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Chapter 1811 The Gate of Heaven

?Ark suddenly felt his whole body become heavy as a golden gate that looked cryptic and ancient appeared on top of him. Silhouettes of angels or angel-like beings could be seen next to the gate as if they are light golems carrying the gate itself. The gate was circular and had intricate patterns that resembled the language of the angels.

"Make sure that Ark does not get absorbed by that gate! Limit Break: Summoner!" Adrian stated as he summoned all of his soulbounds.

The Gods of Light that were there are no longer idle as the Heavens Gate has already appeared. It is the golden gate that signified the entrance to the divine realm of the Gods of Light. The only one who has the right to open that gate was none other than the Goddess of Light Luminaria herself.

The Gods of Light did not know what the plan was as they were only following orders from the Goddess of Light Luminaria. They soon realized what the plan was as they can feel the immense energy being sacrificed by the magic circle that the Angel of Humility Mikhail was sacrificing. They were also commanded to capture a special individual which is the chosen Nephilim.

The Gods of Light are not ignorant as they know that Ark is a singularity. What they did not know is what is the use of a singularity since there are no records of them from their followers. Only the Goddess of Light Luminaria know what which a singularity can do is why she parted that knowledge to the Angel of Humility Mikhail.

Mikhail thought that he was creating the magic circle and researching individuals called 'Singularities' because he wanted to become a god. What the leader of the angels did not know is that all these information was fed to him by the Goddess of Light Luminaria. She whispered and tempered the minds of all the angels including the smartest of the angels, Gabriel.

"The power is not enough. I need to sacrifice more." The Angel of Humility Mikhail stated as the things that he has sacrificed were not enough to forcefully open Heaven's Gate from the mortal realm's side.

"You have enough sacrifices in front of you my dear, Mikhail. Use all those Lesser Gods for my benefit as they will be part of my glory upon my descent." The voice of the Goddess of Light Luminaria whispered to the Angel of Humility Mikhail.

"As the will of the goddess, you shall be used as a way for her to be resurrected to the mortal realm. Be proud that your lives will be used for the greatest being of all." The Angel of Humility Mikhail stated as his swords suddenly rose up from the magic circle.

The swords that rose up from the magic circle suddenly pierced two lesser gods at once which shocked those that were not skewered. The lesser gods of light looked at the Heaven's Gate with indignation as they were used as materials. The two lesser gods suddenly turned into particles of light as part of their divine essence were absorbed by Mikhail's two swords.

"Your sacrifice will not be in vain. Sleep while you can for a glorious future awaits when you rise from your sleep." The Angel of Humility Mikhail stated as the two lesser gods vanished.

The two lesser light gods did not die permanently as their divine soul was sent back to the divine realms. The Goddess of Light Luminaria no longer has control over their souls as well since she used all of the captured parts of divine souls that she had. She had no problem with the lesser gods being sealed or sleeping for a century or two as she believed that she alone is enough to rule the mortal realm.

Adrian commanded all his soul bounds to retrieve Ark, but the four three angels of virtue stopped their march. Raphael, Uriel, and Camael can easily stop the march of all of Adrian's soulbounds. Even Kanlaon's Genesis Dragon Breath could be easily stopped by Uriel in her powered-up form with an equally powerful blast of light. Adrian is a bit thankful that the gods of light were rattled and did not join in on the fight.

"I can feel it opening! Help me, please!" Ark stated as he saw the Gate of Heaven slowly opening.

The Gods of Light felt their divine realm but also felt another connection. The divine soul fragments that they had given to the Goddess of Light Luminaria could no longer be felt. The gods of light knew that they were no longer tied to the Goddess of Light Luminaria which meant that they are free. Still, they cannot return to their divine realm as all gods of light share one divine realm due to the Goddess of Light Luminaria.

"I have finally attained freedom!" The God Magec stated as he suddenly exploded like a star but all he did was use some sort of teleportation magic.

"I am also no longer interested on being used for this ruse. Just like the God Magec, I no longer need to be here as I am free." The Goddess Prende stated as she vanished by a powerful flash of light.

The remaining gods of light knew that they had to choose now. They should either join the Goddess of Light Luminaria or escape like what the other greater gods had done. The gods of light that had the ranks of greater gods went away as they do not line being under the Goddess of Light Luminaria. They would rather hide in a corner of the world and build faith than be a lapdog to a goddess that only thinks of herself.

The remaining lesser gods were hesitant but then they saw what happened to the two lesser gods that were sacrificed. All of them fled the Silver City as well because they would just be used and abused just like the two that were sacrifice. They would rather take their chances in the world than be under the Goddess of Light Luminaria.

"Useless! I have no use for all of you anyways." The Five Angels of Virtue stated but the voice that came out was none other than that of the Goddess of Light Luminaria's.

Even with all the gods of light no longer present to give aid to the remaining angels of virtue, the dragon kings were still having difficulty against the fully powered angels. It is not because the dragon kings are weak, but it is due to the fact that the domain of Heaven is now encroaching upon the Silver City. The Domain of the Goddess of Light Luminaria has started to permeate into the mortal realm.

[All beings that are not created by the Goddess of Light Luminaria will have their stats reduced by 20%.]

[All beings that are created by the Goddess of Light Luminaria will have 10% increased stats.]

[All Light Magic will deal 100% more light elemental damage.]

[All Light Magic will have 10% increased critical strike chance.]

[All Light Magic will have a 50% chance to return the mana used in casting the spell.]

[All those with the blessing of the Goddess of Light Luminaria will have an additional 5% status bonus.]

"I sacrifice all the treasures of the Silver City to fully open Heaven's Gate!" The Angel of Humility Mikhail stated as the entire Tower of Babeland everything inside of it were turned into particles of light to be used as a sacrifice.

A powerful golden energy then poured into Heaven's Gate and yanked it open. Golden stairs made of light suddenly appeared upon the Gate of Heaven opening as the silhouette of a woman could be seen. Ark tried to destroy the cage, but his body was chained in powerful light magic, and he was suddenly presented in front of the Gate of Heaven. Ark and the Goddess of Light Luminaria were now face to face with one another with the latter smiling like she has conquered the world.

Even if the Gate of Heaven is fully opened, the Goddess of Light Luminaria is still being blocked by an unknown force. This unknown force is the world barrier as it is still repelling the High Gods to descend despite the Gate of Heaven being opened. The Goddess of Light Luminaria knew this would happen which is why she made sure to have Ark.

"Hello, Nephilim. Be proud that your life will be sacrificed for me to descend upon the world. Your sacrifice would be for the greater good." The Goddess of Light Luminaria stated as she forcefully created a small hole in the world barrier for her hand to slip out.

"Activate the Last Forbidden Magic Circle: Fate Switch!" The Angel of Humility Mikhail stated.

A golden thread suddenly manifested which shot towards the hand of the Goddess of Light Luminaria. The golden thread curled with her hands and the other end was tied to Ark. The golden thread became shorter and shorter until the Goddess of Light Luminaria and Ark were now at touching distance.

Chapter 1812 Luminaria Descends

As soon as the two, the Goddess of Light Luminaria and Ark, were touching each other, they were turned into golden light. The body of the two became incorporeal as their positions suddenly changed. The Goddess of Light Luminaria was now on the other side of the Gate of Heaven while Ark is now the one on the side of the Divine Realm. The two were still connected with the golden chain but they were now on opposite sides.

