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Chapter 221 - Passage Inside Icy Mountains

"There! I see a cave but it would not fit Kanlaon." Adrian pointed out at an opening he saw in a mountain.

The blizzard is almost catching up to them and Adrian would always cast Chrono Shift on himself because he is slower than Kanlaon. Adrian did not want to get carried by Kanlaon because it would increase his load more and they might slow down. Thankfully, Adrian noticed a cave like opening on a mountain but it is only about eight feet high.

"The blizzard is catching up. Kanlaon throw Levin Cloud to the entrance of that hole immediately." Adrian commanded via their soul link.

Kanlaon nodded and he did a spiraling motion to generate force. Levin Cloud though looks like he is about to puke due to suddenly spinning in the air. Kanlaon threw Levin Cloud with all his might and Adrian even used Chrono Shift to make his momentum faster. Levin Cloud plopped onto the snow face first and still a bit jazzed up by his spinning vision.

When Kanlaon threw Levin Cloud, Adrian told the dragon that he is next. Adrian knew that he would not make it in time with the blizzard approaching fast. Kanlaon did the same spinning motion to build force and threw Adrian away.

Adrian immediately sealed Kanlaon after being thrown away. It was a good decision to do that as the blizzard almost hit Kanlaon after a few seconds of Adrian being thrown away. Adrian controlled his fall with his wings and Levin Cloud immediately pulled him inside the cave.

Before Adrian could ask his best friend to seal the cave entrance, Levin Cloud already started chanting and spiky rocks started rising from the cave walls to close the entrance. The blizzard finally hit but the wall of rocks is not sturdy enough to block the intense winds and snow it carried. The wall started cracking which made Levin Cloud use more mana than he should have.

Adrian decided to use Rewind to immediately fix the cracks. When Adrian's spell took effect, he immediately grabbed Levin Cloud's arms to proceed further into the cave. Adrian knows that they could not beat a natural calamity so it is better to take shelter deeper into the cave.

The two began walking and they felt something about the cave. The cave is like any other normal thing except for one thing and that is its temperature. The air inside of the mountain is not like the air outside of it which is cold. The inside of the cave felt temperate and the temperature rises more and more the deeper the two went inside of it.

"It's amazing that the heat does not permeate onto the outside of the mountain or else all the snow in it would melt." Levin Cloud commented.

"It's amazing that there is a molten lava system inside a mountain in a region where only ice dwells." Adrian added.

"Let's just hope that this demigod blacksmith is here in this area or else we just wasted our time. Thankfully, you know the coordinates for the teleportation." Levin Cloud stated but Adrian suddenly went silent for a few moments before replying.

◆◆Yeah...About that. I kind of just teleported us at a location that my information source pointed as at." Adrian replied but Levin Cloud still maintained his calm.

"At least he pointed you to the right direction right?" Levin Cloud asked with a smile but deep inside he is not smiling.

"Yeah!" Adrian immediately replied but deep down this is his thought, "I should not tell him that I just teleported as at the location where Pann pointed his finger at the map.

They proceeded into the delpth of the cave and they could finally see red and brown crystals forming on the walls. Adrian tried touching one of the crystals to harvest them but it is hot to the touch. They wanted to collect them but since none of the have a mining sub job class then they would just break the crystals by just roughly collecting it.

It did not take long for the two of them to enter into a large cave structure where there are rivers and puddles made of lava. There are even poisonous fumes coming out of the cracks and holes in the ground. They can finally be sure that they are not in a mountain but in an inactive volcano.

The thing that bugged both of them is who made the hole. The cave they entered in did not feel natural but rather man-made. Levin Cloud even commented it that it might be an entrance that is made by intelligent monsters. Either way, the two did not let their guard down.

The two stopped when they heard something like a clinging and clanging sound. The sound is rather vague and distant which is why the two thought it might be monsters with metallic shells ramming against each other. The two decided to follow the sound but there are monsters they encountered on the way.

Monster: Fire Raptor (Infant)

Level: 125

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

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

Description: Bipedal fire monsters that are said to be a very distant relative of the Fire Drakes. Unlike Fire Drakes, Fire Raptors do not have wings and are unable to fly but they are very fast when on land. They can run at a speed of 130 miles in under an hour all without breaking a sweat. They like living in warm areas and eat Molten Crystals in order to power up their body that is always in need of heat.

The monsters in front of the duo looks like a velociraptor about five feet in height but with flames burning atop its head. The skin is red but the eyes are orange with a black reptilian slit as the pupils. The arms are so short but the jaws of the monsters look strong as they are chewing the red and brown crystals that the duo found just scattered around the cave.

"The scary thing is that those are just infants. How big do you think the mother is?" Levin Cloud whispered to Adrian.

"We can probably take them out. There are only five here. Even if the mother comes it would be ten levels higher at best." Adrian replied.

"You are right. I am a bit sad we could not get experience from the snow eagles earlier. Those are high leveled monsters but we did not finish them off because of the blizzard." Levin Cloud stated and the two planned their method of attack.

Meanwhile, Frey who finally got bored waiting and is currently meditating by herself heard noises and explosions but it is somewhat distant.

"I think I hear fighting from afar. Should we investigate?" Frey asked Brunhild.

"I think it is just wild monsters outside of Lord Aurgelmir's home. Pay it no mind but you can check it out if you are bored here waiting. Sometimes fights of creatures would give inspiration to a fighting style but it is best if you just observed. If it is something major then report back to us immediately. You must not fall before your big battle arrives." Brunhild reply and Frey bowed to her and went to check what it happening

Chapter 222 - Someone's Watching Us

The duo needs to assess the strength of the Fire Raptors despite having an infant modifier beside its name. They should not underestimate their opponents despite them being so young. There is a reason why the word underdog was created.

"I will send Charon to lure one towards us." Adrian stated.

"Is he not too weak for that? He might get one shot." Levin Cloud retorted.

"He has a passive that makes him only weak to holy attribute magic." Adrian replied as he summoned Charon.

The little life eater looked around like a curious child in a new environment. Adrian told Charon carefully about the plan but Adrian had no confidence that the little undead understood him. Charon just cheerily saluted Adrian as if the little undead really understood.

Adrian only prayed that nothing goes wrong or if something does goes wrong then he just hopes it is not big trouble. Charon sunk down to the earth and his figure vanishing from sight. Adrian told Charon to tease the Fire Raptor that is at the closest to them.

Charon's head popped out from the ground in front of the infant fire raptor but the life eater is not attacked. Instead, the infant fire raptor just stared at Charon with curiosity like any newborn. Charon did funny faces towards the infant fire raptor but there is still no reaction.

Charon had no choice but to resort to violence so it hit the infant fire raptor with its lamp. The damage is pitiful however being only 1 damage. Though that one damage lighted up the violent instinct of the infant fire raptor. The infant fire raptor did a mix of a hiss and a gurgling sound towards Charon as if threatening the life eater to back down.

Charon did not bother with the hiss and slammed its lamp again towards the infant fire raptor. The infant fire raptor tried chomping Charon only for it to just shut its jaw. The infant fire raptor did not know why its bite did not connect but it did not stop trying to bite Charon only to always fail.

Adrian seeing the events could only be happy that the plan seems to be working except when he saw the other infant fire raptors group up. The four others also did what the one teased by Charon

did and the little life eater looked like it is having fun. Charon is having so much fun that it did not heed Adrian's instruction to not go towards him.

Adrian could only lament that he did train Charon much in terms of the intellect department. He could only set up a bunch of spacemines across the area that the infant fire raptors cross and hope for the best result. The duo no longer bothered hiding themselves and the infant fire raptors also caught their attention.

The infant fire raptors no longer cared for Charon as they could not damage it. The infant fire raptors switched their aggression towards the duo. It is common behavior of children to switch their aggression to whoever is near despite not offending them in any way. The infant fire raptors charge towards the duo while screeching.

