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Chapter 321 - The Daemos Interfere

The Arch Lich returned to the Necropolis wanting to find the perpetrator that destroyed his life vessel and is continuing to do so. When the Arch Lich Malus arrived he saw a pair of half elementals wreaking havoc of his Necropolis. He dealt with the miscreant easily although he had to admit that they put up quite a fight.

The Arch Lich tried to question them on how they got in and manage to even find his life vessel but to his dismay they were useless until he saw two figures escaping from the crypt. The Arch Lich saw a wraith that has two distinct soul signatures and a wight that seems to have taken the appearance of a boy.

"Are these pesky rats your friends, boy? The most laughable thing that I have witnessed in all of my undeath life is that a superior undead calls upon the help of Halflings. Arthur has surely fallen too far to even accept the help of those that are not like him." The Arch Lich Malus stated as he held Vayu by the hair and caged up Soleil using a bone prison.

Creepysoo stopped in his tracks due to what the Arch Lich stated and is actually surprised that he manage to return so fast. Creepysoo was given an artifact by Du'an to use so that teleportation magic could not be used in the area. He activated the artifact when they entered the crypt so that they could escape with enough time as soon as the Arch Lich noticed that one of his life vessel is destroyed.

Creepysoo is sure that the artifact activated properly because the system notification said so. The artifact would pollute the already miasma polluted air with a dense mana which would make spatial movement spells unable to activate properly.

What Creepysoo did not know is that the Arch Lich did not use a conventional spatial magic but more like a predetermined transfer. When the Arch Lich noticed that a peculiar wraith was among the ranks of the Undead King, the Arch Lich immediately made back up plans to counter any sudden mishaps when it came to using spatial movement magic.

The Arch Lich patiently studied the magic circles that the Daemos handed down to earlier civilization regarding spatial movement magic. The Arch Lich utilized the most tedious of the magic circles that cannot be interfered with whatever the condition of the space may be. The Arch Lich knew that there might be a surprise attack like this but what he did not expect is for it to actually work.

The Arch Lich Malus even hung one of his precious life vessels around the neck of his favorite pet which is the corpse eater. The Arch Lich Malus believed that the corpse eater would be sufficient enough in protecting the life vessel as he named it and is a lethal to undead.

"My prince, our fusion would soon end. Use the time that we buy for you in order to escape. I know that it is presumptuous to say so but you are not strong enough to defeat the Arch Lich. You must escape no matter what as he must not gain control of your body." Contraste stated as she pointed her blades towards the Arch Lich.

"I will not abandon you or my friends. We have to help them as the Arch Lich did not kill them. The Arch Lich probably thinks that he can use them as hostages for me to surrender." Creepysoo replied.

"It seems that I have missed a couple of things while I was sealed away. The fact that the Undead King had a son is of great news. Great news to me at least and he just walked inside my doorstep without me even lifting a finger." The Arch Lich stated as he started to smile and laugh.

"I want the wight boy and do not hurt him...much. Capture the wraith as I want to study her. It seems that Arthur has picked up quite a new ensemble of unique undead while I was sealed." The Arch Lich ordered and all the death knight in the Necropolis surrounded Creepysoo.

"Now what should I do with two half elementals? I always wanted to test my theory on adding elemental attributes to wraiths. You two will be the perfect guinea pigs. It is quite difficult to capture elementals as they are rather an elusive bunch." The Arch Lich stated as he examined his test subject to see if they were still fresh.

Contraste did not want Creepysoo to remain near the Arch Lich' grasp. If the Arch Lich controls a wight that has authority over undead then it would not be good for them. The Undead King would also be heartbroken if his favorite son were to become controlled by his nemesis.

Contraste had no choice but to sacrifice herself in battle if she had no other way to safely make the prince retreat. She slashed at the Arch Lich with her two swords but she was blocked by a group of death knights. The Arch Lich then used a lightning spell and hurled it towards Contraste.

Creepysoo did not sit idle by and provided support for Contraste as he erected a Bone Barrier to block the Arch Lich' spell but it was shattered easily. Although the Bone Barrier did not completely block the spell, it still gave enough time for Contraste to reposition.

"Monochrome!" Contraste shouted as she sent the X-shape sword wave towards the Arch Lich.

The Death Knights tried to block the sword wave but it was far more powerful than they could endure and they became ash. The Arch Lich muttered a spell and a shield dome appeared to block the skill. The Arch Lich had to admit that this attack is powerful but destroying only one of his life vessels is not enough to greatly weaken him.

A screech is then heard from the entrance of the crypt and from it emerge the named corpse eater with its body greatly damaged. The corpse eater saw Contraste and Creepysoo and charged towards them in blind rage. Contraste could no longer hold their fusion and finally split apart as Blanche and Noir but the Monochrome skill has yet to dissipate as the Arch Lich is still protecting himself.

The backlash from fusing bodies took a toll on the bodies of Blanche and Noir as they could not move for ten seconds. Creepysoo saw this and had no choice but to use his most powerful protection spell to survive the charge of the corpse eater.

As Creepysoo is preparing the spell an intense gravitational field suddenly enveloped the whole Necropolis which forced all the undead to crash to the ground except for the Arch Lich, Creepysoo, Blanche and Noir. Vayu and Soleil also disappeared from the grasp of the Arch Lich.

An old man that looks like an older version of Adrian then walked from behind Creepysoo. The old man then smiled towards Creepysoo after which two small vortices appeared behind the latter. The two vortices then spewed out Vayu and Soleil.

"It seems that an insolent lich has been endangering the stability of the barrier between realms more than I thought." Ascalor stated as he snapped his fingers and time reversed for Vayu and Soleil bringing them back to a state of full health and no skill cooldowns.

"You dare interfere demon! Your race's pride as the strongest will end here when I defeat you." The Arch Lich shouted as he unleashed two spells at once.

Chapter 322 - Frey Versus Eldritch

As the war between the Undead are well underway, a different battle is occurring in another area. Frey managed to track down Eldritch to a mountain range. She has seen Eldritch visiting this specific mountain for a few days now and she thought that this was his hideout.

"I knew that someone was watching my movement but I did not expect it to be you. I never thought that you were actually the stalker kind." Eldritch mockingly stated.

Frey wanted to catch Eldritch by surprise but she did not expect that he already knew that she was onto him. Still it was in her calculations that Eldritch would know that someone is hunting him down because of the quest that she received.

QUEST NOTIFICATION

Hunt for the Envoy of the Dark Gods

The Goddess Freyja has tasked you to defeat the scum of the world in order to ensure the peace. The location of the Envoy of the Dark Gods will be shown to you for the duration of the mission.

Difficulty: SS

Reward: Chance to participate in the Valkyrie Ascension Test in Valhalla

Failure: None

Duration: 2 days left

The quest she was given is the most difficult one that she has ever receive thus far but she knew that the game will not give her a quest that would be impossible. She was sure that if the Envoy of the Dark Gods is a godlike NPC then she would surely be assisted by the other Valkyries so she started the search for the envoy.

