

## O Summoner 571

### Chapter 571 - Unique Faceless One IV

Lime and Imiter are now facing the Faceless Priest. The domain that Lime has set is still active for thirty more minutes which is why they should kill the Faceless Priest in the remaining time. Lime immediately used a more powerful skill so that she could assist Imiter in killing the Faceless Priest.

"Purgatory Shot!" Lime stated.

Lime's bayonet glowed in a golden light and a magic circle manifested an inch before the hole. The mana infused bullet that she used is suddenly enchanted with a blazing enchantment. The Faceless Priest is about to deflect the attack with his magic spells, but Imiter showed up behind him and clawed its back.

The Faceless Priest's spells got cancelled and the Purgatory Shot landed exactly at its chest. The Faceless Priest stumbled to the ground as its chest burned in pain due to the additional damage. Ime managed to shed about 8% of the faceless priest's health with that attack but it has a 1-minute cooldown.

Imiter used this chance to try and swipe at the neck of the faceless priest, but the barrier blocked his attack. The little boy then stated to get distance from the faceless priest as the ground suddenly caved in from its location.

The faceless priest then ripped off its robe as it has already caught on fire and revealed its body. The body of the faceless priest is like that of any other faceless one as they have no defining features except their pale skin. The only thing different from the faceless priest is its four arms and being able to hover in mid-air.

Lime and Imiter needed to battle carefully as the faceless priest hits hard because it can cast four spells at the same time. They thought that the faceless priest could just use four of the same spells, but they are mistaken which cost them their health. Imiter got hit by a freezing wind while Lime got hit by a lightning arc.

"Change Mode: Gatling Gun Form!" Lime stated as her bayonet changed form.

The bayonet that can be carried with just one hand is now in the form of a heavy artillery gun. She then fired continuous rounds of bullets at the Faceless Priest that managed to heavily injure it. Imiter followed this up by restricting the movement of the faceless priest.

[One of the catalyst monsters have been killed, the faceless priest is weakened by the sudden loss of the connection to the said monster. The faceless priest lost 10% of its health. There are still two more catalyst monsters remaining in Sonata Village.]

[One of the catalyst monsters have been killed, the faceless priest is weakened by the sudden loss of the connection to the said monster. The faceless priest lost 10% of its health. There is still one more catalyst monster remaining in Sonata Village.]

[One of the catalyst monsters have been killed, the faceless priest is weakened by the sudden loss of the connection to the said monster. The faceless priest lost 10% of its health. There are no more catalyst monster remaining in Sonata Village.]

[The faceless priest has been heavily weakened. Find it and kill it so that peace will come to Sonata Village.]

[Congratulations Lime for completing the quest 'A Faceless Priest Arrives']

[You have received your award, and it is transferred to your inventory.]

[You have received Sonata Village Contribution Points + 100.]

[You have received an Epic Rune Stone Chest.]

In the end, the faceless priest got killed when Lime ran out of bullets or rather mana to supply her weapon. The gatling gun returned to being a bayonet once more as it is the base form of her weapon. When the faceless priest is killed, its body suddenly dissolved and became smoke.

The additional damage that it got from the defeat of the three other catalyst monsters also made it fall easier. The players inside the village wanted contribution when they defeat the monster, but they got shocked that it already became defeated before they managed to find it.

[Congratulations Lime for completing the additional quest 'Kill the Faceless Priest'.]

[You have received your award, and it is transferred to your inventory.]

[You have received Sonata Village Contribution Points + 100.]

[You have received a Random Skill book Chest (Rare to Legendary).]

Lime immediately checked upon Imiter after they killed the faceless priest. Imiter is about to sigh in relief, but his senses are still screaming that something is wrong. He immediately pushed away Lime that is currently hugging him as a black blur almost cut her head.

"To think that a traitor manages to still detect me even though I should now be invisible to the others. I shall use my soul to kill both of you while I still have the chance." The soul of the faceless priest stated as it is now in a black cloud like form.

Before the soul of the faceless priest is about to hit the exhausted Imiter, a ball of arcane energy suddenly smashed it. The soul of the faceless priest screamed as its very soul got hit and it is about to get extinguished without even being useful to its beloved god.

Lime and Imiter got shocked with the sudden turn of events, but they then looked at the one who attacked the soul of the faceless priest. One horn on its forehead and blue skin with a body with only the upper half that is of a human with the lower half being ghost like.

Eyes that seemed like galaxies when staring into them. The individual that extinguished the soul of the faceless priest is none other than a Daemos which is a Djinn. The Daemos has been deployed in every area ever since a large number of dark god followers flowed out into the realm.

The players, who saw the Djinn descend, followed it and even tried to strike a conversation but they were met with silence. The Daemos do not need to converse but only protect the realm as their questions are trivial anyway. Seeing that the threat is no longer apparent, the Djinn vanished from its location using teleportation.

Chapter 572 - Imiter

Imler noticed that the Djinn looked at him first but just smiled at him. He did not know how to react because he thought that he would be killed by the Djinn since he was a former faceless one. He does not know but the smile he received from the Djinn suddenly made him happy as if he is accepted to live in this world.

"Are you fine?! Can you move? I will heal your wounds so do not move yet." Lime stated as she used Medium Heal at Imler. The wound that he received suddenly closed as if it is never there in the first place.

Imler suddenly realized that his family saw his inhuman side and they might be scared to confront him. He looked at the worried faces of his mother and father from the windows and decided to walk off at the other direction, but his mother suddenly called out to him.

"Imler! My baby boy!" Imler's mother stated as she ran outside to hug her child.

Imler's father did not speak and just followed his wife while the other two siblings followed and hugged Imler. The family shared a warm moment with each other while the mother cried her eyes out because of the fear of losing her son. She already cried her eyes out when Imler got lost in the forest for five days.

"You silly boy! You must run away from danger not towards it. You must promise me to never do that again. Promise me!" Imler's mother stated as she tightly hugged her son as if she never wanted to let her go.

"I need to talk to you, mother and father. I think it is now time that you learn of the truth of what really happened when I went missing for five days." Imler stated as both his parents nodded and beckoned everyone to come inside as they are safer there.

"I should excuse myself then. I need to patrol the village in case some monsters are still inside the village hiding." Lime stated but Imler stopped her.

"I think that big sister Lime also has a right to know about it since you already know my secret. Can you listen to my story?" Imler stated.