"Mudpit!" Levin Cloud chanted and the earth five meters in front of the two became muddy but it soon dried up before the infant fire raptors could be trapped.

"Chrono Lag!" Adrian casted his spell in an area which made the mana consumption five times more.

The charging infant fire raptors slowed down and Levin Cloud used another crowd control spell to at least root the five charging infant fire raptors in place.

"Bramble Field" Levin Cloud stated and thorny vines started to sprout from the ground.

The thorny vines coiled up on the infant fire raptors but the flaming head of the infant fire raptors lit the thorny vines on fire. Nevertheless, the thorny vines did their job and rooted the infant fire raptors in place. Adrian detonated all the spacemines in the place where the infant fire raptors are rooted in place.

Explosions sounded off and the infant fire raptors released cries of anguish as they did not know where the attack came from. The numerous spacemines triggered reduced the health of the infant fire raptors to fifty percent. Instead of attacking the duo though, the infant fire raptors started emitting a cry and Adrian could guess who they are calling.

Not long after, a loud roar and fast footsteps could be heard. A shadow of something fast charged towards the duo with an angry roar.

"I think we attracted the mother." Levin Cloud commented. Adrian could only look at him and raise his eyebrow.

Monster: Fire Raptor

Level: 135

HP: 3,000,000 / 3,000,000

MP: 3,000,000 / 3,000,000

The mother fire raptor is double the size of the infant and is actually ten feet tall. It is not farfetched to say that it is like a bootleg version of a fire drake. The mother fire raptor instantly responded to the cry of its young and charged towards the duo that it laid its eyes upon.

Adrian did not panic even though they are being attacked by a mini-boss like monster. He smiled as he can now summon Kanlaon as the cooldown is finally over. Two magic circles appeared which had two different insignias: a dragon insignia and a dove insignia.

Kanlaon and Saena came out of the magic circles respectively. Kanlaon charged towards the mother fire raptor while Sirius came out of Adrian's shadow to also attack the mother fire raptor. Saena would support everyone with her heals while Charon activated Soul Siphon and spread his shield equally to those tanking the damages.

Kanlaon did not fire off his breath but instead coiled around the mother fire raptor while the two best friends took care of the infant fire raptors. Sirius would bite at the legs of the mother raptor but he reported something to Adrian that made the latter's guard up. Sirius told Adrian that someone is observing them and it is a human female.

Adrian did not know why a woman would observe them unless she is a servant of the demigod blacksmith but that is only speculation. He did not want to let his guard down if ever the one observing them is an enemy. It is also possible that it is a player and she would kill steal from the group so Adrian remained vigilant.

"Just try and steal our kills. I will show you no mercy." Adrian thought while he charged towards the infant fire raptors.

Chapter 223 - Meeting Frey

Kanlaon coiled around the mother fire raptor. His tail is coiled around the neck of the mother fire raptor while his body restricting the body. Even though Kanlaon coiled up to the mother fire raptor, it did not mean that the mother fire raptor is immobilized.

True to the level difference, the mother fire raptor could still exert some strength and bite Kanlaon but Sirius would sneak an attack or two on its legs. Sirius excels at fights that takes time because of his attack that can put the Bleed status. Saena would just heal any wounds that Kanlaon would take but she has not yet done that because the shield that Charon gave still persists.

The infant fire raptors posed no challenge to Adrian and Levin Cloud because the infant monsters have yet to have coordinated attacks. The infant fire raptor's form of attack are just them charging blindly at the aggressors. Adrian would just use Nether Soul Strike to chip at the infant fire raptor's health until they release their death cry.

[You have killed a Fire Raptor (Infant). You have gained experience.]

The death of one infant seemed to affect the mother fire raptor as its stats suddenly increased. Adrian immediately commanded Kanlaon and Sirius to finally use skills in order to kill the mother fire raptor. Adrian also switched his target to the mother fire raptor when he noticed the change in power of the monster.

Adrian did not use Blink to shorten the distance between the two as there is an observer watching them. He had to hide his cards in case the one hidden has ulterior motives. Adrian just casted his normal spells like spacemines to damage the mother fire raptor. The only big skill he used is his Nether Soul Strike but he only used the minimum nether energy and soul essence to power it so that it will not show full power.

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[Charon has leveled up 8 times.]

Despite defeating enemies that are higher leveled than them, the experience bar only moved by 45%. Still for the group, the large experience is welcomed. The only reason top guilds could break through the level 150 threshold is because they have monopoly over raid dungeons. Though the raid dungeons only provides the one level bonus once so each top guild has to find raid dungeons that are already scarce.

The party collected the loot that consisted of miscellaneous items such as scales, tooth and other body parts of the defeated monster. Adrian could not take it anymore and decided to call out the one observing them but he did it with a twist. He cast Soul Form Transformation on Kanlaon while asking Sirius to hide on the observer's shadow.

Adrian wants to think that he sealed his two soulbounds so that it would lessen the guard of the observer. Despite the observer being a girl, Adrian will not show mercy if the individual has funny ideas. All is fair in love and war.

"It is very rude to stalk someone from afar." Adrian stated and Frey no longer bothered hiding behind the large boulder.

Adrian and Levin Cloud who saw the stalker is actually shocked because they know her. They recognize that face anywhere because she is very famous for being the best female player in the game. The two could not believe their eyes that the person in front of them is actually one of the top rankers though she decreased in rank. The most distinguished and most famous female player: Frey.

The duo froze as they could not believe that they met a top ranker in this area. They also could not believe that the rumors were true that she is drop dead gorgeous. Adrian even has a little crush on her because not only is she pretty but she has godly game mechanics.

"I did not mean to intrude. I just thought that some powerful monsters were fighting and it might affect our task. I am sorry." Frey stated in a bland tone and just turned back while she walked away.

"She really is an ice queen but at least she has respect for others." Levin Cloud stated while smiling.

Click!

"What was that?" Levin Cloud suddenly asked.

"I just tried the camera function of the game that I barely use. I saved your reaction to Frey. I will send it to the group chat later." Adrian stated as he followed Frey.

"Dude! Where are you going?! I know you have a crush on her and all but stalking. Tsk...Tsk." Levin Cloud stated while acting disappointed.

"You cannot change my mind on posting that picture. Let us just hope that Peridot does not bury you six feet under." Adrian teased as he continued following Frey.

"Ok, I give up. But seriously why are you following her?" Levin Cloud asked while he followed Adrian.

"Then why are you following her too then?" Adrian retorted.

"I am not following her. I am following you that is following her." Levin Cloud replied.

"Uhuh. Keep telling yourself that while you are grinning. I am following her because I am curious why she said OUR instead of MY. I have a hunch but I just hope my gut feeling is right. If we get mistaken as stalkers then we just might get reported but with how you are acting right now..." Adrian stated as he followed after Frey but still keeping some distance.

Sirius is currently hiding inside Frey's shadow so Adrian could feel where the girl's location is despite not seeing her figure. The longer they followed Frey, the closer the sound of metals hitting each other. Levin Cloud did not want to admit it but his best friend's intuition might be correct.

"Damn! How can I get him to delete that photo? Maybe I should have become a scout and changed jobs to a ninja." Levin Cloud thought.

Chapter 224 - Disappearing Trick

It did not take long for Frey to get back to the forge of the demigod blacksmith. Brunhild is about to ask Frey what the commotion was but the former suddenly went into battle mode. Frey did not know why Brunhild became battle ready but she knew how fearsome the leader of the Valkyries is.

"Show yourself monster." Brunhild shouted which also made the other Valkyries battle ready.

Sirius used his soul link to tell that Adrian that something is wrong immediately. Adrian told Levin Cloud to pick up the pace as Sirius felt a bit scared. Brunhild's left hand started having mana coalesce and a magic circle appeared.