The Goddess of Light Luminaria smiled as she no longer needed to be bound by the rules of the world barrier. She could feel the world barrier trying to push herself back to the divine realm as a being such as her should not be able to move freely in the mortal realm. The world barrier tried but all it did was activate the spell that connected Ark and the Goddess of Light Luminaria.

Ark was still caged in light on the other side while the Goddess of Light Luminaria could now move without any difficulties in the mortal realm. The Goddess of Light Luminaria is still connected to Ark as they have exchanged the fate of one another. The world barrier no longer

pestered the Goddess of Light Luminaria as she was recognized as the individual named Ark instead of a goddess.

This is also the same for Ark as well as he was not getting burned in holy flames when he is on the side of the divine realm. Forcefully entering a divine realm of a god would often invoke the divine wrath of that specific god especially if the intruder is a mortal. The defenses of her divine realm have recognized that it was the Goddess of Light Luminaria instead of the Chosen Nephilim Ark.

The spell that the two are affected made fool of Providence itself. This was a spell that cannot be cast unless a vast number of resources were used since a goddess was involved. In fact, parts of the sacrifices were actually the energy of gods, and that type of potent energy is already at the power of a nuclear bomb or more. If the sacrifices were not enough, then other gods of light would have been used as well but they were lucky to stop at two.

The Goddess of Light Luminaria has truly arrived at the mortal realm in her full power which is that of a High God. All the angels even stopped their fights and bowed to her while the dragons and the demons stared at the power radiating from the Goddess of Light Luminaria. The two pinnacle races could clearly feel the difference between the Goddess of Light Luminaria and the greater gods that they were fighting earlier.

Adrian could clearly see that the area around the Goddess of Light Luminaria was chaotic which meant her very present distorts the fabric of reality. She was bustling with immense power which also meant that no one could push her into a portal to get rid of her. In fact, one might say that forcefully evicting the Goddess of Light Luminaria to another dimension would be impossible. The world barrier is also shuddering, but it was not getting damaged even with the presence of the Goddess of Light Luminaria.

The dragonkin that the dragon kings have with them have also come close to the Silver City as the Angel Uriel no longer supplied to keep the barrier up. In fact, even the energy that created the barrier of the Silver City was used as a sacrifice to make the Goddess of Light Luminaria descend. One would say that the angels paid the greatest price, and it was worth it because the Goddess of Light Luminaria is now here in the mortal realm.

The angels that were left from are all called to be in the presence of the Goddess of Light Luminaria. A lot of those angels even left the kingdoms that they protected as the gods of light that came with them also went away. The angels that had thoughts of escaping and hiding were alerted of the descent of their goddess which quelled any thoughts of escape.

Adrian could now clearly see the features of the Goddess of Light Luminaria or rather what she presents herself as. The Goddess of Light Luminaria looked like an extremely beautiful woman that is about ten meters tall with radiant white skin that shined like that of a pearl. She also had beautiful golden locks of hair that looked as if they are made of light. She is also dressed in a white dress that was weaved from light itself while holding a scepter that has a sun as the main centerpiece.

The Goddess of Light Luminaria also has a faint white veil that covered her face as if she did not want any being to see what she truly looked like. This is what the Goddess of Light Luminaria presented herself as or what her followers know what she looks like since High Gods are different from gods that are weaker than them. Gods would often take the form of what their followers know them as which can be many forms since gods are quite old.

Back then gods have no concrete form since the mortals would often imagine them as something like forces of nature. The gods would only take on a more humanoid form once they have their followers believe them to have such form. It is also the reason why the Goddess of Light Luminaria preferred to be worshipped by humans since High Gods are like forces of nature. Even if the Goddess of Light Luminaria was mortal back then, she has already forgotten what her mortal form truly looked like because gods like her materialize through the faith of the believers.

This is also true for the Twin Gods as they are only taking on their more humanoid form due to the way they are depicted. If one were to see the true form of gods, then they might turn to dust if they are an ordinary mortal. Only beings with strong souls or high Persona can directly look at gods in their true form which is pure power.

The gods also do not like to assume their forms of pure power as well since they are also their most vulnerable in that form when damaged. One could say that the humanoid forms of the gods are what the mortals can equate to their armor. The higher the power of a god, the better they have as an armor since it can contain their pure divinity.

As soon as the Goddess of Light Luminaria appeared, she felt as if she was the center of the world and even forgot that she was around enemies. She reveled in the praise and worship of her remaining angels, but it was not only them that praised her. All followers of the Church of Light felt a wave of power from the northern side of the world as if they knew that their supreme goddess has descended.

"I have come, my children." The Goddess of Light Luminaria stated as her melodious voice echoed through the world which was felt by all the beings that were a greater god to a normal human.

One can even say that the light that the world experienced at this very time was different. The light that covered the world was powerful and all the beings that were scared of the light could feel the repulsive nature of it. The vampires for example felt their skin start to burn even those that had high tolerance of the sun. The mortals also felt it as the light that touched their skin felt much warmer than usual as even some plants started to dry up much faster.

"We should retreat while we still can." Adrian stated as the presence of a high goddess was very overwhelming.

Adrian's skills and spells that were active are all destroyed due to the immense mana pressure that the Goddess of Light Luminaria emitted. Even his Limit Break skill was disabled which left him with three soulbounds around him instead. He knew that this would not happen a second time since he has now gotten used to the presence of a high god, but it was still overwhelming his senses too much.

Being sensitive to mana is sometimes great but there are also some drawbacks. Back when Adrian interacted with the Goddess of Light Luminaria in the divine realm, he did not feel the overwhelming might of the goddess as she must have been restricted by the gods of war or the presence of other gods cancelled each other. This time, the Goddess of Light Luminaria was all alone and Adrian could feel her pressure which made him have cold sweats.

The Goddess of Light Luminaria had thrice as much power as the greater gods that were in her place earlier. Adrian was certain of this, but he knew that she might be more powerful than that when in combat. A true divine being of her caliber should not be possible to descend at this time which raised a lot of alarm bells on all beings with divine power.

Chapter 1813 Authority of a High God

"Goddess! You have come to give us salvation!" The Angels of Virtue stated as they bowed to the Goddess of Light Luminaria.

"My beautiful children. My beautiful city is now in ruins because of pests. I shall now give my holy decree!" The Goddess of Light Luminaria stated as she raised her Scepter of the First Light.

"EXPEL ALL INVADERS AND GIVE THEM JUDGEMENT!" The Goddess of Light Luminaria stated as the entire Silver City was covered in her aura.

A powerful force suddenly swept across the entire Silver City and sent all the demons and dragons with the dragonkins flying out of the area. As soon as they were now out of the Silver City, a powerful magic circle made of light suddenly activated and hit all of them. A powerful beam of light struck all the beings that were pushed out of the Silver City.

[You have been hit by the Divine Spell: Judgement of Light.]

[Due to your divinity, you will receive 25% less damage.]

Adrian was hit by the powerful divine tier spell and lost 90% of his total health as a result. The dragon kings were able to tank the hit and only lost 50% of their health. Bronx and the other Diabolons were more tanky which is why they were only damaged by 30% to 40% of their maximum health. The dragonkins that came with dragon kings were the ones that had deaths though.

Most of the dragonkins that died were players that are under a dragonewt which is why they do not have the necessary defense against divine magic. Divine magic is different when it comes to power as faith is an indicator of the damage. The fact that only those with loose elemental resistance died means that the Goddess of Light Luminaria has lost quite a substantial amount of faith.