[You have been given the chance to hear about 'Imler's Story about the Five Missing Days'. Do you want to hear it?]

[Caution: Once you hear the story; You will be given a hidden mission connected to the dark god that descended into the mortal plane. You are not able to reject this mission once you have heard of Imler's story. Do you still wish to continue?]

Lime agreed as she cared for Imler like a little brother and wanted to know the truth of his situation because she wants to help him. She noticed that Imler is not like the other kids because he has strong will and an abundance of mana in his body. Even his family knew of that because he was born with that constitution.

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"What I am going to tell you about is the truth of what really happened when I went missing. Please do not be shocked with what I am about to say. It would also explain on how I can turn my arms

and body into deadly weapons. Please listen carefully as I will only repeat it once since it is very sensitive information." Imiter stated as he started to recount his story.

The story that he stated started with him and the other kids playing near the river. One of the playmates slipped and fell into the river but Imiter managed to catch the playmate, but it was him that got caught up in the end.

Imiter got swept by the river which the playmates reported to his parents. The river swept him inside the forest where he got captured by slave traders since he washed up where their caravan was resting. The slave traders did not harm him because he became their merchandise that will be sold to an eccentric old man that lived in the depth of the woods.

Along with four other individuals, which he is the youngest as he is the only kid, they got sold to the eccentric old man living in the depths of the forest. When the slave traders left, the old man revealed its true form, and it was none other than a faceless one.

"Possess these bodies and return back to where they came from. You must send back information about where you are staying so that our god will praise us. Rejoice as you will be useful to our god." The faceless one stated as it left the house since it already done its job.

Hiding in the corner of the room are other faceless ones that possessed the five individuals that are sold. Imiter remembered that he met the faceless one in his subconscious, and they even talked but the faceless one could barely converse except when it praised its dark god.

The faceless ones would target the dark emotions that each individual have so that they can safely eat other's soul. The five faceless ones that inhabited the five sold bodies are actually newborn faceless ones and it is their first feast when it comes to souls.

In the end, the newborn faceless one and Imiter understood each other because of the uniqueness of Imiter's constitution. Instead of the faceless one eating Imiter's soul, both of them fused into one being that is neither human nor a faceless one. From that day forth, the birth of the very first Metamorph has been established.

The faceless one lost its ties to the dark god it served and gained humanity from Imiter. Imiter then managed to stabilize the mana in his body that should have killed him if he becomes age ten due to mana poisoning. In other words, two different individuals became the salvation of each other.

"That is all that I have to say. If you want me gone because you are afraid of me then I will gladly leave." Imiter stated but his parents just hugged him tightly.

"No matter what. You are still my son. I am your mother and that will never change." Imiter's mother stated as she hugged her son tightly.

"This is your family son, and we will never abandon you. If you need to move because you might get pursued by those things, then we will gladly move with you. You are my son and that will never change." Imiter's father stated.

Upon hearing the sentiments of the family, Lime could not help but tear up and even Imiter started crying. He finally acted his age which made Lime smile.

"Big Sister Lime, I have a favor. Can you find the hidden place where the demons gather? The faceless ones are afraid of them. If we tell them the way to defeat the enemy of humanity, then they might protect me and my family." Imiter stated with utmost seriousness.

[You have heard Imiter's story and has been assigned a quest.]

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Quest: Find the Daemos

Imiter wants you to find where the Daemos reside and ask for their help.

Difficulty: B

Reward Condition: Find the Daemos location

Reward: Unknown

Failure Condition: None

Failure: None

Time Limit: 50 Days

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Chapter 573 - Shackle Of The Realms

Adrian received the Fox Marble and the gratitude of the Selvaggian race along with his friends. After the meeting, Adrian led the others back to the main world as they needed to continue more of their unfinished quests. They did have an agreement that they will challenge the dark god together with the army that the Daemos rallied.

Only about 25 days are left before the dark god becomes released from the bindings of the imperial capital. The army that the kingdoms have gathered will launch an attack in five days. Rumor says that warriors from all over the main world have gathered in order to vanquish the dark god.

Adrian must go and visit Aurgelmir because he needs to know how to forge the Shackle of the Realms that Sirius needs in order to evolve. If he does not know how to get that then Adrian will just need to evolve Sirius into a normal Fenrir which is not bad.

"I just hope that this Shackle of the Realms is not difficult to forge, or I have the items needed for it to be crafted. Fenris barely dropped anything useful as he got disintegrated. He did not even drop a skill book for Sirius to use." Adrian muttered to himself as he used teleportation to transfer to Aurgelmir's forge.

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"Old man! Are you here?" Adrian asked as he transferred directly to the forge.

Adrian did not hear the sound of clanging metals which is why he called out. He would not have called out if he heard the sound as Aurgelmir does not like being bothered when he is forging. The last time he did that made a hammer fly across the room and almost crush his face to mush.

"I am here brat." Aurgelmir answered.

Adrian saw that the old man is currently resting and drinking a cooling drink that should have been provided by the Frost Queen. He then looked around and saw that Aurgelmir is currently alone which is rare. When the two settled their differences, they acted like newlywed couples or something.

"She is not here. The threat of the dark god is being treated seriously which is why I have been busy preparing arms for the allied races that the Daemos rallied. I just finished forging the weapons and they said that they will attack if the human allied army fails in killing the dak god." Aurgelmir stated as his body looked extremely swelled from continuous forging.

"I see. I did not know that because I have not been back to the Paradox Planes. The Selvaggian King should have informed me, but it seems that he forgot about it because of the celebration of killing Fenris." Adrian muttered.

"So, what do you want brat? I know that you did not visit me because you missed me or anything. You only come to me when you need something. Spill it or get lost." Aurgelmir stated as he already knew that Adrian's visit is intended.

"So grumpy like always. I admit that I need your help on something, but can you at least act happy that I visited you or something?" Adrian stated but Aurgelmir just looked serious as he waited for the former's answer.

"Fine. I am here because I need your blacksmith knowledge about the so-called Shackle of the Realms. I need it to evolve my soulbound into a new existence or something I never heard about at least." Adrian stated but Aurgelmir looked at him with a shocked face.

"Where did you know about this Shackle of the Realms? That is supposed to be an item that can only be used by the gods. It is a device that is used to connect the other worlds together. It should be a lost item since it disappears upon use. Crafting one should be challenging and wonderful!" Aurgelmir stated as he suddenly got excited.