Brunhild then pointed her index finger towards Frey. Frey is then covered by a blue light and a squeal of a dog monster is heard. Sirius is dealt damage by the strange magic that Brunhild used. The Valkyries surrounded Sirius and the demon wolf just growled back at them.

Frey immediately remembered who the wolf creature is and it is one of the soulbounds of the human summoner she encountered. She also pulled out her secondary weapon and pointed it at Sirius. Sirius just stared at the Valkyries as he would be ready to counterattack anyone who charges at him.

"How did a demon wolf follow you here, Sister Frey?" Brunhild asked Frey.

"The demon wolf is a soulbound of a summoner I encountered earlier. I was about to report it to you but it seems it followed me here or to be precise it is ordered to follow me." Frey replied.

"Interesting. I had my fair share of battling demon wolves but this one seems to be bigger than the ones I have killed. That summoner seems to be somewhat capable." Brunhild stated as her interest in this summoner increased.

"Still sister, it is quite rude to tail a woman. We must punish this summoner as he made a fool out of one of us." A Valkyrie named Alruna stated as she closed in on Sirius.

"Maybe I should test the cute dog. I want to know its capabilities since it is already here." A Valkyrie named Eir stated as she eyed Sirius.

Eir immediately tossed three small daggers towards Sirius. The demon wolf did not bother to dodge but instead extended his shadow to flick away the daggers sent towards him. Eir held out her hand and the three daggers flew back to her hands once more. She then started to proceed to once again throw daggers at Sirius.

Each successive throw, the speed of the daggers coming at Sirius increases. After every throw, Sirius had to increase his reaction speed and is straining his mental strength. At the seventh throw that is seven times faster than the original speed, Sirius did not block the daggers instead the space in front of him exploded that blew away the daggers.

"It seems that the owner is already here to protect its soulbound." Brunhild stated and a pair of silhouettes appeared.

Adrian appeared with a not so happy look while Marlon who followed just had a stoic expression. Sirius immediately dived back into Adrian's shadow upon command but the demon wolf protested a little and snarled one last time at the Valkyries. The Valkyries just stared at the two best friends and the two also stared back. The staring contest continued for a few minutes before Eir spoke.

"Hey you! Cute boy! Why don't you give me that cute doggie of yours? I will give you a drake in return. That is a much stronger monster than that wolf." Eir stated thinking that her offer is really great as drakes are monsters that are difficult to tame.

"I think my sisters still lack training as simple illusion magic can still cloud their sight. The one in front of you is not a human." Brunhild stated which made Adrian his eyebrow.

NPC: Brunhild

Tier: Legendary

Title: Captain of the Einjerhar

Level: 250

"It seems she is different from the others who are fifty levels below her and are Epic grade NPCs. No wonder. But what is a legendary NPC doing here in the far north. From what I know, Valkyries are said to live in another world called Valhalla.◆◆◆ Adrian thought.

"What do you mean that the summoner kid is not human, Sister Brunhild?" Eir stated as she is confused.

"The summoner in front of you is one of the Daemos." Brunhild stated which shocked the other Valkyries but Frey did not know what the Daemos was. Sensing Frey's puzzled look, Brunhild explained it in simpler terms.

"It seems Sister Frey has yet to encounter one of the Daemos but I believe the humans call them as demons." Brunhild stated while looking at Adrian.

"No thanks on the offer for the drake. Even if you trade Sirius for a dragon, I will reject you."
Adrian answered which clearly pissed off Eir.

Adrian is not foolish enough to trade Sirius for a drake because Sirius would become as strong as one if not stronger. Also, Adrian is a very sentimental person and Sirius is his first soulbound so why would he give the latter away. Adrian probably got his sentimentality from his mother because her mother rarely throws stuff away. Even if the vegetables in their fridge get only thrown away if they are rotten to the core.

"It seems this big sister needs to teach you a lesson." Eir stated as she disappeared from here position and is about to punch Adrian.

Adrian sort of expected that Eir would charge at him but the other Valkyries did not expect what happened next. Eir's punch that was about to connect to did not happen. Instead, Eir disappeared into thin air which made the other Valkyries point their weapons at the two friends.

"What did you do demon?! Answer me before you regret." Brunhild stated while pointing her claymore at Adrian.

"I just sent her somewhere outside to cool her head off." Adrian answered with a sheepish smile.

Meanwhile, Levin Cloud is already dying inside from being nervous. Frey though looked at Adrian with slight curiosity as she wondered how he sent Eir away outside. Adrian though is also sweating outside because it cost him half his mana to just send one person away.

Chapter 225 - Sparring Match Vs Frey

"What is all the racket about!?" A deep voice shouted and the earth started to shake as footsteps could be heard.

The tense atmosphere is suddenly lifted up as the Valkyries no longer looked at the two best friends with hostility. An old looking man that is about three meters tall with blue skin and red tattoos in his body approached the group. On the man's right hand is a hammer while on his left hand is a spear that looked like it could pierce even the gods.

The old man has a bandana on his head to keep his graying hair together while wearing an apron made of leather. The old man did not wear an inner shirt but his lower body part is covered by something like a mixture of a pants and a kilt. The most eye catching thing about the old man is his red tattoos on his blue tinted body.

"Jotunn." Adrian inexplicably muttered as he looked at the old man's details and the old man seems to hear him as Aurgelmir took a glance at Adrian.

NPC: Aurgelmir

Tier: Mythical

Title: Godlike Blacksmith

Race: Jotunn

Species: Frost Giant (Semi-Primordial)

The frost giant then handed the spear to Frey and the latter is surprised but still managed to show her appreciation using a bow. The frost giant only nodded and looked at Adrian after. Adrian also

looked back at the frost giant and is about to say something but is cut off by the leader of the Valkyries.

"We will forgive your offense demon if you have a sparring match with our Sister Frey." Brunhild announced which made Adrian suddenly reply.

"I have no obligation to follow you lady." Adrian retorted with a look of annoyance but he in actuality he wanted to accept.

He wanted to accept because it is a rare chance to fight one of the most distinguished top player but being commanded just rubs him the wrong way. He wanted to be asked politely not something like what Brunhild did like he is expected to act as such just because she wants to. Her tone sounds like she is looking at Adrian like a servant which he did not appreciate.

"I also want to test the strength of the weapon that I have forged. If the young lad can agree to my request to make you spar with the young lady over there then it would be much appreciated." Aurgelmir stated.

"If the old man himself is asking then I will naturally accept since you asked kindly." Adrian replied which made a vein pop from Brunhild's forehead.

"Listen well, Sister Frey. Demons are not called the incarnation of destruction for a reason. You must not underestimate them though he looks like a human now." Brunhild warned Frey but the latter already knew not to underestimate the player in front of her.

"Are you sure about this?" Levin Cloud asked as he is worried.

"The giant old man is the demigod blacksmith we are looking for. It

[Player Frey sent you a sparring request. Do you want accept? Yes or No?]

Adrian accepted the request and summoned his spear psyche armament. Since it is only sparring, there is a limited area that they can move on. Their arena is only about fifty meter in radius and if someone steps out then it would be the victory of the one remaining inside after ten seconds that the person is knocked out of the ring.

When Adrian summoned his spear, a glow in Aurgelmir's eye could be seen. The others would have noticed it but all the attention was on the two people sparring. The spear that the frost giant made looked powerful as the design looked that of a golden rose.

The blade of the spear pops out at the middle of the golden rose bud. Below the blade are rows of golden thorny vines. There is also another pointed tip on the opposite side of the blade.

The Valkyries though are also a bit interested with Adrian's weapon as they thought that a summoner would opt to use magic but they are surprised when Adrian summoned a weapon. The two sparring partners stared each other down first because they are both unfamiliar with their battle styles. Frey might be famous but she rarely posts videos or streams.

