless she is fine.

"Please be safe everyone! Ancestors, please help them!" Yumeko prayed as she imagined herself back in her body in the castle.

Yumeko's soul vanished from the spot it was as it returned back to her body. What she did not know is that she was able to do some sort of miracle. Her little prayer called upon the memories of all those that shed blood, sweat, and tears to the Land of Yamato.

"Father!" Yumeko shouted as she has returned back to her body and went to her father that was still sitting on the floor due to the exhaustion.

"My daughter!" Saito Hajime stated as he hugged Yumeko back.

"It seems that she has returned. Let me proceed with the next important things." Adrian stated as he took out the sand pouch that he was given by the God of Dreams Morpheus.

"Will this cure me, Nether?" Yumeko asked nervously as this was the moment she was waiting for her whole life.

"This will. This was promised by the uncle from dream land." Adrian stated.

Yumeko stood nervously towards Adrian, but he smiled to her so that she will not get too anxious. Adrian did as he was instructed and scooped a handful of the sand to sprinkle it towards Yumeko. Adrian sprinkled it carefully and the sand landed on Yumeko's body as the silhouette of the God of Dreams Morpheus suddenly appeared behind her.

[You have blessed another being with the Blessing of Dreams.]

[The God of Dreams Morpheus has blessed the being named as Yumeko.]

[Anyone that dares harm her will be cursed with the Nightmare Curse.]

Yumeko had this slight brilliance to her, but it vanished after a few seconds. The announcement was actually a world message as an NPC that was cherished by the God of Dreams was created. Adrian smiled through the headache as he did not know that she would be blessed.

Adrian even saw the God of Dreams Morpheus' silhouette smiling at him as if it was really the latter that descended for a second. Adrian thought it was his hallucination because the sand might be from him, but it did not contain enough divinity to descend for a short while. Adrian did not think too much as he might just get a headache as he deleted that memory from his brain in order to avoid future troubles.

"Am I all better now?" Yumeko asked.

"You are now better as your connection with the soul fragment has been severed. You might feel a bit sluggish for the time being as your body is slowly recovering which is why you might feel uncomfortable for the next days. Congratulations!" Adrian stated.

"Then will I no longer be able to see, Nether?" Yumeko asked.

"You will no longer be able to visit me in Limbo, but you can visit me personally this time. Although, I think that you would like to spend time with all your family first. You can send me a letter in Avalon if you wish to see me." Adrian stated.

Yumeko started crying as all her pent-up emotions finally burst out. She thought that she would never be able to become a healthy kid. Her father and her mother that was already cured came to hug her.

Chapter 1747 The Power of Ancestral Spirits I

"A kid is still a kid despite being courageous and acting all mature." Adrian stated with a smile as he saw such a wonderful scene.

"Now that Yumeko is healed, I shall personally command all the soldiers to defeat all of the monsters. We shall have a festival once we defeated them all!" Saito Hajime stated as he kissed Yumeko on the forehead and told his wife to protect their daughter.

"You good?" Adrian asked Levin Cloud.

"I have run out of mana. Healing NPCs take much more than just what the spells requires. They emptied out my mana pool because I had to heal years' worth of damage. It is actually quite a miracle that I am still standing tall like this as I would have passed out. I also think that I am hallucinating because I am seeing a lot of pale people." Levin Cloud stated.

Adrian turned around and he also saw the pale people that Levin Cloud was describing. Levin Cloud was not hallucinating because they were actually real spirits. They were the souls of the departed that was summoned by Yumeko's fervent call for help.

"Champion of the Twin Gods and Envoy of the Twin Gods, we ask for your assistance." A spirit that was decorated like royalty stated.

Adrian looked at the spirit that spoke and he noticed that she looked like Yumeko but older. Adrian deduced that she must have been her ancestor, but he does not know who called her. Spirits that can manifest like this are no longer part of the cycle of reincarnation because they have done heroic deeds when they were alive.

Spirits that can be called upon would usually be heroes that have lived back then. When the heroes died, they were given a choice to either be reincarnated or enjoy their afterlife in a paradise in the death realms. The former would guarantee them a new life of good karma while the latter would ensure that they could guide their descendants.

The saying that 'You can hear your ancestors crying' is not just a figure of speech. It is a real phenomenon in Pandemonium because they can literally monitor the lives of their descendants. If they deem that their descendant is in need of something, then they would usually use up the good karma they built when they were alive to send a helping aide.

