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### Chapter 241 - The Arch Lich Arrives

The doom knight sensing that Adrian's attack would be cataclysmic in nature for the undead could no longer think of a way to counter the upcoming attack except for one. The doom knight looked at the token that the Arch Lich Malus has given it. The Arch Lich Malus told him to only destroy the ring when necessary and the doom knight did.

In a temple made of numerous bones of animals and humans, a lich in a regal looking robe could be seen sitting down. Its eye sockets suddenly lit up in a pale green light as it sees the effects of the token it gave to the doom knight manifest in front of it. The Arch Lich Malus did not do any ceremony and strode towards the door as it felt energy that is foreign even to it.

The destroyed fragments of the ring suddenly enlarged and formed into a gate made of skulls. A swirling form of energy is formed. The energy that Adrian collected in his two hands became unstable and he put both his hands together to combine the two spheres of energy in each hand.

The Nether Blast explosion is so massive that it wiped out all the undead near Adrian and even those faraway did not come out unscathed. The number of enemies that Adrian defeated with the Nether Blast are numerous that it made him level up twice even if he shared experience with other players that damaged the undead monsters.

Adrian also thought for sure that he got the doom knight or at least damaged it to appoint where it only needed a few bashings. His fight with the doom knight was at a stalemate since they had similar stats even with Adrian transformed in his true form. He can only be shocked at what he witnessed next.

A lich dressed in clothing more regal than a king could be seen standing in front of Adrian. The lich even conjured a barrier to protect him from the explosion that Adrian made. Adrian recognizes this lich because he has seen it once when one of the player dark mage uploaded a video on this specific lich.

"Arch Lich Malus" Adrian uttered and the Arch Lich turned his head towards Adrian.

"Demon!" The Arch Lich stated in a cold dark voice as he grabbed Adrian by the neck as Adrian is no longer in his true Netheros form.

Although Adrian is still wearing his Glamour, it seems that the Arch Lich can still see through the illusion of Adrian's skill. The Arch Lich looked at Adrian with intense hatred and rage that could easily kill someone. Adrian tried peeling off the skeletal arms of the Arch Lich but it seems that he cannot do that due to the skill of the Arch Lich that is affecting him.

[You have been affected by Arch Lich' Touch.]

[One percent of your health will be drained per second.]

[All your stats will be decreased by 50% due to the effect of the skill Arch Lich' Touch.]

[You are being strangled. You will die from asphyxiation if you cannot break free in one minute.]

Adrian could not break free from the hands of the Arch Lich because of his reduction in stats. All his soulbounds are also unsummoned as a side effect of undoing their nether form. Adrian could not even mutter the words needed to summon.

"It is quite funny that you demons still help those that have limited life despite them persecuting your kind." The Arch Lich stated misunderstanding why Adrian is helping the living.

Adrian actually smirked to the best of his ability because the Arch Lich misunderstood why he is there. That works for Adrian as the Arch Lich will not connect that he is helping the undead king from the shadows. Valar did tell them that Eldritch is looking for the undead king which is why he took the former as hostage.

Adrian put two and two together that Eldritch is somewhat helping the Arch Lich. Adrian knows the history of the undead and Eldritch being the Envoy of the Dark Gods will make sense to help the undead on the Arch Lich' side. Though it seemed Eldritch has an ulterior motive in helping the Arch Lich.

"I have always seen your kind to be a pest. When I regain my former subordinates, I will make sure to put the skulls of your kind in pikes. I will make sure the souls of your kind will be tormented for eternity." The Arch Lich Malus stated as his grip became tighter and tighter.

The living players seeing another boss type monster come in their location has charged towards the location. The Arch Lich upon seeing the waves of living coming towards him could only sneer as he conjured a bone casket to bound Adrian.

"Feeble mortals!" The voice of the Arch Lich reverberated which made the charging players stop in their location.

The voice of the Arch Lich is so terrifying that just hearing it made them get a stack of the fear status ailment. A fireball is then shot towards the Arch Lich despite some of the players freezing in fear. It seems that not everyone is affected by the fear. That person was either fearless or just plain stupid to not feel fear.

The Arch Lich looked towards the location where the fireball came from as he summoned a bunch of death knights to kill the offender. The fireball did not even hit the Arch Lich but his barrier but it made sure to punish those that disrespect it.

"Hear me, mortals. It will not take long for me to rule you once more. And this!" The Arch Lich stated as it pointed towards Adrian and once again strangling the latter in front of the living.

Adrian could be seen bloody all over but what made everyone surprised is that the Glamour now wore off. The Arch Lich tightened its grip against Adrian again and his wings unfurled. The players on the scene both casual and professional now see what Adrian's true form is.

"The demons try so hard to protect you useless mortals yet you continue to persecute them because of your so called justice." That was the last statement that Adrian heard as the Arch Lich finally crushed the former's neck.

[You have died.]

[Revival is not possible because the skill is in cooldown.]

[You will be transported to the Paradox Planes as that is your last safe zone.]

[You will experience a 10% drop in stats for three hours as penalty for death.]

[You lost 30% of your experience points as a penalty for your death.]

## Chapter 242 - Strange Finger

Adrian is now resurrected in the Paradox Plains with reduced stats. If he dies another time within a twenty four hour timeframe then Adrian would be booted out of the game. If he gets booted out of the game then he will not be able to play for three hours in-game time.

"That Arch Lich has such a tight grip and even deadly that you lose 1% of your health per second." Adrian stated as he decided on what to do next.

He decided to see if anyone streamed what happened on the Seawirl Port. Fortunately, there is one streamer that managed to capture everything that happened after the Arch Lich arrived. He did see himself being easily handled by the Arch Lich which does affect someone's self-esteem.

"Fast forward!" Adrian muttered as he did not want to see his own demise.

Adrian started the video again after he is killed by the Arch Lich. After the Arch Lich Malus killed him, it casted a spell that released poisoned clouds that made all living entities cough and turn purple. Some players managed to ingest an antidote and ran away instead of fighting.

The Arch Lich is identified to be level 280 with an unknown health and mana bar. Those running away were hunted by the death knights and made to join the undead legion. Some players who were hiding from view also emerged but did not confront the Arch Lich.

"We pledge allegiance to the great Arch Lich Malus." The players stated as they prostrated themselves towards the Arch Lich.

The Arch Lich did not immediately speak or do what the players asked which made the players nervous. The players who prostrated themselves do not look like ordinary players because their names are in red. Players with their names showing in red are players who did PKs by numerous amounts that they are deemed as criminals.

There is even a reward for other players if they kill PKs that is sort of a bounty. The players also looked like they will do something dark because they have job classes that is considered taboo. One is actually a witch doctor, a dark knight, and a warlock.

"So you pledge your allegiance to me. What makes you think that I will add you into my immortal ranks?" The Arch Lich Malus stated which made the three people look at each other before speaking.

"We have found an offering that your benevolence would surely like." The warlock stated as he pulled something out of her inventory.

The item that the warlock pulled out of her inventory is actually a finger with a golden ring with runes carved on it. When the Arch Lich saw that item, it immediately ordered all the death knights to slaughter every living thing present. The scene where the warlock presented the finger is the last thing that the streamer has seen.

"By killing all the witnesses made the importance of that finger to be very big. What is that finger that made the Arch Lich kill all the living there?" Adrian asked himself as a new variable is introduced to the table.

Adrian thought that with the strength of the Undead King then it would be just a matter of time to kill the Arch Lich but now things might turn different and not in a good way. He needed to know what that finger is or where it came from. Any information now would be helpful to Adrian.

"Should I offer money to whoever finds information about that finger or should I let the top guilds do it for me?" Adrian stated as he opened his friend interface to talk to someone.