"I cannot believe that an old man would get excited about an item that needs to be crafted." Adrian muttered to himself.

"So...what do I need for you to create it?" Adrian asked as he knows that if it is an item that can only be crafted by gods then only Aurgelmir could craft it in the mortal plane.

"I believe that you cannot craft the item as you have to have the godly metal called Orichalcum in order to create it. Only the divine gods can produce such metal by channeling their magic on a specific mix of earthly metals.

The other ingredients could be gathered here in the mortal plane but without the Orichalcum they would just be ingredients. Unless you have a large pile of Orichalcum lying around, do not even dream of making one. I would have made one if I could get my hands on Orichalcum after all." Aurgelmir stated as he knew how to forge it but do not have the items.

"If it is Orichalcum then do you think that this would do?" Adrian stated as he presented the Shackle of the Gods to Aurgelmir.

"This! This is what bound that garbage mouthed dog! How did you get it? No more importantly, why did the others let you have it because I thought you were bluffing when you told me that you beat Fenris." Aurgelmir stated as he clutched the chains of orichalcum.

"This would be the base! As long as I get the other items then I would be able to forge it." Aurgelmir stated with great excitement.

"Great! What are the other items that we need? I can go and fetch them." Adrian stated as he also got excited at the chance of getting the item earlier than he expected. Actually, he did not expect that the item could even be made as he already expected the worse so that he does not get disappointed.

"You only need an item that is filled with energy that comes from a different plane of existence and..." Aurgelmir stated as he suddenly looked at Adrian.

"Why are you looking at me funny?" Adrian asked.

"The blood of a demon." Aurgelmir stated as Adrian suddenly shivered.

#### Chapter 574 - The Use Of The Fox Marble

"The blood of a demon!?" Adrian stated as he suddenly hugged his body.

"Do not overreact brat. Did you not know that your race's blood is a powerful magical component when it comes to creating portals to other worlds? What do you think is the main ingredient that they used when they grafted the runes in the gates?" Aurgelmir stated.

"I know that our blood is a great use in spells like other types of rare blood like dragon blood. But to think that it was our blood that is used in the other world gates." Adrian stated.

"Do not worry too much as the amount that I need is not something that will kill you...I think. You can just get back to life anyway since you have been blessed by the twin gods. Your big problem is a container that can store energy from another world.

Something that is from an existence that is from a higher plane. I can reforge that item so that all you need to do is go to a higher realm and collect energy from there. I do not have an item like that so you must find some sort of container." Aurgelmir stated as he scratched his head.

"Does this container need to be something specific?" Adrian asked.

"Not really. It just needs to be something handed down by a being of a higher existence like that floating ego cube of yours. Of course, we cannot use that as it is a weapon that you use in battle." Aurgelmir stated.

"I somehow feel something master. Is this the emotion that you living beings call 'taking offense'?" The Cube of Paradox stated as it is listening to the conversation that Aurgelmir and Adrian are having.

"Do not worry about the ramblings of an old man, Paradox. I will not let you become an ingredient in his crafting." Adrian stated which made the Cube of Paradox tremble a little as if it is embarrassed.

"If it is an item handed down by a higher being then could this be used?" Adrian stated as he brought out the chest where the Fox Marble is kept.

"Ooh! Where do you get all this good stuff? Maybe I should commission you for some items that I need since you have things that are great for crafting. This is a Fox Marble from a heavenly fox. This should be a great item to contain the energy from another world." Aurgelmir stated.

"Why is it a perfect container?" Adrian asked as he is curious since there is nothing like a heavenly fox in his culture.

"A fox marble is a great container because it stores the energy that a heavenly fox gets from the believers of gods. Sometimes the heavenly foxes need to act as messengers of the gods, and they use their marble to store the energy needed to come back to the divine plane. It is basically made to be a container." Aurgelmir stated.

"I see but I do not know how to use it." Adrian stated as he presented the problem.

"From the looks of it, the fox marble is currently empty which means that you need to activate it yourself. You need to activate it by sending your soul inside the bead and activate it there." Aurgelmir stated.

Adrian then looked at the fox marble with great intent as he tried to enter it by sending his soul. Aurgelmir then stopped Adrian as he realized what the young demon is trying to do.

"Woah there! Do not do that here or else all the fire element from my forge will be sucked inside that fox marble if you succeed in activating it. Activate it at the area where you need to get the energy from. Do you even know where you need to get the energy from?" Aurgelmir stated as Adrian smiled.

"I think I know where I need to go. I just hope that the fox marble does not suck the area dry. The place I am going to is the origin of my powers." Adrian stated as he decided that he will collect the energy needed from the Nether Realm.

"I see but before that! I need your blood!" Aurgelmir stated as he suddenly picked up his chisel.

"You are not going to impale me with that or anything?" Adrian asked.

"Do not be such a baby. The tip of this chisel is a blood diamond which is one of the hardest materials in the mortal plane. If I used normal knife, then forget getting blood but the knife might even break if it gets in contact with your skin. Demons are almost built like dragon after all." Aurgelmir stated as he took Adrian's finger and poked it with the tip of the chisel.

"Ouch!" Adrian stated as he felt the sharpness of the chisel.

Aurgelmir then collected about a small basin worth of Adrian's blood that decreased his health until the 20% mark. He did not get surprised by this interaction, but he does feel a bit lightheaded because of losing too much blood in one seating.

"Are you not taking too much?" Adrian asked.

"This is not even half of what I need. I need two small basins more as I also need to erase some of the runes that are embedded in the Shackle of the Gods. I will collect the rest after you return from



filling up that fox marble with the energy needed to craft the Shackle of the Realms." Aurgelmir stated as Adrian is just dumbstruck by what the old man said.

"You mean that much is not enough?! Are you kidding me? That amount of blood could probably revive someone from the dead if you inject it." Adrian stated in a over the top tone.

"Cute. Now go and rest before you go and collect the energy needed to complete the item. Remember that I am not even charging you the commission in creating an item like this. Stop whining and just do it." Aurgelmir stated.

#### Chapter 575 - Vestige Of The Fox Marble I

After Adrian rested and his health got normally regenerate since Aurgelmir stated that potions did not regenerate blood, he started connecting to the Nether Realm. He needs to actually tap into the nether energy first so that he could connect the portal he is creating to the Nether Realm.

