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### Chapter 181 - Snow Woman

The chains draining the life force of the yeti was protecting it from the Greater Seal skill that Adrian cast. Mina who saw this could only grumble show her displeasure.

"What happened? Why did you fail!?" Mina grumbled every few seconds because she was not immediately getting what she wanted.

"It's the chains. These chains are a bit more special than I thought. Everyone step back. I will try something." Adrian replied.

"What is so special about those chains?" Mina asked.

"I cannot see its details but those chains are using both curse and undead energy." Creepysoo stated.

Adrian then used up all his nether energy and focused it on his giant gauntlets. Adrian is going to use pure physical force plus the enchantment of nether energy to try and break the chains. The first few seconds nothing was happening. Little by little, the chains are showing signs of breaking.

Although the chains were showing signs, the power that Adrian exerted seems to be not enough so he even used some of his soul essence. The burst of strength surged in Adrian's arms and the chains are now starting to break. The sound of cracking metal is now spreading inside the room and the others were immediately on guard.

Once the chains break then even the yeti might attack them. They must be ready if the yeti would suddenly charge towards them when it becomes free from its bondage. A loud clang and a sudden shockwave of energy spread out inside the room when Adrian finally broke the chains.

The others members braced themselves for the sudden charge of the yeti. But contrary to what they expected, the yeti looked like it became calm and then it fell to the floor with a large thud. From the looks of it, the yeti fell asleep because of intense exhaustion.

The yeti might have been fighting a much more intense battle than they thought. Adrian though actually received damage from the act that he did. He would have been afflicted with a curse but he resisted it. It seems that whoever imbued the chains must have put the curse and whoever destroys the chain would be afflicted by it.

"Can you seal it now?" Mina asked.

"Yup. But I do not have an empty companion stone so you would have to wait until we are out of this dungeon." Adrian replied.

"I am fine with that." Mina replied as Adrian once again started the skill.

Adrian then once again activated Greater Seal. The soul chains once again bound the yeti but it did not even fight it. The large body of the yeti slowly sunk towards the floor and its body becoming illusory. Its body is now becoming one with the magic circle and it transformed the magic circle.

The magic circle now had an insignia of the yeti in the middle and it now glowed in a pale white light. The magic circle disappeared and then a system notification appeared in front of Adrian.

[Do you want to name the sealed Yeti? Yes or No]

[You have selected No. The soul of the yeti will remain in the soul chamber.]

Adrian did not name the yeti because it would form a link between them and the yeti would become his soulbound. He might not be ready to part with a creature that becomes his soulbound so he did not seal any random creature that he sees. He might be called picky but he is careful and even other summoners from top guilds do this.

"Okay. Now we can proceed to the next room." Mina stated and all of them stared at her with wonder.

They did not know where the tigress gets her motivation from. Nevertheless, the only thing keeping them in this room was the yeti so they head to the next room. The door to the next room was suspicious because there is no physical door but just darkness.

Usually there would be a physical door but all there was is pitch black darkness that their vision could not pierce. Even Adrian's eyes only see total darkness and the sensation was different when they passed through the entrance. It felt like they passed through a thin film or membrane.

The next scene gave them chills because the next room was vastly different from what they expected. The whole room was like the outside as it was actually snowing inside an actual large room. There were even snowmen inside the room so some even got close and patted them.

"Aahhh!" A scream of a young boy suddenly echoed.

"What!? What is wrong?" Solstice suddenly bolted towards the direction of the scream since Vayu is already looking out for his daughter then she must look after the other kid.

The group all hurried towards the location of the scream and they saw Creepysoo visibly shaken. He then pointed to the snowman that had the snow in its face gone. It was actually a real man encased in a frozen block of ice with visible fear written all over his face.

They then checked all of the snowmen and all of them were the same. The only difference is that they were men of different races. The snowmen inside the room were all men that was frozen to death. The party then stuck together much more tightly than before but no enemies were showing up.

They once again saw the entrance to the next room and it was like the previous entrance that they have just went inside. All of them basically ran to the next room as they were really creeped out by the view in their current room. It was like they were inside a horror movie or something and the next target would be them.

Inside the next room was like the previous room but this time there were actual enemies inside. There are two frost liches and a pale woman with bluish white hair that is wearing white kimono. The kimono she was wearing had patterns of a snowflakes and she is seen smiling at the party that entered.

"It seems that we have some lovely visitors. Have you seen my beautiful masterpieces in the room before?" the pale woman asked the group.

"If you are calling those masterpieces then you do not have any taste in art, you hag." Solstice immediately rebutted.

"How dare you tell me I have no taste in art!? Freezing them after they felt euphoria and then extreme terror is the most beautiful thing that I have made. Well, I am prettier of course." The pale woman said as she made outrageous movements like she was waving to an audience of something.

"Did she get hit on the head or something?" Peridot whispered.

"Do not be fooled. That is not a living woman." Adrian stated as he looked at the pale woman with his evil eyes.

Monster: Snow Woman

Level: 108

HP: 1,000,000 / 1,000,000

MP: 1,500,000 / 1,500,000

Description: An undead said to be from a woman who died in snowy mountains and rose back from the dead to kill unsuspecting hikers. She would first lure the hikers with her beauty. When they least expect it, she would then show her hideous form and suck the life force out of her victims. The life force she has drain would make her look beautiful façade younger and more beautiful. The victim would then be frozen in ice with horror still preserved in their frozen bodies.

"There are undead that are fixated on looking young and beautiful. Those are usually the crazy ones that take life force from any person so I advise to not associate with those." Creepysoo stated as he started chanting his skill.

"It seems that you managed to kill one of the frost liches but that will not happen again." The snow woman said as she suddenly summoned a blizzard inside the room.

Soleil immediately used a flame shield so that the upcoming blizzard does not cover them. The snow is immediately melted by the flame shield while the others immediately started discussing a plan once the initial attack of the snow woman disappears.

It took about thirty seconds before the intensity of the blizzard subsides but snow would still rage every second or so. The vision of the group became blurry because of what the snow woman did. They also saw that the snow woman is no longer located on the area she was standing on. Even the two frost liches near her disappeared.

They immediately formed two circles. Soleil, Creepysoo, Levin Cloud and Peridot in the inner circle since they could be easily killed if they get focused on. Vayu, Kabrakan, Solstice and Equinox on the outer as the vanguard. Sirius was already hiding inside Adrian's shadow.

Kanlaon is in human form beside Adrian while Adrian will summon Saena when he sees the enemy. Saena was not good in very cold climates. She could barely heal anyone because she was shaking due to the freezing temperature so she had to sit this one out.

Suddenly, numerous ice spikes is shot towards the group from three different directions. The vanguards easily blocked the ice spikes but then they heard a giggle. The giggle reverberated all over the room so there was no obvious location to trace where it came from.

Levin Cloud then saw that a shadow is suddenly forming from below them and it was actually expanding. He looked up and saw a giant iceberg coming down towards their location.

"Everyone scatter!"

## Chapter 182 - Snow Illusion Array

Everyone was alarmed with Levin Cloud suddenly shouting. Instead of finding the cause of his panic, they did what he tasked and scattered. This just goes to show that all have gained a level of trust that they will follow through immediate instructions.

A loud crash was then heard and with the ground shaking. When they all looked back, they saw a huge iceberg located in their previous standing place. If they were not warned then they might have been squished flat and die due to suffocation.

The most terrifying thing was that the iceberg fell but it was silent as it was muffled by the sound of the cold whistling wind. Thankfully, Levin Cloud managed to observe that a shadow was forming and spot the iceberg in time. It is true on what they say that it is always the most observant who lives in horror movies.

"Che! Where did that hag hide?!" Solstice suddenly shouted.

"Even I cannot sense their undead energy. As if they became the environment themselves or are in a separate dimension and attacking us." Creepysoo stated and looked towards Adrian hoping that he can verify his claim.

"It is not spatial magic. It is as if they are everywhere at the same time." Adrian stated as he activated his evil eye and saw that their energy signatures was all over the place.

Adrian thought that this should be impossible. No one should be able to attack if they dispersed themselves in the surroundings like when vampires turn into blood mists. It would be seriously over the top broken if they could do that as they could kill anyone while being invincible.

Adrian focused more and saw some glyphs and runic lines on the floor itself. The snow was covering most of it so he did not notice it immediately. He read some of the runes that were small in scale because some of the runes run far throughout the room.

The runes consisted of more than ten enchantments so it would mean that this was not done immediately. This formation was laid and perfected in a long time. Even Adrian is not confident enough to break it as he is not that proficient as it looks like a master scribe made this one.

"It seems we are trapped inside an array or formation. It is some kind of illusion that masks their energies. It somehow makes the surroundings have the same energy signature as them." Adrian stated as he remained in high alert.