Even the Goddess of Light Luminaria knew that her spell that is supposed to kill those that trespass in her domain, she is not happy that so little death has been made. She knew that she abandoned most of the demihumans as she found them filthy and hideous. The humans that worshipped her are either dead or hiding due to the atrocities that the angels have committed.

Regarding her angels, a lot of them have died because of the arrival of the demigods. A lot of the angels abandoned her when they found human hearts while those that worshiped her fervently died for her. She also punished those that wanted to escape since their deaths are permanent by burning their angelic souls to fight for her.

As a result of her choices, the angels that are alive and follower her are now only a quarter of what they once were. She believed that all of those were necessary as a sacrifice because she is now in the mortal realm without any issues. She believed that she could kill all those that have opposed her now since she will be the one moving.

"I mandate the Heavenly..." The Goddess of Light Luminaria stated but numerous chains from the divine realms suddenly covered her body.

All the beings in the mortal realm have seen chains coming out of the skies because it happened in all parts of the world. The Gods of Judgement and Law have intervened because the Goddess of

Light Luminaria is doing more harm to the world than good with her presence. She must not be given the permission to wantonly use divine magic at her behest.

[The Gods of Law and Judgement have given a divine decree to limit the Goddess of Light Luminaria.]

[The Goddess of Light Luminaria will not be able to step out of the Silver City.]

[The Goddess of Light Luminaria can only use Divine Tier Magic once every ten days.]

"You! Ingrates! I will not be stopped by such weak gods! I am a high god that has done every procedure by the book! You cannot punish me with law and order! Not when all of you do not have a high god as well!" The Goddess of Light Luminaria shouted as she suddenly burst out in such a powerful surge of light.

[The decreed laws of the Gods of Law and Judgement are failing.]

The chains that came from the heavens started to break down, but they were still holding their structure. The Goddess of Light Luminaria could feel the decree of the Gods of Law and Judgement loosening. She could break it with one more powerful burst of divine energy which she has stored for such a long time.

"You will not have your way, Goddess of Light Luminaria. Warriors of this world! I, the Goddess Nemesis, beseech all of you to stop the derange Goddess of Light Luminaria. Should you fail to stop her, this world will fall as her very presence will destroy the balance of everything." The Goddess Nemesis stated as a scale suddenly came down from the skies.

The scales are none other than the divine object of the Goddess Nemesis. She summoned it from her temple in the mortal realm so that her power could be amplified even for a bit. The Goddess Nemesis then descended to the mortal realm with her divine object as a conduit.

"Did you think that descending would help you in sealing me? You are just a Greater God! You will never be able to stop me." The Goddess of Light Luminaria stated as she started to prepare a divine spell to blast the Goddess Nemesis away.

"I may not be able to stop you but hindering you will not be impossible even if I have to sacrifice a lot." The Goddess Nemesis stated as she suddenly started to glow in a pale white flame as her divine object did as well.

The Goddess of Light Luminaria seemed to know what the Goddess Nemesis was thinking. She was frantic and commanded the Angels of Virtue to stop the Goddess Nemesis. The Goddess Nemesis then looked at Adrian as she sent a telepathic message to him as she needed assistance.

"Champion of the Twin Gods and Arch Demon. I need your power as the keepers of balance of this world. Allow me to borrow the arcane." The Goddess Nemesis stated.

[The Goddess Nemesis wishes to borrow your power over the Origin. She has given a fair contract and some of her divinity as a reward should you accept.]

"I accept!" Adrian shouted as he knew that the Goddess Nemesis was trying something that even the Goddess of Light Luminaria is afraid of.

"Thank you, valiant one. The contract has been done and set in stone. Forbidden Divine Magic: Divine Seal!" The Goddess Nemesis shouted.

A giant sword suddenly came down on the Goddess of Light Luminaria and the entire Silver City is suddenly covered in chains. The chains that were deteriorating earlier became more solid as it was reinforced by the power that the Goddess Nemesis used. All the demons in the world suddenly felt their skin tingle as a powerful spell that sealed time, space, and force suddenly appeared.

"You would sacrifice yourself for them!? You are insane! I shall break free from this and remake this world in my image! Just you wait! I shall destroy you from your seal once I become the ultimate god!" The Goddess of Light Luminaria shouted as she along with the angels and the Silver City were covered in chains.

The Silver City that is covered in chains became smaller and smaller until it vanished from view. Adrian and those that witnessed it could not believe their eyes as a powerful High God along with her followers were gone just like that. Adrian was happy but then he looked towards the Goddess Nemesis who was suddenly turning into particles of light.

"Goddess!" Adrian stated as he wanted to help her, but the Goddess Nemesis stopped him.

"I have only bought all of you enough time. I have given you two weeks' time as I did not know that the Goddess of Light Luminaria has grown that strong. I shall now go to sleep for a year as a I exhausted my divine energy to release that spell." The Goddess Nemesis stated.

"You should not have done so! We might have been able to deal with her one way or another." One of the dragon kings stated.

"I believe so, but great sacrifice would have happened if you did. One of the world pillars must not die or else something more powerful and corrupted might show up." The Goddess Nemesis stated as she looked at Bronx.

"Here me, valiant beings that reside in this world. Do not let my sacrifice and the other Gods of Law and Judgement be in vain. Find a way to stop the Goddess of Light Luminaria at all costs. The Prophecy of the Great Decay must not come into fruition." The Goddess Nemesis stated as her entire body became particles of light and her divine object suddenly showing a crack but Adrian managed to catch it.

Chapter 1814 Sacrifice of a Goddess

[The Goddess Nemesis has been sealed for a set period of time.]

[Any blessing that the Goddess Nemesis has given will be half as effective.]

[The Gods of Law and Judgement are entering a state of hibernation and will be limited.]

[Law and order in the world will decrease due to the Gods of Law and Order being weakened.]

Adrian and the others saw the Goddess Nemesis vanish with a smile as she did everything for the sake of the world without anything in return. The players saw the valiant sacrifice of the Goddess Nemesis and prayed that she may return early. The other Gods of Law and Judgment also sacrificed part of their divine power as well since it takes a lot of energy to seal a High God as powerful as the Goddess of Light Luminaria.

Adrian looked at the empty place that where the Silver City used to be. As if giving everyone a warning that the seal is not permanent, a crack suddenly appeared in that specific area. The crack

was seeping light as if the Goddess of Light Luminaria was forcefully breaking the seal with her own powers.

"We have two weeks to prepare. A battle with a High God is not easy even for the Daemos since just battling her might create numerous rifts in the world. The world is not yet able to handle the power of a High God as it was only recently that Greater Gods can descend without worry." Adrian stated as he teleported away along with the other Daemos and dragons.

It is not just Adrian that has started his preparation as all the players are preparing as well. Even if the Goddess of Light Luminaria is part of the gods that reside in Pandemonium, it does not mean that she will be pardoned for her nature to look at mortals with disgust. Numerous champions of the gods also prepared as killing a High God will reward those that have great contribution with divinity.

It is not just the ordinary players that wish to kill the Goddess of Light Luminaria as even the Followers of the Dark Gods want to kill her as well. The gods of Pandemonium, the Dark Gods, and Distorted Gods want to have the Goddess of Light Luminaria killed as their followers could then present them with her divinity. The wounded dark gods and distorted gods could recover should the divinity of the Goddess of Light Luminaria be harvested.

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While the world conspires and trains for the next two weeks, Adrian appeared in a temple located at the center part of the central continent. In this temple, most of the priests were blind or have a sight disability but that does not make them weak. The Temple of Nemesis is where the priests of the Goddess Nemesis reside.