Frey became extremely shocked when she learned that Eldritch was the Envoy of the Dark Gods. She knew that the top ranking mage player had a peculiar and strong job class but she did not expect it to be one of the most powerful job class.

Frey spent about a day of reading about the Envoy of the Dark Gods from the records that the Valkyries keep. She learned that death and destruction follow whenever the Envoy of the Dark Gods walk the mortal realm. The Valkyries even dubbed the Envoy of the Dark Gods as the Bringer of Calamity.

Frey really did not expect it but she thought it makes sense on why she was chosen to hunt him down because if the other Valkyries did it then it would not be a challenge. She is quite sure that

this arrangement is all planned for the balance of the game. Frey actually like that Eldritch is the Envoy of the Dark Gods because now she can have her revenge.

"Frog in your throat? Or are you remembering your embarrassing defeat against me?" Eldritch mocked Frey once more but she did not show any reaction.

Frey did not bother talking as it was never her strong point as she rarely even talk to other people. She is more of a woman of action and is always headstrong. She charged towards Eldritch using a new skill that she received.

"Lungo!" Frey stated and her body that was ten meters away from Eldritch suddenly zipped forwards and even left afterimages.

Eldritch was not caught off guard as this was not his first bout with Frey. He knew that the woman in front of him was not much of a talker.

"The Mass of Abholos!" Eldritch chanted and a blob of indescribable black matter manifested in front of him which blocked Frey's attack.

The blob of indescribable black matter not only blocked Frey's attack but also made her spear become stuck in it. Frey tried pulling as hard as he can but the blob would not let go as if her spear is now affixed in it.

"Breath of Aphoom-Zhah" Eldritch chanted and a cold mist suddenly enveloped the area that froze even the air itself.

The blob of indescribable black matter started freezing over and Frey's weapon also started becoming cold. The freezing blob also became slightly brittle so Frey managed to chip at the blob thereby retrieving her spear before she got completely engulfed in the frozen mist.

A part of Frey's hand had a layer of frost and she did take damage from the Eldritch' spell. She immediately took some distance from the area affected by the cold mist. She tried shaking the layer of frost in her hands but it showed no signs of thawing.

"Iridescence." Frey stated and her body is suddenly covered in a light that changes in color perception depending on one's viewing angle.

The skill Iridescence not only warmed up Frey's body but it also buffed her attack and made her attacks into range ones. Frey would just swing her spear and waves of iridescent energy is fired towards Eldritch. Eldritch used a mana shield to block the energy waves but the attack bypassed the shield and hit his body.

The damage that Eldritch got per hit was not that high because the energy waves are just an extension of Frey's basic attacks. There is one thing that he noticed as he got increased damage every time he got hit. It seems that a stacking buff is placed on Frey every time she hits her opponent with the iridescent energy wave.

Eldritch also noticed that Frey is becoming stronger after every exchange with her. This is the perks of being a Valkyrie as they are like berserkers without the madness status ailment affixed to them. Frey is also grateful to Eldritch as he is not one of those burst mages because she would not be able to utilize the full potential of her job class.

Eldritch finally decided that it is not in his best interest to either stay here or prolong the battle. As much as he wanted to fight and kill Frey, he has more important things to take care of that would be better for him in the future.

"Spawn of Atlach-Nacha" Eldritch chanted and 30% of his total health vanished as six giant grotesque looking eggs are fired from his staff.

The eggs dropped from the ground and cracked revealing the atrocities that were inside. Spiders that had human heads as bodies that are one meter in height came out of the eggs. The spider atrocities then charged towards Frey.

Frey took her time in dealing with the spiders but her target was already gone when she glanced at the direction of Eldritch. She looked at her map and he was still in the area. Frey followed Eldritch inside of a cave inside the mountain not knowing what was awaiting for her inside of it.

Chapter 323 - Eldritch Escapes And Frey's Desperate Attempt

Frey's skill has already subsided as she went to chase Eldritch inside the cave. The cave system was not complex as it only had one way down. The way down though was deeper than she thought as she was traversing the cave for about five minutes now in her maximum running speed.

The cave became darker and without light the deeper that she traversed it. She had no choice but to use an illumination spell to better see what she was traversing and she was shocked. The cave walls that were mostly rock became something else.

Frey noticed that the cave walls were pulsating but she did not take the time to investigate as she was in a hurry catching Eldritch. If she lets go of this chance now then she would no longer be able to catch Eldritch.

"I may be walking into a trap but I have no choice now if I want to get the quest reward." Frey thought to herself as she delved deeper into the cave.

Frey finally reached the depths of the cave and felt that she just entered a different dimension. The surroundings were not cave like at the slightest as she felt the floor beneath her to be slimy and rather soft. Frey decided to illuminate the whole area was appalled at what she witnessed.

"Welcome Frey or should I say that it was foolish of you to even follow me here." Eldritch stated in a mocking tone once more but Frey is not fazed.

"Where are we Eldritch? Or should I ask the more embarrassing question? Why are you running away from me? Are you actually scared of me that you would rather flee than face me in battle?" Frey replied back in a mocking tone.

"I have better use of my time than play with someone like you but I have someone who could satisfy your thirst for battle. See you later!" Eldritch stated with a laugh as he disappeared in a cloud of smoke.

When the cloud of smoke disappeared, Frey finally noticed the mass of tentacles in front of her. The mass of tentacles formed a sphere of wriggling mass that is grotesque to say the least. The best description of this tentacle sphere is that it is a stuff of nightmares.

The mass of wriggling tentacles suddenly started to open like a flower. Each tentacle parted slowly until the person inside is revealed. It was none other than Vel'drix who is now perfectly inhabiting the body of Argent. Frey used her appraisal skill to see the details of the woman in front of her.

NPC: Vel'drix

Level: 220

Status: [Weakened] [Hungry]

"Oh! It seems that my meal today has finally arrived." Vel'drix stated as she licked her lips.

"Sorry but I am not in the menu today." Frey replied as she got ready for battle.

"I always like it when my meal fights back. It relieves my boredom by a bit." Vel'drix answered.

The tentacles on Vel'drix' hair suddenly rose up like they were snakes and lunged towards Frey. Vel'drix did not even lift her body from the sitting position that she is in. She is utilizing fifteen of her tentacles to fight off Frey while the rest is used like a chair for her to sit upon.

Vel'drix is quite amazed with the food that she is given as this is one of the feistier ones. She was also doing quite well as Frey already cut off one or two tentacles but it was not enough because the tentacles grew back quickly. Frey is gradually beginning to get pushed back because Vel'drix is adding more and more of her tentacles to fight her.

"I cannot believe that I am already using this skill because that wretched Eldritch escaped." Frey thought as she decided to use her trump card to fight this nonsensical NPC.

"Valkyrie's Ascent!" Frey shouted as her body became enveloped in iridescent light.

Frey's body then lifted up mid-air and she started to sprout wings made of light reminiscent of the aurora. Vel'drix who saw this could only smile happily because she did not expect one of her most hated races to have come to her.