"Do you have an idea on how to break the array then? Any idea would be good right about now. I sick and tired of this freezing place." Peridot grumbled as she does not like the cold since she rarely goes outside the country and is not used to the freezing weather.

"There are only two ways to break an enchantment using runes. The first way is to somehow rewrite part of the array. This way is more time consuming and if we are not in an immediate threat then I would use this one." Adrian stated.

"What is the other one?" Vayu asked as he was curious.

"The second way would be to use brute force in order basically shatter the array." Adrian replied.

"Any idea on how we can do the second option?" Kabrakan asked as he is the one taking the brunt of the damage from the ice spears getting fired at them continuously.

"Easy. We just melt the snow in this room. They cannot hide using the power of the array if there is no snow. They are using the snow as a cover so erase the cover then they would be revealed." Adrian stated.

"Got it! I will use my wide area skill then. I need to cast for a minute so please protect me." Soleil said as she began chanting and she was now glowing red.

"Kanlaon start firing your breath randomly around us so that we can at least pinpoint their immediate location. Sirius, hide in a shadow with a bit of distance from us so that you can attack the enemies when they show up." Adrian ordered via their soul link.

Kanlaon then transformed into his dragon form and spewed his breath around them. Sirius used the shadow created by the breath attack to move towards a location a bit far from them. Adrian would cast Chrono Lag on some ice spears that are too fast for the others to react so that they would not be caught unaware.

Adrian's increased senses at level 100 is so useful that he can even see minute details if he adds his evil eye. About thirty seconds of the chant, another shadow once again formed above them and all of them noticed it because they are now more conscious of their surroundings. They cannot move right now as Soleil is chanting.

"I wonder?" Adrian murmured and he cast his skill Quantum Repulsion.

The iceberg managed to tilt a little but it would still hit Kabrakan that is standing at that location. Adrian then cast Quantum Cascade and set the iceberg as the only target. A while later the iceberg is pulled and it landed two meters away from the group. Now, they have an impromptu shield in that area as ice spears would take time to destroy that giant iceberg.

Kabrakan now has lesser area to guard thanks to the temporary iceberg shield. The group then suddenly felt that their surroundings becoming warmer. The red lion stuffed toy now had a small red round sphere of intense flame. Soleil then raised her stuffed toy up in the air and the small red flame sphere was shot upwards.

The small flaming sphere suddenly started to increase in size bit by bit as it rose up in the sky. It stopped becoming bigger when the small sphere became a miniature sun that is five meters in diameter. The heat basically melted the snow bit by bit and the group could notice it as water started forming inside the room.

Not only did it melt the snow, the ice spears that are fired at them also started to melt before it reached their location. A scream filled with disgust is then heard by everyone.

"Ahh! Why did it suddenly become hot?! The heat is unbearably disgusting. What happened to the Snow Illusion Array!" The snow woman stated in an irritated tone which made her location known.

"Found you!" Both Solstice and Adrian said as they charged towards the snow woman.

The rest were the last to notice but they agreed to split up and defeat one frost lich each. Kabrakan, Peridot and Levin Cloud on one team. Creepysoo, Soleil and Vayu on the other. The first team might have a tank but the second team has an elemental advantage.

"Sirius use Phantom Rush." Adrian commanded while he summoned his sword Psyche Armament.

The two siblings charged towards the snow woman but Adrian is faster than Solstice. It also helped that he used Chrono Shift towards himself. The snow woman contorted her face because the two individuals charging at her was likely underestimating her.

The snow woman immediately made huge ice spears as she backed away. She was basically an ice spear machine gun. Sadly for her, she was caught off guard by Sirius who suddenly emerged from the shadows and struck her using Phantom Rush.

The snow woman is struck five times by Sirius and she no longer fired off ice spears because she cannot keep her concentration. Sirius was about to land his sixth hit but the snow woman crumbled. Sirius actually hit snow that was shaped as the snow woman. The snow woman reappeared five meters away from her previous location and left the attack radius of Phantom Rush.

The two siblings saw what the snow woman did and agreed that this mini-boss is no pushover.

Shifting to the two teams who went and charged to their respective frost liches...

The group of Levin Cloud is fighting a frost lich that summoned frozen corpses while Creepysoo's group is fighting the one that summoned ice golems. The frost lich that Creepysoo's group is battling only using summoned ice golems because Creepysoo could basically disable low tier undead easily. It would take at least a death knight for it to put up a decent fight against Creepysoo.

Soleil also deals tons of damage to the frozen corpses and Vayu finishes them off after. Their group is basically a sweeping specialist. The frost lich battling them had to resort to using ice elemental spells and ice golems to tank the fire elemental spells that Soleil uses.

Levin Cloud's group is basically facing a battle of attrition because the only one who has burst damage on their group is Peridot. Levin Cloud is acting as a secondary damage dealer while Peridot is chanting her spell. Peridot might deal high burst damage but her cast times are longer in order to bring out the potential of the gem she uses as a catalyst.

"I really wanted to test my new skill out so what better time than now?" Adrian stated.

"Soul Recall!"

Chapter 183 - Aspect Of Death

"Soul Recall" Adrian stated and his mana was whisked away from his body.

A gate like that of the one he saw in limbo appeared but this one has spikes protruding from it. The gate is pouring out this thick death energy that made even the undead feel fear from their bones. Even the living had their skin crawl when they felt the energy from the gate.

[Your Luck stat has affected your skill summoning.]

[A higher order being will be summoned but its power will be limited by your level.]

These were the notification showing on Adrian's vision yet the summoned creature has yet to surface. It has been a minute and nothing happened.

"Ahaha! It seems that intense energy was just a fluke!" The snow woman shouted as she cast Frost Wave.

"It seems that your skill failed. Do you have a skill that can block that avalanche coming our way?" Solstice asked.

"I do not know. There was no system notification saying that my skill failed. I can just fly away to escape the attack. You are on your own sis!" Adrian stated which almost made Solstice hit him because of the last remark.

Tons of snow is suddenly created behind the snow maiden and it is gushing forward the group that is currently facing against her. The avalanche is almost at their midst but suddenly an armored hand came out of the gate. The armored hand then made a motion like forming hand seals and it made the avalanche stop in its tracks.

An armored boot then stepped out of the gate that is yet to dissipate and a shock came down every person's spine. It did not matter if it was living or the undead as everyone felt the tingle that death is coming. The frost liches literally stopped in their tracks and froze on the spot.

All the attention went towards the armored being stepping out of the gate. The clanking armor is heard throughout the room as if sound itself became dead. The armored being finally emerged and everyone could not utter a sound because its presence is too powerful despite the level being scaled down to Adrian's level.

The armored being really is only made of armor as it wore armor like a knight. The armor has black plates with silver linings and touches of purple. The armored being's face is not covered by an armor but a mask made of platinum colored metal. The armored being did not have any weapon in hand as it stepped out of the gate.

The armored being looked around the surroundings as it surveyed it further. Its gaze landed on the frozen men inside the room that was encased in ice. After gazing at the frozen men, its gaze then shifted towards the snow maiden that it figured was the perpetrator.

Adrian did not say anything to the party earlier that the souls of the frozen men were actually trapped. The scene was more horrific because Adrian can see their souls undergoing frozen torment. The spirits of the frozen men are bound by chains made of eyes and they were shivering as if experiencing being frozen to death again and again.

It seems that Adrian summoned a being that can also see this. When Adrian identified the armored being, he is visibly shaken and surprised.

Summoned NPC: Thanatos (Lesser Persona)

Title: Aspect of Death

Level: 100

HP: Unknown

MP: Unknown

Description: Said to be the one of the sons of the God of Death himself. Thanatos is said to be the personification of death and is the one who guide souls into the afterlife. As it is an aspect, Thanatos

can be in multiple places at one time due to his nature. He is caring to those who have done good things in their life and terrifying to those who do not cherish life and done nothing with good with their life.

Adrian practically summoned a god due to his luck stat overriding the skill. Although it was a lesser persona due to Adrian being so low leveled, Thanatos is still a god nonetheless. He should have stronger stats than those of his level. Adrian even envisioned mowing down the dungeon with Thanatos' help but the game's AI denied that.

[Due to the nature of the summoned being using Soul Recall, the summoned being can only last for five minutes.]

Adrian wanted to blame and throw stuff right there and there but he would seem childish. In Adrian's thoughts, he guessed that the developers still valued balance but he did not know that is was Deus the super AI that balanced the game. Still, Adrian would make the time give to him be fruitful.

"It seems that the Shepherd of Souls managed to summon a lesser persona of mine. Do you wish for me to cull the heretics with the time given to me?" Thanatos said in a manly and almost mechanical sounding voice. The armor might have affected the sound of his voice.