Adrian's body started to somewhat transform to become like nether mist. His eyes started to darken as he started to channel the dimensional energy needed to open a gate to the Nether Realm. Adrian once again used the Cube of Paradox as a conduit in order for the spell to work without much hassle.

The Cube of Paradox broke into tiny pieces that are smaller cubes and radiated spatial energy. The entrance that Adrian made is similar to just a mist. It looked like a cloud that had the same colors as the nether mist is summoned in front of him with the smaller cubes outlining it.

After Adrian made sure that the portal is stable before he entered because he does not want to get accidentally sent to a place of absolute danger. He might end up in another death realm if he is not careful and it would take a much longer time to return if he does not succeed in one go.

"Oh! Is that the place where you are going to gather energy from? I can tell that it is a special place that no one could easily get to. I can feel that it would swallow everything from me just by staring at the door. I get the same feeling from you as I have from that entrance that you created." Aurgelmir stated as he then returned to the forge and started recreating the Shackle of the Gods.

"To think that even a former god is afraid of nether energy. It makes me want to explore deeper into the Nether Realm, but the threat of a dark god cannot be ignored." Adrian muttered as he told Aurgelmir that he will be back in a bit and entered the portal.

The portal closed upon Adrian's entrance as the Cube of Paradox reassembled itself and entered the closing portal. The portal disappeared like it was never there as if the nether gate is just an illusion that was crafted to be temporary.

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[You have arrived at the Nether Realm.]

"It seems that I landed somewhere far from the last time that I entered this realm. My body also changed." Adrian stated as he looked at his hands that turned into a Netheros like all of his body but the smaller version.

Adrian checked his surroundings if there is anything suspicious as he did not want to get interrupted when he uses his soul to enter the Fox Marble. Even though he knows that no one except a specific number of gods could enter the Nether Realm, he still wanted to make sure as nothing is ever certain in the game of Pandemonium.

Adrian then brought out the fox marble and gazed at it with intent. He needed to transfer his soul into the marble which is easier said than done because he is in a special state in the Nether Realm. In the Nether Realm where a physical body is irrelevant, Adrian is all spirit form in a sense.

[You have projected your soul towards the Fox Marble.]

[You have found an entrance inside the Fox Marble. Do you wish to go inside?]

"Yes." Adrian answered.

Adrian's body then turned into a clump of smoke and entered the Fox Marble. The fox marble did not drop on the floor but continued to float in mid-air. The previous color of the marble that was blue is now the same color as the nether mist. It also glowed red as it floated in mid-air as it is surrounded by the nether mist.

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[You have entered the Fox marble.]

[Be careful as there are still remnants of the last owner of the fox marble. Be careful so that you do not get swallowed.]

Adrian entered the fox marble and is not that amazed at the interior of the place. It is basically a boundless sky type area with the floor being water. The only difference is that Adrian is not drowning or swimming since he is floating on top of the water.

"Where can I find the place to activate its function? It is so wide that I do not even know where to start." Adrian muttered as he started walking towards a random direction.

After a few minutes of walking, Adrian noticed that he feels disoriented. Since demons are more sensitive when it come to concepts of space and time, he feels as though he is going in circles. His innate 'demonic compass' as we should call it is telling him that he is going around in circles.

"Something is definitely wrong with this place. I should call my soulbounds just to check." Adrian stated as he summoned the soulbounds that are quick when it comes to their feet.

Adrian summoned Sirius, Kanlaon, and Kimat as they are the fastest soulbounds that he has. If he summoned Dodu or Charon, then they might take days to return or even never return due to how slow their pace is. Saena is also a good choice, but she easily gets confused when it comes to magic that can disorient people.

Adrian noticed that the three of his soulbounds are transformed into their nether forms but also smaller in scale. Adrian commanded them to go into three different directions and they also returned back to Adrian's position without even realizing it. He has now proven that he really is going around in circles.

Adrian then heard a laugh from somewhere, but he could not determine the location. The laugh is more like a childish giggle, but he does not know where it comes from. He could only ask his soulbounds but they could not hear it.

The laugh can only be heard by Adrian himself. He started to think that maybe his head is playing tricks on him since he wants there to be something in a sea of nothing. The giggle then sounded near his ear which made him look backwards to see if someone is there but nothing.

#### Chapter 576 - Vestige Of The Fox Marble II

"I swear I heard a giggle, but I do not know where it is coming from. The giggle even sounded near my ear so I can assure myself that I am not hallucinating." Adrian muttered as he looked around.

Adrian then stopped looking round and looked at two directions that he has yet to consider. He did not consider up and down. He first looks upwards and spread his wings. He then flapped his wings in order to take off as there is no upward wind to carry him.

Adrian flew about a hundred meter until he hit something like an invisible wall. He stuck his face near the invisible wall and saw the nether realm just outside of it. He could more or less infer that the ceiling that he touched is none other than the boundary of the fox marble.

Adrian then looked below as he already crossed out the option of going up. The only thing that he can do now is go below but all he sees is water. Adrian flew back down and sealed back his soulbounds. He wanted to try and penetrate the floor despite it looking really solid despite being made of purely water.

Adrian touched the water to see if he could slip his hand in but all he got is rebound. The water felt like an elastic substance that reforms if you use force upon it. He will not be able to penetrate this watery floor with just simple force. He has to do something about it.

While Adrian found out about the situation of the watery floor, the giggling that he hears suddenly stopped. He did not know why but he felt something like a chill run down his spine. He felt as if he is being observed with great hostility.

He did not know why but it seems that whatever or whoever is giggling before is now filled with hostility. Adrian used this as a sign that he is on the right track since the condescending attitude suddenly turned hostile.

"I just need to pierce this layer and I would get to the other side. I noticed that this area seemed flat and not curved which is like the ceiling. There is something on the other side as all the only thing I know about fox creatures is that they are playful and loves to use illusions.

That is how they are portrayed in popular media at least. Another thing that the popular media shows is that foxes are sometimes bipolar. What is holding an item taken from a heavenly fox to do the same?" Adrian stated as he flew as high up as he can until he reached the invisible ceiling.

"I should make it worthwhile." Adrian stated as he casted spells to buff himself.

"Chrono Shift."

"Increase Gravity."

Adrian used two spells that can propel his landing speed. If he attempted this with a solid floor or ground, then he would either leave a crater or his body becoming pounded meat. He then accelerated his descent by decreasing air resistance as he folded his wings.