Equinox: Big sis Cersei, are you busy right now?

Adrian waited for Cersei to reply. It seemed that the person is actually a bit busy. Cersei managed to reply after about fifteen minutes but Adrian did not mind.

Cersei: Sorry that I replied too late. What do you need?

Equinox: I am wondering if you could find an item information for me. Of course, it would not be for free as I will give you a talisman or talismans as payment.

Cersei: I could do it for free because we are friends and all. What is the item you wanted to know about anyway?

Equinox: It is this item. (Adrian sent a screenshot of the finger with a ring.)

Cersei: I see. You are also finding about this item. Do not worry. I will inform you once someone in our guild finds some information about it.

Equinox: Thanks a lot.

Cersei: Can I ask you a question?

Equinox: Sure as long as I can answer it.

Cersei:....

Cersei: Nevermind. I forgot what I was going to ask you. Have a nice day.

Adrian wanted to ask Cersei once again but the latter said that she would ask the former if she remembers the question. Adrian thought that this sometimes occur as even his sister forgets somethings easily if it was not that important.

Cersei actually wanted to ask Adrian if he was the one that is strangled by the Arch Lich. She did not immediately recognize Adrian because of his dirty and bloody appearance. The Arch Lich is also eye catching so she would find her attention drawn towards the former rather than the one being strangled.

Cersei did not ask anymore because she thought Adrian is concealing his race for a reason. She did have a clue as the Arch Lich stated that he is strangling a demon. She also searched for clues about Adrian's race as she herself know that devils are different from demons.

Adrian no longer thought of Cersei's strange behavior as he is just happy that he would know what that finger with the ring is. He needed to focus on the immediate threat that is coming towards the forge of the demigod frost giant.

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Adrian only has one day remaining before the undead reaches the forge. He is now desperate to deter the undead away but his fear is that the Arch Lich joined the voyage.

#### Chapter 243 - Revealed To The World

Adrian decided that he could not wait idly by for the undead to reach the northern continent. He needed to do something and something fast. He immediately went to the Daemos Corps so that he can get some aid or something.

Luckily, Bronx is currently in the commander's tent listening to a report from his son Onyx. The report is mainly about the things needed by the corps, the maintenance of equipment and the report of those that went outside that is summarized.

Sensing that Adrian is outside the tent waiting for Onyx to finish the report, Bronx suddenly called for him.

"You can come inside the tent my favorite student." Bronx said with a hearty laugh.

Adrian could only smile wryly as he entered the tent. Bronx is treating him as his favorite student because Adrian is now his favorite training partner (dummy). Adrian managed to actually block one of Bronx attacks by utilizing all soul essences and nether energy which was his biggest mistake.

Bronx thinking that Adrian could take a hit from him became even more motivated with the training. If Adrian did not have the willpower stat then he would have been crawling on the ground just ten minutes in from the training. Adrian stood about one meter away from the entrance of the tent in case he needed a fast retreat.

"So...what brings you here my favorite student?" Bronx emphasized the word favorite which made the other Daemos in the tent give Adrian looks of pity. Even Bronx' own son Onyx gave him that same look of pity.

"It seems these people know about the "training" and they did not even bother to warn me about acting like you cannot block the first hit." Adrian thought to himself as he kept a smile plastered on his face.

"Well? Are you not going to ask for something?" Bronx asked again.

"I am actually wondering if I could get help from the corps to delay a ghost ship going towards the northern continent." Adrian stated.

Bronx did not immediately agree but let Adrian continue to describe what the people he would potentially bring be up against. Adrian told Bronx that he will confront a ghost ship potentially at sea so he needed people used for aerial combat. Adrian tried very hard to convince Bronx to give him reinforcements.

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While Adrian is actively trying to recruit some of the Daemos Corps, the whole player base is buzzing with exciting news.

"The Arch Lich showed itself to deal with the defenders of the port city."

"A new race is revealed thanks to the Arch Lich."

"How to become a demon in Pandemonium?"

Other types of blogs about the Arch Lich emerge but the most famous search was the keyword 'demon'. It seems that a thought of a new race always makes the player community in Pandemonium explode. It is both a topic of interest and of jealousy.

It is a topic of interest because people always wanted to know what the new things that it will add to the game. It is a topic of jealousy because players know that they would have a low chance of becoming one unless the first player who unlocked the race will do the Racial Quest.

As if some players already knew or have clues of this new race because they posted videos indicating that this new race has been in the game since the beginning. There are many critics to these videos though as it would only be silhouettes or shadows instead of solid and clear pictures.

In the forums:

I Love Rice: Why is it that the wings of the demon is not bat like? I thought demons are supposed to have bat like wings and reddish tinted skin. The one shown in the video has a mixture of dragon and bird like wings while the skin tone is blue tinted.

Ramen Is The Best: I do not know why you say that but you are probably thinking of Devils. It seems devils are different from demons. I should know because I am a warlock.

Mega Weeb: It is clearly different from the depiction of devils in-game. Devils have slick smooth horns with black bird like wings or bat like wings dependent on their identity. Some devils are fallen angels while some are natural born devils. That is clearly a demon.

I Want A Waifu: What is the difference of a demon and a devil anyway?

Mega Weeb: I am glad you asked @I Want A Waifu. Devils are incarnation of trickery and are masters of illusion and mind magic. Demons on the other hand are incarnation of destruction. I even went to a village where people talk about how a devil save the village chief's daughter and other captives.

I Love Rice: Breaking News! It seems that demon is actually a player. Someone managed to identify him and a player name showed up instead of an NPC tag. It even managed to go toe to toe with the doom knight despite being of lower level.

The real time search of various debunking channels could be seen sky rocketing. All channels even talk about how could the demon player become a different race, how could the demon transform into his cool giant form and many more.

Adrian did not realize that being revealed to the world would make a big fuss. Every one watched all the videos about the gigantic specter like demon with specter like monsters emerge to turn the tides of battle. The clips were actually only twenty seconds long if not put in slow motion.

The fast paced battle of the giant demon and the doom knight brought many players to feel excitement. The main stealer of the show though were the four monsters accompanying the player. Each monster is unique as he had a spectral giant wolf, spectral dragon, a spectral phoenix looking bird, and a wraith.

The wolf and wraith monster is no longer that rare since many have wolf soulbounds while the secret to tame undead has already been spread. What really caught the player's attention is the dragon and the healing spectral phoenix.

If one word could describe those two that would be overpowered. The spectral dragon sank the ghost ship by itself while the spectral phoenix healed all that touched the mist. Then suddenly once comment from an anonymous person made them lose their minds.

Anonymous9001: Is that not the same mist from the defense of that fort where a black hole that sucked the undead come from?

One comment made every player present at that thread search videos about the Alabaster Fort. Many are now reaching the clue or having ideas on what the powers of the demon race hold.

#### Chapter 244 - The Undead Sailing North

Adrian waited patiently for Bronx to give him a decision even though time is heavily ticking away. He wanted to get an answer immediately because Adrian is sure that Aurgelmir is only halfway done. Adrian even thought that the quest that is given to him is actually doomed to fail because of the short time span he is given.

Finally after acting like he has no other options, Bronx finally gave him a group of individuals. Three Imps are tasked to accompany Adrian for only a limited time.

"You three will accompany my favorite student for two hours before you resume your duties. I hope you can understand my worries, Equinox. We are already stretched too thin on forces. You can only blame the twin gods for creating an ever expanding universe." Bronx stated as he told the instructions to the three imps accompanying Adrian.

The three imps then went out of the tent with Adrian in the front. Adrian then told them to introduce themselves. Their names were Une, Deux, and Trois. It seems that the three of them were siblings but they do not look the same. Though they do look downright gorgeous which really enforced how hard the developers worked on accentuating beauty.