One might say that the priests of the Goddess Nemesis were the weakest but that is not true as even priests from the war gods fear them. The Priests of the Goddess Nemesis were the most relentless beings to every be created. A harsh trial is needed to be endured in order to become a priest at the temple of the Goddess Nemesis. The rules are even strictly followed to the very minute detail which makes it exponentially harder.

"You have come, Champion Equinox." A female wearing a silk eye band stated as if she was expecting Adrian.

"I have come to deliver the holy relic of the Goddess Nemesis, High Priestess Galatea. About the goddess..." Adrian stated as it was only right for him to return the holy relic of the goddess personally as he was moved by her great sacrifice.

In the world of Pandemonium, the divine gods are real but that does not mean that all of them cares what happens to the world. Each of the gods have respective elements or status that they care more about which is why they are fragmented like this. The oldest Gods, the Twin Gods, are also giving the gods a hands-off approach as they are more worried about the foreign gods that attack.

This is also the reason why Adrian is not restricted by the Twin Gods when it comes to his movements. Still, the gods of Pandemonium will band together if the world really does come to an end. It is also the reason why the gods of Pandemonium have decided that the sealing of the Goddess of Light Luminaria is of the utmost importance.

"You have no need to explain, Champion Equinox. The Goddess Nemesis have already given us the information before she was put to a deep sleep. We must prepare well to defend our church, but we

will send fighters when the seal of the Goddess of Light Luminaria comes undone. We shall fight for the goddess even though she cannot hear us right now as she went to a deep sleep." The High Priestess Galatea stated.

Adrian wanted to say that the Priests of Nemesis did not need to join the battle but that would make him look like he is underestimating them. Adrian could only thank the High Priestess Galatea that they would be sending troops to subjugate the Goddess of Light Luminaria. The High Priestess Galatea might not be showing it, but she is incredibly distressed, but she trusts her goddess more than her sadness.

"Thank you for the support but make sure to be cautious. A god that has undergone deep sleep cannot answer prayers or give out miracles." Adrian stated as he gave a bow and vanished.

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Adrian returned to Avalon and saw the others return after him which puzzled him. He thought that they would be in Avalon first but learned that they were late as they were cleaning up previous battlefields. It seems that Koronn sent them to different locations to quell the heated battles that remained. They also went to the area where the Silver City was but was too late as the Goddess of Light Luminaria has been sealed.

"I seem to have forgotten something?!" Adrian muttered but Levin Cloud managed to jog his memory.

"How are we going to save Ark when he is at a divine realm of a god?" Levin Cloud stated to Adrian as soon as they met.

"I do not know because trespassing into a divine realm is not easy and is only reserved to the devoted followers of that god." Adrian stated.

"So, are we just letting Ark be trapped there for 2 weeks? I contacted him and he was able to send messages, but they are mostly heavily distorted. I did manage to transcribe that he was fine, but he is still trapped inside the cage." Levin Cloud asked.

"Only gods can reply to that answer which is why you need to go to the underworld." Adrian stated.

"Why am I the one going?" Levin Cloud asked as he was puzzled as he thought that Adrian will volunteer himself.

"I need to go to the eastern continent. I need to be stronger in the upcoming fight as the most powerful gods that can help us are Greater Gods." Adrian stated as he looked at the branding on his left hand.

"It seems that the two weeks that we are given would be incredibly hectic. I shall deal with the matters of saving Ark and also informing the Fallen which they might not take kindly, but they must know." Levin Cloud stated.

"Also, make sure that the guild will be prepared as well. We might need to cast some forbidden magic just to win. We must also not forget the fact that the Goddess of Light Luminaria might create more angels while being sealed. It was not her powers that were sealed but her entire body which might no longer be bound by the chains." Adrian stated.

"Got it. You already gave some instructions on the next courses of action. It seems that we need to find ways to kill gods which might be blasphemy if the fate of the world was not hanging on the balance." Levin Cloud chuckled as he was an Envoy of the Twin Gods while Adrian was their champion.

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Ark was still in the divine realm known as Heaven. It is the divine realm of all the gods of light, but it was currently empty. The Divine Realm of Heaven was just like what was described as a place where darkness could not even be seen as light always pierced the clouds to illuminate everything inside of it. The gods of light that escaped did not even dare to return to Heaven as they feared that the Goddess of Light Luminaria has prepared ways to capture them again.

"It is a beautiful place but seeing it empty just makes it sad." Ark stated as he was the only one there, but he suddenly heard a voice.

"Psst!" A voice of a child could suddenly be heard and trying to take his attention, but he was shocked to see where it came from.

Chapter 1815 Hint of Twilight I

Ark did not know where the voice came from at first, but his body suddenly gravitated towards it. The voice actually came from a small angel boy that looked like a baby. He thought that this small angel boy would actually try to torture him, but it was looking at him curiously.

The angel baby boy looked at Ark curiously and he was able to see what the little being looked like. The angel baby boy had platinum gold hair and a small pair of wings that carried its chubby weight. It was also quite cute as its beady blue eyes looked at you with such great curiosity.

"What are you doing here? Get out and hide before they think that you are trying to help me." Ark stated as he wanted the angel baby boy to get away.

Ark knew that the Goddess of Light Luminaria will not take kindly to even beings that she created if she learned of this. The angel baby boy then smiled as if he was amused by what Ark said and understood it. Ark suddenly had shivers on his spine as he suddenly thought that there should not be an angel of this height and size.

The angel baby boy was half a meter big as if it was only five years old. The age limit for the game was ten years old in order to play with a guardian. Not only did the angel baby boy not have a guardian but it was also in Heaven. Ark knew that this being in front of him is not a player but an NPC.

"Who are you? The Goddess of Light Luminaria will not create an angel that is a baby since she thinks children are repulsive. It is also the reason why all the angels that she created were adult looking since the form also reflects the respect that they deserve. Are you one of the Fallen that managed to hide in Heaven?" Ark stated as he knew that a small angel will not be possible.

Ark thought that the angel baby boy was a Fallen that has eluded the eyes of the Goddess of Light Luminaria. The Fallen are the only ones that can have the power of light yet have a vastly different

form compared to the angels. Ark thought this might be one of the Fallen that was created and hid in Heaven since even the Goddess of Light Luminaria cannot control her very first creations.

"Fallen? Is that what they call my brothers and sisters?" The angel baby boy stated with a voice of a five-year-old kid, but Ark felt the power in that voice as if it was older than the divine realm of Heaven itself.

"Who are you? If you are not a fallen, then what are you?" Ark asked.

"Who am I? Do you not know that? You have my blood in your veins, and you cannot even recognize your own ancestor?" the angel baby boy stated.

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Chapter 1815 Hint of Twilight I

Ark did not know where the voice came from at first, but his body suddenly gravitated towards it. The voice actually came from a small angel boy that looked like a baby. He thought that this small angel boy would actually try to torture him, but it was looking at him curiously.

The angel baby boy looked at Ark curiously and he was able to see what the little being looked like. The angel baby boy had platinum gold hair and a small pair of wings that carried its chubby weight. It was also quite cute as its beady blue eyes looked at you with such great curiosity.

"What are you doing here? Get out and hide before they think that you are trying to help me." Ark stated as he wanted the angel baby boy to get away.

Ark knew that the Goddess of Light Luminaria will not take kindly to even beings that she created if she learned of this. The angel baby boy then smiled as if he was amused by what Ark said and understood it. Ark suddenly had shivers on his spine as he suddenly thought that there should not be an angel of this height and size.