The shape that Adrian is forming right now is reminiscent of a triangle. He then decided to spin like a drill and descend at a rate that almost broke the sound barrier. Since Adrian strengthened his body with nether energy and primordial energy, he would not easily get damaged as he hardened his body to become almost like dragon skin.

Adrian penetrated the floor like a drill and continued spinning until he could feel the rebound that is happening. Fortunately for Adrian, the rebound could not take the immense force that he exerted, and he popped a hole on the floor. Like what he guessed, he managed to get to the other side.

The orientation is flipped as his previous up is now down while his down is now up. The hole that he poked on the floor closed back up as if the water covered the hole. Adrian looked around and saw that the other side is not that different from the previous location.

The only thing that is different from the other side is a gate that is called a Torii. The Torii is standing at the very middle of the location as Adrian is only about a few meters away from it. In the middle of the Torii gate, a small white fox with two tails could be seen. The hostile gaze that Adrian could feel is actually coming from the small white fox itself.

"To think that a demon would reach my inner sanctum. It seems that I have really weakened due to the passage of time." The small white fox stated in a threatening voice or at least tried to. The voice that Adrian heard is squeaky and like that of a child's voice.

"Greetings, I have come to know of a way to fill the fox marble with energy." Adrian stated but the white fox just looked at him as if he is scanning him from head to toe.

"I know why you come here. You are not the first one to try but you are the first one to actually succeed. I have been locked away for who knows how long that the vestige that is left by my real body has already diminished to this extent.

If you were about a thousand years earlier then you might have seen me in my full glory. Not this pathetic form that could not even siphon energy from the surroundings." The white fox stated as he described himself as the vestige of the heavenly fox.

"What do you mean that you are unable to siphon energy from your surroundings? Aren't fox marbles used only for that function?" Adrian asked as his journey inside would have been in vain if he does not get what he wants.

"It is not that I cannot siphon the energy from the surroundings, but it is more like the area I was would not allow me to. That idiotic descendant of the fox clan actually locked me inside a box that seals the energy of the outside world. Hence, the reason for my diminished power." The white fox stated.

"In that case, why don't you start now? I already took away the box. All you needed to do is gather the energy from the surroundings." Adrian stated but the white fox looked at him as if it is angry.

"You want me to absorb that dangerous energy outside. I might as well get erased from existence. Even that energy could kill gods if they get exposed to a large amount and you want me, a lowly vestige, to absorb it?" The white fox stated which made Adrian dumbfounded.

### Chapter 577 - Vestige Of The Fox Marble III

Adrian is dumbfounded because the white fox did not want to absorb the energy that is in the nether realm for fear of being erased from existence. He did not want to say it but the white fox that is just the vestige of the heavenly fox is acting like someone who cannot be offended despite not being powerful.

"I am commanding you to absorb the energy outside. You will not be needed anyway once this fox marble is filled with energy. The fox marble will be crafted to the Shackle of the Realms that will be used by my soulbound to evolve." Adrian stated.

"Unacceptable! I am the one that should be followed as I am the vestige that controls the fox marble!" The white fox stated but Adrian noticed that it does not leave its spot.

"Is that so? Then the only thing I can do is take over forcefully." Adrian stated as he started to come close to the white fox.

"Do you think that you can control this fox marble without me? I am the only one knowledgeable enough to control it. Besides, using the fox marble for crafting something is such a waste." The white fox stated which made Adrian stop on his tracks.

The white fox started spewing more stuff since Adrian suddenly stopped. The vestige of the heavenly fox believed that he could trick Adrian into doing what he wanted. He is a vestige of a heavenly fox after all, and a demon is not that much of a big deal for it.

What the vestige of the heavenly fox has yet to reconsider is the fact that they are in the nether realm. It also is weak due to losing some of its power from not absorbing energy from the outside for so long. The white fox could not even sense the energy that is coming out of Adrian's body.

"Oh?! Now I am interested. What else can the fox marble be used for then?" Adrian asked as he appeared interested but he knew that something is fishy about that statement. The white fox did not speak straight when it blurted that sentence out.

"Foolish demon. The fox marble is a heavenly treasure that can be used for almost anything, but the best would be the absorption of the energy of others. You can even absorb their life energy as long as you know how to use it well." The white fox stated but Adrian could see that it is not telling the whole truth.

"I already know that, but I do not want to get persecuted from absorbing the life energy of others. I am the champion of the twin gods after all. I might get punished by the goddess of life if I ever did something like that." Adrian stated as he started to walk closer to the white fox once more.

"Wait! If you do not want to do then there is another way." The white fox stated as Adrian stopped in his tracks once more.

"I am listening." Adrian stated as the white fox suddenly sighed a little.

"If you cannot use it to absorb the life energy of others despite that being the best way to become powerful since I could transfer that to you. You can use this fox marble to cultivate another heavenly fox!

You would just need to absorb all the energy from the monsters that you killed and feed it to the fox marble. Of course, you would need to have a fox soulbound but that should be easy for you since you are a summoner." The white fox stated.

Adrian understood what the white fox said but that will be problematic again. The white fox did not tell him what amount of energy is needed for it to be filled. Since it is talking about the death of monsters, Adrian could more or less guess that this energy is actually experience points.

Another thing that he did not like is that he needs a fox soulbound that will eat the fox marble. One thing that Adrian is sure of is that the vestige will still be present in the fox marble if he does use it like that. Adrian could more or less guess that the white fox will eat the consciousness of his soulbound and break from the contract when it gets a new body.

"Sorry but I am not interested in a fox soulbound right now. Also, since heavenly foxes are angelic soulbounds, some gods that hate me will be able to find me. I do not want to get tracked down by those troublesome gods after all." Adrian stated as he started walking closer again.

The white fox started walking in circles from its position as it is thinking of ways to get Adrian to stop. If the white fox does not find a way, then its secret will be revealed to the demon intruder. It still wants to become a real fox which is why it tried deceiving Adrian, but it failed as the demon will not budge.

"You know that there is also a demonic fox species, right?! A fox marble from a heavenly fox does not necessarily mean that the fox will turn into a heavenly fox." The white fox stated as it is now becoming desperate.

"Still not interested. All I want is this fox marble being filled with nether energy." Adrian stated as he is almost near the Torii where the white fox is located.