Une is a female imp that has light purple hair like the other two but she dressed sexily. She is like the imp version of Jianna because of their same style of clothing. Deux is more like a warrior as he is heavily armored and has a great sword as a weapon. Trois is wearing robes like that of a typical mage and you can feel an air of knowledge coming from him.

There is an obvious sign of displeasure on their faces but an order was an order. Adrian could also feel that they are only putting up with him because of Bronx' command. Adrian could not bother increasing his intimacy with them because he can only command them for two hours so he had to put them to work immediately.

"We are heading to the far north so I hope you guys can tolerate the cold." Adrian stated as he looked at their statuses.

NPC: Une

Tier: Rare

Level: 170

NPC: Deux

Tier: Rare

Level: 185

NPC: Trois

Tier: Rare

Level: 170

The highest leveled individual is Deux and Adrian could see why. Deux looks more battle hardened than the other two which is normal because the three siblings do not belong to the same division.

Une belongs to the intelligence division where they gather intelligence using methods such as mind control, telepathy or seduction. Deux belongs in the warrior division and they are tasked to hunt outside or go on missions inside. Trois is assigned in the mage division where they mostly just research and monitor the "Demon Eyes".

The Demon Eyes are the special item that the demons spread in other worlds in order to monitor them. The Demon Eyes are effective but difficult to make and easy to break or find a location to put it in.

The demon eyes are usually placed in a place where there is a weak spatial integrity so that the other races would not be able to find them easily. No one likes to know that every move you do is monitored. Although the Daemos are essentially the new protectors, they do not solve minor problems unless those problems are world ending or cataclysmic to an entire race.

There are rare occasions when they do step up like when a dragon wanted to raze a whole world to ashes. It seems that the dragon's child is captured by the inhabitants of an area because it was causing problems. The dragon's child in question actually harmed itself so that its mother would come and get him.

This became so troublesome because the mother dragon was so angry that it burned the settlements his son was taken captive to the ground. The mother seeing her son's injury became enraged and wanted to kill every person in the world which is why the Daemos had to step in.

This apparently is the reason why dragons hated the demons or Daemos. Dragons are prideful creatures and do not like being subservient or being proved that they are weaker. Kanlaon is an exception because it imprinted on Adrian.

Long story short, the Daemos Elders made the mother dragon experience an infinity loop to calm her rage down while another elder scolded the child dragon. Upon calming down, the mother dragon is presented the recorded happening in the god's eye but the love of a mother is truly difficult to quell.

She still wanted to punish those who captured his child but the Daemos elders handled her the hard way. The mother dragon is beaten to the ground by one of the elders that forever scarred her pride. The dragon swore that every dragon in existence will forever be enemies of the Daemos and took her child with her as they escaped.

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Adrian did not waste any more time as he told the three to come close to him as he would teleport them to the north. The three imps did not ignore Adrian as they were told to obey the imp in front of them to the best of their abilities. They do not want to get reported as insubordinate to a person assigned as their leader.

A magic circle appeared below them and they disappeared in particles of light. The four demons reappeared just outside the entrance to the forge of the frost giant. Elona was not there but instead it was the yeti army that she stationed that greeted the group with their sharp fangs.

The three imps thought that the person assigned as their leader actually teleported them into a trap but a female voice is heard from the cavern.

"Settle down my lovelies." The Ice Queen Elona stated as a cold breeze went outside the cavern.

The cold breeze brought with it snow and hail which manifested into the beautiful Ice Queen Elona. Even the two male imps had to stare at her beauty until Une snapped the two from their daze. The Ice Queen scanned the three people that is unfamiliar to her until she asked Adrian.

"Are they your companions?" The Ice Queen Elona asked.

"More like insurance." Adrian replied which made the three look either disappointed or hurt.

"So why did you have to ask for help from your people? I am pretty sure they are already swamped with work." The Ice Queen Elona asked as she knows that demons are busy as she encountered them once or twice in her lifetime.

"The Arch Lich might reach this location in less than a day unless we do something. Even my newly added helpers would be unable to do much if the Arch Lich is coming here." Adrian replied which made the Ice Queen race her brow.

"I am pretty sure that I can keep this Arch Lich at bay." The Ice Queen Elona replied as she is confident in her strength.

"I am sure you can if you are facing the Arch Lich by yourself but not if he is with his undead legion that is also coming here." Adrian replied which made even Elona second guess.

"I have found them using the Demon Eye placed at the frozen sea." Trois stated as the crystal projecting an image of a ghost ship coming towards the north is seen by the others.

The Ice Queen Elona is marveled by the projection but did not inquire about it because she would not expect a reply even if she asked. The projection could see that the ghost ship is coming at a fast speed towards their general location. Adrian also feared for the worse and the worst has come.

Standing at the helm of the ghost ship is the Arch Lich Malus looking at the direction of the mountain where the energy fluctuations are coming. Adrian is actually thankful that the gate that the Arch Lich came out of is a one-time use. If it was not a one-time use then the Arch Lich would not be boarding that ghost ship towards the north.

"Your highness, what is the old man's progress?" Adrian asked as he needed to know how much time he needed to add.

"He needs to connect three more fragments before he completes the crown." The Ice Queen Elona replied honestly.

It seems that Adrian bought enough time by destroying one ghost ship but something still bugged him. He still feels that something will go wrong even if the crown gets finished. It is this foreboding feeling that made Adrian feel nervous.

"So do you have any ideas on how we can slow them down while the undead are still skimming the ocean?" Adrian asked the four individuals near him.

A minute of silence could be heard until Trois finally decided to speak up.

"We can set up a loop so that they could be stuck at that location for about a day at least." Trois stated and his two siblings looked at him with concern.

"So how are we going to do it?" Adrian asked as this was the best plan that he is given.

#### Chapter 245 - Quantum Corridor

"You said trap the sailing ghost ship in a loop. You are not actually saying we create a quantum corridor." Une shouted as what Trois said is not possible even if Trois is a genius magus.

"I am not saying that I will cast it myself. I am saying that we will cast it simultaneously in order to share the burden." Trois stated as he pointed to all the demons in the group.

"Are you even more insane?" Une replied back.

"I think it is possible if all four of us share the burden." Deux stated which made Une calm down a bit.

"We do know the spell matrix but I do not think that our leader knows of it." Une stated in a flat tone to not sound so demeaning.

"If you are talking about a Quantum Corridor then I know how it works as Elder Ascalor taught me the basics of all the spatial magic even though I did not want to. He crammed all of it inside my head even though I did not learn the spell." Adrian replied which made Une speechless.

The three imps then looked at Adrian with jealousy but not to the point that the latter would recognize. Adrian then used his mana to visualize the magic circle in the air so that he can prove that he knows the Quantum Corridor spell. The three could only zip their mouths as they can only swallow their low key insults.

"I will act as the main caster and you guys support me. If one of you messes up then I will not hesitate to report you to Bronx." Adrian stated with a bit of a commanding and threatening tone.

The three imps could feel the severity and seriousness of the tone in Adrian's voice so they shut up. Adrian took control of the situation and directed the formation of using the quantum corridor. The formation they will use is the triangular simultaneous chant with someone at the middle of the triangle.

Adrian will be located in the center while the other three would be at the points of the triangle. Adrian will have to start the chant while the others have to follow him. The Quantum Corridor will be set up as long as they four demons could chant without fail for twenty minutes.

"Your Highness, can you cover for us while we are chanting the spell? Hit the ghost ship with the most intense blizzard you can conjure up so that we will not be targeted." Adrian asked as they might be seen by the Arch Lich if they release mana.

"That would be no problem for me. Even I do not want those filthy undead to step in the north." The Ice Queen Elona stated with conviction.