The angel baby boy was half a meter big as if it was only five years old. The age limit for the game was ten years old in order to play with a guardian. Not only did the angel baby boy not have a guardian but it was also in Heaven. Ark knew that this being in front of him is not a player but an NPC.

"Who are you? The Goddess of Light Luminaria will not create an angel that is a baby since she thinks children are repulsive. It is also the reason why all the angels that she created were adult looking since the form also reflects the respect that they deserve. Are you one of the Fallen that managed to hide in Heaven?" Ark stated as he knew that a small angel will not be possible.

Ark thought that the angel baby boy was a Fallen that has eluded the eyes of the Goddess of Light Luminaria. The Fallen are the only ones that can have the power of light yet have a vastly different form compared to the angels. Ark thought this might be one of the Fallen that was created and hid in Heaven since even the Goddess of Light Luminaria cannot control her very first creations.

"Fallen? Is that what they call my brothers and sisters?" The angel baby boy stated with a voice of a five-year-old kid, but Ark felt the power in that voice as if it was older than the divine realm of Heaven itself.

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Chapter 1816 Hint of Twilight II

"God of Twilight? I know a lot of gods, but I have never heard of them." Ark stated as he knows of the gods of light and darkness. He even knows the gods that have died but he does not know of the god that the baby Samael speaks of.

"Speaking to you would take too long and I do not want to talk to you like you are a caged animal." The baby Samael stated as he waves his cute hands.

With a flick of his cute hands, the light cage that trapped Ark suddenly vanished. Ark did not even know that he was already out of the cage. He only knew when he dropped to the clouds beneath his feet.

"Does that mean that I have already escaped?" Ark stated.

"Unfortunately, you are still trapped here in Heaven because of the spell that is attached to you. I only broke the cage, but you are still swapped with the Goddess of Light Luminaria." The baby Samael stated.

"So... my cage just became bigger." Ark stated with a sigh since the entire Heaven has become his jail.

"I need to explain to you the God of Twilight since it seems that not all my knowledge was engraved in your bloodline. The God of Twilight is basically one of the Primordial Gods of Pandemonium. They were not one entity in the beginning though as the God of Twilight is a fused entity of two gods." The baby Samael stated as he created clouds to form some figures.

"I only know of the King of Twilight." Ark stated as he remembered that his guild master did embody that being during the Pandelympics.

"The King of Twilight? If you are referring to Hay-lale then he is no longer of this world. He was once a fierce being that commanded light and darkness due to getting the inheritance of the God of Twilight by chance. He was brutally killed by the gods and goddesses of light that even his soul could not be retrieved by the gods of death." The baby Samael.

"How did you know the King of Twilight Hay-lale?" Ark stated.

"I know him because I was one of the angels that killed him since I was commanded by the gods of light. It was also the time when I knew that I was different from the other angels." The baby Samael stated.

"So, the God of Twilight is different from them. What is the name of the God of Twilight?" Ark asked as he was curious.

"The name of the God of Twilight is Chiaroscuro. They are the fusion of two entities that is the Primordial God of Light Aither and the Primordial Goddess of Darkness Nox." The baby Samael stated which shocked Ark since he knows of the Goddess Nox.

"You mean the Goddess of the Night? The Goddess Nox is a being that could fuse to become the God of Twilight?" Ark stated as he was greatly shocked.

"I did tell you that the God of Twilight was heavily injured and that is also the reason why the Goddess Nox is also heavily injured as of now. Sadly, the Primordial God of Light Aither is no longer burning bright in this world. He was extinguished back then when the war of gods happened. It is also the reason why the God of Twilight cannot be fully revived." The Baby Samael stated.

"If that is case then why are you speaking to me as if you want me to revive the God of Twilight?" Ark asked.

"I am speaking to you like this because the Divine Spark of the Primordial God of Light Aither is inside of you. You are the only one that can revive him in order for the gods of light to have a true leader. The Goddess of Light Luminaria only got her position due to being bestowed by the former gods of light that were extinguished. She also kept her position of absolute power by bringing down other gods that can shake her foundation." The Baby Samael stated as he knew this information due to it being fed to him as he is basically Heaven itself.

The baby Samael might have been asleep but that did not mean that he would not know what is happening inside Heaven. He learned of all the plans of the Gods of Light and even their dirty secrets. He knew that the Goddess of Light Luminaria needed a singularity, but he did not expect that it would be the Chosen Nephilim.

"You are asking me to revive a god?" Ark asked with a serious expression.

"I am not asking you because you are here. I am telling you to revive the Primordial God of Light Aither. His divine spark is within your soul resting which is why you are also able to be in the Divine Realm of Heaven without burning away from the immense divine energy." The baby Samael pointed out as ordinary beings would have died if they entered a divine realm like Heaven.

"Even if that thing is inside of me, it does not mean that I can revive the Primordial God of Light! I cannot even help myself as I am trapped in this realm." Ark stated as he believed that what the Baby Samael is asking for the moon and the stars.

"It should be fairly easy for you to revive that divine spark. All you need to do is get the divine sparks of the other gods of light. Kill them and take their divine spark because the very source of their divine spark is none other than the Primordial God of Light Aither. There has only really been one true god of light that was born when this universe was created." The baby Samael stated as he looked at Ark with a firm expression.

Ark knew that the baby Samael was incredibly serious because the atmosphere was different. He was listening to the other party as if no lies were said to him. Ark knew that the gods of light were more human compared to the other gods.

Ark's definition of human is that the Gods of Light do not think for the benefit of their followers but their own benefit. The gods of light were entirely different compared to the Gods of Life that citizens of Avalon worship. The gods of life would rather sacrifice themselves for their followers rather than the other way around.

"How many should I kill?" Ark asked as he would love to have a god of light that would think about the well-being of their followers.

"All of them if you have to but I think the divine spark of the Goddess of Light Luminaria should be enough. She has absorbed the divine sparks of other gods of light that perished while also absorbing some from the gods of light that were under her. Her death will mean the rebirth of the Primordial God of Light Aither." The baby Samael stated.

"It would have been a good plan if I was not here in Heaven. Completely trapped for who knows how long." Ark stated.

"You are not necessarily completely trapped because you just switched fates with the Goddess of Light Luminaria. If she can swap fates with you then you can also swap fates with others." The baby Samael stated.

"I mean who in their right mind would swap fates with me right now as I am trapped here." Ark stated but the baby Samael looked at him and smiled.

"Do you mean that you would sacrifice yourself for me?" Ark stated as he suddenly took pity on the baby Samael.

"You do not need to pity me, Ark. I am already dead, and it is only a part of me that keeps this divine realm running. I would rather use all that I have left to help you as you have the divine spark of the Primordial God of Light Aither and might also be able to save the angels that are left with no choice." The baby Samael stated.

"How are you going to swap fates with me though? From what I know, the Angel Mikhail needed quite a long time to cast and that a lot of things needed to be sacrificed." Ark stated.

"We need an opportunity in order to make it happen. We need someone or something to shake the Goddess of Light Luminaria that her connection with you will flicker. It will be during that time that I will swap with you.

For treasures needed to be sacrificed, there are still a lot of divine things here in Heaven. The gods of light will not mind because they will be dead by then. The problem is that we do not know the timing for such an occurrence." The baby Samael stated.

"If that is the case then we would have two weeks to prepare." Ark stated.

"Why two weeks?" the baby Samael asked.

"Two weeks would be the time for the all-out attack to kill the Goddess of Light Luminaria." Ark stated as he looked in the message that he received.