"Valkyrie!" Vel'drix shouted as she used every tentacle in her head to attack Frey.

Vel'drix reaction is normal because her previous avatars were hunted down by the Valkyries. She is definitely not a big fan of them because the Valkyries never forgot to hunt the remnants of the Dark Gods that remained in the world. The Valkyries are the very reason why this world is not succumbing to the influence of the Dark Gods.

Frey became shocked with the reaction of the tentacle woman as she was not this active a few minutes ago. It seems that her opponent has a grudge against the Valkyries. The reason of the great anger of Vel'drix is that she was hunted like an animal for sport by the other Valkyries.

Vel'drix could guess that the Valkyrie in front of her is someone new to the ranks and is sent to hunt her. She would definitely savor the taste of a Valkyrie after she is done torturing the individual. She does not want the Valkyrie to get off easy as she would make her feel like an animal being hunted down.

Frey did not know what was going inside of Vel'drix' head and just did her best to defeat her opponent despite being lower in level than her. Frey's skill Valkyrie's Ascent is much like

Iridescence except she would get 50% more stats for the duration while also getting empowered attacks.

The attacks that Frey used were very effective against Vel'drix because of the unique passive skill of the Valkyries called Justice that makes them deal increased damage against creatures or individuals that follow the dark gods. The sudden power up of her prey made Vel'drix even happier because at least now she could go wild and enjoy herself.

The battle became intense as tentacles and blood spatters could be seen flying with every exchange but the one in danger is none other than Frey. She could not handle her opponent alone as she lost a considerable amount of levels during her job class change. She is now only at level 163 and a huge difference between an NPC and a player is already disastrous.

Frey decided that she could not win despite using her trump card but she could not leave either. Every time that she attempted to retreat, Vel'drix would cut her escape route. Vel'drix is hell bent in torturing Frey as the former had lots of chances to finish her off but did not use it. Frey could not believe that she is being treated as a plaything.

Frey had no choice but to use an item that she picked up in one of her quests. Frey took out a black pill and immediately swallowed it. Her body started to form veins of light until her skin itself started glowing. Frey then shouted out loud as if she was in great pain.

Frey's shout became the amusement of Vel'drix but she suddenly realized that it was not her that is making the Valkyrie feel pain. An immense amount of energy could be felt coming from Frey's body. When the energy could no longer be contained, Frey's body exploded that destroyed a huge chunk of the mountain and even engulfing the whole cave with Vel'drix in it.

Chapter 324 - Lich Versus Demon

"A demon is way better than a bag of old bones like you." Ascalor mockingly said to the Arch Lich Malus.

"You now look down on me just because you have ascended to become an Arch Demon. I remember when you were still just a little twerp that causes mischief just to get the attention. Do you really think that you could defeat me when I am the most powerful sorcerer there ever is?" The Arch Lich Malus stated to inflate his already inflated ego.

"You were the most powerful sorcerer there ever was but that title no longer applies to you because that is now the title of a Daemonio who is working at the empire." Ascalor taunted the Arch Lich.

"Your insolence has yet to amaze me and I have no time to entertain you anymore. Kill all of the living ones and capture the undead ones especially the undead prince." The Arch Lich Malus commanded as he buffed all his undead servants.

"He is spreading miasma all over the area!" Vayu stated as he picked up his katana to try and disperse the miasma as it is lethal to living beings.

"I got this! Immune to Toxin!" Creepysoo said as he used a chant to buff Vayu and Soleil so that the miasma will not affect them for an hour.

"Ahh...I could finally move this old bones of mine. You know I am very thankful that you revived an undead demigod because this just proves that the Daemos should no longer be passive about maintaining the balance of the worlds." Ascalor stated as he tapped his cane twice on the ground.

Two spatial rifts suddenly appeared in the distance that sucked in all the undead that is closing in on their group. The number of undead that is sucked in numbered to half of the total undead remaining inside the Necropolis. The undead that were sucked in were just low leveled skeletons and wraith though as the higher tier undead managed to resist the pulling force.

Creepysoo and the others stood in wonder of what happened as it was reminiscent of Adrian's Vortex skill but ten times more powerful. Who would not be in awe as with just a tap of the cane, more than half the troops inside a fortress became nothing. The Arch Lich Malus did not think favorably of this as he activated one of his most powerful ability that is exclusive to an Arch Lich.

"Curse the Land!" The Arch Lich Malus stated and the ground suddenly became foul and tainted.

The foul and tainted ground started from the Arch Lich as the epicenter until it moved and covered the whole Necropolis. To undead, the ground is enriching and even heals them but to normal living beings it is poison that seeps to their skin until their very life essence becomes corrupted.

[The soil has been tainted with death and miasma. All living beings that steps foot on the soil will be afflicted with poison.]

[Increased chance of becoming an undead if dying on cursed ground.]

[Undead have a small chance of reviving if they die on cursed ground.]

[Undead will deal 10% more damage when standing on cursed ground.]

The cursed ground emitted poisonous fumes that would immediately poison those who breathe it in. The Arch Lich did not use this ability because he knew that all undead will become empowered and it would not seize unless the Arch Lich loses mana or leaves the location.

One would think that the Arch Lich would lose mana much faster because of this ability but the life vessels are basically the cheat code of every lich. A lich' life vessel not only is considered their other hearts since they have could revive as long as one life vessel remains but it also helps them convert mana absorb from the surroundings.

The life vessels are basically like a power plant that continuously gives a lich mana and with that their spells could be endless. The life vessel is also a lich' weakness as they would weaken if destroyed and that they must be in the perimeter of at least one of their life vessels. A normal lich could only have one life vessel but an Arch Lich could have two.

Ascalor wondered why the Arch Lich activated this skill because it would not be effective when going against a small number of people. It was then that a large group of individuals are sensed by Ascalor using his unique Spatial Perception.

"The Imperial Army is headed here! He knew that they were close which is why he used this ability." Ascalor thought to himself as he assessed what he needed to do next.

"Should I stay here and keep him pinned to this area so that he cannot escaped or should I help the imperial army?" Ascalor thought as he weighed his options.

Ascalor would definitely become a target once the imperial army enters the Necropolis. The imperial army would definitely think that the Daemos are colluding with the undead. Another thing

that Ascalor sensed is the presence of two strong individuals that would be a great headache if they combined their powers.

"That Imperial Sorcerer and that angel masquerading as the Pope of the Church of Light is coming towards here. I should just help them a little then before leaving." Ascalor muttered to himself as he activated Space Lock.

Ascalor transformed into his actual form and the space of the whole Necropolis suddenly changed. The Arch Lich Malus could feel he cannot use any spatial movement abilities despite how prepared he was. The Arch Lich Malus however did not care because this would become more in favor for him.

"Emrys, it seems that the demons have joined forces with the undead. No matter. It is only a matter of time before this filthy undead go back to the ground where they belong." The Pope of the Church of Light stated in declaration.

Emrys did not bother to retort as he knew that the Church of Light are puritans to a large degree. He was only working with them due to the fact that the imperial family tasked him with such. His hands glowed in a bright purple light as a huge magic circle is created above the whole Necropolis.