"Let us go then. We should set up the corridor in the area just before they land. It would be safer to us to chant in that area because it would be less likely to hit us with a spell." Adrian stated as he unfurled his wings which made the other imps full of envy.

Adrian's wings is not like any other as the wings of normal imps just look like bat wings. Adrian's is a mixture of a dragon and a bird wing with smoke like feathers. Since Imps are the only species in the Daemos that could fly, the wings have been regarded as a symbol of power and beauty. The three imps could only swallow up another loss even though Adrian is really not competing with them.

The Ice Queen Elona conjured up a platform that is like a giant snowflake. She boarded that snowflake that she used to propel herself in the air. Even Adrian has to admit that it looked cool and beautiful at the same time.

There were other flying creatures that came to attack them like snow eagles but Elona just stared at them which made the flying monsters flee. It did not take long for them to reach the destination where they would chant the spell but that also means that the ghost ship is also nearing them.

A black cloud could be seen from the horizon signifying that the undead are coming. Dark clouds are not new to the northern continent but the dark clouds on the horizon carried an ominous wind with it. Elona immediately gathered mana from the surroundings and her own mana.

Adrian immediately signaled that they should start the spell. The area they had to cover is vast which would use all of the resources of the four demons.

The idea behind the Quantum Corridor is actually rather easy to create but difficult to conceptualize. The Quantum Corridor is basically an area where you would go back to the start after reaching the finish line.

The basic concept of it is that when someone reaches the end then space would basically fold which would send those inside back to the start. The most noticeable feature of a Quantum Corridor is that everything looks the same and your perception will tell you that you are actually getting further.

The Quantum Corridor does not only mess with your spatial awareness but also your mind. Only those who are sensitive to the shifting of space would immediately notice the anomaly. Adrian actually prayed that the Arch Lich would at least be susceptible to the quantum corridor to a certain degree.

Adrian put the scenery before him into his memory as this would be cornerstone of the Quantum Corridor. He used the maximum range that they could use as a corridor which is one kilometer per individual meaning the max range of the Quantum Corridor is four kilometers.

Adrian nodded as he chanted the words that is not of the English language but instead the runic language. Since he is a scribe, he has an automatic translate feature which means he is speaking in his language but the AI is translating it into runic language.

When Adrian started the chanting, he is followed by the chants of the other demons. Runic letters started to float around them like music bars and one would only describe it as mystical. The Ice Queen Elona also started her spell as the snow and ice rumbled behind her.

The blizzard that Elona is conjuring is about ten times more deadly than the one she used to repel those who wanted to get close to Aurgelmir's forge. She finally let go of all the elemental energy she accumulated and it looked like an avalanche is launched at the ocean. The ocean became clouded in a white bellow of ice and snow.

The blizzard clashed with the dark clouds on the horizon and the ghost ship did not fare well. Despite the ghost ship being half incorporeal, it still slowed down the ghost ship. The Arch Lich, seeing this harsh blizzard, cast a large shield that covered the ghost ship but the said shield would start to crack upon contact of the harsh blizzard.

Sweat could be seen going down Elona's beautiful face as she needed to concentrate to the extreme to keep the blizzard going. The piles of snow from behind Elona could be seen getting lesser and lesser as she channeled all her power to create the blizzard.

The Arch Lich, seeing that the blizzard persisted for about ten minutes, could tell that the blizzard was not natural. The blizzard is even getting harsher and harsher the longer it persisted. The Arch Lich pointed its bony fingers forward and fired off a spell.

"Baleful Lightning." The Arch Lich Malus stated as pale green sparks started to be generated on the bony arm.

A large pale green lightning bolt then came out of the tip of the finger of the Arch Lich. Despite the pale green lightning coming out of the Arch Lich' finger, the width of the lightning became four meters while the length reached until the shore of the northern continent where the Ice Queen stood.

The first blast of baleful lightning luckily missed the Ice Queen's location so she did not need to raise a shield or block the attack. The Arch Lich' eye sockets became even more illuminated as if it realized something. Another round of lightning is fired towards the northern shore but this time it is accurately targeting the Ice Queen's location.

It seems that after a few errors in finding the location of the caster, the Arch Lich has finally pinpointed Elona's general location. The next baleful lightning hit just about a meter away from Elona's spot which made her break concentration a little bit but that small time frame was all it took for the Arch Lich to be sure.

The next baleful lightning is fired off at Elona's exact location so she had no choice but to create barriers of ice. Due to needing to guard, the blizzard that is raging became still as Elona did not channel her full concentration on it. The Arch Lich finally knew that the blizzard is not natural but someone is actually trying to slow them down or make them stop their journey.

"Finger of Undeath" The Arch Lich Malus stated as it pointed towards Elona's location.

"Freezing Aegis" Elona shouted as two dozen layers of large ice shields formed in front of her that is the about ten meters wide and ten meters high.

It seems that the Arch Lich' spell has a penetrating effect because twelve ice shield dissolve so easily. The spell of the Arch Lich even reached until the last ice shield of Elona which made her hurriedly cast another shield to at least mitigate the damage she will receive.

"Finally! It is finished." Adrian shouted as a magic circle covered the area including the ghost ship of the undead.

#### Chapter 246 - The Trapped Arch Lich

The magic circle enveloped the ghost ship and the rest of the coast in one go. The spell of the Arch Lich did not hit Elona but the spell effect disrupted the main caster so Adrian took damage. The spell fired off by the Arch Lich shaved 90% of Adrian's health in one go even though he used all his soul essence to strengthen his body.

Adrian could not handle the total power of the spell of the Arch Lich so Trois redirected some of the damage to the others including himself. The three imps were also damaged and lost 50% of their health. Trois was only able to do this because their magic powers were linked together using the magic circle to make the Quantum Corridor.

The three imps did not handle the backlash of the spell of the Arch Lich well due to the undeath attribute of the spell. Adrian immediately summoned Kanlaon to catch the three imps so that they would not be trapped inside the Quantum Corridor.

The spell of the Quantum Corridor will persist for two days maximum or 48 hours if nothing happens inside to affect the spell matrix. Since the Quantum Corridor is cast by four Greater Demons, the spell should be as strong as if a newly evolved Arch Demon cast the spell. Though Adrian did something to influence the spell to make it stronger.

Trois who is now being carried by Kanlaon managed to glimpse the change that Adrian used on the Quantum Corridor. Trois looked at it with amazement as even he would not be confident to change the spell structure of a spell that can normally be used by Arch Demons. The spell now not only has spatial and time elements but also an unfamiliar energy that he has yet to identify.

Trois looked at the badly damaged Adrian that is actually coughing blood due to the backlash and his eyes widened. The unfamiliar energy that is woven into the spell matrix of the Quantum Corridor is actually being emitted from Adrian. Trois is now looking at Adrian with admiration and a sense of rivalry.

[You have influenced someone in your own race to do better and strive for more.]

[All stats + 5]

[You have gained the title Worthy Rival.]

"How did I get this title? Who did I influence?" Adrian thought as he downed a potion that restores 50% health that can also cure bleeding status ailment. He then looked at the three imps but they are tending to their injuries so it could not be one of them.

Kanlaon placed the three imps on the ground where the Ice Queen is currently resting. The Ice Queen Elona's hair looked disheveled and her crown is a bit tilted. It seems that blocking spells from the Arch Lich while maintaining the blizzard is too tall of an order even for a legendary NPC.

"Did your spell work? How long will that blasted thing be trapped inside that thing?" The Ice Queen Elona asked as she fixed her hair and clothes.

"If nothing goes wrong then he could be trapped there for two days at most." Adrian stated as even he does not know if the spell could hold a boss like entity like the Arch Lich for too long.