"You leave me with no choice intruder! I shall guard the control point with all I have left." The white fox stated as bluish white wisps suddenly appeared behind it.

Adrian thought it would attack but it only applied illusion magic at the Torii gate. The white fox made the Torii gate vanish, but Adrian knew that it is still there. The reason he knows that is due to his evil eye that can see through illusions. He reached the Torii gate with the white fox still located there.

## Chapter 578 - Battle Of Wills

[You have entered the area where the fox marble is being controlled.]

[There are two consciousness currently in the area.]

[Only one could control the fox marble at a time.]

[You need to defeat or make the other consciousness submit in order to activate the fox marble.]

Adrian received a lot of system notifications as soon as he stepped in the area of the Torii. The white fox is now staring at him with killing intent that should be able to put anyone in fear. Adrian would have been terrified if not for the fact that he already faced gods so what could a vestige of a heavenly fox do.

"I suggest that you obediently obey my command." Adrian stated as he looked at the white fox.

"Do you think that this is as easy as you thought!?" The white fox stated as it exerted all of its remaining energy.

The small white fox suddenly transformed to a large five-meter-tall fox with nine tails, but Adrian is not scared. The battle stated that it is not a physical one but consciousness or wills. In Pandemonium, battle of wills and consciousness is none other than battle of souls.

To challenge a summoner when it comes to a battle of souls is basically foolish. Not to mention, Adrian is the former Soul Summoner which mainly dealt with soul weapons that are formed by his very soul. If a normal summoner's soul is already powerful due to their soulbounds then Adrian is twice or even three times more powerful.

"I shall eat your soul and become a real heavenly fox by sacrificing you and your soulbounds!" The white fox, who now has nine tails, stated as it tried swallowing Adrian whole.

Adrian did nothing as the white fox is not really swallowing him physically but spiritually. He just activated all the nether energy in his body as soon as the white fox tried swallowing him. The nether energy that is poisonous for other beings is now permeating the vestige of the heavenly fox.

"What is this blasted energy! I am being burned!" The white fox stated as its white fur started getting stained with three different colors of the nether mist.

Adrian then used his soul to try and devour the white fox. The manifestation of Adrian's soul is none other than his soulbounds. His soul then slowly ate the vestige of the heavenly fox as it tried struggling but it was futile.

The vestige of the heavenly fox could not properly exhibit its strength because it wanted to expunge the nether energy that it consumed but it is too late. Adrian's soul is basically nether energy itself as he is a Netheros. Once Adrian's soul ate the vestige of the heavenly fox, he got system notifications that he did not expect.

"I expected more of a fight, but I guess the vestige is already weakened beyond comprehension." Adrian stated as he read his newly acquired title.

[You won a battle of the souls against a vestige of a powerful being.]

[You received the title 'Can't Touch This' due to your achievement.]

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Title: Can't Touch This

Tier: Epic

Effect: Disables the effect of skills that affect the souls when it is below Epic Tier. It also gives resistance to soul affecting skills and abilities that are above epic tier. The effect of this title stacks with your current resistance to soul affecting abilities and spells.

Description: You managed to do the impossible and protect your precious soul from a predator. Do your best from the more powerful ones though.

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"Glad that it is a very beneficial title as I would need this when fighting against dark gods. The description is a bit too much though. Who comes up with these descriptions anyway?" Adrian muttered to himself as he is now in full control of the fox marble.

[You are now in control of the Fox Marble. What would you like to do?]

"Absorb every bit of nether energy that this fox marble can handle." Adrian commanded as the Torii suddenly glowed. Adrian's command is initiated, and his soul is sent out of the fox marble.

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Adrian's soul is sent out of the fox marble as it started absorbing the nether energy around it. The fox marble looked like a starved beast as it swallowed as much energy as it could. Even Adrian could feel that the nether energy in his surroundings become thinner than before.

The fox marble only stopped absorbing energy from the surroundings when its color changed into the signature color of the nether mist. The fox marble also changed in description as it is no longer a simple fox marble as it is now filled with nether energy.

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Item: Fox Marble

Tier: Legendary ~ Mythical

Type: Material

Effect: It is filled with nether energy, but the effect of the fox marble is still unknown once it is filled with energy. If it has no energy inside it, the holder can use it to absorb energy from its surroundings or even the life of beings.

Description: A marble that is said to be given by the Heavenly Fox to the ancestor of the fox clan due to its gratitude. Even the fox clan members do not know what it is for as they rarely left The Wilde. You somehow feel a connection from the bead due to the mysterious energy it is releasing.

You managed to erase the vestige that lived inside the item and grabbed full control of it. It is now filled with nether energy due to Equinox' command. Be careful not to break it or the energy inside will get released and wreak havoc in its surroundings.

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"It seems that the fox marble is already full. I should go back as well. I did not realize that I spent almost seven hours inside that marble. The old man should already be finished with reforging that chain. He also needs more of my blood to continue." Adrian stated as he focused energy on the Cube of Paradox once more and created a portal back to the smithy.



## Chapter 579 - Crafting The Shackles

Adrian returned to the smithy and arrived with Aurgelmir still forging the shackles. The sparks emitted by hitting the orichalcum chains seemed different from normal ones. Whenever the sparks of the metals landed, a small explosion would result.

The small explosions that resulted are actually some sort of shocks for time and space. Adrian could see that time and space would get distorted whenever the sparks landed on something. It did not break the space time continuum because the explosions are small and the biggest one is not even as big as one centimeter.

Adrian waited for the old man to stop crafting before he announced his presence. Also, he could not actually get near Aurgelmir because he emitted some sort of refined aura that made Adrian feel pressure. The pressure is so heavy that Adrian felt like he is being pressed down on the ground by a force stronger than a hundred times the gravity.

When Aurgelmir stopped hammering the chains, it suddenly released a clear aura that sounded like a wind chime. It also released some sort of aura made of resentment as it seems that some of the previous owner's grudge is still present in the item. If Adrian did not know about things like vestiges, then he would have undoubtedly led Sirius down a dark path.

"Are you going to rest, old man?" Adrian asked Aurgelmir.

"Rest is not needed as I still have a lot of stamina left." Aurgelmir answered.

"Well, you are going to collect my blood anyway so you can rest while you are doing that." Adrian stated but Aurgelmir shook his head.