She became famous because she sometimes joins the guild Blood Rose on raids because she has a friend there. Frey did not want to attack carelessly. The warnings of Brunhild are still present in her mind as even the most basic information about a demon is "Run away if you see a demon."

Adrian decided to attack first since Frey seemed to be wary of him and he does not like to be overly passive. Adrian decided to do a lunge attack using the spear but Frey reacted immediately and blocked it with a swipe from her spear. She did not stop blocking but also counterattacked.

Frey spun 360 degrees and used the other end of her spear to try and pierce Adrian but she noticed that she suddenly slowed down. Adrian used Chrono Lag to slow down Frey's reactions and started to use the first skill of the spear.

"Rising Star" Adrian stated.

Adrian then performed a rising swipe from his position and his spear glowed in a star like energy. Frey immediately used a warrior skill called Warrior's Resolve that reduced damage for a set period of time. Still, Adrian continued his skill as Frey is knocked up while a burst of starlight damaged her.

Skill: Rising Star

Tier: Legacy

Type: Active Knock Up

Effect: After doing a lunging motion, the tip of the spear will be coated with starlight. The user must do an upward motion to knock up the target. Those knocked up will then be dealt 150% of your total damage.

Essence Cost: 10 essences

Cooldown: 5 seconds

Cast Time: None

"Spinning Phantom" Frey stated while she is currently up in the air.

Frey's body then rotated like a tornado and it is aimed towards Adrian. Her form is reminiscent of a golden drill coming towards Adrian. The speed that she dropped was also not ordinary as she reached Adrian's location in just two seconds.

Adrian had no choice to use Blink to dodge the attack but the spinning golden drill turned around to chase Adrian. Adrian waited again for the golden drill to hit and used Blink but this time he used Chrono Shift on Frey to make her faster. The decision became useful as Frey could not control her rotation speed and crashed towards the ground which effectively cancelled her skill.

Frey rose from the ground and looked at Adrian before smiling.

"You are good. This is the second time someone countered my skill." Frey smiled but behind that smile is the fierceness of a warrior.

Chapter 226 - Frey's Victory

Frey's aura changed suddenly and it became something like that of her spear. Adrian could feel that he is being pierced by a spear even though he is just looking at Frey. Warriors are quite different from other classes because they could become reliant on three types.

Warriors could be reliant on mana which are said to be more flexible in terms of skills. There are warriors that use stamina to power up skills and they are the durable ones. The rarest of all warriors is the ones who rely on sword energy.

Sword energy is a unique energy that is self-generating and would be used instead of mana to power skills. This specific energy also has a passive effect to increase the damage of warriors by a percentage dependent on their mastery of it. Sometimes people just call it aura but that is too much of a general term.

Frey had this reddish aura around her acting like a film protecting her. Adrian is keeping a close eye on her but she suddenly disappeared from his sight. The next thing he knew is that he is hit in the right side of his body and is knocked down.

Before Frey could continue her combo, Adrian used his last charge of Blink before it goes into cooldown to dodge. A good attempt but Frey once again disappeared from her position and appeared beside Adrian. She did an upward swing with her spear and this time it is Adrian that is sent flying.

Adrian unfurled his wings to control his aerial maneuverability so that he will not get out of the ring. He is shocked because just that attack dealt ten percent of his total health. Adrian did damage Frey but he only damaged her by five percent of her total health. A match of attrition is in Adrian's favor and would be his downfall.

Adrian had a smile on his face though because he is learning of all the things he lacks in this fight. Adrian lacks ways to keep melee enemies away from him after he exhausted his movement skills. Adrian thought if he should use Nether Domain but decided not to since this is just sparring.

Adrian wanted to compare himself to one of the best melee players by just relying on himself and not his soulbounds. Adrian is thinking of the instances where he might get separated with his soulbounds and he must rely on himself. This would be a test towards himself on how good he really is.

"Savage" Frey stated.

The red aura around Frey became darker in hue and even her spear is now coated with violet sparks. Adrian did not idle by as this is happening as he is casting spacemines all over the battlefield. He would detonate them once Frey touches one of the spacemines.

"I need to knock her back up to initiate the spear skill combo." Adrian thought but it is easier said than done.

"Why don't you use your summons? Are you thinking lightly of me which is why you are not summoning them?" Frey taunted.

"If I use them then the battle would hardly be fair. I also want to know how far my individual skill will take me against you." Adrian replied and said no more.

Frey too did not say anymore as she does not care too much if her opponent will not utilize his full arsenal. The only thing she needs to do is to win and prove herself to the other Valkyries. Frey charged once more but this time a small crater is left when she stomped her foot on the ground.

"Chrono Shift" Adrian stated and he made himself faster to see where Frey's attack will come from. Frey's attack came from behind Adrian this time as she wanted to impale Adrian. Adrian managed to evade but Frey's attack is unrelenting as she continued to use piercing attacks at him. Adrian can only dodge for now and keep his distance but he does counterattack if he can.

Adrian had to admit that in terms of skill using the spear then he pales in comparison to Frey. She is a veteran in using the spear while Adrian is more like a learned beginner. Once Chrono Shift lost its effect, Adrian could no longer follow up to Frey and he is getting battered left and right like a baseball.

Fortunately, the buff skill affecting Frey ended and Blink can now be used once again. Adrian used Blink and followed with Rising Star. Adrian sent Frey flying to the air but she adjusted herself to land faster to the ground. Before Frey could land though, Adrian used the second skill attached to his spear.

"Spiral Galaxy" Adrian stated as he positioned himself where Frey would land.

Adrian held the middle part of his spear and twirled it. A pattern of a spiral galaxy is made using the twirling spear. Frey wanted to dodge but she is being sucked by a pulling force from the skill that Adrian used.

Skill: Spiral Galaxy

Tier: Legacy

Type: Crowd Control

Effect: Generate a pulling force by twirling your spear. All enemies knocked up or airborne are pulled towards the galaxy generated. All enemies pulled is dealt 20% of your total damage per second for the duration. Can only pull those knocked up or airborne otherwise no damage will be dealt.

Duration: 10 seconds

Essence Cost: 15 essence

Cooldown: 20 seconds

Cast Time: 3 seconds

Frey is currently trapped in the crowd control so Adrian used that chance to test the last skill of the spear psyche armament. Adrian attacked Frey a few times before he activated the last skill of the spear psyche armament.

"Centaurus" Adrian stated as he flew to the sky.

The spear glowed in a violet light as it became coated in blue fire. The Spiral galaxy Crowd control also tightened more. Frey could only hope that she will not get damaged heavily or else she might lose. The surroundings of Adrian became like that of the starry night sky.

The skill effect made Adrian turn into a constellation and he launched the spear to Frey who is currently trapped. The spear also became supersized as it became five meters. Anyone who sees a giant spear heading towards them would definitely be afraid but Frey looked determined.

The giant spear shot towards Frey and the effect of the collision looked like a star exploded. It looked awesome but Adrian did not smile because he saw Frey still standing with still more than half her health. The odd thing is that Frey no longer had a weapon on her. Her spear is missing but Adrian soon learned where her spear went.

Frey's spear shot towards Adrian and pierced him in the stomach. The force sent him flying outside the designated arena and he is now pinned to the wall. He tried pulling out the spear but he gets damaged by the special effect of the spear called Thorn's Embrace.

Thorn's Embrace makes it so that anyone other than Frey who grabs the spear would get damaged every time someone's get in contact. The damage is not miniscule because it would drain 1% maximum health per five seconds. The drained health is then transferred to the wielder of the spear which is Frey.

[You have left the designated arena. You have ten seconds to get back.]

[You have left the designated arena. You have nine seconds to get back.]

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[You have left the designated arena. You have one second to get back.]

[You did not get back to the designated arena. You have lost this sparring match.]

[Since it is a sparring match, there will be no effect towards your PVP record.]

[Better luck next time.]