Adrian then gave potions to the other three and thanked them for helping him. He also told them that they can return to the Paradox Planes first and that he would report to Bronx that they performed excellently. Une and Deux said their farewells normally but Trois looked at Adrian as if he is saying farewell to a rival or something.

Adrian did not think too much of it and said goodbye to the three as they chanted the spell for dimensional travel.

"Greater Teleportation" The three imps led by Trois chanted at the same time.

The three imps vanished in a flash of light without even a trace that they were once in the location they are standing on. Adrian had another problem and that was leveling up to become stronger. He cannot even survive one spell hit from the Arch Lich.

"Can the players even raid that undead? No...The Arch Lich is probably an enemy that the Undead King must face with the players because it would be impossible for normal players to raid a level 280 NPC by themselves even if it is an NPC." Adrian muttered.

NPCs have lesser health than monster enemies because NPCs have higher intelligence and better abilities. The bigger problem for Adrian is the unknown health and mana of the Arch Lich. Adrian guessed that the phylactery or life vessel of the Arch Lich must be destroyed first in order for them to see the details of the Arch Lich completely. Even Adrian's evil eye came up with question marks rather than numbers.

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Inside the Quantum Corridor is a world filled with nether mist that is lethal to undead. The undead are currently experiencing a decrease in their health per second. Adrian carefully weaved the nether energy into the spell so that the nether mist would not disperse with a simple attack. The Arch Lich thought that the enemy just used a mist that can deter and damage the undead.

The Arch Lich is also getting damaged though it protected itself with an aura that can deflect the damage from the nether mist. Although the Arch Lich protected itself, the same could not be said to its followers. Despite being a control freak, even the Arch Lich knows that it needs an army to protect it when it chants spells now that its instant cast spells are on cooldown.

The Arch Lich extended its aura to cover the whole ghost ship in order to protect its underlings. The undead players that are in the ship are in awe of the Arch Lich' power because it easily protected them from the mist that decreased 1% of their health every five second.

The ghost ship continued on with the Arch Lich' protection with the coast of the northern continent in sight. As soon as the ghost ship is about to dock on the coast of the northern continent, the vision suddenly turned blurry as the nether mist covered their frontal vision.

When the undead regained their vision, they are once again at the four kilometer mark from the coast of the northern continent. The players could not believe what they are seeing as it seems that they have reset to the point where the strange mist started to envelop them. The undead NPCs did

not falter or rather did not question when they were back at that certain position as the Arch Lich ruled it to be illusion magic.

The voyage went on and on to the point that the undead players felt a sense of panic and dread as their voyage never ended despite the coast being at their view. It took about ten times of them returning to the point where they entered the mist for the Arch Lich to tell for the ghost ship to stop sailing.

The Arch Lich surveyed the area they were in but could not tell what is wrong. The Arch Lich ordered the ghost ship to sail backward and the players thought that they were retreating but they could not dare question the Arch Lich. The ghost ship moved backwards successfully and they thought that they have successfully escaped the illusion.

The happy hearts of the undead players is short lived as the nether mist once again clouded their vision and they returned to their original position once again. The undead players could only lament as they have been stuck for about two hours already. They tried logging out but the system stated that they could only log out for fifteen minutes real world time or else they would fail the mission.

The Arch Lich finally realized that it killed a demon earlier before they departed. It almost forgot about the demon because it was just a small fry that is no more than an insect in its way. It suddenly thought that a higher ranked demon might have come to avenge the demon it killed because demons are rather sentimental which the Arch Lich thought as nothing but a nuisance.

The Arch Lich started launching spells into the air by the dozens while maintaining the protective layering it had cast on the ghost ship. The mana of the Arch Lich could be seen dropping at a fast pace but it could see that its attacks are hitting a boundary which should not happen.

"We are trapped inside a space created by demons." The Arch Lich stated while it continued to fire off spells until its mana reserves reached ten percent which made it stop casting.

If the Arch Lich did not stop then it would have stopped coating the ghost ship with its aura. It commanded the liches at its disposal instead to launch attacks at the boundary. One way to destroy spatial magic is through a greater force. But with nether energy fueling the Quantum Corridor, the needed force is much greater than the usual because a quantum corridor fueled by nether energy is something akin to being cast by an elder Arch Demon.

## Chapter 247 - The Power Of The Finger

Adrian is currently sensing the changing nature of the Quantum Corridor. He could sense that the Arch Lich is trying to force his way through the entrapment but it could not muster enough force to break through completely. Adrian sighed with relief when he could feel the effectiveness of the spell.

It was just really bad timing that he got hit by backlash when they successfully cast the Quantum Corridor. The Arch Lich spell hit the magic circle of the Quantum Corridor when it was just spreading to the area. Area of effect spells are most vulnerable during the start of the spell as it still has a connection to the casters hence Adrian being damaged.

Since the phenomena of the spell is already set, the spell matrix is already complete. This is the reason why the spell is not influenced by a foreign magic spell but is instead directed to the caster. It is like a post spell version of mana overload but it is called "Spell Backlash" by the players in Pandemonium.

Adrian looked at his status panel and could only frown. He could not level up as fast as he would have hoped he would due to the missions he is getting. The rewards might be good but it also hinders him to catch up to the high rankers. He always thought that he would breeze to missions like these if he has a higher level.

"What is the Worthy Rival title anyway? Though I am very grateful for the added stat bonus." Adrian stated as he looked at the description of the title and distributed the stat points that he has collected from levelling up.

Title: Worthy Rival

Effect: Able to affect individuals that you have met and incite their compassion. Their strong rivalry will make them increase their familiarity to you. Easier to befriend NPCs with the same race or same profession.

Description: You have become a target of admiration and rivalry. Be careful of tsunderes.

Name: Equinox

Race: Daemos (Half Asmodian)

Species: Netheros (Greater Demon)

Title: Champion of the Twin Gods, Undead Killer (Expand)

Job: Soul Summoner

Sub Job: Scribe (Beginner)

LVL: 135

Exp: 15.7%/100%

HP: 25,000 / 25,000

MP: 17,500 / 17,500

VIT: 245+5

STR: 275+85

INT: 300+50

AGI: 265+40

DEX: 220+45

END: 214 + 20

Available Stat points: 0

Hidden Stat: Luck +10 Wisdom +35 Persistence +10

"My hidden stats have barely increased. But since I need to fight more now, I need to focus on strength and intelligence." Adrian stated as he closed his status interface and looked at the piling snow in front of him.

The Ice Queen Elona decided that a physical barrier is much better than nothing so she ordered her yeti and even conjured up snowmen to assist. It would be weird to call the snowmen helping because they would become the wall of snow itself. The snowmen are basically just walking towards the pile of snow to merge with them.

Once the snow became a gigantic pile, the Ice Queen would harden the snow so that it becomes hard glaciers. This continued on so that the whole shore of the northern continent is covered in glacier ice walls. The Ice Queen also posted snowmen soldiers with sharp ice pikes that can be thrown. Although she knows that it could only slow the undead down.

"We just need to buy enough time until the crown is finished then everything would be good." Adrian stated unknown to him that he is actually being watched someone.

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The Arch Lich Malus could see that they are trapped inside this peculiar space. The Arch Lich knows that it could easily break past this formation if it was in the old time. The Arch Lich has yet to reach its peak power because it has only been recently unsealed.

The Arch Lich could not wait anymore and time is of the essence. The Arch Lich might miss this chance to corner the Undead King so it has no choice but to rely on a power foreign to itself. Due to this space confining it, it cannot access power or mana from its life vessels.

The Arch Lich might not like it but it had to rely on the finger that it was offered. The Arch Lich looked at the finger with a golden ring for a few minutes before it started preparing to activate magic. The Arch Lich has yet to recover all its mana so it is now meditating in order to increase mana regeneration.