"Great Storm!" Emrys chanted and huge arcs of lightning descended upon the Necropolis. The light is so bright that the imperial army with the Church of Light's paladins had to cover their eyes.

Chapter 325 - Skeleton Dragon

Creepysoo and the others saw a huge group of dark clouds suddenly form above them. A few seconds later, numerous lightning arcs came down upon the Necropolis and they thought that they were going to die.

Ascalor did not think much of the attack and focused on escaping the current battle as their group would just be a distraction for the imperial army. Ascalor used one of his dimensional wings to transfer all of them away from the Necropolis before the lightning could even hit them.

They were only able to escape only due to the unique properties of Ascalor's wings. Ascalor's golden wings that look like four spatial rifts with golden metallic outlines are extremely rare as he is not a normal demon. Ascalor's specific species is Kaiser Raumos which is said to be only born once every eon.

A normal Raumos could not easily manipulate space like Ascalor does which is why he is respected even by Koronn and Bronx. Even though Ascalor might have come to the Necropolis to destroy the Arch Lich Malus, he did not regret retreating as if he ran wild then he might have just destroyed the whole area in his fight with the Arch Lich.

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The rain of lightning finally subsided and the imperial army could now see what happened with the undead inside the Necropolis. The normal imperial army soldiers and players could only keep their mouths agape as a reaction because the Necropolis is mostly untouched.

There are signs of areas being hit by lightning as there are parts of the Necropolis having been charred but the undead under the Arch Lich only took little or any damage at all. The thing that blocked the lightning strikes was a giant skeleton hunched down but with its eyes no longer

glowing as if it was just killed. The bones of this giant skeleton crashed down but it collided with a barrier that the Arch Lich conjured up.

Seeing that the large area of effect spell doing nothing much, Emrys ordered the imperial army to move forward as it would lead to nowhere if they relied on his powerful area nuking spells as the Arch Lich would just block it either way. The Pope of the Church of Light blessed the imperial army with a buff that increases their damage upon enemies with miasma.

"Light of Guidance!" Pope Pristina chanted and bright sun rays pierced the dark clouds to bathe the imperial army with its glory.

[You are under the effects of the buff spell, Light of Guidance. All stats are boosted by 10% and 20% increased damage to evil creatures.]

[You have 50% chance to heal 10% of the damage dealt towards you and a 5% chance to heal the amount you deal as damage.]

[Miasma will not penetrate your body for the duration of the Light of Guidance spell.]

[Holy Attribute is added to your basic attacks.]

"Wow! As expected of the buff that the Pope of a major church could do. Usually area buffs are weaker compared to single person buffs but hers is just game changing. If only she could fix that attitude of her that disdains other races then she would have become the perfect leader." An orc player wielding two axes commented.

"This fight would have become much easier if White was with us. That bitchy Pope Pristina just had to send her to another battlefield." An elf sorcerer commented.

"If White is not with us then it just means that we have be much more careful than before. Being overly reliant on the support is not good for any party. Just do your best Tecton and Elyushia" Hou Yiwei commanded.

"Fine. But I still hate that bitchy woman. She treats us like we are her slaves or personal warriors. It is not easy to decline her request because she gives us better rewards." Elyushia grumbled as she used her mediocre buff skills to power up the two men.

"Are the other guild members prepared for the siege? Our guild Sun Piercers should be the one with the most achievements in this siege. We cannot let Infernum, Valor or Evergreen take the cake from us.

The reward for the most contributions is a piece of territory after all. A territory has never been given as a reward by the empire before so we must be the one to access its benefits first." Tecton stated the importance of the siege.

"I already briefed them on it and even Yiwei told them the importance of this siege. Whoever gains the territory first would be the guild that would stand above the others. They know how important this siege is as it will decide who will lead the new era. We might have Yiwei leading our guild but one person could not determine the fate of the whole guild." Elyushia stated truthfully despite Hou Yiwei standing next to her.

Hou Yiwei did not refute what Elyushia stated because what she said is true. Pandemonium is so big that one person could not possibly change everything but he knows that one person could affect some parts of the future. The proof of this is him because everything changed when he unlocked the Dragonkin.

He changed the power balance of the game when he unlocked the Dragonkin race for the player base. Jobs that were previously labeled as useless became powerful while some top tier jobs classes became overshadowed into mediocrity. This is one of the reasons why the top guilds are scrambling their brains to recruit people with other races.

The Arch Lich saw that the demon left with the undead prince which made him vent his wrath on the poor corpse eater that he entrusted his life vessel to. With a crushing motion of his right bony fingers the life of the heavily damaged corpse eater came to an end. He did not waste the soul of his ex-favorite pet though as he wanted to summon one of the most powerful undead creature.

Using the soul of his ex-favorite pet as a catalyst, a huge magic circle appeared on the cursed ground. The bones of the defeated undead and even of the giant skeleton are sucked inside of the magic circle. The dragonkin of the imperial army suddenly felt a tingle in their senses. It was not fear but revulsion because of what the Arch Lich dare to turn into an undead.

"RISE SKELETON DRAGON!" The Arch Lich Malus shouted and from the gigantic magic circle that measured up to thirty meters in a diameter a monster of legendary proportions has risen from its grave.

Chapter 326 - The Prowess Of The Rank One Player I

What is the difference with a skeleton dragon and an undead dragon? If you were to ask the undead about it then it would be that of the composition of their body and souls. If you ask the dragonkin then they would say that those undead are a mockery of their masters.

An undead dragon that Adrian fought when he travelled back in time is an actual dragon that became an undead that kept its body and soul. The dragonkin will still have an aversion against it because death is supposed to be sacred to dragons as their souls return to the Mother of All Dragons, Tiamat. Once their dragon soul returns to Tiamat, the dragons will once again be reincarnated as an egg or at least that is what the dragonkin are told.

A skeleton dragon is different from an undead dragon because the soul that inhibits it is not from an actual dragon but a faux soul of a dragon. One of the requirements for a lich or necromancer to actually summon a skeleton dragon is to absorb a soul of an actual dragon which is blasphemy for dragonkin.

The absorbed dragon soul will not return to the Mother of All Dragons and instead be tortured by the flames of damnation that inhibits an undead's soul. The stored soul of the dragon will be consumed and the skeleton dragon's skills and attacks will be that of the consumed dragon soul. The skeleton dragon is basically like a robot and the lich will be the programmer.

The skeleton dragon is basically just an undead monster loaded with the memories of a dragon and not an actual dragon. This is the real reason why dragonkin and dragons immediately exterminate all of them when signs of a skeleton dragon appears. The sudden revulsion of the dragonkin players are the first sign of this noble task.

EMERGENCY QUEST

Exterminate the Skeleton Dragon

As a member of the proud dragonkin, exterminate the beast in front of you in order to maintain the dignity of the dragon race.