"The next step would need you to be more hands-on. If I affix that fox marble that you filled with energy, I will need you to be more active in the crafting process. The energies of your blood and that fox marble would run rampant. Your job will be stabilizing them." Aurgelmir stated which caught Adrian off guard a little.

Adrian did not know what to reply since he thought he would just be a blood bank. The fact that he would assist in the process made him a bit concerned because he does not want to make a mistake and ruin the end product.

"I do not have any knowledge about blacksmithing. I only know about creating talismans. Speaking of talismans. I did craft ones that could be useful right now." Adrian suddenly remembered the number of talismans that he crafted that increased. He made talismans that can only be done by intermediate mastery scribes.

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Item: Converging Waves Talisman

Tier: Epic

Type: Consumable

Effect: Be able to properly manipulate the energy in the designated location of a fixed number of times. It can also be used to fuse elemental attacks together for a certain duration. The duration increases with the number of talismans used. (The limit of the manipulation is dependent on the elemental affinity of the user.)

Mana Cost: 100 Mana Points

Cooldown: 1 second

Cast Time: Instant

Duration: 10 seconds

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Adrian crafted this talisman with deflecting elemental long range attacks. The downside is that it uses mana, and it is a fixed location but other than that it is a very useful talisman. Adrian has yet to sell these talismans that he made because he has yet to meet Piggy Bank.

It seems that the merchant is on his way to Adrian's territory which is why he must return immediately after crafting the Shackle of the Realms. The poor merchant might get shocked by the other races present in the territory.

Adrian then brought out a hundred of the talismans that he created. He activated them all simultaneously which is a great benefit of the talismans since they could all have a unique cooldown. Adrian has yet to try if there are a maximum number of talismans that one can use simultaneously but he has no time to waste his precious talismans on that.

The talismans all became particles of light that covered the forge. Adrian has about approximately 17 minutes of increased control. Aurgelmir did tell him that only the start would be chaotic as the energies will settle once he knows how to control them.

"Why do we need to control the energies anyways?" Adrian asked as Aurgelmir is now preparing to enhance the fox marble into something more refined.

"If the energy leaks out then that would mean that the purity will drop, and it will result in an item that I will not be proud with. Get ready as you would need to supply drops of your blood later when we are binding the fox marble onto the shackles." Aurgelmir answered.

The intense focus that Aurgelmir possessed when he is crafting is there once again. Adrian felt the pressure that is coming from the frost giant that almost left him breathless. Aurgelmir brought his hammer down on the fox marble and a small shockwave immediately resulted.

"This energy is very calm yet tyrannical. Wherever you got this from, the item will surely be leagues above a normal elemental energy counterpart." Aurgelmir stated as he smiled. He saw the fox marble refinement as a challenge since high class materials means high difficulty.

Aurgelmir slammed his hammer once more and this time an energy shockwave made of nether energy is released. Adrian did not panic but made a gesture with his hands as he controlled the escaping nether energy back to the fox marble. Beads of sweat started to form on Adrian's face as each hammer would bring out nether energy that he would push back.

This process continued for twenty minutes, and it made Adrian extremely tired. When the talisman effects ran out, Adrian almost let some of the nether energy leak out, but he used his own energies to increase his control. The fox marble that glowed in a gray, black and white light is now glowing in a purplish color.

It is now in the shape of a pentagon instead of a sphere as Aurgelmir used his own blacksmithing techniques. Adrian does not know blacksmithing techniques which is why he is not shocked, or mind blow about Aurgelmir did. If other blacksmith players saw what the frost giant did then they would have travelled to his smithy and bow for a hundred days just to become Aurgelmir's disciple.

"We are now done with refining the fox marble. The next thing that we need to do is fuse it with the shackles. This is where your blood will become handy as it will be the binding agent of the two items. Your blood is important in this process which is why you need to listen carefully to my instructions." Aurgelmir stated.

The frost giant then stated how the process will unfold. Adrian will drop his blood on the refined fox marble and the Shackles of the Gods. His blood will trigger a reaction on the two items. Aurgelmir will then use that reaction to try and fuse the two items.

Adrian must drop his blood with every swing that Aurgelmir takes. He must not miss a beat or else the items might not fuse together rendering the whole process useless. Aurgelmir did say that one or two misses is acceptable, but Adrian wants it to be perfect because it would be for Sirius.

"Are you ready?" Aurgelmir asked.

"Ready." Adrian answered as he slit his finger and dropped blood on the shackle and the refined fox marble.

The two items then emitted a strong reaction especially the fox marble since it is filled with nether energy that Adrian's blood is abundant of. The nether energy is not only the only thing flowing inside Adrian as he also has Asmodian blood flowing inside him which is the best binder agent in all of Pandemonium.

Aurgelmir thought that the reaction is rather tame compared to before, but he just started forging. If he starts late then he might lose his window of opportunity. The blood of an Asmodian is the best thing to use when it comes to crafting relics that are as powerful as ancient relics.

Each time that Adrian supplied his blood, the refined fox marble and the Shackle of the Gods started to be fused little by little due to Aurgelmir's skillful hands. Adrian did not miss a beat as he followed the rhythm at which Aurgelmir hammered the two items.

Aurgelmir noticed this and praised the young demon in the back of his mind. Aurgelmir's hammering style is actually called the Natural Wavelength Hammering Technique that follows the natural vibration of things. The fact that Adrian could follow him flawlessly is testament to the fact that the former is skilled in recognizing patterns of vibrations in things.

The crafting process took over two hours just to finish but the end product is very satisfactory. Adrian almost died as he is left with only 5% of his total health. He tried chugging a potion, but it did not even affect him. This is also the first time that he sees a frost giant actually sweating.

"We did it! The Shackle of the Realms." Aurgelmir stated as he lifted the Shackle of the Realms for him to appreciate its refined beauty.

## Chapter 580 - Attaching The Item

"I am slowly dying! Who would have thought that I would experience that inside a game?!" Adrian muttered as he crawled on all fours from the immense blood loss.

"Stop overreacting kid and use the thing already. I need to know how that would fit on your soulbound. they do not make things like this again after all." Aurgelmir stated as he looked at the beauty that he created.

The Shackle of the Realms is actually floating on its own due to the power that it held. When Adrian identified it, he does not even know what it does. All he knows is that the item is used for Sirius to evolve.

"Why are there no options when I try to analyze the item?" Adrian asked.