"That would be much appreciated. Mr. Thanatos sir..." Adrian replied awkwardly.

"You can call me Thanatos. We have almost the same type of duty so you can consider us as equals. Your task shall now be done in swift haste." Thanatos replied as a scythe is now suddenly at the hands of the aspect of death.

The snow maiden is visibly frightened but not to the point she would freeze and stop what she was doing. Although she could still feel the intense feeling of death, a feeling that disappeared when she became an undead. Only individuals with strong death energy could make undead feel this strong sense of dread.

The snow woman felt intense terror that she only felt when she was still alive. The terror overtook her judgement and she started to crawl towards the next room. She no longer exuded the aura of dignity and elegance that she had when the party first encountered her.

Thanatos seeing the snow woman unceremoniously crawl away changed demeanor. He exuded his true aura that made the party members except for Adrian to gasp. This feeling is very familiar to Adrian as he has already felt an aura like this and it came from the God of Death himself.

"It seems that Thanatos is the son of the God of Death but then who would be the mother?" Adrian thought as his mind lingered to a goddess that is currently recuperating in the nether realm.

Thanatos suddenly threw his scythe and it flew in a rotating motion that perfectly struck the snow woman from the back. The blade of the scythe protruded from the snow woman's stomach but she did not bleed. She is screaming from the top of her lungs though as she clutched the blade of the scythe that is protruding from her stomach.

It seems she was in immense pain given the fact that she was actively trying to take the scythe out of her belly. Thanatos decided to go and fetch his scythe but he did not walk to get there. Instead he unfurled three sets of wings that were as black as night and flew towards the impaled snow woman.



Thanatos became even more imposing as he flew towards his scythe and picked it up. The snow maiden is still stuck on the scythe and is dangling there like an ornament. The next words that Thanatos spouted made her even more terrified.

"You will feel the torment that you have brought upon the souls of the men you have frozen to death." Thanatos stated as he flew up higher and tossed the snow woman back down.

The snow woman was still clutching her belly even though the scythe is no longer there. Thanatos once again made hand signs and chains that bounded the prisoners of Tartarus sprouted from the ground. The chains of Tartarus are made to torture those of heavy crimes and would sear their very souls which made it even more terrifying.

The screams of the snow maiden echoed throughout the room. It was a scream that even made the scream of a banshee like that of a song bird. The party members had to close their ears in order not to hear the snow woman's piercing shrill cries. Another set of hand seals is made by Thanatos and an afterimage of him appeared above the frost liches.

The afterimage showed Thanatos bringing down his scythe towards the frost liches. Thanatos himself also made a horizontal swinging motion. When he completed the swinging motion, the frost liches immediately turned to dust without even managing to guard against the attack. The souls of the frost liches are collected by the aspect of death himself as there are two floating small orbs of light near Thanatos.

Everyone is stupefied and could not help make their mouths to drop. They who had a hard time pinning down the frost liches while Adrian's summon just swung its scythe and both became dust at the same time.

#### Chapter 184 - The Price Of Luck

The snow woman is looking at the Aspect of Death that is currently flying above her. She is still screaming because her soul is being continuously burned by the chains of Tartarus. Thanatos is staring at her without even a shred of pity or remorse.

"The souls of that of which you tormented for years shall be the one who tortures you in Tartarus." Thanatos stated as he spread out his power.

The ice chains that is binding and torturing the souls of the frozen men suddenly shattered. The spirits manifested for all to see due to Thanatos' power. The spirits of the frozen men then gathered around the snow woman as they stared at her with great anger that their eyes are glowing red due to the intensity of that hatred.

"What you have done to these souls will be done to you. You will experience their torment for the amount of years you have tormented them plus a couple eons or so." Thanatos stated arbitrarily which made the snow woman's eye bulge.

Thanatos then conjured a magic circle that immediately radiated heat like that of the flames in Tartarus. The giant hand then grabbed the woman and dragged her down. The spirits that she tortured vanished one by one until the magic circle that Thanatos conjured completely vanished.

The whole group is so amazed by what happened that they could not muster up even basic words. The silence though is broken by Thanatos as he bid his goodbye.

"It seems that my time in the mortal plane is short lived. I have to bid my goodbye here, Shepherd of Souls. May we meet again but of course with you being alive and well." Thanatos said jokingly.

"Of course. We thank you for helping us in our plight." Adrian said as he bowed slightly to express his unending gratitude.

"I bid my farewell then. A last reminder for all of you before I leave. Never stare back at death in the face." Thanatos stated as he entered the gate from which he appeared from.

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"Wow! Who knew you had such a powerful summon big brother. Maybe you should have summoned him when we are fighting the boss." Creepysoo said and it broke the silence that continued after Thanatos left.

"I actually just lucked out because I am pretty sure that I would not be able to summon him normally. He is basically a random summon that has a time limit. Also, what you saw is actually the Aspect of Death. His lesser persona at least. I bet his real form is vastly different from what we saw." Adrian stated which surprised everyone.

"You mean he is that shadow we see when we die in Pandemonium? He looks cooler now that I can see him clearly. I usually just see a shadow coming for my soul. I swear this game sometimes creeps me out because even death is fantasy like." Kabrakan stated as he has probably experience the most deaths among the group.

"I am actually wondering about something." Levin Cloud suddenly said which made all of them look towards him.

"What is it? Spill it already the suspense is killing me." Peridot replied because Levin Cloud took his time before answering.

"I did not get a notification that we received any experience points." Levin Cloud said which made everyone check their system notifications if it is true.

All of them actually did not get experience points because they did not contribute much to the battle. Adrian then suddenly searched at the location where the frost liches died. He did not see any dropped items or even coins at the location.

Adrian then searched the location where the snow woman was dragged down by a giant hand. Like with the area where the frost liches died, there was nothing there. Adrian dropped on the floor on all fours and realized that they got nothing.

As much as the battle was easy or rather they barely did anything, they were also deprived of the rewards they could get from defeating their foes. Pandemonium was all about giving great rewards the greater the effort which is why the party was denied of their drops.

They basically did nothing but at the very least they cleared the current floor without sacrificing much. The only problem is that Adrian is lamenting is that there were no dropped items. Probably the things that he needs the most right now are items because of his growth items that are basically insatiable.

The others who saw Adrian already crying could only wonder what he was going through. Those who can feel Adrian's pain secretly wept (Levin Cloud and Kabrakan). Due to them also having growth items, they could feel each other's pain.

Solstice though is already used to her brother's antics and kicked him slightly.

"Let's go. We are wasting time with you emoting too much." Solstice stated as she headed towards the next room.

The others followed suite because they did not want to anger the tigress. Adrian could only be carried by Kanlaon towards the next room because he was refusing to stop sulking.

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In a temple that is filled with bones of different kinds of creatures, there an Arch Lich and a hooded individual are conversing. It seems that the hooded individual is not even pressured by the aura that the Arch Lich is releasing. The hooded individual is even contesting the aura of the Arch Lich by himself.

"What do you want accursed Envoy of the Dark Gods?!" Arch Lich Malus stated with slight annoyance to his supposed visitor.

"I am saying that I would help you and in exchange you will do me a small favor." Eldritch stated with a nonchalant face that is difficult read.

"Your sweet words do not fool me Envoy of the Dark Gods. You give the apple but in the end, it was rotten inside the whole time. You are not the first Envoy of the Dark Gods that I met. Which dark god do you serve?" Arch Lich Malus said with annoyance.

Eldritch twitched a little because he is affected by what Arch Lich Malus said but did not show completely on his face. What Eldritch needed is to seal his position as the Envoy of the Dark Gods. It seems that his position can be easily taken away from him if he is not careful.

Apparently, he learned that there are other promising players that could become envoys for dark gods so he must do his best to keep his position. He is fighting tooth and nail with them in order for him to keep his current unique job class.

He just unlocked this unique job class and the world message that was broadcasted to everyone was not as special like Adrian's world message. The world message that appeared was "The darkness is rising". All the players thought that it was just a prelude message for the Halloween event so they did not think much of it.

Unfortunately, Adrian is out of commission when this world message was announced. If he was online then he might have put two and two together but fate is not his mistress. Right now, Eldritch needed to find where the Lich King is buried because he needed to break his seal.

Eldritch is ordered by the dark gods to do this because they needed someone to counteract the energy that is made to separate the mortal plane to the godly plane. The Lich King is a combination of a former Envoy of the Twin Gods and a dark god making the Lich King the most optimal choice to free from his seal.

Arch Lich Malus does not want to accept the help of Eldritch because if the Lich King is unsealed then he will not be able to control him. It would be Arch Lich Malus himself that would be controlled by the Lich King which is why the Arch lich himself help plot the former heroes to seal the Lich King. The Arch Lich Malus might be able to sway control over the Undead King but not towards the Lich king who is a god trapped in a mortal body.