Condition: Extermination of the Skeleton Dragon

Reward: All stats +20 to All stats +10 (Based on Contribution Ranking)

All the dragonkin players got the notification immediately knew what they are going to do first. The skeleton dragon in front of them became their prime target. Emrys who is leading the imperial army could not stop them because even he knows that dragons are a proud race that will not tolerate those that dare look down on them.

"Those dragons and their pride will always be annoying. Still, those dragonkin will be enough of a force to defeat that filthy beast." The Pope Pristina commented but Emrys did not bother to add a comment.

"Fire Armor! Aqua Armor! Earth Armor! Propagate!" Emrys chanted four spells simultaneously and gave three elemental defenses to all of the imperial army then split it to all the army of ten thousand.

Emrys used up about half of his total mana pool just to use that spell which to the dismay of Pope Pristina as she wanted only the human members of the army to be protected. She could care less for the other races but she did not comment any further. She would just do her job and eradicate the Arch Lich as commanded by her goddess.

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"So what is the plan, guild master?" Elyushia asked formally as she would now act like a serious gamer because the imperial members and the undead were already clashing.

"You two start defeating the undead horde while I deal with the Skeleton Dragon. All dragonkin are tasked with an emergency quest to kill that thing." Hou Yiwei ordered as he spread his wings.

"Would it not be easier if we help you take that thing down?" Tecton inquired.

"It would be easier but you two are part of our guild's highest damage dealer. All dragonkin will be after the skeleton dragon. Use that chance to rack up contribution points by killing off the undead horde. Tecton protect Elyushia as there might be other guild members that target her so that their guild will outrank us." Hou Yiwei commanded as he took flight towards the skeleton dragon.

The dragonkin have surrounded the skeleton dragon like they were hunters grouping up to kill a giant beast. Players that have magic classes started the bombardment but a skeleton dragon is not easily damaged by low tier spells. Only spells that are of the epic or higher tier could ever hope to damage it.

Dealing physical damage to the skeleton dragon is also quite difficult as it could just resupply with the bones of the undead from its surroundings. The only upside is that the skeleton dragon has

limited flight because its wings are basically just bone. It would also need to consume a hefty amount of mana just to magic to fly.

The dragonkin players are doing their best and even using their own breath as their main damage dealing skill. Their breath skill is considered an epic tier ability but one dragonkin in particular is much different from them. A dragonkin that is wielding a bow made of dragon scales is pulling its mana bowstring.

"Sun Piercer!" Hou Yiwei stated as he released an arrow upwards.

A few seconds later, a giant ball of fire that is about fifty meters big is coming down towards the skeleton dragon. The other dragonkin players knew who this ability came from as it is the signature skill that the rank 1 player Hou Yiwei would always use this skill when facing dungeon bosses.

The skeleton dragon saw the incoming miniature sun and tried flying away but threads made of mana caught its four legs. The other dragonkin might not like it but they had to ensure that the skeleton dragon does not escape. Just because Hou Yiwei is an enemy does not mean they do not respect the one who unlocked the race that they are playing now.

The blue sockets of flame that is the eyes of the skeleton dragon flickered and a giant mana barrier coated its body. The miniature sun and the giant mana barrier collided creating a loud crashing sound. The clash of the two skills created a shockwave that blew those in the air and land a few meters away. Smoke and a blinding light covered the whole battlefield as two spells clashed.

Chapter 327 - The Prowess Of The Rank One Player II

The smoke cleared and the light of the miniature sun dimmed a bit enabling the others to see the mana barrier breaking. The miniature sun crashed upon the skeleton dragon dealing great damage due to the holy attribute of the attack. Hou Yiwei did not wait to verify if his previous attack hit as he once again used another skill.

"Heavenly Arrow Rain!" Hou Yiwei muttered as he let lose a golden arrow from his bow.

The golden arrow is released but not towards the skeleton dragon. The golden arrow is fired above the skeleton dragon and it exploded when it reached ten meters above the area of the skeleton dragon. A golden magic circle then appeared in the area where the golden arrow exploded.

A rain of golden arrows rained down on the skeleton dragon that has yet to recover from the previous attack. The other dragonkin did not waste this chance as they also fired off their long range spells and abilities. The skeleton dragon then emitted a roar so loud that it could easily incapacitate and terrorize lower creatures.

"Your dragon roar might be effective against other creatures but to us dragonkin only an authentic dragon's roar can affect use." A random dragonkin player shouted towards the skeleton dragon.

The onslaught of spells and attacks towards the skeleton dragon did not relent as it thrashed about trying shake of the attackers. Its master did not even bother helping it as the Arch Lich is currently embroiled in a spell battle with Emrys. The Skeleton Dragon is left to fend for itself and its master's only command was kill every living being.

Hou Yiwei did not have the title of the strongest player for show as his damage is piling up not only for the skeleton dragon but also for the undead horde. He would use fire arrows to hit undead that try to charge towards the area of the skeleton dragon whenever he had the chance.

He broke the traditional notion of a normal archer class character because of his agile movement and precision across the battlefield. Hou Yiwei would stride across the battlefield and fire off mana arrows with the fire element towards the skeleton dragon. It did not take long for the skeleton dragon's health to drop to half.

When the skeleton dragon's health dropped down to half, it opened its mouth and sucked in a ton of air despite it having no organs. The skeleton dragon's mouth started shining in a black and green light.

"It is going to use its dragon breath!" Someone shouted to notify everyone to clear out the area and try to evade.

Even though the skeleton dragon is not an actual dragon, the skills it uses still packs the might of a dragon due to the sheer amount of magic used to form it. The other dragonkin retreated and took shelter towards their tankers while one was daring enough to stand in front of it while the skeleton dragon prepared its breath attack.

Hou Yiwei stood in the direction where the breath attack of the skeleton dragon will hit. The other dragonkin wanted to go collect him but they knew that the top ranked player is not foolish enough to get hit by a known attack. The others then saw that Hou Yiwei's bow became bigger and he planted it on the ground.

Hou Yiwei then pulled on its bow string to its utmost degree until he himself is straining. Three golden magic circles then appeared in front of the bow forming three layers. Each magic circle had distinct runes much different from each other. If Adrian were to witness it then he would identify the three different runes in the magic circles which is holy, pierce and strengthen.

"Celestial Grand Piercer!" Hou Yiwei muttered as he let go of the arrow made of light.

The strength of the arrow that Hou Yiwei let out was strong enough to knock him back five meters once he let it lose. The skeleton dragon did not even evade as its breath attack is now finished charging. The skeleton dragon let lose a dark beam and a toxic green gas that covered its surroundings.

The skeleton dragon's breath collided with the giant light arrow fired of by Hou Yiwei. The two skills once again clashed but the light arrow is much more powerful than the dragon breath which greatly shocked those that were watching the fight. Hou Yiwei did not escape unscathed though as the dark beam managed to graze him as he did not evade fast enough.

"Using three consecutive legendary skills really puts the body in strain. I should finish up early or else the other guilds are going to overtake us in contribution." Hou Yiwei thought as he is looking up the contribution board.