"That is because that is not a normal item but a fragment of the world. That is what happens when you use energies of nature to use. I do not think that this is what you call a normal item. This would interest even the demigods but to actually use it for your soulbound. I applaud your devotion." Aurgelmir stated.

"You mean to say that this item is a shortcut towards becoming a god?" Adrian asked.

"It does not entirely make it a hundred percent certain, but the possibility is present. They would need to be attuned to the energy that is present in that marble. If you use it then you might even evolve yourself since the energy that this item gives off is very useful to you." Aurgelmir stated.

"I got to say that I am tempted but Sirius is also a part of me. If he gets stronger then I would also get stronger. I should not be greedy for myself as I already knew that a summoner is only as good as his soulbounds." Adrian stated with great confidence.

"Is that so then put it on your soulbound then. I want to see what would happen." Aurgelmir stated as he gestured Adrian to get close to the Shackle of the Realms.

Adrian summoned Sirius and told the latter to get close to the Shackle of the Realms. Aurgelmir told him that the Shackle of the Realms is actually like a parasitic creature once someone bonds to it. It could be described as a low-class ego item as the ego has yet to fully erupt but it is sentient in a sense that it needs a host.

Sirius got close to the Shackle of the Realms and Adrian told him to bind his mana to it. Sirius released his mana that looked like shadows and the floating Shackle of the Realms suddenly bound to Sirius' body without prior notice. The Shackle of the Realms made Sirius look like he is wearing armor near his chest. It made him look gallant and regal but surprisingly did nothing.

"Nothing is happening. Did you make an item that does not work and instead make something like a clamp?" Adrian asked the Shackle of the Realms is not doing anything after being bound to Sirius.

"I am as dumbfounded as you. I never seen anyone wear one of those things before as they would have exploded from the energy just by having it near them. Maybe the process needs to have more time, or something is lacking which is why this happened." Aurgelmir suggested as this is a first even for him despite being a former god.

"Let me check if he satisfies the condition." Adrian stated as he looked at the requirement once more.

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Evolution: Abyssal Fenrir

Evolution Requirements:

- a). Level 170 (Completed)
- b.) Acquire the title 'Alpha' (Completed)
- c.) Reforge the Shackles of the Gods into the Shackle of the Realms and equip it (Complete)
- d.) Kill the World Boss 'Fenris' (Completed)
- e.) Obtain the Mark of the Moon (Complete)

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"Evolve Sirius into an Abyssal Fenrir!" Adrian stated but the system did not recognize the order instead it just answered vaguely.

[Insufficient Understanding of the Soulbound to carry out evolution.]

"What the heck? I did not break my back for a response that does not even tell me what is wrong with Sirius." Adrian thought as he bit his thumb thinking of what he did wrong.

"Maybe it is not just you but both of you. I might not be a summoner, but I have heard from that cranky old man Pann that beasts need something to evolve sometimes. Could it be something like that? You should ask that cranky old man about this as he is the one that specializes in these kinds of stuff.

I just hammer and create things. I am not that great when it comes to the whole caring for other being's thing. The Jotunn that I fathered did not even get my help as I have been busy with other things." Aurgelmir stated as he excused himself as he needed to rest.

"Thanks for the tip and the item old man! I will bring you that favorite wine of yours if I find it." Adrian stated as he prepared a portal.

"Do not come back unless you have it or got something interesting!" Aurgelmir stated as he saw Adrian vanish with Sirius into the portal that the latter created.

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Adrian arrived at the Paradox Planes as he needed Pann's expertise. The old man is really cranky, but Sirius' evolution will also greatly entice him enough to help. Adrian saw Pann busily feeding his capricorns while the other Daemos scramble into all parts of the main world to stop the spread of the dark god's apostles.

"Funny seeing you feeding your babies when the main world is about to get embroiled in total chaos because the descent of a dark god." Adrian stated as he greeted Pann.

"Funny to see the Champion of the Twin Gods here when he could be out there helping those that are affected by the descent of the dark god." Pann retorted which made Adrian shocked.

"Who knew you are great at quips, old man?! It seems that raising other animals is not the only that you are great at." Adrian replied.

"What do you want boy? I know that you do not come here unless you want something. Spit it out as I do not get all day." Pann stated.

"That is rude but very straight to the point and true. Anyways, do you know anything about the Abyssal Fenrir? It is one of Sirius' evolution, but I do not know why he is not evolving despite having all the requirements finished." Adrian stated as he looked to Pann for answers.

"I do not know about that because even this Abyssal Fenrir is new to me. I know that creatures evolve in a chaotic manner as one is different from the other. It is just that nature dictates how they group up but now how they turn up to be." Pann stated.

"Can you be less cryptic and straight to the point?" Adrian stated with a smile.

"Show me the wolf." Pann stated as Adrian told Sirius to get closely inspected by Pann.

"I see." Pann stated with intrigue.

"Okay." Adrian muttered.

"Interesting. Brilliant!" Pann stated but that only made Adrian want to erupt.

"Maybe less of the one-word statements and more of actual sentences. We are not all monster experts here after all." Adrian stated with heavy emphasis.

"This item is magnificently made. You can see that it has fused perfectly onto Sirius' body without showing any adverse effects. The only problem is that it would take time for Sirius and the item to perfectly bond." Pann stated which Adrian still did not fully understand.

"So...he just needs time to get used to the Shackle of the Realms. How long will it take as I can wait if it is just a few days." Adrian stated as he got pumped up that nothing is wrong with Sirius. All his demon wolf needed is time and Adrian could easily wait it out.

"I do not know how long it will take as this is the first time, I have seen a creature attached and in a symbiotic relationship with something that is made by crafters. It could take years or hours as even I do not know how it will be made faster. You always bring me the most interesting but difficult stuff which is why I hate you less than the others." Pann stated as he looked at Sirius again to see if he could do anything.

"Thanks...I guess but that still does not help solve my problem. I need Sirius to become more powerful so that I have a higher chance of killing that dark god." Adrian stated as he told his plan to Pann.

"Killing a dark god. Not impossible but very difficult but judging by the energy that your body is made of then it might be possible. Not entirely possible but also not that impossible. There is something that you can try so that the process of bonding for Sirius will become faster." Pann stated.

"What do I need to do?" Adrian asked.

"You know that Lifeless Lord of yours? You would need to do the exact same thing that you did for it for Sirius. You must connect Sirius to the very depths of your soul." Pann stated.