The Arch Lich is seriously considering his options because Eldritch promised Malus that he would give him control a legion of aberrations. Eldritch also promised the Arch Lich to help in the search for the Undead King. The terms that Eldritch gave is far too tempting to not accept.

"I can give you the location where the Lich King is sealed but only if you find the place where the Undead King is sealed. That is my only condition. I do not need a legion of your mindless aberrations that could not follow instructions." Arch Lich Malus stated in a serious tone.

"Follow instructions my ass. You are just a control freak that does not want to share power with someone at your same level or stronger than you." Eldritch thought as he smiled and accepted the Arch Lich's proposition.

"All I needed is the location of the area where the Lich King is sealed anyway. All I need to do now is find where the Undead King is sealed." Eldritch thought as he disappeared in a puff of smoke after the deal has been made.

#### Chapter 185 - Chenoo

The group climbed up the tower and they encountered lots of room with traps. One room had a trap that will immediately skewer you with sharp ice spikes that will protrude if you step on the trap tile. It was like a room version of an iron maiden which is a medieval torture device.

There was even a room with a slippery ice floor and they needed to cross towards the exit by finding the pattern. Some were not that good with this room that they decided to cheat. Adrian commanded Kanlaon to bring forth the person bad with puzzles which is Creepysoo.

It seems he was just bad at directions overall. Adrian did recall that he was with a death knight when he was escorted to the place the undead king was staying. Maybe the real escort is Creepysoo and the death knight was just there to actually point the direction because the former might be bad with directions.

They even entered rooms where two frost liches are guarding. Thankfully, they can easily defeat them due to their increasing synergy. There are bumps along the way as synergy cannot cover everything as they are fighting in an unfamiliar terrain. Some would miss spells or attacks due to suddenly slipping and that is understandable.

They have killed a total of six frost liches including the one Thanatos defeated. The undead spawning on the mountain finally reduced by 60%. They now only need to defeat four more but they no longer encountered frost liches. All the rooms are also only full of traps that are deadly or will make you out of commission.

There was even a trap that sent you back to the first trap room. They learned of this when the clay soldier that Peridot controlled was not broken but she lost her connection with it. The clay soldier moved to faraway for Peridot's perception and control to take over. This made everyone very careful as it took a lot of time to even get to the area they are now.

They arrived in an area where there are actually steel cages and little men with white fur all over are held captive. The little men had long white beards and looked like they were a type of race that is small. They were smaller than gnomes and they are the race that is said to be the smallest intelligent species.

Adrian is sure that they were an intelligent species. When he identified the little men that are no higher than four feet, it revealed that they were NPCs.

NPC: Birbi

Race: Barbegazi

Status: Weakened, Bound

NPC: Barba

Race: Barbegazi

Status: Weakened, Bound

The small furry white men are in cages of metal that had the same energy that the chains that bound the yeti used. There were about fifty cages but only half of them had a Barbegazi in it. It seems there are no guards in this floor also as the cages are near impregnable. It took Adrian all he got to even break the chain which means the cages are not any different.

The group got a closer look and some even tried to break the cage. Adrian has yet to tell the others that it is actually NPCs that are trapped not monsters. Suddenly one of the trapped Barbegazi spoke which shocked the rest of the group.

"Are ye lass and lasses adventurers?" Barba suddenly spoke as the small furry man assured that Adrian's group were not there to hurt them. The voice of the Barbegazi sounded like the accent that his father had when he spoke in English.

"Yes. We are adventurers who have ventured here. The spirit of the tomb owner wants us to defeat whoever is occupying his tomb and wrecking the place." Adrian replied.

"Then ye should be careful. The one who trapped us is the main perpetrator. It is one nasty beast that I can tell that it is the most fearsome beast that I have encountered in all of my life." Barba warned everyone.

"Do you know the thing that trapped you? Why are you trapped anyway?" Solstice was the one who asked this time.

"It is a beast that is a human yet not a human at the same time. It reeks of vile energy that is disruptive to nature like that boy there. It apparently trapped us because it thought that our kind is delicious." Barba replied and pointed to Creepysoo.

"Yah! I am not dangerous. Well, not to friendly people at least." Creepysoo retorted.

"It is true. He is here to help us." Levin Cloud stated so that Creepysoo would not throw a tantrum.

"Do you want us to help you?" Adrian asked as it might lead to a hidden quest or maybe even an item.

"Unfortunately for you adventurers, there is no way for you to free us unless you defeat the beast that imprisoned us. If you defeat that foul abomination then you can help us free from the cages. The enchantments will disappear as long as you defeat him." Barba stated with a serious tone and then a system notification appeared for everyone.

**\*QUEST NOTIFICATION\***

Free the Barbegazi

The Barbegazi are currently being used as sustenance by the boss of this dungeon. They want you to defeat the boss and free them from their prison.

Reward: Increased Familiarity with the Barbegazi

Failure: The trapped Barbegazi will be eaten by the boss of the dungeon.

Time Limit: 10 days

The group immediately accepted because they are going to defeat the boss of the dungeon anyway. What they did not know is that the boss is not a normal boss. They will soon find out as the group headed towards the next room. They promised the Barbegazi that they would free them before heading to the next room.

The group entered the next room which is like a new zone or environment. The room is actually not a room but more like a frozen forest with pines and such. The snow was also knee high as their feet would sink whenever they walk to the center of the forest.

They proceeded with caution as they proceeded to the center. After a few minutes of walking, they are finally in a clearing with a man standing at the center with his back towards the party. All of them got ready as they crept up closer to the man.

Before they could attack though, the man suddenly spoke and turned towards the group.

"I see that I have visitors. If you are here, those worthless servants of mine must have fallen already. I did create them to be expendable anyway." The man said as he turned to the crowd.

The man looked human but the group knew it was not. Other than the undead energy leaking from the man, he was topless with the center of his chest having an icy layer. Adrian knew that this is not the true form of the man as he could see a gigantic dark shadow when he used his evil eye.

"I thank you for coming here." The man stated as he showed an inhuman grin.

"You are not welcome." Solstice stated as she and Vayu nodded their heads and charged towards the man.

The snow impeded their speed a bit and their charge is not that fast compared to when they are standing on flat ground. Kabrakan also charged but jumped instead of run and his two towering shields glowed. Kabrakan would have landed on top of the man but what greeted him is a gigantic arm.

The two towering shields collided with the gigantic man's arm. Adrian who saw this scene also moved but he let Sirius charge first. Sirius emerged from Adrian's shadow and immediately used

Portal Assault. Sirius reappeared behind the man but a giant arm actually grew from the man's back to catch and strangle Sirius.

Adrian saw that the man they are seeing now was nothing but a façade. The real enemy is actually the gigantic dark shadow that Adrian is seeing using his evil eye.

Monster: Chenoo (Boss)

Tier: Epic

HP: 100,000,000 / 100,000,000

MP: 50,000,000 / 50,000,000

Description: Legends say it is a human being who committed cannibalism or refused to feed the starving. This caused the human's heart to freeze and turn to pure ice, taking the shape of a small human figure. Once this happens, the person changes into a Chenoo. Chenooos are giants compared to humans and described as being both man and beast.

In appearance, the Chenoo is like a haggard, naked old man with wolfish eyes and may have chunks of flesh missing where it has eaten its own flesh. It will often cover its flesh in pine resin and roll in leaves and fallen branches to make a camouflage for itself in the forest. They live in the far, icy north and venture down to people of the forest when hungry in order to devour them.

"Kanlaon! Light him up." Adrian commanded as Kanlaon transformed to his dragon form and Adrian summoned Saena to join in the battle.

#### Chapter 186 - Chenoo's True Form

Fire spewed out from Kanlaon's mouth and the Chenoo did not evade or even try to guard. The Chenoo suddenly disappeared from his location and only thistle is left on the ground. Sirius and Kabrakan dropped to the ground because the Chenoo is no longer grasping them.

The Chenoo disappeared from its location and suddenly reappear behind Creepysoo. Creepysoo did not react immediately and a huge arm swung at him. Creepysoo is sent flying and crashed towards a pine tree. The snow on top of the pine tree fell down on him and he is buried under the snow.

The others immediately tensed up because of what happened. Soleil carefully melted the snow that covered Creepysoo so that the latter could rejoin the fight. Vayu charged towards the Chenoo and he used a skill that made his feet lighter than a feather. Vayu is not even leaving footprints in the snow.

Vayu's body sped up so fast that it created afterimages. He swung his sword towards the Chenoo but the latter managed to guard against. Vayu then did a quick turn and slashed at the right foot of the Chenoo in an attempt to disable it but it only produced a slight cut.