"Well that is depressing." Adrian stated as Levin Cloud healed him back to health.

"I would be more depressed if you managed to win. You did not use your soulbounds so you do not need to be too sad. Loser. Kek" Levin Cloud retorted while teasing his best friend.

"At least I know what I lack. Also the new and improved sync rate is much better than I expected. It lets me react much faster or is it just in my head?" Adrian stated as Frey went towards the two.

"Dude, she is coming towards us. What do I do?" Levin Cloud whispered to Adrian as the former became fidgety.

"Act natural and cool. Ladies love that. According to the internet anyways." Adrian whispered back.

"Thank you for the match. I have tested my weapon thanks to you." Frey stated as she held her hand out for a handshake.

"It was also a pleasure battling you. I have learned quite a lot." Adrian replied as he shook Frey's hand.

Frey then returned to the group of Valkyries and it looked like they were praising her efforts. The Valkyries then bowed towards Aurgelmir and the frost giant just gestured with his hand in return. The Valkyries are now ready to depart as they have gotten what they came for.

The other Valkyries never bothered to say goodbye to the two best friends and just glanced at them as the Valkyries summoned each of their mounts. The Valkyries finally left using an entrance

located at the top of the mountain. The Valkyries were already about a mile away when Brunhild suddenly thought she forgot something.

"I think we forgot about something important." Brunhild stated but she cannot point her finger on what they forgot.

Meanwhile back at the forge where Aurgelmir is already talking with Adrian, Eir just returned.

"Where are my sisters!?" Eir exclaimed.

"They left about five minutes ago." Levin Cloud stated as he pointed where the other Valkyries exited.

Chapter 227 - Costly Repairs

"Tell me then young lad. Why would one of the Daemos look for me?" Aurgelmir stated.

"We are looking for a demigod blacksmith that can fix the Undead King's Crown." Adrian replied.

"And who told you of my location?" Aurgelmir asked as he only knew few individuals from the Daemos.

"Pann told me that a blacksmith living in the far north may be able to help me. He pointed the location himself." Adrian replied.

"Yohoho. So that old sack of bones is still alive. I thought he would die of boredom and his crankiness." Aurgelmir stated with a hearty laugh.

"Since you came all this way then I might as well hear your opinion. Why would the Daemos help the undead?" Aurgelmir stated in a serious tone.

Adrian summarized the events on why he is helping the undead and the reason why he needed the crown fixed immediately. Aurgelmir listened attentively as it is news to him as he is isolated for quite a long time. Jotunn's do not have the luxury to travel like the Daemos who can just pop in and out.

"I see. The undead are now split into factions unlike last time when the Lich King was leading them." Aurgelmir stated and Adrian immediately noticed the frost giant's specific words.

"You speak as if you went into battle with the undead horde when the Lich King commanded them." Adrian stated.

"I was there when those buggers covered the lands with their filth. Your very own brother's in arms rising from the dead and killing the brothers that he once swore to protect. I do not like the undead but if Pann led you here then he must think it is a good reason to repair that crown. Who is the undead king anyway?" Aurgelmir stated.

"The undead king is called Arthur. He said that he used to be a real king and he was the Champion of the God of Death." Adrian said and Aurgelmir had a surprised look for a brief moment which Adrian noticed.

"Can I see the crown then? I do not like wasting time." Aurgelmir stated as he wanted to go back to crafting.

Adrian then took out the crown fragments and Aurgelmir looked as if he is familiar towards the crown. Aurgelmir did not say anything and moved towards his forge. He wanted to finish repairing the crown immediately as if he has the drive to.

"I also wanted to ask if you can repair broken legendary weapons?" Adrian asked since he already is there.

"I can. Legendary weapons are easier to repair but it would cost you. I am already repairing this crown for free since Pann sent you here." Aurgelmir stated.

"I can see that you do not need money in exchange. You live isolated here so I bet you do not need gold as payment." Adrian replied.

"I do not need gold coins but I do need materials like metal. A metal from another world would be good as well as payment. You also need to give me the materials needed to repair the broken weapons." Aurgelmir stated.

Adrian then brought out the five broken legendary weapons that he needed to be repaired. Aurgelmir took a quick glance at all of them and listed the materials one by one. Aurgelmir gave the list of materials to Adrian but his face became paler and paler as he read each one.

"Uhhh...Can you only give me the things needed to have them to be barely functioning without losing their legendary tier?" Adrian stated as with this amount of materials then he would be bankrupt.

"Is that so?" Aurgelmir stated and took back the paper he scribbled on and cross a bunch of stuff. The frost giant handed back the list of needed materials.

Adrian received the list and his face still paled. Levin Cloud wanted to know what is on the list and he regretted looking at it. Levin Cloud just patted Adrian's back to console his friend.

"I can feel your pain. Fortunately, my main weapon just need materials in order to upgrade unlike your main weapon that needs other weapons." Levin Cloud stated and tried to console Adrian but it only added salt to the wound.

"I need ten fire drake scales for the sword, two pounds of Adamantium for the Shield, five pieces of Elderbark for the bow, five Lightning stones for the spear, and Two Aquamarine shells for the wand. With the price of all these items, I would be able to buy one legendary weapon.

The worst part is that these items are just only to make them barely usable so that I can feed it to my weapon." Adrian stated which Levin Cloud could only smile with pity for his best friend.

"They probably traded those to you because they also could not afford to repair them. I feel like you got cheated." Levin Cloud stated but Adrian could not really agree wholeheartedly.

"Finding legendary weapons are very difficult. I am pretty sure that you can only chance upon them. I am already lucky enough that my weapon has no durability and could be upgraded just by feeding it weapons." Adrian stated as he glanced at his demi-gauntlets. Aurgelmir also got fixated on the gauntlets that Adrian is wearing.

"May I look at your gauntlets, young lad? My blacksmith's fire suddenly lit when I glanced at it. Even your soul weapons are unique that one can tell a god forge them himself." Aurgelmir stated and Adrian agreed.

Adrian did not need to take the demi-gauntlets of or rather he could not because it is bound. He can put the demi-gauntlets in his inventory but he cannot give it to others. Aurgelmir took Adrian's hand to inspect the demi-gauntlets but the latter could not stop from feeling shy. The sparkly eyes of the frost giant observing his weapons did not help lessen Adrian's shyness.

"Amazing! As expected of something crafted by the god Haephesto. There may be seals on it because it needed to be sent to the mortal plane but this marvelous weapon could grow to become something Divine tier." Aurgelmir stated which washed away Adrian's shyness to be replaced by shock.

A weapon that could grow to become Divine tier is unheard of. Adrian thought that his demi-gauntlets could grow into a Transcendent tier weapon but something of divine rank never popped into his mind. This greatly shocked Adrian that he even forgot about the heartache he got every time he upgraded the grade of the weapon.

"You mean as long as I feed it with weapons of Divine tier then it could ascend to becoming a Divine weapon?" Adrian asked because he is now highly expectant of the future.

"It is not that easy because Divine weapons are not that easy to unlock. Only gods can utilize 100% of the weapon while demigods can only use 50% of a Divine weapon. The weapon also needs to have a will in order to ascend to Divine tier. I am sorry to break your bubble lad but you have a long way to go." Aurgelmir replied.

Adrian did not hear what Aurgelmir said as his mind is now geared towards upgradeable to Divine tier. His mind is basically rejecting the idea of impossible as he is basking in his imagination when his weapon becomes Divine tier.

Whack!

Levin Cloud slapped Adrian's cheeks because the latter is showing a dazed and happy face that no one needs to see. Adrian immediately awoke from his daze and looked towards Levin Cloud that is now acting like he is sorting his inventory.

"Is there a fire drake living near your forge?" Adrian asked while he rubbed where he was slapped.