If others were to know that the top ranked player was treating the skeleton dragon as a small fry then they would have lost their minds. If they also knew that his focus was divided despite landing

every basic attack and skill shot then the players would have just puked blood as it would immensely hurt their pride.

The light arrow did not stop or get blocked by the breath attack but continued towards the skeleton dragon's mouth. The light arrow pierced the throat of the skeleton dragon and it winced in pain because of the holy attribute of the skill. The skeleton dragon crashed to the ground in pain but the other dragonkin could not easily approach it due to the poison gas.

The world is once again reminded of the great ability of the top ranked player. His fame was previously overshadowed by the numerous pop up of world messages but the world will once remember his skills due to his battle prowess. This thought is also present in Hou Yiwei's head which is why he wanted to be the one to go up against the skeleton dragon.

If you develop a mentality of becoming the best then you would always expect to be the best and that is what Hou Yiwei is experiencing. What Hou Yiwei did not know is that someone that was as infamous as him is finally in the limelight. His battle prowess was impressive but the reveal of the infamous demon player is much more important in the minds of the Pandemonium players.

Chapter 328 - Possessed Again

The scythe flew towards Adrian's chest and struck him right at his heart. Those that saw this were either shocked or treated it as an opportunity. They all rushed towards Adrian's location but that was not the ideal thing to do because they all received a notification.

[The Scythe has possessed the demon Equinox. He will be transformed into a monster due to the will of the scythe possessing him.]

The announcement made all those charging stop their tracks but it was already too late. Those that were the fastest are job classes who focus on agility so they were killed with one swipe of the scythe wielding Adrian or to be more precise the possessed scythe wielding Adrian.

Faust and Snow saw the changes that happened to the demon player and they thought that he suddenly resorted to player killing but this rash action is not logical. The players then suddenly realize that this was not the player that they met earlier because when they inspected him something different popped out instead of a name.

Monster: Possessed Daemos (Equinox)

Level: 200

HP: Unknown

MP: Unknown

Description: A demon possessed by the crazed ego of the scythe that has killed thousands of enemies. Its hunger for blood stems from its previous owner's bloodthirsty nature. It could be considered a cursed ego weapon due to the number of enemies that it has bathe its blood in. The owner of the body is currently fighting the influence of the crazed ego weapon.

"A player could get controlled!" Faust thought to himself as he assessed what they will do next.

The possessed Adrian is not the same look as that of his normal self. All his soulbounds were also sealed due to the possession. Adrian's looks like a modified version of his true form as the aura his

body released is blood red instead of the usual nether mist. His look now is what people would call the traditional look of a demon.

The scythe also became different on look as it is no longer the scythe with bone ornaments. The scythe now has a slick black handle while the upper part of the shaft has a green demon eye that moves. The scythe's blade is now pure silver with runic symbols engraved. Sharp spikes also make the scythe more demonic looking.

[Author notes - Scythe looks like this (replace *** with www) : /url?sa=i&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pinterest.ph%2Fpin%2F305822630940857958%2F&psig=AOvVaw18XpsFBqDh4UusyDmGdnnS&ust=1612520603283000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAIQjRxqFwoTCJjs9sGB0O4CFQAAAAAdAAAAABAR]

"You dare! I was going to take it easy with you boy but with what you did to my boys that will no longer be the case. Surround him and attack him from all sides." The swordsman with a scar on his face shouted. It seems that he is the guild leader of his rag tag band of misfits.

Adrian did not hear their provocation or rather the AI that is controlling him now do not care about the provocation. The man with a scar on his face thought this response as the demon player disrespecting him. His face got so red with anger that he charged towards the possessed Adrian recklessly.

"Faust, what should we do?" a player that seems to be Faust's aide came up to question him.

"We should wait and observe first. It seems that the demon player suddenly became a monster when I appraised him. The ones from Valor are also doing the same thing." Faust stated as he looked in the direction of the Valor guild that is retreating slowly.

"Aaahhh!"

Countless cries is suddenly heard from the direction of Adrian. Faust suddenly felt an intense bloodlust that targeted him. Faust reflexively used his flame barrier and he suddenly felt a thud that knocked him back several meters. In his previous position is Adrian but the scene behind the demon is what shocked him the most.

Countless bloody bodies of the players could be seen which made them gap their mouths in disbelief. The blood that poured out from them did not drop to the ground but is gathered into the blood sphere forming on top of the possessed Adrian's head. The experience of the players kicked in and they instantly knew that something bad is about to happen if that blood sphere activates.

"Faust, our guilds will have to work together!" Snow suddenly shouted to Infernum's vice guild leader as even she could concur that her alone will not be able to deal with the monster in front of her.

Snow might be proud of the strength of her guild but she saw how the possessed Adrian moved in the battlefield.

"How could we possibly catch him in the battlefield if he is like that!?" Snow thought as she saw the possessed Adrian blinking in and out of existence.

"I agree with you. It seems that the monster in front of us will not let us escape from its sights. Everyone get ready for battle. Treat him like a monster right now because my appraisal skill says so." Faust hurriedly agreed as he commanded his other guild members to fight against the possessed Adrian.

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[You are possessed by the Scythe Psyche Armament that has been corrupted by the personality of the blood devil.]

[You are pulled into your subconscious in order to fight against the ego of the Scythe Psyche Armament.]

[You must not lose to the will to one of your Psyche Armaments or else you will not be able to use them unless you manage to unseal it.]

Adrian is then sent to his subconscious domain where he met the greater demon version of himself but the place seemed different. Usually it would be just vast blank space but the place became different as the floor became a sea of red liquid.

Adrian thought that he would sink but he stood on the sea of blood like it is normal ground. There is not even a splash despite stomping his feet but instead the floor would ripple every time he took a step. Adrian then continued his search for the ego of the scythe to see what it looks like and he was pleasantly surprised.

"This game really has issues with doppelgangers." Adrian exclaimed as he saw the ego of the scythe psyche armaments form.

The ego took the form of Adrian's base demon form except for the horns and clothes being red in aesthetic. Adrian who wanted to fight against his doppelganger using spells became severely disappointed.

[Unable to use spells and abilities inside the subconscious.]

[You cannot summon your soulbounds inside your subconscious.]

Emergency Quest

Pacify the Bloodthirsty Scythe

Your scythe psyche armament has been used by the famous Reaper Demigod to induce bloodbaths and massacre. The demigod managed to unlock the ego of the psyche armament which greatly increased the weapons power but the personality of the demigod also seeped inside of it as well.

You must battle the ego of the scythe psyche armament in equal grounds in order to quell its thirst for blood while also bring it under your control. You can only use the abilities of the Scythe Psyche Armament.

Conditions: Defeat the Ego of the Scythe Psyche Armament

Reward: Complete Control of the Scythe Psyche Armament

Failure: The Scythe Psyche Armament will be sealed and you will only be able to unlock in under certain conditions.

The Scythe Ego did not immediately attack Adrian but instead waited for Adrian to formally say that he wants to battle it. Adrian did not know how he was even going to battle the ego because he is currently unarmed as even his demi-gauntlets are not present in his hand right now.