For example, when one of their descendants is lost in a city that is new to them, the ancestors could use some of their good karma to create a chance for them to help them. These forms of helping are not infinite though as there are very strict criteria and the effectiveness of it is also varied. The effectiveness varies if their descendants are doing good deeds.

The amount of good karma that their descendants have accumulated would let their aide be felt easily. It is also true that their aide will never come if their descendants have a large bad karma.

This is the reason why there are a lot of powerful families that suddenly fall due to bullying a poor kid in the eastern continent.

"What is it that you need? Only I can help you for the moment as the Envoy is a bit exhausted, right now." Adrian stated.

"We wish to give aid to everyone here so that they will be able to push the monster horde." The royal looking spirit stated.

"If all of you use it then it might take all of you a decade to send aide to them. Do you know what kind of burden you are asking?" Adrian stated as it will be a really big deal if they were no longer able to send aide to their descendants.

"We will not use all of it. We will use half in order to make sure that everyone stays safe and alive. We have already gotten the permission of Yama. Please give us the power." The royal spirit stated as she bowed to Adrian and the other spirits did as well.

"Who is your friend talking to? There is no one there." Ina asked Yumeko as she could see that Equinox was talking to air.

"Nether is talking to a beautiful lady that wears those beautiful ceremonial clothes that we are keeping behind the shrine. She is so beautiful, and she also looks a bit like you, mother." Yumeko stated as her mother suddenly shuddered.

Ina, Yumeko's mother, no longer doubted any of her child's words as she was not one to lie or make up a story. The clothes that Yumeko stated were indeed the heirloom that they got from the time of the first head of the family. If Yumeko is describing the spirit correctly then the one Adrian was speaking to would be none other than the First Head of the Yamato Family or the seventh imperial princess of olden times.

"If Yama has already accepted then he must have given you a scroll that I can use." Adrian stated.

"Please accept this scroll." The First Head of the Yamato Family stated as she gave the scroll to Adrian.

Ina is shocked to see another scroll that exuded powerful energy suddenly come into Adrian's hand. If one were to describe it, then it materialized from nothing which is different when players use their inventory. Items taken from inventory would be needed to be pulled out while the scroll materialized into existence.

"Do you want to help me, Yumeko?" Adrian asked as he needed someone to be the medium that can connect the hearts of the people to their ancestors.

"I want to help! Everyone did a lot for me." Yumeko stated as she took off from her mother and held Adrian's hand.

"Wai...!" Ina stated but she suddenly saw the spirits with her eyes when Yumeko held Adrian's hand.

"It seems that it is already taking effect when everyone could physically see all of the spirits of their ancestors." Adrian stated as he burned the scroll with his nether energy.

Chapter 1748 The Power of Ancestral Spirits II

The people of the Land of Yamato could suddenly see spirits of the dead in the area. They thought that they have died but the spirits started to talk to them. Some of the spirits told them that they were their ancestors and that they were incredibly proud of their descendants that would give up their life to protect this place.

"Your highness!" Ina stated as she bowed towards the First Head of the Yamato Family as the others also bowed in respect.

"Raise your head up high my descendants. You have done me proud for protecting the place that I held dear with my beloved. All of you shall be given our aide even if we use all of our karma in order to protect you." The First Head of the Yamato Family stated.

"Should you do that... all of you will enter the cycle of reincarnation as there is no longer any karma holding you to the paradise lands of the death realms." Adrian stated which only the dead spirits of heroes could hear.

"We have already prepared ourselves for that. We always wanted a chance to give everything back to our descendants. Did you know that we were incredibly saddened when we could not do nothing when the great fight occurred back then?

If not for the timely sacrifice of karma from my beloved, the soul of the Asmodian would not even activate. It did come with a price but the people that would have died back then were all safe. This is the price that I am willing to pay for putting such a burden on my descendant." The First Head of the Yamato Family stated as she caressed Yumeko's face.

Adrian thought why such an event occurred because he knows that the soul fragment of an Asmodian would not easily activate even with the most fervent wish of mortals. They were the first keeper of balance as their very powers could overturn the natural order of things. They were the beings that could actually defy nature without a consequence which is why the Asmodians were the ones that needed to be killed by the invaders back then.

The beloved of the First Head of the Yamato Family must be her husband which is no longer in the heroes. The most likely answer is that the husband of the First Head of the Yamato Family used all of his karma in order to activate the soul fragment of the Asmodian in order to help their descendants. It is even more likely that there were more heroes that sacrificed as using the soul fragment of an Asmodian would need at least twenty given the good karma that they have.