"There should be one but they live inside a dungeon that is deeper down. Be careful as there are large group of monsters that live near me. They do not come to my forge because they are intimidated by my presence and I also have a monster repelling enchantment covering my whole forge." Aurgelmir stated.

"How long can you fix the crown?" Adrian asked before he left to go hunting.

"It would take about twenty to thirty days. It is not a cake walk to fix a Mythical item back to its peak. I should also prepare the ingots needed first and that would take five days out of the whole time." Aurgelmir replied.

Adrian nodded and told Levin Cloud that they should hunt here first since they are already in the area. Aurgelmir returned to his forge while the two best friends headed to hunt in order to level up.

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A handsome middle age man is watching the recorded battle that Equinox and Eldritch had and a smile could be seen in his face. He is enjoying the battle where two opposing forces are doing their best to win against the other. This is the creator of the game Mr. Atlas himself.

"Deus, who would win if they really went all out?" Mr. Atlas asked his AI.

"Eldritch would still win by a narrow margin but only if Equinox used his skills effectively. Equinox has yet to battle against players when he got confronted so he did not know how to effectively fight them. Eldritch would still win because he has yet to use his most powerful skill, Call of Cthulhu." A robotic voice replied.

"This is a battle that makes one blood boil but sadly no one else but I could watch it. It seems that I need to promote the world championships to the board a bit early than I imagined." Mr. Atlas stated as he looked towards his office window.

Chapter 228 - Underground Lava Channel

The dungeon that the two best friends entered is said to be infested with monsters. The reason it is infested with monsters is that no one ever bothers killing them. There is no huge settlements near the area so monsters are able to propagate endlessly.

The first floor of the dungeon and the group is already overrun by twenty or more monsters. Levin Cloud exhausted his mana while Saena is absolutely tired from healing. If Charon was not there then they would be wiped out in no time by enemies that are in the level 120s.

The experience they gained is great though as they all leveled up twice by defeating the twenty or so magma crawlers. Magma crawlers are like a mix of small mites and crabs but their shells are made of molten metals that are charred black. The magma crawlers have numbers on their side so their health are little and their attacks are all physical in nature.

Though the simple attacks of the magma crawlers are what also made them difficult when grouped up. If you are surrounded by them then it is a nightmare to escape as claws from all directions would strike at you. Fortunately, Adrian can use Blink and his other soulbounds have movement type skills or are airborne.

"We are still at the first stage yet we already exhausted all our mana. I hate the fact that they added the fact that if you immediately ingest a mana potion after hitting zero mana then you might get mana overload." Levin Cloud complained.

"I think it has to do with battles with NPCs. The developers are probably making our characters closer to the situation with NPCs." Adrian replied as he also waited for a bit before using a mana potion.

The developers sneakily added the mechanic that you cannot immediately ingest a mana potion when you bottomed the mana reserves. The players learned that the hard way and experienced the mana overload after the Halloween patch. Many players even criticized the dev for not immediately saying it but the Halloween patch did say that they tweaked the mana reserves situation so that players do not abuse it.

The players had an easy time with humanoid enemies or human enemies because of their inventory that not all NPCs have. Out of all the NPCs, only the Daemos race has something similar called Subspace and some unique NPCs that dabble in spatial magic. It is not farfetched to say that the developers wanted to make the players more in tune with the world of Pandemonium.

"I even heard that they might nerf the inventory next as it is too broken if it is limitless." Levin Cloud stated.

"That would be a huge blow on alchemists that rely on the combat potions that they brew to clear the dungeons that they go inside of. If the inventory does get nerfed then it would not affect me much because our race dabbles on spatial magic." Adrian replied.

"Do you not know how you can change others into your race yet? I am sure you have gotten the mission for that. Hou Yiwei immediately got that mission when he changed race to a dragonkin. Your race is basically a cheat." Levin Cloud complained.

"I do not know. Usually, any player that unlocks a new race would get the mission to unlock it for other people but I do not have it. I probably need to have a higher level to get access to it. Hou Yiwei was already level 100 when he unlocked the dragonkin so I thought I would be the same so I guess not." Adrian replied.

"You are probably going to not going to benefit from becoming a Daemos anyway. Our race do not have priests because we are only restricted to origin magic. There is not even a priest or church in the Paradox Planes where the whole race is currently inhabiting." Adrian added.

"You told me that there are five asmodian races and that big sis Solstice and you unlocked different ones." Levin Cloud stated.

"I am from the Daemos race and my species is Imp. Big sis Solstice is from the Erebian and her species is Vampire. The other races are Selvaggian, Jotunn like Aurgelmir, and Faekin. You would probably be better suited for the Faekin that can use Nature Magic." Adrian replied.

"So that I can use my mastery for earth magic right. How thoughtful of you but why are you looking away when you said the word Faekin. It seems you are hiding something." Levin Cloud said in a suspicious tone.

"You already an elf so you are already halfway there anyway from becoming one." Adrian said as he stood up to proceed to the next floor.

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The next area is much deeper than the last one and they actually walked for an hour. They would encounter one or two monsters on the way but the most difficult thing is the increasing temperature. Sirius, Saena and Levin Cloud are draining their stamina. They are sweating buckets so Adrian had to improvise by having Kanlaon emit a cold aura around them.

The downside is that Kanlaon had to fly low and would have to resort to long range combat. They entered the area called the Underground Lava Channel and true to its words it is a channel. There are barely any footholds as they would sometimes use Kanlaon to traverse the terrain as it would only be lava fields.

The odd thing is that there are some monsters infesting the lava that swim in it that looked like eels. The group decided not to fight them because only Kanlaon would be able to fight them if those eel-like monsters dive into the lava. Kanlaon might suddenly get surrounded if Adrian commands it to dive to the lava to kill the monsters.

They got deeper into the dungeon and they could finally hear a roar. Adrian became expectant and prayed that it is the fire drake only to be disappointed. The source of the roars are actually from a nest of fire raptors.

The group consisted of all adult fire raptors and one of them is almost two times bigger than the other adults. Adrian checked the description of the monster and it is actually called the Fire Raptor King. The fire raptor king had a fiery mane and the end of its tail is actually on fire as well.

Monster: Fire Raptor King

Level: 140

Health: 8,000,000 / 8,000,000

MP: 5,000,000 / 5,000,000

Description: The alpha or the top of the pack for all fire raptors. It is aggressive and attacks anyone who just even goes close to the pack. It is bigger and much fiercer than other fire raptors. In order to become a fire raptor king then all the males of the species that are adults at the time will battle it out. The one left standing will be deigned as the new fire raptor king.

"Can we take them on?" Levin Cloud asked.

"Not all at once. There are like ten of them all in all that are level 130 while the fire raptor king is level 140. We had a difficult time with more than twenty level 120 creatures so eleven creatures above level 130 will be our death." Adrian stated.

"We should lure them then. We can use Charon for that." Levin Cloud suggested and Adrian nodded as he too knows that is the only viable option.

Charon is once again summoned for the job while Adrian and Levin Cloud set up the things needed for their ambush. Sirius hid in a shadow in one of the rocks while Kanlaon hid in a small pond of lava that has no monsters. Saena is currently in her polymorph form to conserve energy.

Adrian set up space mines all over the ambush location. All that is needed now is for Charon to lure one fire raptor at a time. Charon flew towards one of the raptors that is not clustered into a group. This time Adrian did not let it tease the monster as it is proven ineffective.

Adrian commanded Charon to activate its Soul Siphon to get the aggro of the chosen fire raptor. Charon could actually minimize the size of its skill but the cooldown remained so Adrian never bothered to do that. This time however is different as Charon needed to be discreet.

Adrian instructed Charon for the sphere of blue light to only touch those two meters around the latter. The great thing about Soul Siphon is that it would steal the enemies' health in the area as long as the blue light touched it. Even if it is just your finger that is touched, Soul Siphon would be able to steal the enemies' health away though it would not be the full 20%.