Once the Arch Lich Malus has 80% of its total mana recovered, it also ordered the other liches to chant with it. The Arch Lich knows that it cannot channel the power of the finger alone because it does not have the support of its life vessels.

The Arch Lich Malus placed the finger on the middle of the deck while it formed a circle with the other liches. The Arch Lich then started chanting in the runic language while it controlled the other liches to do the same. Any living being would not be able to do this as the brain of that individual would explode.

One of the advantages of the undead is that you can avoid mental status ailments. This is especially true as undead do not experience mana overload. This makes the undead a great pick for magic classes but that also makes them twice as easy to kill using holy magic.

A magic circle appeared below the finger with the golden ring. The finger with the golden ring then became floated into the air with layers upon layers of magic circles. The finger then pointed to the sky as the Arch Lich chanted the spell that it would fire.

"Inverse Life" The Arch Lich Malus stated as all the mana from the liches disappeared while 60% of its own mana also vanished.

A pale gray light similar to a beam of light that is as thick as a pole. The pale gray beam of light then pierced the nether mist and pierced a hole into the Quantum Corridor. A loud bursting sound could be heard all throughout the continent.

The pale gray light did not stop at the boundary of the quantum corridor but it went into the atmosphere. The pale gray light sounded like it hit something hard in the atmosphere and a cracking sound could be heard all throughout the continent. The pale gray light did not stop even though the Arch Lich Malus and the other liches stopped channeling their mana.

The finger then gained somewhat of a sentience as it sucked all the mana from those channeled its power. The pale gray beam of light then started having a black outline and if Adrian could be there closely then he would know the familiarity of this mana. The mana is actually the same as the mana that Cristobal and Eldritch emitted.

The Arch Lich Malus did not expect this outcome as it used layers upon layers of magic circle to restrain the power of this finger. It did not take long for the finger to use up all the mana from the Arch Lich Malus and his liches but it did not stop.

Now that the quantum corridor is broken, the connection of the liches from their life vessels has been restored. The large mana pool of the liches are now being targeted by the finger as a power source. One of the life vessels of the Arch Lich Malus is soon emptied out by the finger.

The barrier that the beam of light is colliding is starting to show cracks and it could be heard by all of the inhabitants in the main world. As soon as this cracking sound is heard, a system message and a world message is sent to all of the players.

[The barrier separating the godly plane from the mortal plane is starting to fracture.]

[The gods have mandated that all of you stop whatever is causing the fracture to the barrier.]

[If the fracturing of the barrier is not stopped then an unstoppable evil will be released onto the mortal plane.]

This is the first time that three world messages are released throughout the players. This was more of a warning rather than a message as it detailed something that no normal people do not want to read. Just the words unstoppable evil is already worrying enough but it had to have 'released to the mortal plane' which made it more dangerous.

It is not only those allied with the 'good' gods that moved but also that of the 'evil' gods. Even those who stayed being neutral started to move as they know what is happening to the world. Aurgelmir who could feel the nasty energy outside his forge but he did not stop forging as he is now completely forming the crown. If he stopped now then the crown would shatter or might turn to dust.

All the hidden powers started going towards the source of the nasty energy that they felt. Even they know the terror of the dark gods despite them burying all information known about them. The Arch Lich Malus felt intense rage as he could not control the finger. It was even using its own powers to fuel whatever it wants.

The Arch Lich started chanting and it started severing its connection with the finger. It first started with the weakest links which are the liches. It easily severed the liches but the burden of the Arch Lich multiplied since the finger drawn more mana from it now that the Arch Lich is the only one connected to it.

If undead could sweat then the Arch Lich should be sweating right now as it tried its best to sever its connection with the finger. Just as the Arch Lich finished severing its connection with the ring, a sinister laugh could be heard from behind it. This laugh is actually familiar to the Arch Lich.

## Chapter 248 - It Got Worse

Eldritch is now in field of flowers more beautiful than anywhere in the real world. He did not consider the scene disgusting or inappropriate but an eyesore for his quest. He could feel that he is in the right spot but does not know how to unseal the thing that keeps the Lich King in the magic formation.

Eldritch could see that the magic circle covering the whole field but the problem is that it is a whole field. The magic circle had so much intricacies that it would be humanly impossible to solve it. It is also covering a land mass of about fifty kilometers and that one mistake would erase his character from existence.

"I took all that time and it was for nothing. Nothing I hate more than a dead end." Eldritch stated but then he heard a sound like cracking glass.

He thought it was just some monsters with scales or something but then he saw a reaction from the field of flowers. The magic circle suddenly glowed that made the ever beautiful garden of flowers more mystical than it has already been. Though the beauty of this scene did not faze Eldritch because he could feel it.

"The sealed dark god is reacting to something." Eldritch stated while he surveyed the surroundings to see what is making the dark god react.

Eldritch tried to see if anything nearby made it react only for it to come to naught. He is about to give up and challenge the magic circle but then he felt something an energy from faraway. It is faint but he could definitely feel it.

He looked north and he felt a strange pull call to him. Eldritch cannot actually teleport in a wisp of smoke or something like that because he is not a demon. He can actually tap on energies that is emitted by Dark gods and their followers and then use that to send himself to that location.

This is one of the reasons why the records about the dark gods are erased or forgotten. The ancient heroes know that just the simple belief of the dark gods would make another envoy rise up.

What the ancient heroes did not know is that even the fear brewed indirectly from the legends of the dark gods made their powers stronger. They did not know that fear could also be channeled into belief despite it having only minimal effect but an effect is still an effect. Small things would eventually pile up thereby making the rise of another envoy of the dark gods.

The glow of the magic circle became brighter as the energy coming from the north became stronger. Even Eldritch could feel the pull becoming stronger that is coming from the north. The magic circle is even resonating with the energy coming from the north. Eldritch let himself pulled to the location of the energy as his hunch is always right and has yet to fail him.

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The finger continued on firing the beam as the Arch Lich is still trying to sever its tie with it. Adrian who is seeing the beam penetrating the sky suddenly had figures behind him. He turned back and he saw the elders at the scene with ten more demons behind him.

"Champion Equinox, we need your help." Ascalor stated in a serious voice.

Adrian did not pull a stunt like saying jokes like 'I am busy, old man' or pull any wise cracking joke. Adrian could read the atmosphere and immediately stood up to go with the elders. The elders will not come in person if the problem is normal.

The elders slightly nodded at the Ice Queen as they flew towards the cracking space. The other demons soon followed and also Adrian as he lightly nodded at the Ice Queen. The demons in the sky then went into a position around the firing beam.

Ascalor tried casting the quantum corridor but the beam of light would penetrate even his spell. The three elders then gathered together and simultaneously chanted a spell. They formed a barrier that stopped the beam of light from penetrating the barrier of the planes of existence.

The spell worked but it took the help of the three elders to even stop the beam from reaching the barrier. The remaining demons including Adrian is sent a mental image on how to fix the fractures in space. Adrian looked at the cracks in space and saw something squirming out of there and he saw countless eyes peering back at him.

He immediately started chanting along with the rest of the demons. The players that are actually assistants to the hidden powers that are with their masters are seeing the fracture in space being fixed by the demons. Unlucky for Adrian, there is actually one from the top guilds there that is observing the situation.

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While the demons are actually fixing the barrier and the elder demons preventing the beam from piercing the barrier of the planes of existence, a laugh is heard from behind the Arch Lich. If the Arch Lich had eyes then it would be bulging by now.

Eldritch laughed like a maniac as he now knows what is generating that odd energy that resembles the energy released by the dark gods. The Arch Lich wanted to strangle Eldritch right now because it knows what Eldritch would do.

"Envoy of the Dark Gods! Do not come here! I am warning you!" The Arch Lich warned in a dark voice.