Chapter 1817 Journey Farther East

Adrian has two weeks or rather just thirteen more days in order to make sure that he powers up for the fight against the Goddess of Light Luminaria. It was not just him

that is preparing for the fight as the other guilds are also doing that as well. The raid against the Goddess of Light Luminaria might not be given as a mission but the rewards for defeating her would be extreme.

The general player base has already suspected that some players that are in high levels have a special stat. They not only observed this from Adrian but also the players that usually fought against beings that have divinity. Many players have deduced that there is a hidden stat that opens up when one fights against the divine.

The majority of the players do not know what kind of stat this is, but they know that it might be useful. They have noticed that Equinox has better tolerance compared to Hou Yiwei when it comes to divine beings. They thought that this was due to Equinox being an Arch Demon and Hou Yiwei being a Dragonoid, but they were wrong. A very small percentage of players noticed a layer of golden aura protecting Equinox when a divine being attacks.

"Should I accompany you to the territory of the Azure Dragon?" Peridot asked as she also came with Adrian to the Eastern Continent.

"I can manage on my own and they said that having you might be risky. It seems that those that are hiding in the shadows are more active in the east part of the eastern continent. I do not want to trouble you when you will be undergoing training with your master now that she has awakened." Adrian stated.

"Just be careful as we do not have Levin Cloud with us to revive us if things get dicey. Also, the east part of the eastern continent is not very friendly towards the Vermillion Bird. Maybe hold of on summoning the divine beast if it is not necessary." Peridot stated.

"Thanks for the notice. Even if I want to summon the Vermillion Bird due to our contract, I cannot summon it because it is not only the central continent that was affected by the reckless actions by the gods of light. The entire world was overrun by monsters and the south part of the eastern continent was heavily damaged.

It seems that a vast colony of aquatic monsters rose from there to try and claim it. The Vermillion Bird has told me that it cannot aid me due to the region being prone to attacks still. If I cannot summon the Vermillion Bird, then it checks out as I only need to get the item as it is a promised reward." Adrian stated as he is looking forward to the item that will help him evolve Kimat.

Adrian has put off evolving Kimat because of the various things that have happened, but he can now focus on it. He has two weeks to make sure that Kimat evolves as it will increase his fighting power. Also, the skill Limit Break: Summoner gets a lower cooldown for each soulbound that is a higher species. Adrian even read that if at least five soulbounds are a high tier race then the cooldown for the Limit Break: Summoner would be a flat time of one hour.

Adrian also went to see Yumeko as she seemed to have been terrified of the numerous monster hordes that kept attacking her hometown. Fortunately for her, the monster hordes were weaker on her place since it was thinned out when Adrian was previously there. The two serpent house gods also played a big role in defending the territory.

The item that Adrian needs is the Lodestone Heart. It is a powerful material that can store even the harshest of lightning attacks. It is said to have been created as a result of a normal thunder crystal being bathe in lightning for at least a century without breaking. Adrian does know of forbidden

areas where the Lodestone Heart may be created but it might take him a year to dig up such a precious treasure.

Adrian was immediately escorted by the guards of Hajime (Yumeko's father). Yumeko's father is also called upon by the Azure Dragon of the East in order to know of the state of his territory. All lords of the east part of the eastern continent were called upon to see the damages that has been done. Since the east part of the eastern continent is more mountainous, the monsters in that area are also not that many.

A harsh terrain like mountains almost makes it impossible for monsters to proliferate. It also makes it more difficult for monsters to live as mountainous areas are rather dangerous for weak monsters. The monsters that mostly attacked the east part of the eastern continent were flying monsters and mountain monsters. The other areas of the eastern continent like the west and south were not as lucky since a handful of their areas were overrun by monsters.

Adrian was asked to sit inside the carriage, but he does not have the luxury to wait two days for them to arrive. The carriage is originally pulled by a monster called the Draconic Equine which is a lesser dragon species. It is like a mix between a horse and a dragon as it has the body of a horse but horns and scales like that of a dragon. It does not have the ability to breathe fire, but it has great stamina that it can run for five days without dying from fatigue.

Seeing that two days is too long for Adrian's predicament; the Draconic Equine suddenly became a real dragon. Adrian summoned Kanlaon to deliver the carriage directly towards the Palace of Azure Dragon. All the people that were with Adrian trembled as they have not ridden a real dragon before as dragons are sacred in the eastern continent. No one would think to have a true dragon as a mount in the eastern continent as you might get the ire of the Azure Dragon of the East.

The journey towards the Palace of the Azure Dragon was quite calm and easy. There were no attacks from bandits or any immortal while they were traveling. It seems that all the beings in the eastern continent are in a state of exhaustion which is why no one even bothered them be it man or monster. They would get numerous stares and pointed fingers on the way as Kanlaon was a golden dragon with five claws.

The Genesis Dragon is not just a normal true dragon but an ancestor of all true dragons. Even the dragon generals that the Azure Dragon of the East has created were feeling immense pressure from Kanlaon. It was only when Adrian and the others were at the gates of the kingdom ruled by the Azure Dragon of the East did, they land.

Fortunately for Adrian, the guards of the area were not looking at them with hostility. They were wary of them as a foreign dragon was spotted but they eased up when they saw Hajime come out of the carriage that Kanlaon brought. The respect for Hajime soared a lot as he was riding on a carriage that was personally carried by a golden dragon which is extremely rare and only read on the novels being sold in the eastern continent.

"Welcome, General Hajime! The Great Azure Dragon of the East has been expecting you and the guest." The guards stated as they opened the gates.

Adrian touched an orb which detected his mana signature and was passed when the reaction showed nothing. The orb that Adrian touched is a probing device that registers the crimes of a person in the eastern continent. Since he did not have any record, he was able to easily pass through the gates.

"What about the distinguished dragon, Sir Equinox." Hajime stated as he pointed at Kanlaon since dragons are absolutely respected in this part of the eastern continent.

"Kanlaon, you can transform into your human form." Adrian stated to which Kanlaon nodded.

Kanlaon coiled around himself as he shrunk down to the size of a prepubescent boy. Kanlaon's human form is different from before where his fire and ice qualities clashed. He now has black hair, but his clothes were now made of gold, and he is dressed like an emperor. Kanlaon's human eyes are also gold in color while six different elemental orbs floated around him.

"Will this do?" Adrian asked as all those that witnessed what happened are awestruck.

Kanlaon might be in his human form, but his majesty and splendor are still that of a dragon. The citizens of the kingdom ruled by the Azure Dragon of the East are always looking at Kanlaon in wonder. Some even started to kneel down and pray when Kanlaon's line of sight fell upon them. Adrian chuckled a little as Kanlaon told him that he was feeling uncomfortable from the staring.

Chapter 1818 Meeting the Azure Dragon

Adrian did not mind the sudden worship that Kanlaon was getting because he knows that his dragon has gotten the Divinity stat just like him. It is also the reason why some of the people that already revere dragons suddenly would want to worship him. Adrian just let it be because his Divinity Stat will also increase if Kanlaon's Divinity Stat increases every ten points.

The Palace of the Azure Dragon was different than what Adrian had imagined. He thought that it would be an actual palace, but it was actually a tall spire. The spire itself was a bit black in color as it would act as a lightning rod for the continuous lightning that the dark clouds above it keeps pushing out.

Adrian has already been briefed about the manners inside of the Palace of the Azure Dragon. He was also given advise by the Vermillion Bird about the personality of the Azure Dragon. He was told that the Azure Dragon might look calm and benevolent, but he was actually the easiest to anger among all four divine beasts.