The Chenoo then whacked him away like Creepysoo but Vayu managed to guard using his sword. Vayu was still sent flying though as the Chenoo had more strength than him. Adrian used Blink to immediately shorten the distance with him and the Chenoo.

Adrian even applied Chrono Shift on himself and Chrono Lag towards the Chenoo. He wanted to slow down the reaction of the Chenoo even more so that it would not evade his next attack.

"Soul Searing Crescent Wave" Adrian chanted.

A wave of blue energy that is filled with black, gray and white streaks came out of Adrian's sword. He empowered the skill with nether energy to make it more powerful. The Chenoo blocked it using his gigantified hand but the sword wave just pierced through it and made the boss scream. The nether energy crept towards the Chenoo's distorted soul and damaged him much greater than anticipated.

[You have dealt 124,248 damage to the dungeon boss, Chenoo.]

Adrian's attack made the Chenoo stand still for a few seconds so others poured their long range skills. Levin Cloud immediately used Holy Smite while Peridot used Blinding Ray that she stored in her floating gem. Golden thunder struck the head of the Chenoo while a golden laser is fired at its front. The Chenoo once again screamed in pain due to the elemental attribute suppression.

[Levin Cloud dealt 51,789 damage to the dungeon boss, Chenoo.]

[Peridot dealt 31,789 damage to the dungeon boss, Chenoo.]

[Peridot dealt 31,747 damage to the dungeon boss, Chenoo.]

[Peridot dealt 31,247 damage to the dungeon boss, Chenoo.]

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The Blinding Ray skill that Peridot unleashed is a holy attribute dps spell that is great for immobilized targets that are weak to holy attribute damage. The Chenoo could not move as it is assaulted by the Blinding Ray while Creepysoo managed to regain his footing and immediately used a weakening curse on the Chenoo.

Soleil also joined in on the attack and created a fire tornado that made the Chenoo scream louder. It was not pleasant for the ears of the party to hear the painful screeches of the Chenoo. The scream is like a combination of an old man and a feral beast's scream.

The barrage of long rang skills ended but Solstice and Vayu closed the gap to strike the Chenoo. When the two swordsmen is about to land their sword strike, a shock wave was released by the Chenoo that blew everyone up to ten meters away.

The Chenoo's form started to change from a man and more towards an undead beast. The old looking man started shedding its façade and the Chenoo grew up to five meters. The eyes turned wolf-like while half of its face is missing chunks of flesh. Some parts of its body is also missing chunks of flesh and its skin is now covered in dirty fur.

The mouth of the Chenoo became inhumanly wide with sharp teeth and its saliva looks like blood. Its body is also covered in a clothing made of tree branches, leaves or thistles. Its ribcage is now bare open and the only remaining organ is its heart. The heart did not even beat as it looks frozen like ice. It had sharp inhuman claws like that of a wolf with also missing chunks of flesh in it.

Although, the party only managed to shave off about 20% of its health, the Chenoo finally showed its true form. It has yet to enter its berserk state but the Chenoo is actually looking really angry towards them.

The Chenoo let out an inhuman roar and it disappeared from its position once again. The others raised their guard up and Kabrakan hurriedly went towards Levin Cloud and Peridot who are in the



back line. By instinct or just plain lucky prediction, the Chenoo appeared behind the back line party members.

Kabrakan immediately raised his two towering shields in order to block the strike meant for Peridot. The two claws of the Chenoo is brought down and Kabrakan felt the heavy weight of the attack. Kabrakan actually sunk one foot below the ground due to the heavy weight of the attack. Creepysoo did not waste this chance and used his binding skill.

"Grasp of the Undead!" Creepysoo shouted as a wave of energy went to the Chenoo.

The Chenoo is pinned down by the emerging skeletal hands and Creepysoo started bombarding it with all the hexes it has. It seems that Creepysoo did not like being flung away towards a tree. Kanlaon did not let go of this opportunity as it fired its breath attack towards the bound Chenoo.

Soleil also started spamming the Chenoo with fireballs that she could conjure continuously. Peridot started making lots of clay soldiers and sending it to the Chenoo. Levin Cloud and Saena is healing Kabrakan while Vayu and Solstice is pulling him up.

Adrian who is seeing this scene could feel that something is wrong because it was too easy. They were basically just spamming their skills towards the boss monster but it looked like it was letting them do it. Before Adrian could warn them, the Chenoo gave a skin crawling sound again and disappeared from its position.

Adrian is shocked because it manage to use a movement skill despite being rooted. This could only mean that it used a skill that can negate status effects for a certain duration. The whole room suddenly experienced a blizzard which made all of them see less.

The blizzard started raging more until they could barely see each other despite being only at least five meters apart. A scream sounded from the distance and it came from Creepysoo once again. Adrian used Blink to go towards the sound and he saw the Chenoo strangling Creepysoo.

If Creepysoo was of a race that needed to breath then he might have been dead right now. The Chenoo is actually pulling Creepysoo apart. Adrian immediately decided to command Sirius to use Ragnarok. An intense energy enveloped Sirius and he became a blur.

Sirius reappeared in front of the Chenoo and his attack landed at the Chenoo's frozen heart. A disfigured scream is released by the Chenoo while Creepysoo is let go and landed on the snow. Sirius though became the new target of the Chenoo after it recovered from its previous attack.

Sirius did not have time to evade because of him in a weakened state. The Chenoo struck Sirius and the latter is sent flying but Kanlaon managed to catch Sirius. Sirius' health dropped by 50% while Creepysoo's health dropped by 30%.

Adrian made a realization that the Chenoo is actually hitting much harder the more it gets damage. It is basically a berserker that increases its attack if it loses a lot of health. This type of boss monster is much more difficult to kill if the fight takes too long. It could basically one shot them if it loses 90% health.

The Chenoo is much more deadly because it has a movement skill similar to Adrian's Blink skill. The Chenoo could basically use its movement skill and execute the low health members of the party. Adrian immediately shared his findings in the group chat.

The blizzard raging made it difficult for the group to actually coordinate because if they move just a few feet away then they would lose vision of that teammate. Vayu's sword glowed green and he jumped up high. He swiped diagonally and a huge tornado materialized that blew all the snow away and it revealed the location of the Chenoo.

Solstice became frustrated because she did not even manage to hit the boss and she felt useless which she hates feeling. She immediately sacrificed 30% of her health and made numerous blood swords. She also jumped high up in the air and shot those swords towards the Chenoo. The swords that struck the Chenoo became blood chains that continuously bound and tightened up.

Adrian decided to immediately use his trump card because they will lose this battle if it is prolonged.

"Nether Domain"

Chapter 187 - Netheros True Form

"Nether Domain"

[Your stats are doubled for the duration of Nether Domain.]

[Enemies will be affected continuously with Paranoia for the duration of Nether Domain.]

Mist of three colors rolled over on the battlefield and enveloped the snowy field that made it more ominous. Due to Adrian hitting level 100, the domain skill expanded even more and he summoned more energy to the mortal plane from the nether realm. The energy became more sinister for living beings and undead beings.

The rest of the party felt the energy and froze for a few seconds. It felt like an energy that would come from a world boss. Solstice who is also close to high level NPCs felt like his brother became something else.

Adrian's body became illusory and he had an aura that is similar to Solstice Vampire Progenitor which is why he is shocked. Meanwhile the parents that is watching the whole thing is eating popcorn and even drinking soda like they are watching an action movie or something but better.

Due to the amazing virtual reality, many good looking streamers even get hired to be an actor. Although this trend eventually fell because people want to experience real thrill and action that scripted things are seen as shabby. Due to this, many advertising companies or television stations would get a contract with a guild to broadcast their raids and adventures.

The top guilds are selective about the raids that they want to broadcast as it might leak secrets and such. Hou Yiwei that is the top ranker always get lots of views whenever he does a raid because of his skill and good looks. He not only looks cool but his class as a War Dancer makes his fights look awesome.

Going back to the fight, Adrian felt that his body is bursting with much more energy than before. He thought that his domain skill is empowered because of his increase in level but in reality it was that his body changed. Due to limited stats when he was below level 100, he cannot absorb much of the energy from the nether realm but the buffs still applied to him.

Now that Adrian has experience his first status awakening, he can now utilize more of the nether energy he summoned. Not only can he empower skills limitlessly for the duration but he could also

buff himself as well. He can now experience 150% status increase thanks to being in an appropriate level. Still this is not the Netheros' true power.

Now that Adrian managed to reach level 100, he can now utilize his previously sealed skill.