Charon did as instructed and managed to lure one towards the specified area. Once the fire raptor is in the area, Sirius would then root the fire raptor in place using the shadows while Adrian and Kanlaon would bombard it all they got. The fire raptors easily died because of this tactic.

The tactic worked for the first five fire raptors but it seems the group has looked down upon the intelligence of the Fire Raptor King. The Fire Raptor King uttered a cry that called for the others and suddenly found it strange that only the remaining five responded to his call.

The fire raptor king once again uttered a cry to call the others. But upon having no reaction apart from the five already in the location, the fire raptor king suddenly entered battle mode as the other fire raptors also made threatening growls.

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The adult fire raptors surrounded the fire raptor king as if they are protecting the latter from the threat. Adrian seeing the situation could only frown as the difficulty in killing the mobs just skyrocketed.

"We should bait them with Charon since he does not take damage from them. Have them attack Charon so we could see if they have patterns in their attacks." Levin Cloud suggested and Adrian agreed.

Adrian agreed with the suggestion but something bothered him. Charon floated towards the group of fire raptors and immediately activated Soul Siphon. The blue sphere of light covered all of the fire raptors including the Fire Raptor King. Each of the fire raptors lost 20% of their health but the fire raptor king only lost 15% of its total health.

"It seems Soul Siphon's health steal is lesser if the monster is more powerful. The Fire Raptor King is a superior version of the Fire Raptor so it makes sense that it would be lesser." Adrian observed.

He did not think it is strange because Charon would be game breaking if he could immediately absorb 20% of for example a boss monster's health. Adrian guessed that for boss monsters, the health absorbed would probably be 5% to 10%.

Charon immediately shared all the barrier health equally to all the party members except for itself because it did not need it. This was the mistake Adrian had made as he thought only holy magic could damage Charon. Seeing as the ordinary adult fire raptors' attacks pass through Charon, the fiery mane of the fire raptor king glowed with a golden fire.

While Charon is busy teasing the other fire raptors, the fire raptor king spat out a fireball with golden specks. The attack made the fire raptor king exhausted but the fireball struck Charon successfully. The other adult fire raptors stopped attacking Charon.

[Your soulbound Charon has died. You can re-summon Charon in two hours.]

"What! How did Charon die!?" Adrian exclaimed as he checked the system logs.

[Charon has been hit by an attack containing a king's energy.]

[The Unbothered passive skill has been nullified by king's energy. Charon will take damage.]

[The Fire Raptor King has dealt deadly 100,000 damage to Charon.]

[Charon has died.]

"That Fire Raptor King skill has a fixed damage skill that can nullify protective passive skills. We must be careful." Adrian stated.

"It does have that but look. It seems exhausted when it fired off that fireball." Levin Cloud added.

"I want to seal it and sell it as a mount." Adrian suddenly replied.

"Did you not have loads of money from the auction?" Levin Cloud asked.

"I already used almost all of it to upgrade my game pod. I can now play for fifteen hours. Muahahah!" Adrian replied which made Levin Cloud a little bit envious but even the elf priest is saving up coins for that occasion.

"It would still take me about a month of grinding to upgrade mine." Levin Cloud stated with a sigh.

"We could split the money I get from selling that Fire Raptor King." Adrian stated as he eyed the said monster.

"If you could seal it. We have to take care of the other adult fire raptors first." Levin Cloud added as the fire raptors is once again protecting their weakened king.

"Now would be the perfect time. Charon's shields did not disappear even if it got taken out. The fire raptor king is also weakened so it would not join the fight. Kanlaon could deal with two while you, I, and Sirius deal with the other three. I will summon Saena to heal Kanlaon so you could focus on me and Sirius." Adrian stated and Levin Cloud nodded.

Adrian summoned his bow psyche armament and decided to kite three fire raptors while Kanlaon would attract the other two. Saena is summoned and Adrian told her to only assist Kanlaon as Levin Cloud would focus on the other group.

The group no longer hid from their position as the fire raptors dared not to move far away from their king. Adrian first took their attention by firing arrows at the huddled fire raptors. He wanted to kite at least four of them but only two came charging at him.

Kanlaon in his soul form sneaked up to the remaining group of fire raptors. When Kanlaon is close enough, he fired off his breath attack that shrouded the group of fire raptors including the fire raptor king. The soul form is released because Kanlaon attacked but it was worth it as the fire raptors screeched in pain from the breath attack.

The two fire raptors charging at Adrian heard the cries of their kin and immediately turned around. The two fire raptors changed targets to Kanlaon. Adrian could only click his tongue and improvise as he thought the aggro would not switch if the fire raptors would not be damaged.

"They have herd mentality instincts." Adrian muttered as he commanded Sirius via their soul link to attack one of the fire raptors that is charging towards Kanlaon.

Adrian used Shooting Star to aim at one of the fire raptors that is luckily only charging in a straight line. Sirius came out of Adrian's shadow and immediately used Portal Assault to lessen the distance with the other fire raptor. Adrian's attack hit the unsuspecting fire raptor that made it fall down to the ground.

Sirius reappeared above the other fire raptor and went to bite its neck. Sirius is successful but both he and the fire raptor tumbled across the ground. Levin Cloud immediately healed Sirius upon him taking damage.

Kanlaon's breath attack ended and the bodies of the fire raptors are visibly damaged. Kanlaon's breath attack is super effective because he focused on using the abyss element that is pure bone chilling energy. It seems fire raptors are susceptible to the extremely cold temperature as Kanlaon's attack shaved a lot of their health.

The fire raptor king looked at Kanlaon menacingly and even growled threateningly. The three fire raptors started running in circles with Kanlaon in the middle. Even though Kanlaon could fly, the ceiling of the cave structure is not high enough as the fire raptors jumped and used their talons to attack Kanlaon.

It was difficult to dodge because of the speed of the fire raptors and their impeccable teamwork to attack Kanlaon. If Kanlaon would dodge to the right then a fire raptor would jump from his right then aim for the former's eyes. The fire raptors all aimed at Kanlaon's eyes because they could not penetrate the frostfire dragon's scales.

Adrian upon seeing Kanlaon's health slowly getting shaved off immediately used Orion's Wrath. Adrian flew to the air that his head almost touched the ceiling. He then let loose three Shooting Stars that hit each of the fire raptors attacking Kanlaon allowing the latter to get some distance. The fire raptors already broke the barrier protecting Kanlaon and 10% of his health.

After the last Shooting Star that was shot, a fireball with golden flames came shooting towards Adrian. Adrian did not immediately notice it as he took aim carefully and precisely that he only focused on the fire raptors not the fire raptor king. Adrian thought he would get killed and is ready to revive again but a golden shield enveloped him.

"Sanctuary" Levin Cloud shouted and Adrian became unable to move.

The fireball with golden specks hit Adrian but Levin Cloud's timely save came in time. Adrian did not take damage from the attack and the Fire Raptor King looked more exhausted than before. Sirius used Phantom Rush to immediately dispose of the two fire raptors that are heavily damaged while Kanlaon took his time with the three.

Seeing its pack being slaughtered, the fire raptor king no longer tried to recover strength and charged towards Kanlaon. The eyes of the fire raptor king is now glowing red indicating that it is in berserk mode. It no longer cared if its stamina ran out as it attacked Kanlaon fiercely.

Seeing their king attacking wantonly, the fire raptors did the same and no longer cared of dodging. This however did not prove to be useful as it made it easy for the group to kill off the adult fire raptors. Adrian commanded Sirius and Kanlaon to not heavily damage the fire raptor king and the two soulbounds understood.

The two soulbounds focused on the erratic fire raptors and before long each of them fell leaving the fire raptor king. The fire raptor king is also heavily damaged and panting on the ground with a bleeding status effect because of Sirius. The fire raptor king has 10% of its total health remaining and could no longer stand up because of complete exhaustion.