"Since all of you are already prepared to be reborn then I would not stop you. I am the Champion of the Twin Gods, the Shephard of Lost Souls, the Arbiter of the Damned, but I am not the King of Dead Heroes that can dictate on what they do. I am merely a being that is tasked to aide those that have departed even in the afterlife." Adrian stated.

"Thank you, Champion of the Twin Gods for making sure that our gift would be given to our descendants. Please perform the Rite of Soul Traversal by using all of our good karma." The First Head of the Yamato Family stated as she raised her hands.

The First Head of the Yamato Family' hands suddenly shot out a light that went straight to Adrian. It was not just her, but every spirit of the dead made sure to raise their hands as light surged towards the castle. All of the light was the good karma that they have accumulated in all of their life as they asked Adrian to perform the Divine Tier Spell: Rite of Soul Traversal.

"Your wish is my command." Adrian stated as he told Yumeko that she could now join her parents as she has done her duty.

Adrian started to shed his mortal disguise as he turned into his Netheros Form as Nether Mist started to appear in the entire Land of Yamato. All the monsters that entered the nether mist suddenly started to feel the aversion of entering but they would want the source of power that was emitted earlier. With that kind of power, they would become able to step into the realm of divine beasts.

There were actually ten monsters in the horde that were indeed a step away from being divine beasts as they only needed a few more divine energies in their body. These ten monsters have also unlocked wisdom which meant that they have the same thinking capabilities of a human being. They were the biggest threats that can slip through the barrier that Peridot has created.

Frey and Peridot were still doing fine but Peridot has already sensed these powerful monsters. She would actually announce herself as a Ryujin should they not retreat. If those ten monsters really do actively participate then they would destroy the entire Land of Yamato.

"The only way to stop those ten monsters would be to use the prestige of a Ryujin. They would definitely turn tail and run if I use it as we will hunt them down. The only downside is that my location would be compromised as a result which would make me the one being hunted down." Peridot thought but she made sure to be ready once those ten monsters started to move.

Peridot suddenly felt the movement of five of the ten monsters. She was ready to step up and warn them when a powerful force suddenly exploded from the castle of Yamato. The powerful energy was actually that of the life energy as Aether Dust started to spread even with nether mist in the surroundings.

The five of the ten monsters that moved suddenly stopped as they suddenly felt the increasing energy from the castle. The energy was something that could even stop them which is why they were frozen in their tracks. They retreated immediately to the outskirts as soon as they felt this energy but the monsters that did not have unlocked wisdom charged even further as they thought this was the energy source earlier.

"Follow me my loyal attendants! Help our people with the Beast Tide!" A powerful voice of a woman exploded.

The aether dust combined with the nether mist has started to finally show its influence. The spirits that were only ghostly started to become corporeal. The powerful heroes that once roamed the Land of Yamato has started to materialize in the mortal realm once more.

The one who was commanding all of the ancestral spirits was none other than the First Head of the Yamato Family, Princess Yasha. She wore such intricate yet elegant armor into the battlefield as it was pulled by two Kirins. She wielded a spear with a dragon's head and charged fearlessly into the beast tide along with the other ancestral spirits.

The ancestral spirits are already dead which is why they made sure to attack the beast tide without thinking of what would happen to them. The ancestral spirits also made sure to save their living descendants if they were in trouble. The sudden influx of humans made some of the monsters with some intelligence turn tail and run.

The only monsters that were left were those that were hungry for power or has lost their mind due to bloodlust. The culling of the huge beast tide started the moment the ancestral spirits materialized. The land that was covered with a beast tide suddenly started to be covered with the corpses of monsters instead.

The ten monsters that Peridot marked as dangerous also retreated as they felt the power of the First Head of the Yamato Family, Princess Yasha. The moment the ten monsters saw two Kirins dragging the dragon chariot that Princess Yasha was riding, the ten monsters scattered as they knew that being was not someone they could contend with.

The ten monsters are suddenly thankful that they did not harm any denizens of Yamato or else they would have been hunted down by that fearsome being. They actually saw a monster that is close to their power level get cleaved in half by Princess Yasha. The ten were already wary of the House God Shirohe but Princess Yasha made them scared beyond belief.

Some of the ten monsters even thought to become House Gods of the Land of Yamato since they have witnessed the power of Princess Yasha. They suddenly have a dream that they might ascend to a divine beast if they spend some time in this land. The most perceptive of the ten monsters could clearly feel that the current House God was near in becoming a divine beast which is why they might even replace Shirohe should she finally ascend.