Skill: Netheros True Form

Tier: Netheros Exclusive skill

Type: Transformation

Effect: Release the limitations put upon you by the mortal realm and transform into the true form of the Netheros. All skills and attacks will deal splash damage by 50% of the original damage. All enemies affected by Paranoia will have the 'Mind Break' status afflicted to them.

Mind Break: All enemies who cast spells and abilities when in the vicinity of the Netheros will have their spells and abilities cancelled.

Duration: 10 seconds

Cooldown: 72 hours

Cast Time: 3 seconds

Mana cost: 3,000 Mana Points

Adrian did not even bat an eye and immediately used the skill when the Netheros Domain manifested.

"Netheros True Form" Adrian stated and his voice sounded like it echoed as if three Adrian's said it at the same time.

The mist suddenly swirled and gathered towards Adrian. Adrian who was in the middle of something like a mist cyclone could feel that his body becoming larger. Adrian's form became large until he was ten meters tall which made him bigger than the Chenoo by two times.

Adrian's towering figure could be seen by everyone once the mist calmed down and dispersed back into the surroundings. Adrian looked like his body is entirely made of the nether mist. His legs became smoke and he looks like he is wearing a long robe made from the nether mist.

He had numerous dark violet glyphs glowing on his body and even his horns glowed in purple light. Adrian's wings also unfurled and it looked so badass that it might make even a proud dragon jealous. His wings are now like a river of shadows that is flowing of the nether mist.

Adrian's eyes became different as he now had black irises and a mask made of nether mist covering the lower portion of his face. Adrian's hands became covered in dark shadowlike gloves and he now had sharp claws. The sword Psyche Armament that Adrian carried also changed as it is now blurring in and out of existence and it is made with nether mist.

[You are now in your true form. Certain Species skill will now be unlocked.]

[You can now utilize Nether Flicker]

[You can now use Nether Blast.]

[The Chenoo is now affected by Mind Break.]

[The Chenoo will not be able to use skills during the duration of the skill Netheros True Form.]

"Twin Fang Form" Adrian stated and his voice became deep and cold.

Adrian now wielded two swords and his whole visual looked like he is a harbinger of death or something. He does not look like he did a hero transformation but more like a last boss transformation. Adrian is giving the vibe that he became an end game world boss due to how cool he looks.

Even Adrian is shocked by his transformation but he had no time to savor it as he only had 10 seconds to utilize for this skill. The only problem is that he did not know how to move using this form so he just fired off two Soul Searing Crescent Waves from his current position. Each wave actually dealt ten million damage points to the stunned Chenoo because of it being empowered by nether energy.

The Chenoo could only scream in pain and charge towards Adrian as it could not use its skills against him. Adrian did not know how to move yet so he just instinctively used Nether Flicker and set the area he target behind the Charging Chenoo.

Adrian's gigantic body disappeared from existence like he is going in and out of existence until he completely vanished. He reappeared like a mist and then his sword glowed in a red aura. This is due to his skill Nether Flicker.

Skill: Nether Flicker

Tier: Species Specific Skill

Type: Movement

Effect: Become intangible and appear at the set destination. Next attack will be empowered dealing two times the damage and will deal damage in a cone in front of the user.

Cooldown: None

Cast Time: Instant

Mana Cost: None

Restriction: Must be in Nether Realm of Nether Domain. Must be in Netheros True Form

Adrian swung his sword towards the Chenoo and the shockwave from the attack blew the snow with everything else in that cone that is about five meters in length. Since this skill has no cooldown whatsoever on top of being a movement, Adrian basically just used this skill until the Chenoo can no longer stand up.

Adrian would flicker in and out of vision and hit the Chenoo in its blind spot. He would evade the Chenoo's counterattack by using Nether Flicker. He is once again overpowering the boss but the others are also contributing by shooting skills at it. Kabrakan is keeping up his guard if the boss suddenly vanishes once again.

Each of Adrian's basic attack is so powerful that it deals five million in damage. He spammed this skill until his transformation ended. Just one second before Adrian's transformation is about to end, his other skill automatically activated.

All the mist did not vanish but instead collected by Adrian's core and his figure became loaded with energy. Adrian's body suddenly went became compact and he formed a sphere made of swirling black, gray and white energy. The swirling different colors suddenly revolved faster and faster until the sphere shrunk a little and finally exploded.

The blast did not even make a sound but it did create big shockwave that blew everyone away even his teammates are not an exemption. He did catastrophic damage to the Chenoo but it is still alive though barely hanging to its undead life. The Nether Blast skill is more powerful than Adrian thought it would be.

Skill: Nether Blast

Tier: Species Specific Skill

Type: Area Damage

Effect: Collect all the nether energy in the area in order to become a cataclysmic bomb that deals 1000% true damage in an area around the user. Those not inside the Blast radius will be knocked back by the shockwave. The user can choose to activate the skill but it will end the duration of both Nether Domain and Netheros True Form. Automatically uses the skill when Netheros True Form is about to end.

Cooldown: None

Cast Time: Instant

Mana Cost: None

Restriction: Must be in Nether Realm of Nether Domain. Must be in Netheros True Form

Adrian returned to his original form and landed on the crater created by his skill. The Chenoo is now missing its right arm and leg due to damage it got from the attack. The Chenoo though still hang onto its life that is fleeting. If undead could bleed then it would have been dead by now.

Adrian decided to finish it off using Soul Avenger. A giant sword materialized on top of the Chenoo and it landed onto the Chenoo. The intruder of the frozen tomb is finally vanquished. Gefroren's spirit showed itself to them when the Chenoo is finally gone.

Chapter 188 - Barbegazi's Last Command

[You have gained 100% experience points.]

[Sirius has become level 100. He has learned a new skill.]

[Kanlaon has become level 100. He is now eligible to participate in the Path of the Dragon King.]

[Saena has become level 100. She has learned a new skill.]

The area of the room suddenly turned into a throne room. Gefroren also showed himself to the party members while they were still picking up the items dropped by the Chenoo.

[You have received Crown Fragment of the Undead King.]

The others of the party also reached level 100 due to the definite 100% experience gain. Each of them learned new skills that could be called game changers. They wanted to check their skills in the dungeon but Gefroren suddenly showed himself and a world message is generated.

[The Tomb of Ice King is now open for all who wants to inherit his frozen might. Only the one who passes all his tests will get his inheritance.]

The world message alerted everyone that is online and some even received notifications of it on their phone. This is a big message that made every magic user that can use the water element turn into a frenzy. A lot of the magic classes chose the water element as it gave excellent utility and decent damage.

The water element has decent damage and also has healing which makes it perfect to those who wants to be a semi-support. The advance form of the water element is the ice element. This makes the water element much fiercer greatly increasing the damage potential in expense of the utility.

This is a welcome news to the top guilds as many of their higher officials have the water element as their main element. It is also difficult for any type of mage to advance their mastery of the element because it requires time and extreme effort. The most interesting part of the word message is that anyone is eligible as long as they can pass all the test.

This made the top guilds scatter and immediately find the Tomb of the Ice King as they were greedy of the inheritance. Inheritance type of job classes are considered to be a unique job class and have diverse skills that can help the inheritor.

Nevertheless, no one in the party is actually interested in participating in the inheritance tests. They were happy with the job classes that they currently have. What they really want is the entrance to the vault from Gefroren.

"Thank you adventurers as you have cleansed the filth within the walls of my tomb. You have my eternal gratitude." Gefroren stated while bowed his head.

[The Quest Purge the Defilers has been successfully completed.]

The others then checked their inventory if they received the key or not but they did not find anything. They all looked towards Gefroren and had questioning gazes on their faces.

"If you are wondering about the key then follow me." Gefroren stated as he floated towards his throne.

The throne is no longer majestic as it was back then. Gefroren looked at the throne and he had a sad expression. He led the others into a secret door that is under the throne. He made the group open the secret door by pressing some of the gems behind the throne.

The door led down to another room and the stairs were made of crystal that is not that different from ice. Once the group reached the room where the stairs led, they saw a coffin that is made of ice and inside of that is Gefroren's body that is still perfectly preserved.

Adrian probably thought that the Chenoo must have want to retrieve Gefroren's body and fuse with it. There are undead that can consume other undead to become more powerful and assimilate the

abilities of the undead they consume. An example of this would be a corpse eater but it seems that the Chenoo has the same ability.

Anyways, that stuff has been dealt with so no point in speculating any further. Gefroren's spirit stopped in front of his coffin.

"Take that snowflake insignia that is in the middle of my coffin. That is the key to the vault. If you want to know the location of the vault then you can ask those Barbegazi. They are the caretakers of my tomb anyway." Gefroren stated as his spirit vanished once again.

Adrian took the snowflake crystal and stored it in his inventory. They returned to the area where the Barbegazi are held captive. They wanted to free them from their cages but they saw a different scene. The Barbegazi themselves are freeing themselves from their cages because the enchantment has already been lifted.