"You do not scare me Arch Lich. I can finally see a way to get my hands on a way to get the Lich King out of its seal. I did not know that you are actually hiding a finger of the Lich King Arch Lich." Eldritch stated as he laughed maniacally.

"Stop him!" The Arch Lich shouted.

The undead tried to stop Eldritch but it seems the envoy came prepared. Eldritch crushed a rock that had dark tentacles wriggling in it and rifts in space appeared. From the rift, tentacles of unknown mass came out and restricted all the undead on the ghost ship.

Eldritch went near the finger and held out his hand but a force repelled it away. Eldritch knew that the energy is actually rejecting him due to the state of his hand. His hand transformed into something monstrous and he held his hand out.

At first there is visible repulsion but his monstrous hand that is similar to the tentacles that came out of the rift managed to grab the finger. Eldritch gripped it tightly as power coursed through his body in as the beam of light's energy is channeled through him thereby absorbing it entirely.

If the liches did not empty out their life vessels then they would be able to break free from the restraints. The Arch Lich also felt powerless as the finger is still drawing energy from it. Eldritch absorbed the finger in his body and an explosion of power happened.

The explosion is so loud and powerful that it cancelled all the spells being cast. The fracture in space became bigger and bigger as something tried to crawl out of it.

[You have been affected by Mind Break.]

An eerie message popped out from Adrian's interface.

## Chapter 249 - Rise Of The Lich King

A loud explosion sounded while the shockwave from it reverberated all throughout the surroundings. The explosion is not just loud but it also sent a shockwave of an unfamiliar energy that wiped out all the magic in the vicinity. Some of the flight spells of the Daemos like Djinnns and Diabolons are cancelled which led them to be carried off by the Imps.

Adrian is a bit unlucky because he is closer to a diabolon and they are heavier than others. He had to suck it up because all skills with cooldown had experienced a thirty second cooldown regardless if someone used it or not. He is trying his best not to drop the diabolon but he really is wondering why it is too heavy.

"Why are you so heavy demon senior brother?" Adrian stated.

"Probably the Gigant Swine I ate this morning. I did not really expect to be deployed today because it is my rest day today." The diabolon replied.

After a fight with gravity, all the Daemons can now use magic again. Since the beam is no longer firing, the elders tasked the greater demons to check the source. The elders of the Daemos are quickly fixing the rift in space while the greater demons descended.

The greater demons wanted to quickly swoop down to assess the situation but steam from the boiled ocean water deterred vision. The steam and fog created is not the only problem because now the greater demons are surrounded by hidden powers. They wait for the elders to finish before moving because they know that the bystanders are just waiting for some sort of slip up.

Fortunately, even those bystanders flying spells were dispelled which is why they are cautious. It seems some of the bystanders are impatient and even they want to know what is happening below. A person riding what looks like a wyvern used a wind spell that cleared up the steam and fog.

What lay before them are broken wreckages of the might ghost ship. The Arch Lich standing in the location with the waves frozen in ice as a platform. A hooded young man is also seen with a monstrous arm that is looks like it is a mix of a root and a tentacle.

The hooded young man then vanished in a black smoke leaving the now fractured undead army. The weird thing is that there are now only three undead on the ice floor that the Arch Lich created. The three undead were Arch Lich Malus, the doom knight and Gheist.

Gheist looked at the surrounding individuals and its body suddenly became a black fog that covered both the doom knight and the Arch Lich. Gheist which took the form of a black fog suddenly bolted away from the location back to the central continent.

Some of the hidden powers gave chase to the black mass that is Gheist while some clearly stayed. Those who stayed are actually glaring at the demons with either hatred or disgust. The elders of the Daemos also glared back at the individuals that are glaring at them.

The individuals glaring at the demons are mainly the dragonkin, elves, and the remaining angels that did not follow Gheist. There is a whole five minutes of silence before Ascalor finally spoke in a jokingly manner.

"It seems that our job here is done. We shall take our leave." Ascalor stated but a voice suddenly protested.

"Explain what have you done demon! You are not leaving here before you do!" A dragonoid woman who Adrian encountered a bit earlier with Elona stated.

"We do not need to explain anything to your lazy masters, dragonoid. Despite them proclaiming that they would protect this world, they are very lazy. They did not come investigate the disturbance themselves except they send their errand dogs." Koronn stated as he really wants to return as he is very busy with research.

"You dare say that demon!" The dragonoid woman stated as she released her draconic aura that suffocated others that are below her persona state.

"A mere buzzing of an insect." Bronx stated as he released a burst of kinetic energy that immediately cancelled the aura released by the female dragonoid.

The angels that stayed decided that they would not be given the answer because of the enmity they had with the demons. The angels purposefully made no distinction between devils and demons because their leader also wanted total control of the main world.

The elves that came and are glaring at the demons also did not waste any more time. They left knowing even their elders could only keep one of the Arch Demons at bay and they only had one elder present. The dragonoids screamed at those that left as cowards but it only fell in deaf ears.

"Go back little lizard. Even they know that all of you grouping out will stand no chance." Ascalor stated while releasing his aura.

Adrian at the time could only be amazed at the elder's bravado. He really underestimated them as they were always either very happy or torturing him with tasks. This time the elders now showed to the world the might of the demons.

Of course not everyone knows their limits as the elders have disrespected the dragons far too many times. The three dragonoids all charged towards the three elders. Each elder dealt with the dragonoid that charged at them differently.

The dragonoid that charged at Bronx is hit by his tail and is sent down towards the ocean. The scales covering the dragonoids body and the layers of barriers it has all shattered like glass.

The dragonoid that charged at Koronn suffered a rather dull but miserable fate. Koronn just flicked his hand and it shattered all the magical barriers on the dragonoids body but the latter just suddenly froze. The frozen dragonoid could not move its body and suffered the same fate as that of the one attacked by Bronx and plunged to the ocean.

The dragonoid that attacked Ascalor suffered something even others do not want. Ascalor opened a portal and hurled the dragonoid across every possible auxiliary world. The dragonoid is sent crashing to boulders, lava and glaciers until Ascalor judged that the dragonoid had enough. The dragonoid just dropped to the ocean due to fatigue.

The onlookers did not help the dragonoids as it was always their agreement to not bother what the other party does. Actually they rather liked it as dragons are prideful powerful creatures that probably only demons could beat. This would serve them as a good reminder that those giant lizards are not that great.

The Daemos having fixed the fractured reality barrier no longer had any reason to stay. Adrian just returned to the forge hoping that Aurgelmir finished fixing the crown. If only Adrian observed the cracking reality barrier very closely then he might have seen that a tiny crack once again appeared after all the demons left.

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Eldritch once again appeared at the place where the flowers bloomed forever. He laughed before he composed himself and went straight towards the middle of the magic circle. He took out the finger that he absorbed in his body. He liked the expression and tone that the Arch Lich used when he took the finger.

He looked at the finger and it is clear that it is not from a human. The finger still had human flesh and skin but all dried up. The most notable thing about the finger is the golden ring that emits a pale glow. Eldritch placed the finger in the middle of the magic circle and it already reacted.

Eldritch started chanting in a tongue that is not runic but something resembling that of many voices speaking simultaneously. The finger slowly but surely sunk into the magic circle and the runic letter started unlocking one by one.

The flowers in the middle of the magic circle started withering at a rapid pace until all the flowers, trees and grass decayed. The sky turned dark as if a huge shadow is cast by clouds but there were no clouds in sight. The beautiful magic circle that covered the area suddenly turned something infernal.

A frail hand that is like of a dried corpse suddenly emerged first. The hand that emerged could be seen missing its ring finger. Two arms suddenly appear and it did not take long for a figure of human to appear. The figure is actually a walking dried corpse but now it is currently kneeling as it is still weakened.