"Ruby Eye Blue Serpent! Leave or be executed like the rest of the beasts. I shall spare you since you have not harmed any of my descendants." Princess Yasha stated.

Chapter 1749 Another House God and the Rite of Soul Traversal

"Great Warrior! I wish to be of service to your family. I wish to be your House God." The Ruby Eye Blue Serpent stated with conviction and without any ulterior motives.

Out of the ten monsters that came, the Ruby Eye Blue Serpent was the weakest, but he was the most perceptive. It is not that he would be killed if he were to fight against the other nine, but he would lose even on a one on one. He has always pondered on how he would ascend to become a divine beast.

"I can see that you are not like some of the powerful beasts that I sensed. You have not devoured humans or harmed humans just because of enjoyment which means that your soul is clean. You can become a house god of my family which will also give you the benefit of becoming a divine beast.

Should you fulfill your contract then you would be the eighth divine beast that my family would create. Do you wish to do the House God contract?" Princess Yasha asked the Ruby Eye Blue Serpent.

"It shall be my pleasure to serve your house until my own ascension." The Ruby Eye Blue Serpent stated as it bowed its head.

"Good! I shall give you the name of Aoruhe. Serve my family well and you might have a chance to become a divine dragon instead of just a divine serpent!" Princess Yasha stated as she bound the soul of Aoruhe to the Land of Yamato.

Just like that, the House of Yamato suddenly gained another House God that is powerful. The other nine monsters thought of doing the same, but they were beings that loved slaughter or do not want

to be bound to the land. They even thought that the Ruby Eye Blue Serpent made the wrong choice, but they were the ones that were really wrong in the end.

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A few minutes earlier...

Adrian performed the Rite of Soul Traversal which is none other than using good karma in order to materialize the ancestral spirits that gave him that energy. Due to this, he was able to perform a feat that would be impossible just on his own. Adrian summoned both the Nether Domain and the Aether Domain in order to materialize every ancestral spirit that gave him good karma.

The nether mist created by the Nether Domain stabilized the connection of the ancestral spirits to the mortal realm. With this, they would not have any difficulty in maintaining their current form and energy. The aether dust created by the Aether Domain is what physically materialized all the ancestral spirits which made them able to fight with the beast tide.

If one looked closely at the ancestral spirits, their body is actually still hollow as it is composed of nether mist while they have an outer shell made of aether dust. They glowed in the jade, gold, and blue while they released nether mist from their feet as they are still spirits. They were in a state where they are dead, but they are not undead.

To make this possible, Adrian had to actually split himself into two beings. The two beings were none other than his Netheros and Aetheros forms. Two Adrian's of different physical features could be seen holding a large orb which is the Soul Traversal Orb which makes the ancestral spirits physically present in the mortal realm.

"There are suddenly two Nethers, but one does not look like Nether." Yumeko stated as she could see the same face on the two beings.

"We are the same being just split into two." Netheros Adrian and Aetheros Adrian simultaneously stated as they share the same brain after all.

"Trippy." Levin Cloud stated as he does not have the same abilities as Adrian since he has already a combination of life and death energies in his body.

"Which one is Nether?" Yumeko asked as she was confused.

"We are both Nether." Netheros Adrian and Aetheros Adrian stated but they suddenly looked at each other.

"Actually, since I represent death. You can call me Nether." Netheros Adrian stated.

"Then if that is the case then you can call me Aether since I represent life." Aetheros Adrian stated.

One looked like a demon god from the abyss while the other looked like a heavenly demon from the heavens. The two of them were making sure that the Rite of Soul Traversal would be maintained for twenty minutes. Twenty minutes was the maximum time that the ancestral spirits of Yamato could afford despite using all of their good karma.

The fact that they were able to have twenty minutes was amazing as even the power of Providence would not be able to do anything to them within that timeframe. The ancestral spirits could change the very landscape itself, but they would not get punished. That would be the same for Adrian as well that was using the divine tier spell of life and death.

[You have aided Princess Yasha in subduing the Ruby Eye Blue Serpent into becoming a House God for the Land of Yamato.]

[Divinity has been increased by 1.]

"I did not expect that." Nether and Aether stated simultaneously as they looked at each other.

The sound of the roars from numerous beasts started to die down as the monsters have started to dwindle. When the other monsters saw that they were getting killed and their numbers were down, some intelligence has finally returned to them. The monsters started fleeing back to the deep mountains and forests that they came from.

The ancestral spirits did not chase after the monsters as their area of movement is severely limited to the Land of Yamato. If they were to venture further, then they would have difficulty in maintaining their corporeal forms. A beast tide of five million was subdued in under fifteen minutes to spare which means that there was still excess good karma that was needed to be used.