While Levin Cloud is collecting the loot, Adrian started the sealing process. A magic circle appeared below the fire raptor king and chains manifested. The chains bounded the fire raptor king and pulled it inside the magic circle.

As if utilizing the strength it has left, the fire raptor king resisted and the magic circle broke. The fire raptor king spat out blood and now it only has 5% of its health remaining. Adrian once again started the sealing process and the fire raptor king could now barely resist as its form is slowly sinking inside the magic circle.

Just as half of its body is about to enter, a flaming napalm is aimed towards Adrian that is currently focused on sealing the fire raptor king. Kanlaon immediately knew the danger and he picked up Adrian from his spot and moved the latter from harms' way. The flaming napalm hit the fire raptor king and ended its life.

[The Fire Raptor King has been killed. You have gained experience points.]

[You have leveled up.]

Adrian looked towards the direction where the attack came from and he could finally see the monster he is looking for.

Monster: Fire Drake

Level: 150

Chapter 230 - Fire Drake

Adrian is constantly cursing the fire drake inside as he does not want to actually curse out. He wanted to but he remembered that his parent's might be watching him right now so he controlled himself. A momentary stress relief is not much better than a butt spanking session later on or worse being reprimanded until your ears bleed.

"What happened?! I thought you were going to seal the Fire Raptor King." Levin Cloud asked.

"I was sealing it until that happened." Adrian stated while pointing with all his strength towards the fire drake.

"Can we beat that? That is like forty levels above us. The damage reduction due to the level disparity will be huge."

"Oh... I will beat the living daylights out of that fire drake after skinning it to get the scales that I need. I will then seal that thing and sell it at the highest bidder." Adrian said while gritting his teeth.

Adrian immediately summoned his dagger psyche armament. The fire drake seemed faster than it looks despite being about six meters long and about seven meters in height. The scales of the fire drake are almost like that of a dragon's scales but more on the rough side.

The fire drake does not look completely like a dragon but more like an eagle mixed with a crocodile. The scales also protrude like spikes while its wings are like that of a bat. It has four limbs unlike that of western dragons that only have feet. The scales on the upper half of its body is orange while the lower half is a lighter shade of orange.

The fire drake is in disbelief because his stolen prey became sparks of light instead of just a corpse. Pandemonium has this unique mechanic wherein a wild monster that is killed by another wild monster will not turn into specks of light but instead become a corpse. It is a unique mechanic that it

is sometimes abused by those who can take monster body parts that is assuming they can escape from the predator.

The fire drake looked at the area where the fire raptor king corpse should have been. It did not understand the situation so it directed its anger at not being able to eat at the other group. The fire drake now glared at Adrian who is closest to the area where the fire raptor king died.

The reason that the fire raptor king died is because the attack of the fire drake did not kill it but instead the bleed effect killed it completely. The fire drake is currently atop another opening of the cave they are in. The fire drake swooped down but it released another flaming napalm targeting Adrian before doing so.

Adrian dodged the attack by flying away while the ground that the flaming napalm hit is currently melting. It seems that the attack of the fire drake has both flame and acidic properties. A direct hit would definitely make any equipment melt so dodging is the best option.

Adrian immediately used Soul Emergence to teleport behind the drake. Adrian then used Soul Impale to strike at the scales of the fire drake. Adrian specifically attacked in between the scales of the fire drake so that he could prick the scales.

Adrian's attack worked as the scales near the area he attacked looked like it is about to come off. The fire drake did not take this lightly as it squealed in pain while trying to shake off Adrian that still has his daggers piercing the fire drake.

Sirius jumped out of Adrian's shadow and tried striking the scales of the fire drake but its claws did not pierce the tough scales. Kanlaon uttered a loud roar that froze the fire drake for a few seconds. If Kanlaon is actually higher leveled than the fire drake then the latter might have just been frozen in fear.

Draconic creatures have a strict hierarchy in which monsters with inferior draconic bloodline will always be under those of the pure blood. Though having draconic blood is very helpful in getting a much stronger monsters, it also has its downsides. The hierarchy is ingrained in their blood so those with lesser draconic blood could only be under those of the pure draconic bloodline.

Adrian used the chance where the fire drake is stunned to take out some fire drake scales. He even asked Sirius to aid him.

[You have harvested one Fire Drake Scale.]

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"Nice! Just seven more." Adrian muttered which made Levin Cloud look at him like he is seeing a serial killer or something.

"Brutal! Pandemonium has changed him and it is frightening." Levin Cloud stated while he poured crowd control skills towards the fire drake that became out of control.

Peeling the scales from the fire drake made the fire drake become crazy and thrash about. It is to expected as who in the right mind would take it kindly for a piece of you to be peeled. Adrian tried

to hold on but he suddenly felt the temperature increasing despite the passive that makes his surroundings cool.

Adrian immediately used Blink to get away and Sirius also jumped away upon the former's command. The fire drake started roaring and a dome of fire exploded with the fire drake in the center of it. The skill of the fire drake erased all the crowd control skills that Levin Cloud cast on it.

Kanlaon also got damaged despite the attack having fire elemental properties. Kanlaon is too low in level that he did not nullify the elemental attack of the fire drake. The damage is not that great because of Kanlaon's high fire resistance but it is still shocking nonetheless.

The giant fire dome persisted for about five seconds before an exhausted fire drake came to view. Adrian is about to charge in again but the fire drake emitted a very high pitch scream that is not pleasant to the ear. The group had to shut their ears tight especially Sirius who is very sensitive to sound.

The sonic attack shaved off 5% of the health of the group. The fire drake then had whitened eyes as if its soul left its body. Though the fire drake looked like it is unconscious, it reacted to those who moved around it.

Adrian who moved closer to the left found it odd with what is happening to the fire drake. He did not pay much attention to it because his attacks only amounted to 5% of the health of the fire drake. He once again used Soul Emergence but the fire drake reacted immediately.

The fire drake reacted immediately by turning towards Adrian's location and from its mouth because an attack is already brewing. Adrian immediately used Blink to evade the flaming napalm that the fire drake spewed out.

Kanlaon did not wait idly by as it unleashed its breath attack but the fire drake managed to dodge by flying backwards. Sirius used his shadow domain to try and pull the fire drake to the ground but the strength of the latter is much stronger than the pull.

Kanlaon decided to try and strangle the fire drake using his body. Kanlaon coiled around the fire drake in an attempt to immobilize it but it once again used the wide area attack.

[Kanlaon has been damaged by the Fire Drake's Magma Plume.]

Kanlaon got heavily damaged because he took a direct hit from the Magma Plume of the fire drake. Kanlaon dropped to the ground from the direct hit but the fire drake also dropped down. The fire drake looked exhausted once more when it used the skill.

Adrian did not let go of this chance as he once again attempted to attack the fire drake. He once again used Soul Impale to peel away some of the scales of the fire drake. Adrian's attack is successful but an explosion hit his face when he pierced the fire drake's skin.

The explosion threw Adrian's balance off as he was shaken off by the fire drake. Adrian dropped to the ground with his vision still blurry while the mouth of the fire drake looming above him. Sirius immediately sprinted towards Adrian's location and carried the latter inside the shadows.

The fire drake fired off its flaming napalm at the previous location of Adrian but looked confused as it only hit ground. The fire drake is in confusion because a direct attack of its flaming napalm will

usually not lead to the body immediately melting. The fire drake is looking around if its prey managed to slip away without it noticing.

A dagger then came out of something like a black pool of shadows where the attack of the fire drake hit. The dagger hit the upper roof of the fire drake's mouth which made it retreat back a few steps away. Adrian and Sirius slowly emerged from within the black shadowy pool.

Adrian inspected the fire drake to see what it is happening with the fire drake. He now knows why the fire drake has heightened senses.

Monster: Fire Drake

Status: Draconic Sense

Level: 150