[The Lich King has been released from its seal.]

[The Lich King is currently weakened. Erase it from existence before it manages to wreak havoc.]

"Did you release me Envoy?" a spine chilling voice coming from the Lich King stated.

"I did." Eldritch replied.

"You have done well. I will properly reward you once I have properly restored my strength." The Lich King replied but Eldritch just laughed.

"You dare mock me envoy." The Lich King warned.

"You have done your part Star Mother. I will use your powers well." Eldritch stated in a voice that did not come from him.

"Azathoth! How did you discover this universe!?" The Lich King or rather the Star Mother stated.

Eldritch did not reply but used his tentacle root like hand to pierce the Lich King in the chest. The tentacle root like hand then covered all the body parts of the Lich King as a grinding sound could be heard. When Eldritch opened his hand, it could be seen grasping a yellow-green stone about the size of an infant.

## Chapter 250 - The Crown Of The Undead King

Adrian directly went to Aurgelmir's forge and could see that the frost giant is making his finishing touches. This is actually one of the rare times where you can see a frost giant sweating. The hard work and dedication is definitely visible if you look at the frost giant's state right now.

Adrian wanted to wait patiently but he already exceeded his log-in time. He went to search for the Ice Queen Elona as she would be the only one capable of protecting him now. He is a bit thankful though that the Arch Lich retreated due to unforeseen events but in the back of his mind he knows that it is not for the best.

Adrian logged out and did not hear the in-game world message about the Lich King being revived but he read it all on the forums the next day he woke up. He thought that it was strange that the Arch Lich retreated and he speculated that their undead faction is currently outmatched so they revived the Lich King.

Adrian did not have much information of the Lich King as even the Undead King has blurry memory towards it. The undead king did say that in terms of danger level that the Lich King is a hundred times more powerful but the Arch Lich Malus is a world ending danger by himself.

"I am pretty sure that the Lich King would not be more powerful than the Arch Lich as of now as the Undead King did say that he was weakened when he was freshly released from his seal. Uhhh! Another headache. Maybe I should take a hiatus from the game and let someone else do my job." Adrian stated as he seriously considered lessening his headache.

"Today is therapy session anyway. Calm yourself. Too much stress would increase my chance of an episode." Adrian stated as he went downstairs.

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Meanwhile at a futuristic building inside a room that has only holographic monitors, some people could be seen crying. They were not crying tears of joy but actually tears of frustration. Even their chief could be seen weeping his heavy eyes. The chief now resembles a panda due to how much overtime they did.

"Why has no one reported that the Cursed Finger was no longer in its hiding place!?" the chief yelled out loud to vent his frustration.

The chief calmed himself down as the super AI managed to redirect the situation by killing all of the witnesses. The super AI Deus controlled the Arch Lich so that the future expansion would not happen so suddenly. The only problem was that some managed to get a glimpse of the Cursed Finger but then their worst fears came true.

By a twist of fate, the Arch Lich was left with only one option and that was using the Cursed Finger in order to escape the Quantum Corridor. The Arch Lich would have easily escaped the Quantum Corridor given a day but the Nether Energy was a big miscalculation by its AI.

The chief did not know whether to be amazed or enrage by a player's ingenuity in using the energies present in the game. He is impressed because even alchemists in game have yet to do that. The chief did see that the player Equinox' sub job class Scribe helped in making it happen but it is still quite a feat.

"Put the player Equinox in the always to be observed list. We need to act fast if he somehow unlocks another expansion without us knowing." The chief said as he rubbed his temples.

"Chief, it seems that he might unlock the undead character creation after his quest." An employee with a futuristic visor stated.

"That is fine. We at least expected that because the undead are the first step in Project Deva. What about Eldritch? What did he do to the Cursed Finger?" The chief asked as he knows that the Cursed Finger is a key item to unlock the last step in Project Deva.

"He used the key to unlock the Lich King but we issued that the AI use a choice option as a next quest for him." The employee with the futuristic visor stated.

"So what was the choice he selected?" The chief asked as he needed to revise the next steps they needed depending on Eldritch' choice.

"He chose the option to use the Lich King or Star Mother as a power source instead of helping it return to full power. The only problem is that he managed to get in contact with one of the most powerful dark gods which is Azathoth." The employee with a futuristic visor replied.

"Azathoth is not much of a problem as of now. It is dubbed as the 'blind idiot god' and supreme gods are controlled by us and the AI directly. We will have enough leeway. I can finally apply for a vacation." The chief stated while he lowered his volume on the last sentence.

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Adrian finally arrived back at home after the therapy session. The session is not that difficult as he was mainly just asked questions and all he needed was to answer honestly. He did try to be as honest to the best of his abilities as long as he could remember all the things that the doctor asked.

Some of the questions are mainly about the past but all Adrian could remember is him playing Pandemonium. It seems that he finally became a gaming addict but he did say that he was having fun. The doctor did say that happiness is a cure in and of itself.

He finally is able to log back into the game and is just in time for the grand finale. One would expect that the last swing of a blacksmith would be full of force like he is pounding it with all his strength but the frost giant's last strike is different.

Aurgelmir swung high but the hammer descended in such a slow motion as if Adrian applied Chrono Lag on the frost giant's arm. The frost giant just did a simple tap but it felt like that tap had the power of an exploding star. The hammer strike did not result in the usual clanging sound but the sound of something like a beautiful chime.

A shockwave of powerful energy is once again released unto the world but this time it felt clear. This is what usually happens when a Transcendent tier item is born into the world. It is clearly felt by all the people regardless of ability or energy understanding.

The Crown of the Undead floated mid-air like it was alive. Adrian wanted to touch it but Aurgelmir stopped him from doing so.

"You cannot just touch Transcendent items casually. They are already born with egos and know who their master is if their owner has yet to perish." Aurgelmir warned.

"How am I going to put it in my inventory then?" Adrian stated out loud.

"Inventory? Do you mean subspace magic? You just need to envision it being absorbed inside your subspace then it would enter it. You are a demon after all. Your race basically manipulates space." Aurgelmir stated which came as a shocker towards Adrian.

Adrian envisioned the crown that is floating being absorbed into his inventory and it actually did. A system prompt then appeared.

[You are currently holding a Transcendent Quest Item.]

[If you die then the quest item will be dropped from your inventory.]

[You will fail your quest if you drop the quest item and not retrieve it in under 24 hours.]

Adrian did not dread the system notification as he only needed to call Creepysoo to fetch him. Adrian took out a shrunken head from his inventory. Adrian fiddled with it a bit before knocking on it a few times and to his surprise it actually said 'Ouch!'

"Contact Du'an" Adrian stated.

"Yes, Champion Equinox?" Du'an answered.

"The crown is finally fixed. Can you pick me up?" Adrian stated and even before Du'an replied a portal already appeared behind him.

Du'an came out of the portal along with two death knights. It seems that the crown is of the utmost importance right now. Du'an bowed to the frost giant and gave a few thankful messages. Adrian also bowed to the Ice Queen Elona.

"You can do it, grandma. I am rooting on you. You need to up your game for the old man to notice you." Adrian teased the Ice Queen before he stepped inside of the portal.

"Yah! You brat! Do not forget your promise." The Ice Queen stated while her cheeks becoming red.

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Adrian, Du'an and the death knight are all transported directly to the throne room of the castle of the undead king. The doom knights were all battle ready in case an intruder entered the portal but they were all ordered to be at ease once the needed people arrived.

Adrian took out the crown from his inventory. Just like Aurgelmir said, the crown immediately flew towards the Undead King. When the crown is situated on the head of the Undead King, he radiated an aura so regal that made all the undead bow.