The Vermillion Bird even told him that the Azure Dragon would flood areas for ten days and ten nights if he has a grudge. It was also not just the Azure Dragon in the Palace of the Azure Dragon as there are a lot of servants inside of it as well. Most of the highest positioned servants of the Azure Dragon are actually Flood Dragons.

Adrian even got some secret information from the Vermillion Bird on why there are flood dragons in the abode of the Azure Dragon. Each of the four divine beasts could actually create monsters that have the same skill set of them but lower. The Azure Dragon can create Flood Dragons as he has control over rain and storm.

The Vermillion Bird could create phoenixes as she has command over eternity and flame. The phoenix' ability to resurrect from flames actually comes from the ability of the Vermillion Bird to be eternal and everlasting. It has been debated by the players if the Vermillion Bird was a phoenix, but they might lose their minds if they were to know that the phoenix is just a bootleg Vermillion Bird.'

The White Tiger of the West could create monsters called White Fang that has the ability of the wind. The White Tiger of the West can ward and fend off evil spirits which in turn manifested the ability of White Fangs to deal spiritual damage using the wind. The creations of the White Tiger are rarely seen in the world and is said to be the most sought-after companion of Onmyojis.

The Black Tortoise of the North could create the Dragon Turtles as he has command over death and water. The Dragon Turtles created by the Black Tortoise are different since they could swim in the air and have large bodies that they are said to have carried civilization behind their backs. Adrian thought of Wisteria when it came to Dragon Turtles, but she has yet to surpass five meters in height.

Since the Palace of the Azure Dragon is basically flooded by Flood Dragons, they were all wary ever since they have perceived Kanlaon's presence. The Flood Dragons actually wanted to play a prank on Adrian and Hajime since they boldly declared to get the Lodestone Heart from their master, but Kanlaon's presence threw them off. If they treat the Azure Dragon as their master, then Kanlaon had the presence of a dragon emperor which warranted just as much respect.

Hajime thought that something might happen as he knew that the Flood Dragons were telling him that he will never be welcomed again but he was glad that it was peaceful. He entered the door to the next floor but saw Adrian and Kanlaon standing near it and looking up in the ceiling.

"Is there something wrong, Benefactor Equinox?" Hajime asked as Adrian and Kanlaon stopped their march.

"It is nice to finally meet the Azure Dragon of the East." Adrian stated as he bowed slightly to show some respect.

Hajime and the others thought that Adrian was seeing things as even the Flood dragons were confused. What they did not know is that the Adrian already felt someone staring at him as soon as they arrived. He thought that it might be the flood dragons, but the staring did not stop even if Kanlaon got all the attention from the flood dragons.

"Interesting. Suzaku did say that you are interesting." A deep voice resounded on the first floor of the spire.

As soon as the flood dragons heard the voice, all of them immediately prostrated themselves. The flood dragons knew who the owner of this voice as this the voice of their creator and master is. Hajime immediately went down to kneel as well since the Azure Dragon is still his superior that protected the east land of the eastern continent.

"You have passed the test, Champion Equinox. Meet me directly at the top of the spire along with Hajime and your dragon." The Azure Dragon stated as its presence suddenly vanished from the first floor.

Adrian and Kanlaon were the only ones that were able to see the form of the Azure Dragon. It was only the two of them that could see through the mist and lies. Just like the color in its name, the Azure Dragon has azure scales, but its body is actually almost made entirely of water vapor. Adrian was not able to know if it was water vapor or clouds, but its body is almost transparent.

"I guess I will see it in much more detail if I go to the highest point." Adrian stated as light suddenly flooded the whole room.

Lightning suddenly flooded the room, but the flood dragons did not panic as if this was a normal occurrence. Hajime and his soldiers were shocked and ducked as they thought that they would be hit by the lightning. Adrian would have hidden for cover as well if Kanlaon was not by his side and giving him the details.

The lightning that hit did not blast the people inside of the room, but it traveled through the walls. The lightning then reached the door arch and filled it with immense magic. The lightning that came down on the room was not natural as it was the doing of the Azure Dragon. The lightning electrified the perimeter of the door until a magical gate appeared in front of them.

"A shortcut." Adrian stated as he could feel that space was shuffled inside that door. It is the same feeling that he has when a dungeon entrance is nearby.

"Do we have to pass through that?" Hajime asked as he could see that the magic inside the door was pure lightning crackling about as just passing through will kill him via electrocution.

"It is just a door. It will not kill you... I think." Adrian stated as he started to walk towards it, but Hajime suddenly stopped him.

"Are you sure? I do not want to leave my child fatherless." Hajime stated.

"I am sure. Plus, if the Azure Dragon wanted to kill us then he would have done so as soon as we entered the palace. He was casually hanging out on top of the ceiling when we arrived." Adrian stated as he took Hajime's hand.

"I see. Thank you, Champion Equinox. I knew that you would guide me and protect me when we pass through the gate." Hajime stated but that was not what Adrian planned.

Adrian placed Hajime in front of the gate and then twisted space behind him to push the nervous general. Hajime felt a powerful force suddenly push him forward which directly sent him to the door made of lightning. One could say that a high-

pitched scream came out of the proud general, but he would say that you were just hearing things if you tell that to him.

"Since only the three of us were invited, I think all of you are dismissed for now. Please handle their refreshment as their leader is a distinguished guest of your master." Adrian stated towards the Flood Dragons.

The flood dragons do not want to be bossed around but they cannot refute the words of the master's guest. In fact, if Adrian did not say anything then they would be kicked out of the palace as they wait for their general. Adrian knows how to navigate this social interaction thanks to Peridot giving him tips to navigate the upper echelon of the eastern continent.

Adrian entered the lightning gate along with Kanlaon and their vision was filled with a bright light. When their vision returned to normal, they were in a place where a small pond and beautiful trees were planted. The place also did not have a ceiling above as clear skies and sunrays were all that they could see. The most notable thing that Adrian saw is a being that has blue hair and white eyes who also emitted almost unlimited power.

Chapter 1819 Azure Dragon is a 'Liar'

Adrian arrived in what might look like a grotto that is serene and peaceful. Clear skies and sunlight could be seen on top as if the building they entered was not a spire earlier. Adrian looked around to look for Hajime and he was unmoving from his spot in a lying down position.

Adrian checked if Hajime has died, and he was relieved that he was just sleeping. Still, Adrian knew that he was not sleeping due to an external factor but to an internal factor. He was sleeping due to shock as his human body is not used to suddenly skipping through space.

Adrian has learned from his guild members that they would feel uneasy or even heavily nauseous when they teleport with him the first time. If the game permitted their characters to barf, then they would have already done so. Adrian thought that NPCs would have higher tolerance, but Hajime just proved that he was wrong.

"Strange? Yumeko was able to easily hop between dimensions with me when we played together. Does this mean that she has a stronger bearing because of the incidents of her soul separating with her body?" Adrian muttered as he just let Hajime lie down and rest.

"I thought you have already forgotten about my existence that you no longer stared at me." An old man that has grayish long hair and pure blue eyes looked at Adrian.

"You must be the Azure Dragon, Seiryu. The Vermillion Bird Suzaku has told me all about you as I do not want to do something that might offend you. Also, I did not ignore you as you have surmised. I merely checked my companion as it would leave a bitter taste in my mouth if he were to die with me. His daughter is kind of like my godchild in a way." Adrian stated.