The cages are no longer difficult to break as the Barbegazi are strong despite their small stature. The group came close to the small men and told them that the mission has been successful. Solstice already left the party as she said she needed to meet someone and Adrian probably knows who it is.

It seems that his big sister is really smitten by the player she met. Adrian only hopes that she is not being catfished or anything as he would be the one she takes her anger onto. The others thanked Solstice before she left the party and exited the dungeon.

[You have cleared the mission Free the Barbegazi.]

[Familiarity has been increased with the Barbegazi. They will now treat you as a friend.]

"You have helped us greatly adventurers. We humbly give our gratitude." Barba stated with a deep bow.

"It is not much. It is just that our quest also aligns with your freedom so do not think much of it." Adrian replied.

"Nevertheless, you are a great help. If there is anything you need then please do not be shy to ask." Barba stated.

"We need to find where the vault is hidden." Adrian stated to which Barba is shocked.

"I can lead you to the vault adventurers but it does not mean you can open it. You would need a special key that even we do not know where it is located." Barba replied sincerely.

"You do not need to worry." Adrian stated as he showed the key to Barba.

"This...this is undoubtedly the key but even our elders do not know where it is hidden. It is said only the ones who buried the Ice King himself knows where it is hidden. May I ask where you found it?" Barba inquired with shock.

"The Ice King himself led us to it." Adrian stated and he explained that he can see the spirits and such.

The Barbegazi then started to cry when they heard that the spirit of their long forgotten ruler still roams his tomb and is actually thankful to them. Some even wept and prayed on their feet. This

scene lasted for about a few minutes to which made the atmosphere awkward because the Barbegazi are older than all of them combined in the group.

They did not know how to console a group of old men and women. Gefroren suddenly appeared before Adrian and asked a favor once more. Gefroren wanted to manifest once more in front of the Barbegazi to which Adrian nodded.

The Barbegazi was stunned for a minute and then started crying once more which made some in the group chuckle a little. They looked like children crying in front of their father or something despite being centuries old. Barba is the first one to stop crying and bowed to the spirit of the mighty Ice King.

"It is an honor to meet you your Majesty!" Barba said as he bowed until his forehead reached the floor. The other Barbegazi followed suit.

"You do not need to bow to me as I am no longer alive." Gefroren stated with a somewhat sad smile.

"It has been thought to us by ancestors to always show respect to the Ice King who helped us live without discrimination or persecution. You will forever be our king and would continue to revere you as such." Barba replied.

"Then since you treat me as your king still, I free you from my servitude. Your kind shall no longer be needed to fix up my tomb. I have brought more damage to you because I was unable to help you from those who ransacked my tomb. For that, I am deeply sorry." Gefroren stated while he gave a bow towards the Barbegazi.

The Barbegazi suddenly panicked because the king they were told to respect is actually bowing towards them. Before the others could stop the king from bowing, Barba held up his hand and spoke.

"We are very thankful for the shelter your majesty has given us. We will not let you down and speak of your glory once more. We shall cherish the freedom you have given us forever and the next generation of Barbegazi's will not let you down." Barba stated with firm resolve as he understood what Gefroren wants them to do.

"Thank you. I hope you also express your gratitude to the adventurers. That will be the last command that I give you as your king." Gefroren stated as his spirit once again faded away.

Gefroren's spirit is no longer stable because the undead energy is no longer blocking the ascension of spirits to the afterlife. This is the main reason why Gefroren immediately used his power to start the test for his inheritance. His spirit cannot anchor itself to the mortal realm because every spirit must pass on in order to be reincarnated.

The Barbegazi did what their king commanded and showed Adrian's party the vault. Meanwhile, Adrian's parents that is watching everything had tears rolling down their eyes. It seems they are the type of people to be easily moved by emotional scenes.

## Chapter 189 - Inside The Vault

The group followed the Barbegazi into a door that would be accurate to describe as a door made for the the Barbegazi race. Barba opened the door and it is revealed to be a slide made of stone. He then gestured for someone to go in first.



"The slide must be really old now and no longer slippery so please be careful." Barba stated which made everyone pat their butts.

They imagined their butts becoming grazed or injured if they actually took a slide down. Barba as if reading the mind of the group cast ice magic on the slide to lessen the friction but now they are worried of a frozen butt. Nevertheless, all of them must attempt to slide as it is the only way to the vault.

The first one to not volunteer is Creepysoo but he ended up being first due to losing to a round of rock-paper-scissors. The others anticipated on what will happen to Creepysoo that included Barba as even the guide is not sure of its safety. Creepysoo walked towards the door and sat down at the top of the slide.

"It is not that bad. I do not even feel cold." Creepysoo commented.

"You are like an undead. You actually do not feel anything unless someone strikes you with holy attribute magic." Levin Cloud rebutted.

"Oh! You are right. Well then, here I goo!" Creepysoo said as his voice becoming more distant as he went farther below.

The others could hear his voice for a full ten seconds before he crashed into something. Creepysoo stated that he had a rough landing because he sped up too much. The others could only laugh at the young boy's playfulness before they followed.

Along the way down, they could only see specks of light that is produced by a luminous moss that shined blue. The moss is not covering the areas on the way down so it is still difficult to see where you are actually heading. They could not even judge the distance that they slid down upon because of how scarce the light is.

They also crashed on their behinds at the end because of how dark it was except for Adrian because he can see well in the dark. The darkness is not a problem for Creepysoo and Adrian due to their unique physiology. Soleil made a fireball so that the room will be lit up and they arrived in a large hall with a door that had numerous snowflakes as its design.

They searched around the room and saw another door but it was buried in rock and snow. This is the original entrance of vault but it is no longer usable due to the piled up snow and rocks. The secret entrance that they used is in fact a hidden escape route as the vault is the most secure place.

"Please take out the key and find the indentation on the door. Place the key there. Stand back as when the door open, rubbles might fall from the ceiling." Barba stated.

Adrian took out the key and headed towards the door. He found the indentation identical to the snowflake insignia key and placed it there. He then stood back after placing the key as he heard a small rumble.

The whole place is suddenly flooded in a blue and white light. The source of the light is actually the key that Adrian inserted. The key is pouring some kind of energy into the door and it is even affecting walls. The energy is clear and calming plus it illuminated the whole room.

The others who had no vision in darkness could finally see the whole room and be mystified by its beauty. The snowflakes on the door suddenly started shining also and started becoming mist. The mist permeated their body and it healed them all completely even Creepysoo was healed.

[You have been affected by the Mist of Rejuvenation.]

[All health and mana has been completely restored.]

[Any temporary status conditions will be cleansed.]

[Stamina has been restored.]

The mist that affected them restored everything that ailed them. The mist did not differentiate as it just healed everyone present in the room. After all the snowflakes attached to the door disappeared, the door opened with a clank and the group saw what was inside. All of them went inside before the door itself fully opened as they were excited on what is inside.

"I think I get why the Ice King has given us the key to the vault. The items in this place has already passed their due dates." Peridot grumbled.

"It is only the potions that are out of date but we should take them. We can still find out what ingredients are used in the potions despite being spoiled. It would just take time to test stuff out though so if you know a godlike alchemist then be my guest." Adrian stated.

No one actually paid attention to the spoiled potions so Adrian is the one who took them. Jianna might be able to reverse engineer the potion. She might even turn back time for the potions so that she could get them fresh. Since no one really wanted the potions except for Adrian, he did not become shy and took all of them.

The others looked at those that are displayed and some caught their attention because of the effects but not the stats. Some consumable trinkets protect you from the effects of temperature for a given hour which are difficult to find. They took one each for the trinket as it equal to their number. Solstice said that she does not want any armor and such because she is loaded.

Peridot did not look at the armors or weapons and told the others that she only wants the precious stone in the vault. There were a lot of precious stone in the vault and the others happily gave her the permission to get all of it. Peridot explained that her floating crystal needs to feed on precious stones to increase in rank so everyone happily gave her everything.

Peridot did not waste time and immediately directed her crystal to consume the stones. Everyone saw what happened and is shocked because a whole pile of precious stones just vanished into thin air. Her floating crystal suddenly started shining and it multiplied into three floating crystals. Each crystal now had different colors which are red, blue and green.

The red crystal had flames swirling upon it. The blue crystal had something like a raging sea swirling inside it. The green crystal had vines wrapping around it which made it look beautiful. Each of her crystal represented an element and due to that she can now cast magic pertaining to those three elements.

Her only restriction is that she cannot use advance magic spells. She is very thankful for the others for giving her all the precious stones that she gave a deep bow. Each person looked for weapons that pertains to their class.