"How am I going to summon the scythe? Do I just think that it is in my hand right now?" Adrian thought.

Adrian imagined that he is wielding the scythe psyche armament in his right hand and it did appear much to his surprise. The surprised expression did not last though as him summoning the scythe psyche armament also meant that he is ready for battle.

The scythe ego did not waste its time as it slashed aiming at Adrian's head. Adrian managed to dodge but he still got hit at his back which dealt him a sizeable amount of damage. Adrian immediately went for the counterattack as the Scythe Ego's weapon hit the floor.

Adrian also aimed at its head but it dodged his attack. The Scythe Ego then used that chance to immediately back away from Adrian. In terms of actual mastery of weapon then the ego that absorbed years of experience from a demigod will definitely much more skilled than Adrian.

Adrian would need to outsmart the ego with years of experience under its belt. He needed to use his cunningness to his advantage as the battle he is experiencing now is not fair for him. He needed to use the skills of the scythe psyche armament in a flawless manner and just bide his time for the ego to supposedly slip up.

What Adrian did not know is that the more time he spends inside his subconscious battle field then the more that the people outside that is currently battling his possessed body will experience hell.

Chapter 329 - Outside Affects Inside

Adrian is now riddled with wounds all over his body compared to the Scythe Ego who has lesser wounds than him. He did not know why but the Scythe Ego is getting stronger and stronger as the time passed.

"Is its power up related to what is happening outside?" Adrian thought as there is no other information on why his battle is becoming much more difficult.

As Adrian is continuing to bear the onslaught of attacks from the Scythe Ego, he suddenly felt that his opponent suddenly flinched. Adrian did not waste this chance to deal big damage towards his opponent and activated the first ability of the scythe that he is using.

Skill: Soul Eater

Tier: Legacy

Type: Active Sweep

Effect: Do a 360 degree attack to your surroundings using your scythe psyche armament. The attack radius is determined by the amount of essence that the user injects into the skill. Enemies hit by the outer radius will also lose a percentage of their mana that is absorbed by the user. Damage dealt by the skill 150% of the total damage of the user.

Inner Radius: 1 meter to 2 meters

Outer Radius: 2 meters to 3 meters

Essence Cost: 20 to 30 essences

Mana Absorbed: 5% of the current mana of all enemies hit

Cooldown: 10 seconds

Cast Time: Instant

Adrian played it safe by using the farthest distance that he could so he used thirty soul essences. The scythe that Adrian held extended and became a size bigger to a size of three meters as he did a 360 degree sweep attack. The attack is successful as Adrian saw the Scythe Ego's health and mana bar get decreased but he is also seeing its health going down bit by bit even though he was not attacking it.

"The Scythe Ego suddenly became sluggish. Is my body getting brutally battered outside? If they could affect my battle in my subconscious then I hope they could greatly help me by pummeling my body outside. I still cannot believe that I am praying that I get beaten up." Adrian thought to himself as he thought on how to weave the two other skills provided to him.

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"Rangers and other players that could attack via long range! Focus your attacks on the demon. Tankers be ready to support the backline as the demon could use Blink. Melee players, you can do what you want just be careful and not get damaged by the demon." Faust commanded as best as he could but even he knows that it was just a temporary measure.

Faust knew that he could not easily take control of everyone's movements because there are different factors that occur during a battle. He just hopes for the best that they could pull through with the situation but he could deduce the path that the possessed demon player uses.

Faust analyzed that the possessed demon player always prioritizes those that he could defeat immediately like low health players or players with low defense. This is one of the reasons why he told the tankers to protect the backline as they are the most likely targets.

Faust also gave free reign towards the melee players because if he restricted them then they would be more chaotic. He also did this because he could slip up with a command if he controls the entire group by himself. Even the best leaders need to give freedom to his team members in order for the task to become productive.

Faust suddenly noticed that the health of the possessed demon player drop just a little when he appraise it again but they did not even managed to scrape him. He then thought of the description that he got when he appraised the player.

"It seems that we are not the only ones who are fighting whatever it is possessing him. If I manage to free him then that would make him indebted to me and we will then have a higher chance to invite him in our guild." Faust thought to himself as he chanted his sure hit skill.

"Heat Seeker!" Faust chanted and four balls of fire manifested behind him that are the size of basketballs.

The four balls of flame suddenly formed faces and this is because of the fire elemental that Faust successfully made a contract with. His control of the flames might not be as powerful to that of Soleil who is a half elemental but he still boasts immense control of the fire element.

The possessed Adrian tried to dodge the fire balls coming at him but could not even after using Blink to try and dodge. The four fireballs hit the possessed Adrian cleanly and dealt a decent amount of damage that decreased his health by 10%.

Faust expected that his skill will only deal this amount of damage because the health of the enemy he is facing has been transformed to that of an NPC. If the demon player still had his stats right now then he would have reduced his total health by 40% because the spell that Faust used is of the Epic tier with a six hour cooldown.

Snow then followed up Faust's attack with a sure hit spell that decreased the possessed Adrian's movement speed.

"Chilling Wind!" Snow chanted as her whole body released a cold wind that blew towards the possessed Adrian's direction.

The possessed Adrian's movement speed slowed down by 50% for the duration and Snow should be thankful that Adrian's passive skill that resists debuffs did not activate. Faust and Snow simultaneously chanted one of their most powerful spells while the others tried to pin the possessed Adrian in his position.

With the huge slow debuff, the possessed Adrian can finally be easily hit with spells. The players surrounding him all use this chance to chain crowd control and damaging spells at the possessed Adrian. The group of players finally found their momentum and kept at it.

They even praised Faust and Snow for letting them have this chance but in reality it was the possessed person himself that granted them this chance. It's just that they have not deduced what was really happening unlike a certain skilled vice guild leader.

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Adrian became more aggressive as the Scythe Ego became more sluggish. Adrian would always try to aim for the Scythe Ego's neck but it still had good reflex to dodge despite it having its concentration apparently halved as it was fighting not only Adrian but also the ones outside.

Adrian missed his chance to strike at the neck and it cost him a great deal of health because he was hit by the Soul Reaper skill of the Scythe Ego. Adrian's health dropped below 50% but he did not back down and used the second skill attached on the scythe and he was not the only one thinking the same.

Skill: Burning Souls

Tier: Legacy

Type: Active Crowd Control

Effect: Choose a direction to send a phantom where all enemies that are touched by this phantom will be stunned for a certain duration. Those that are touched by the phantom will also have their

shadows attack them using 50% of their total damage during the time they are stunned. The number of times they are hit will be dependent on the stunned person's attack speed.

Duration: 3 seconds

Range: 5 meters

Essence Cost: 40 essence

Cooldown: 15 seconds

Cast Time: 1 second

"Burning Souls" Adrian muttered hastily.

"Burning Souls" the Scythe Ego muttered in a robotic tone.

The phantoms that the two of them released have different colors. Adrian released a phantom that is colored the exact same as the nether mist while the Scythe Ego released a red colored phantom. The two of them activated the skill at the exact same time and but got hit at different times.