"You are up." Adrian stated as he looked at Levin Cloud.

Chapter 1750 Blessing the Land with Good Karma

Nether Adrian and Aether Adrian then gathered the remaining good karma as it would be needed to do the next process. It would have been simple if they could return the excess but all of it has already been offered. Karma is not like any other energy as one must spend it all when it has been given.

Nether Adrian and Aether Adrian then gave a crystal of pure energy to Levin Cloud. It was an orb that was gleaming with pure and clear energy that would be mistaken for divine energy. Once Adrian gave the good karma to Levin Cloud, he suddenly fused back together as he reverted back to his normal looking form.

Levin Cloud was the next one to undergo changes as his body suddenly started to glow in the essences of life and death. Levin Cloud suddenly scattered into leaves as he manifested outside because he knew that he would become gigantic. Levin Cloud's body started to morph as his true form is finally for everyone to see.

Levin Cloud is usually about ten meters tall in his true form but this time it is different. Levin Cloud is now the size of the castle pagod which is fifty meters tall. A gigantic Leshy suddenly manifested itself in the Land of Yamato.

Levin Cloud looked like he was an entire mountain that moves as his body was mostly made of trees. The stag skull head is also something that would make anyone be terrified, but Levin Cloud emitted a powerful energy of nature that made all those of the natural order have comfort in him. He also emitted a powerful life energy that made the area become full of greenery and also death energy that calmed the restless spirits that gazed at him.

"There are still a lot left. I do not know what will happen if I insert everything into this land, but I have no choice since I cannot keep it to myself." Levin Cloud stated as he held the orb that is filled with good karma.

Levin Cloud absorbed all of that energy into his body as all the power of life in his body started to go wild. Levin Cloud could not contain the potent energy anymore and immediately proceeded with the ritual. Levin Cloud suddenly dove into the very land itself as he became a part of it.

Levin Cloud's large body could be seen moving as a large shadow was present on the ground whenever he moved. There is also noticeable presence of divine power when he passes through an area and also lush greenery starts to sprout. The land that was barren earlier or was just grassy started to sprout trees and other vegetables as if they were being cultivated for years.

The air inside the Land of Yamato suddenly started to feel cleaner than before as if one's mana would get excited just breathing their air. It is almost similar to the air in Avalon but not quite since the Yewdrassil itself was filtering the air in Adrian's territory. The largest changes were the fact that the people and every being that was tied to the Land of Avalon started to get blessed as well.

Some people have started to recover from their sickness that ailed them for a long time. Some felt refreshed as their fatigue was worn off. The most notable changes were that the power of nature was filled to the brim in the Land of Yamato.

The ones that could feel this energy in the Land of Yamato were none other than the two house gods. They could feel that something within them has started to change as well. The scales of the two serpent house gods suddenly started to shimmer and become tougher as if their serpent scales started to turn into dragon scales.

[The Ancestral Spirits of the Land of Yamato has given their karma to bless the land.]

[All beings that are tied to the Land of Yamato will not have any simple sickness for a decade. The chances of suddenly having severe illnesses have been severely reduced.]

[The land in the Land of Yamato has become the most fertile in the entire Eastern Continent.]

[The Azure Dragon of the East is joyful for the sudden blessing to the land it protects.]

[The Azure Dragon of the East swore that he will monitor the Land of Yamato personally so that it will not fall into the hands of those that wish harm upon its people.]

Levin Cloud finally stopped when all of the good karma energy has run out. He managed to spread all of it into the entire land without any rest, but he also gained some compensation as a return for a job well done. Levin Cloud managed to get a huge 20% cooldown reduction to his true form transformation as a reward for completing the land blessing.

All of the ancestral spirits also started to fade away as the magic that let them manifest is starting to wear off. The ancestral spirits bid farewell to their descendants as they were now headed to the path of rebirth. They have used all of the karma they had stored from when they were alive which means they can no longer linger in the paradise hero lands of the death realms.

"Thank you for making sure that our request becomes true. For my descendants, all of you are doing well and I hope that all of you will remain to have a good heart. That is more important than any other thing in this world. Take it from someone who has already been to the afterlife." Princess Yasha stated as she also vanished from the area.

"I am done. Peridot and Frey are also coming to the castle as there are no more enemies. Are we done with all of the things we need to do?" Levin Cloud asked.

"Please do not go yet. We need to give all of you a reward for protecting our land. Not only protecting but also blessing it." Ina stated.