Kabrakan looked for shields that his growth weapon can absorb. His shield can absorb the skills of other shield but he is restricted to currently three. Regardless, everyone agreed to give him all the shields since they do not need it anyway. Levin Cloud looked for any healing skill book that he can find but there was only one.

Soleil also did the same but she did not find any skill book about fire magic except for one which is called Demon Flame. The skill unlike the name has no demonic properties but is actually a type of flame that can absorb heat. She learned it either way as it might come in handy for fighting enemies with the same attribute as her.

Vayu though had lots to choose from as some ice type skill books had wind attribute as a secondary element. The best skill book he found is a passive skill that made any wind attribute skill have ice properties added to them. The skill book's name is Northern Wind.

Creepysoo is looking at everything like a kid on a candy store and just takes what he likes. Some of the things he took does not even do anything but just for decoration. He flexed to everyone that he would put those items inside his room which is located inside a castle. The others just let him do as he please as that is what you sometimes do to a hyperactive child.

Adrian though felt something strange when he entered the room. He felt like someone or something is calling out to him but he does not know where exactly what that is. It is like there is a part of you that is calling him to a certain direction but he cannot pinpoint it clearly.

He even asked the others if they could hear a voice whispering to them and calling them but the others answered no. He felt like he asked a weird question but the voice is still calling him. The voice calling towards him got louder when he arrived where all the weapons are gathered. The others are looking at Adrian because he looks funny.

He had his hands near his ears as if someone is whispering in his ear and he could not hear clearly.

## Chapter 190 - New Psyche Armament

The others could not resist looking at Adrian because he would suddenly turn his head. He turned his head so many times that it might just take off and fly away.

"Dude, are you ok? Is there something wrong? Oh no! Are you short in magnesium?!" Levin Cloud stated and added a teasing question at the end.

Adrian hit his best friend in the head because of his remarks. Adrian did not manage to control his strength and reduced his best friend's health by five hundred. Adrian did apologized because the whispering voices are really bothering him at this point.

He did explained it again to them but the others could only shake their head. It seems that only Adrian is the one hearing that voice. The voice would whisper to him all the time that he could not concentrate on finding an item that he likes.

"Ouch!" Creepysoo suddenly screamed.

The others were shocked because an undead should not be able to feel pain. The others rushed to his side as there might be an invisible enemy or an enemy that entered with them. The others could see Creepysoo's hand burning so the young boy immediately cut it off. It seems he can dismantle parts of his body as long as he focuses.

"What happened?" Vayu asked as he thought there is an enemy lurking by. Everybody also adjusted themselves so that they would not be hit by sneak attacks.

Barba who saw the spear on the floor immediately walked towards it. He checked if the spear is fine or if it had any deteriorations in it. He even shoved Creepysoo aside but Barba immediately apologized.

"I am sorry for shoving you lad. This is actually the weapon that the Ice King used to slay his enemies. This weapon is made using asmodian craftsmanship and it is said that it chooses its wielder. You picked it up carelessly which is why you are hurt." Barba stated while Adrian's eyes focused on the weapon.

"Asmodian?" Creepysoo muttered as his gaze went towards Adrian.

"Yes! Since the Ice King had asmodian blood running in his veins, he was chosen by this weapon. He was already great before he had that weapon. With the weapon, the Ice King became even more powerful that he became unrivaled in the north. At least that is what our elders told us." Barba stated.

Adrian though felt a longing in his soul when he saw the spear. He moved to the spear closer and closer until it is at arm's length. His hand unconsciously made a grabbing motion towards the spear. Barba is about to block Adrian's hand but the spear itself flew towards Adrian's hand.

Adrian who suddenly got the spear on his hand is shown visions. Adrian floated in the air as he is shown visions which are the acts of the previous users of the spear. The spear basically showed him the events that happened after the previous Omega Summoner retreated from battle.

The others who is seeing what happened to Adrian thought the latter is being attacked by the weapon. They wanted to separate Adrian with the weapon but there is a barrier that is protecting Adrian. They could not even pierce the barrier with their weapons so all they can do is wait for what is happening to Adrian to be finished.

Adrian though is once again sent to his sea of consciousness. The only difference this time is that he was in a place that looked like a post battlefield. There were numerous weapons on the ground that were broken while some are just stuck in the ground.

In that sea of consciousness, he could see the spear that he picked up and stuck on the ground like the rest of the weapons. Adrian instinctively went to the spear but an invisible pressure is preventing him from getting closer. Adrian who observe this could only think that the spear is testing him.

The previous Omega Summoner might be chosen by the spear but the current inheritor has yet to be chosen. It seems that the spear is a type of ego Psyche Armament or developed an ego due to the unique nature of Psyche Armaments. He wondered of the other Psyche Armaments also did the same but he decided to focus on the task at hand.

Adrian decided to force his way towards the spear because it did not want him to approach it gently. Adrian at first just used his natural strength but the pressure that the spear released still deterred him. He decided to use his next approach which is to use essences to strengthen himself.

After Adrian used his essence, the pressure released by the spear became bearable and he could approach it slowly. The spear also decreased its pressure a little bit because it felt a familiar energy. Although the spear eventually increased its pressure as it realized it is not its original master trying to come for it.

Feeling that the spear started increasing the pressure, Adrian frowned and could only increase his output of using his essence but even that is limited. His total essence count might have increased by 25 going to a total of 125 but he is still consuming too much just to reach the spear. He tried using his Blink skill but it did not activate for some reason.

Adrian had no choice but to even use his nether energy charges. The spear felt the tyrannical energy coming from Adrian and increased its output even more. The unique thing is that when Adrian used his nether energy, he felt no pressure whatsoever from the spear.

Adrian noticing this walked calmly towards the spear and grabbed its shaft. Adrian is trying to pull out the spear but the spear did not want to accept its new master just yet. When Adrian grabbed the shaft of the spear, he could feel the spear's emotions.

The spear is actually feeling the grave sense of abandonment because its original master did not retrieve it. Adrian saw a scene of the Asmodian Omega Summoner threw the spear towards one of the leaders of the group that is pursuing the latter. The spear struck true and managed to pin down one of the leaders and mortally injuring it.

The pursuers did not bother with one of their fallen leaders and instead continued pursuing the spear's master. The spear knew that its master is strong and would come back to him but the worst situation became reality. The war ended and the spear became one of the symbols of his master thereby assuring it that its master is no more.

Adrian who saw the scenes from the spears memories could only shed tears. (Even his parents were bawling their eyes out.) Even though the spear is an inanimate object, the emotions and memories it felt is genuine. Adrian could only console the spear that it would definitely not abandon it.

"I promise to always be by your side. Your original master did not leave you but he died preserving the peace. You should be proud of him." Adrian stated as he cancelled the effects of his essences and nether energy.

Adrian wanted the spear to genuinely accept him. He did not want to be accepted using force as Adrian did not think bonds or friendships should ever be forced. The spear as if sensing Adrian's sincerity felt Adrian's warm touch and gradually let the bonding begin.

The spear showed Adrian all of the skills it can use and even how to use them. Adrian listened attentively with intense focus to all the details. The spear Psyche Armament is different from the others as its skills are like dances. In order to use the first skill a set of moves must be made in order to activate it.

This made this Psyche Armament unique as it only uses low essences but it more reliant on a combination of moves in order to execute. Adrian thought this as a fresh idea and liked it very much as it is a new style of battling added to his repertoire. The ceremony ended with the physical manifestation of the spear disappearing into particles and seeping into Adrian's skin.

Adrian landed on the ground in his two feet while the others waited to see if he is fine. When Adrian opened his closed eyes, he is suddenly bombarded by questions. He explained to them that he just underwent the inheritance ceremony for the spear.

"Amazing. Even the Ice King could only wield the spear physically and not completely bond with it." Barba said in amazement.

"Anyways, we should go as there is nothing much to do here. We basically emptied out the place." Adrian stated but then they suddenly heard a shrill cry that sounded like a goblin.

"What is that awful sound!?" Peridot complained.

Creepysoo suddenly remembered the item he is keeping inside his inventory. He took it out and a small head of a goblin emerged. The eyes were sown shut while the mouth is sown lightly in order for the mouth to still move.

"What is that and why is it emitting a god awful sound?!" Peridot asked.

"This is a shrunk head. It is an item that allows undead to talk to one another. Since NPCs cannot use the chat system, this is our only method of communication. It seems Du'an is calling me." Creepysoo stated as he answered the call by pinching the goblin ear.

"My prince! You need to return. Valar has been compromised by the enemy. We might go to war. So please return immediately with the Champion of the Twin Gods." The voice of the Astral Wraith Du'an sounded from the shrunk head.

The news stunned not only Creepysoo but also Adrian. The Undead King's faction is actually going to war.