Adrian got hit by the skill one second faster which means that he will get released from the stun one second faster than the Scythe Ego. Adrian waited for his chance to use the final skill of the scythe psyche armament to finish off the Scythe Ego whose health is continuing to decrease but he needed to suffer the effects of the Burning Soul spell first.

Adrian's shadow became a perfect silhouette of his form as every detail is spot on. The silhouette then hit Adrian about seven times during the duration he was stunned which damaged him greatly that brought down his health to 18%. The Scythe Ego suffered greater damage because of its higher stats than Adrian.

After the seventh hit of Adrian's shadow, Adrian immediately used the ultimate skill of the scythe psyche armament.

Skill: Shadow Reaper

Tier: Legacy

Type: True Invisibility

Effect: Become one with the shadows and vanish from the sight of everyone around you. Your invisibility will not perish even if you get hit by spells and attacks. You can also pass through all terrain during the duration of your invisibility. Your next basic attack will have 1000% of your total damage and will cancel your invisibility. This only applies to one target.

Duration: 1 minute

Essence Cost: 50 essences

Cooldown: Six Hours

Cast Time: Instant

Adrian immediately used the skill and his body became invisible. The Scythe Ego showed signs of panic and also use the ultimate skill immediately after he was released from the stun. The Scythe Ego would have been able to escape but the blade of a scythe suddenly pierced its body.

Adrian's form became visible once more and he was actually just in front of the Scythe Ego. The look of disbelief could be seen from the scythe ego but Adrian just smiled smugly. Adrian's smug smile immediately became a look of disbelief when the Scythe Ego disappeared into particles of light.

[You have successfully completed your Emergency Quest. You will receive your reward.]

[You have killed yourself. Do you wish to revive now?]

Chapter 330 - Back To Normal

[You have killed yourself. Do you wish to revive now?]

Adrian could not help but laugh at the absurdity of the system notification that he received. Usually when he dies and has access to his revive, Adrian's vision would black out and only the system notification would be seen.

"So when my body dies and I am in my subconscious then the screen will not fade to black as long as I can still revive. Cool interaction at least. Yes, I would like to revive." Adrian answered and he disappeared from his subconscious.

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A kindling fire-like entity is on the place where Adrian's real body is supposed to be. The fire-like entity has the same color as that of the nether mist. The players who were battling possessed Adrian just surrounded this thing as they thought the second form of their enemy will emerge.

The nether fire-like entity suddenly started glowing and increasing its size to that of a human. The surrounding players got ready for battle and waited for the command to attack simultaneously if what emerges is actually hostile.

A lot of the surrounding players were actually praying it to be hostile because they got a sizeable amount of experience points when they defeated it despite not knowing who landed the finishing blow. The only thing that disappointed them is that no item was dropped when they defeated the first enemy. Sadly, they were met with disappointment.

Adrian regained his vision and he was surrounded by about less than a hundred players. He did not know what to say in this types of situations because he is not the overly friendly type of person. The fact that supported this is that he only has a few number of friends.

"Hello!" Adrian stated as he held up both his hands with a peace sign.

The surrounding players thought that Adrian was going to attack and prepared themselves for a fight but their enemy suddenly did this pose that socially awkward people do when they meet a group of strangers. Some started giggling while some contained their laughter as they are professionals after all.

"Everyone lower your guard a bit. He is no longer considered an enemy yet. If you inspect him then you will see that he is now a player not a monster." Faust stated and some players who had high level appraisal skills murmured to the others that it is true.

"Divine Light!" A priest player suddenly casted towards Adrian.

A ray of golden light pierced Adrian but it did not damage him and instead did nothing. The spell did not heal Adrian because he was already full health due to just being recently revived. All of them looked towards the direction where they heard the spell was cast and was shocked to see a famous player.

"It's White!" a female priest player shockingly muttered and everyone suddenly talking to the players beside them.

"Impossible! Why were you not affected by my Divine Light? You should be on death's door or worse." White suddenly exclaimed in disbelief which made Adrian suddenly laugh and forget that he is in an awkward situation.

Adrian's laugh was heard by every player in the surrounding but they knew his laugh was not the happy kind of laugh. It was the laugh of someone looking down on a foolish person. Others want to voice out their thoughts of how disrespectful this player was but they suddenly remembered that White attacked without warning so they could not blame him.

"I was going to thank all of you for assisting me in my mission but someone had to spoil the mood. Let me just tell little Miss Angel over there that you are mistaken if you think that the holy element will damage us demons." Adrian stated after he was finally finished laughing.

"You are the incarnation of evil and destruction! Unless you are not really a demon and those horns are just accessories." White blabbered something absurd that Adrian just smiled and replied.

"As a thank you for helping me then I will tell everyone here a truth that is not known by all." Adrian stated and everyone's attention focused on him.

Everyone listened to what Adrian is about to say and even forgot that they were currently at war. Pandemonium is very different from other virtual reality games because of one key feature and that is its lore. All the top guilds know that knowing lore is akin to knowing the secrets within the game which is why players who unlock a different race is important.

Players who unlock a different race will have access to a story that is on the perspective of their race on how things formed or how events came to be. Players who unlock a long lived race are much more important because of this as they know more of the history. This is the reason why the top guilds hounded the player who unlocked the Dark Elf species because their elf species lives for a thousand years.

"Unlike what the holy churches preaches to the masses, we demons are not a race that came from the collective malice of mankind. The demons heck even the devils are not truly evil and are just like any inhabitant of Pandemonium." Adrian stated in a smug tone as he accidentally added another tidbit about the devils.

Adrian is about to leave when Faust suddenly reached out his hand and touched the former's shoulder. Adrian knew who Faust is as he is famed for being the Great Strategist. He is said to be the reason why the Infernum guild is one of the reigning top guild it is today.

"I just thought that we should register as friends and all as I am the one who helped you the most with your problem." Faust stated with a smile.

"As expected from the one given the title of Great Strategist. He more or less got the gist of what was happening despite being very invested in the battle." Adrian thought to himself.

[Player 'Faust' has sent you a friend request. Will you accept?]

"I accept." Adrian stated and Faust was successfully added to his friend list.

Snow who saw what was happening in front of her could not believe the slyness of the one dubbed as the Great Strategist. She too went forward and intruded on Faust's conversation with the demon player named Equinox but she was already too late. She blamed herself for thinking too much on what the demon player said to their group.

"As a token of our friendship, I will tell you this. The Undead King is not the true enemy in this war." Adrian whispered to Faust's ear.

After telling Faust the truth of this war, Adrian unfurled his wings that were bigger than that of the wings of a dragonkin. The dragonkin players around him were slightly jealous because Adrian's wings were far much cooler looking than theirs. They have never seen wings so cool that they unconsciously compared them to the wings of the dragons that they have seen.

"Well then, I best be on my way as I am needed elsewhere." Adrian stated before flying away towards the direction of the Undead King's Citadel. He did not want to expose to the players there that he can use long range teleportation or has teleportation scrolls in hand which is why he flew away.