"Interesting as the Vermillion Bird has said. You also have her heart which means that she trusts you fully." The Azure Dragon stated as he was able to look at the beating heart of the Vermillion Bird hidden near his core.

"If you can see that then you are as powerful as I thought you would be. It is also the reason why those gods are not doing anything in the eastern continent." Adrian stated as anyone that can see through him is as powerful as a greater god at the very least.

"I know what you are here for, Champion Equinox. Hajime has already told me that you requested the Lodestone Heart in my possession. Why do you need it when demons do not have the power to harness the power of the elements?" The Azure Dragon stated.

"I need it to evolve one of my soulbounds. It is one of the ingredients necessary for him to become stronger. I do not need to tell you why I need to become stronger as the waves of power has split across the continents. I am sure that all of you felt the power of a High God descending to the world." Adrian stated.

"I have felt the power of that High God, but she cannot cross the waters here as she would awaken the primal forces asleep in the waters. She would not dare to be careless as she knows that even she will not be able to easily deal with them." The Azure Dragon stated.

"I do not really care if she cannot cross the waters, but I do need the Lodestone Heart as you have promised. Please give it to me as I do not want to waste anymore time." Adrian stated as he knows that Hajime was already told that the Lodestone Heart would be given to him if he comes with the demon.

"Unfortunately, I cannot give it to you." The Azure Dragon stated.

"Then you are a liar and someone that breaks their vows. Is that not extremely embarrassing for someone that lives here in the eastern continent? Also, you are one of their gods so not keeping your promise would be a great shame to your reputation." Adrian stated.

As soon as Adrian said that the Azure Dragon was a liar, the serene skies above suddenly darkened as lightning and dark clouds rolled over. The peaceful grotto suddenly had a different feel as if everything was dreary. Adrian knew why this happened because he and Hajime were no longer connected fully to the mortal realm.

"This is your divine realm or semi-divine realm as you have tethered it to your palace." Adrian stated.

"If you know then how dare you call me a liar and dishonorable? I can easily delete you out of existence as you easily walked into my divine realm!" The Azure Dragon stated.

"I went in because I am confident. Should you do something to me then the Vermillion Bird would have something to say to you as she is also listening to this conversation right now. Please give the Lodestone Heart as promised." Adrian stated as he felt the presence of the Vermillion Bird from behind him.

"I cannot give it to you." The Azure Dragon stated.

"What do you mean you cannot give it to me? Did it get stolen? If it did then this place has laxer security than I thought." Adrian stated.

"I just do not want to give it." The Azure Dragon stated as he crossed his arms and pouted which is not becoming for a being that took the form of an old man.

"He is a hoarder, Equinox. He is not giving it to you because he likes to collect things even if he does not have any use for them. Even when we need something from him, it would take a year at the very least to convince him to part ways with it." The voice of the Vermillion Bird echoed inside of Adrian's head.

"I see. What can I do so that he will give me the item that I need? I am already running out of time." Adrian stated.

"Do this..." The Vermillion Bird stated.

Chapter 1820 Trade with the Dragon Hoarder

"Do you want to exchange it then?" Adrian stated as he learned this from the Vermillion Bird.

The Vermillion Bird told Adrian that he would just need to exchange something that catches the attention of the Azure Dragon. She told him that it does not have to be something that is important, but it should interest the Azure Dragon. The Vermillion Bird already knows this trick as the Azure Dragon does it all the time when the item that needs to be traded has a small sentimental value for him.

"You propose a trade? Preposterous! You cannot give me anything that can top this fine specimen of a rock!" The Azure Dragon stated as he pulled out the Lodestone Heart.

The Lodestone Heart looked like a charred piece of rock that is emitting immense lightning energy. Even Adrian can feel it just by being near it, but he does not know why the Azure Dragon is calling it pretty. The Lodestone Heart just looks like a burnt piece of rock with small sparks coming out of it if it was only a purely aesthetic point of view.

"I am a demon." Adrian stated.

"And I am the Azure Dragon. What is your point? I know you are a demon. I have eyes." The Azure Dragon stated.

"Old and sassy. What I meant is that I have traveled to various lands since I am a demon. I have a lot of things in my own pocket dimension that is much more aesthetically pleasing than that burnt rock. I already know that the four divine beasts cannot leave your territories due to your duty." Adrian stated which made the Azure Dragon squint his eyes.

"I did not think that their level of trust would be that deep that the Vermillion Bird would tell even the taboo information to him." The Azure Dragon thought.

"Fine. Present me with a rock much more beautiful than this then I might be willing to trade you." The Azure Dragon stated.

Adrian took out five rocks inside his inventory that he put inside of there. Three of the five rocks were drops from powerful monsters while the other two were more miscellaneous drops that he picked up. He filtered his inventory but only these five items were truly the things that are rocks. Adrian presented the rocks that he has in the order that he finds most appealing.

"I have this! It is a treasure that was dropped when I killed a god of light! The Luxurium! It is a beautiful piece of golden diamond that refracts light into a rainbow when it passes through it!" Adrian stated as he passed the Luxurium to the Azure Dragon.

"I already have something similar, and it is even more shiny than this. It lacks identity." The Azure Dragon stated as he tossed the Luxurium away, but Adrian managed to retrieve it back to his inventory.

"Tough customer. Next would be this then. A Blood Emerald that came from me defeating a western god or their champion. It was already so long but I know that at least one of them dropped it." Adrian stated as he gave the Blood Emerald to the Azure Dragon.

"It is red and green which is pretty, but it is doing too much of one thing that it does not have its own beauty. I have already seen a lot of stones like this, and they bore me." The Azure Dragon stated as he tossed the Blood Emerald once again, but Kanlaon extended his tail from his robe to catch it.

"Choosy but it means that you have a great eye. I have another one that will definitely be the thing that you need! Here! A Frost Diamond that came from Asgard itself. It is the divine realm of the Norse Gods." Adrian stated as he presented a diamond in the shape of a snowflake that floats.

"It is wonderful and mystical." The Azure Dragon stated.

"So, are you going to exchange it?" Adrian asked.

"Nope. I could have a Yuki-onna create one just like this if I wanted to. It is not even giving me winter vibes." The Azure Dragon stated as he returned the Frost Diamond as it was more fragile

than the other two. At the very least, he knows his stuff about stones that he does not throw anything that is easily broken.

"How about this one? This is a stone given to me by one of my guild members that is a Deep One." Adrian stated as he presented a Sea Stone.

The Sea Stone is just like a beautiful stone that has an extremely miniscule amount of the essence of the sea. One could smell the sea when they sniff it, and it has an aquamarine color with designs of seaweed and corals. This made the eyes of the Azure Dragon curious, and it made Adrian think that he was able to pique the interest of the divine beast.

"So, do you want to trade with this? It seems that you like it." Adrian asked.

"It does pique my interest, but I already have something like this. It might be from a different sea which is why I was curious for a second, but it is not unique enough for my taste." The Azure Dragon stated.

"I guess I am all out of options. This is the only thing that I have left. A Moon Rock." Adrian stated as he presented the last stone inside his bag which is a common tier Moon Rock that he happened to pick up when he and Ascalor were training in a moon back then.

"This! You should have presented this to me first! This is the most exquisite rock that I have seen. It has identity! It has the presence! It is opulence itself!" The Azure Dragon stated as he suddenly started to get excited.

"I was just joking. This is something from the Moon itself that I picked up. You have a demon's seal of approval for that one. So, will you trade it for that Lodestone Heart?" Adrian stated as he changed his tune upon seeing the other party.

"Yes!" The Azure Dragon stated happily.