

O Summoner 591

Chapter 591 - Abel

"Hello, young Equinox. You can call me Cain. An Asmodian that killed his own brother." Cain stated as he looked at Adrian.

"Sorry but I do not know of that name." Adrian stated as it seems that the Asmodian in front of him wanted to see his reaction once he hears Cain's name.

"Is that so? Has my story not been passed down because it is too shameful?" Cain stated as he got dismayed hearing that his story is not being told by the demons.

"It is not that your story is not told but there are no survivors from the ancient era that are still alive now. The only one that I know who was alive at that era is Pann but he would probably be a kid back then. All we have of Asmodians are recollections that they were once alive and how they are the ancestors of the five races." Adrian answered which greatly shocked Cain.

"That should be impossible. The items that preserve the five races should still be active. There should be no reason that they our stories and experience to be erased. Those five items at as a record of all the lives of the five races." Cain stated.

"Five items...if you are referring to the five items that can create our races then only the Selvaggian have theirs. The other races are looking for their items as they do not have it at the moment. The Will of The Wilde is also not properly powered up." Adrian stated as he knows that the five races are very low in numbers because their origin items are missing or unusable.

"Are you saying that the Daemos are now dwindling in numbers? Are the other races like you and have limited numbers?" Cain asked as it seems that he cared for then well being of the five races.

"Yes. You could say that the ones dominating the world in terms of population are the humans, elves, gnomes, orcs, and dwarves. There are dragonkin and they are increasing in numbers because of a hero rising among them." Adrian stated.

"I should not have been locked in here. If it weren't for the curse that is affecting my body right now, then I would have no problem with breaking these chains away." Cain stated as he looked so gloomy.

"How did you get here anyway? I am pretty sure that Asmodians are powerful enough to break free from something like that." Adrian stated.

"I am not able to because of the curse and that these things suck all my mana when I try struggling. You may be able to help me out of these but that will just be useless anyway." Cain stated as he looked glum.

"I can help you as long as you tell me how I can break the chains away." Adrian stated but Cain did not answer him right away.

"I like your positiveness, young Equinox. I do but I am already dying. I can sense it because I can feel the grasp of the aspect of death for my life. Even if you take away these chains, I will still die in about a few days. They already have taken too much from me at this point and I am already tired of continuing to live anyways." Cain stated as he looked more tired than he was before.

"If you fight then you can stay alive. You should not let your past define what you can be in the future. You must use the past as a steppingstone and not something to hold you back." Adrian stated but Cain is not convinced.

"I deserve this because I killed my own brother. I am only getting what I deserve right now. You do not need to pity me as I am only having karma come through me. Instead, I have one final request from you." Cain stated.

"Request?" Adrian uttered.

"Find my brother or rather collect the pieces of my brother's soul." Cain stated as a mission suddenly popped up.

QUEST NOTIFICATION

Find my Brother's Soul Fragments

Cain, the last living but almost dying Asmodian, wants you to find the soul fragments of his brother that is scattered. He will tell you more of the details after you accept.

Difficulty: SSS

Completion Condition: Find out how many soul fragments there are and collect them. (??? / ???)

Reward for Accepting: Blood of an Asmodian

Reward for Completion: Secret Asmodian Skill Book

Failure Condition: None

Failure: None

Time Limit: None

[Do you wish to accept the quest given? Yes or No.]

"I accept." Adrian stated as he accepted the mission that is definitely not easy.

"Thank you, young Equinox. I shall now tell you about my brother whose name was Abel." Cain stated as he told the story of his brother.

Cain and Abel were twins that were born only a minute apart. Cain being the oldest while Abel the youngest. Their parents were both Asmodian that were closer to the Daemos as they looked like them. The two were naturally born which is rare for Asmodians because they have a difficult time in creating descendants.

Their births were naturally celebrated but the two were constantly compared by everyone. Even if the brother's love each other, the constant comparisons will eventually create a rift between the brothers. This rift further intensified when Abel fell in love with an angel.

Cain knew that the angel would never love his brother because he knew that angels are a selfish race that only looked at their own race. They were made to be selfish and only follow the commands of the Goddess of Light.

Cain wanted to give advice to his brother, but the dark gods soon invaded the universe. The fight between the gods of Pandemonium and the dark gods soon came. The Asmodians became the fighters at the forefront while the gods supported them.

In the end, the dark gods were repelled but at the cost of the lives of the Asmodians. Most of the Asmodians died in the war but others died after because of the curses that the dark gods used against them. The dark gods might have been afraid of the Asmodians but they also used whatever means necessary in order to kill their weaknesses.

Cain managed to return from the war alive. He was cursed but he could bear it at the same time. He wanted to find his brother because their parents died during the war. In the end, he learned that his brother shielded his lover from the dark gods, but the angels did not even support him or take him back from being abducted.

Cain tracked down the dark god that kidnapped his brother, but he was not happy with the result. He learned that the dark god infected his brother like a parasitic lifeform. Even with the barrier that separated the planes of existence, the dark god that infected his brother did not separate from him.

The dark god that day said something unthinkable to Cain. It is so unthinkable that he did not even want to believe that is actually real. The downfall of his brother is actually due to the angels or rather the lover that he trusted so much.

"Your brother was so easy to latch on to. He was almost brainless when I came. You are lucky that I did not kill him because I thought that his body is useful to me. Whatever those stupid shining white birds did to him must be so effective that he felt like an empty husk." Abel stated or rather the possessed Abel stated.

"You have no right to use my brother as a host, vile creature. Your other companions have either been killed or driven away from this plane of existence. Get out of my brother right this instant." Cain stated as he started attacking his brother or rather the dark god that latched onto his body.

"Should I actually tell you something interesting? There is not much of him left to begin with. Magic like this is very complex because they made him almost like a doll. I just came in and made the doll come to life after all." The possessed Abel stated as the two brothers started wreaking havoc on the surroundings.

In the end, Cain managed to seal the movements of his brother and was able to separate the dark god from Abel. The only complication is that Abel could barely live, and it seems that the dark god was not lying when it said that there is nothing left from his brother.

"I am sorry, Cain. It seems that I am not strong enough to hold on. My soul could no longer hold on. I will not be able to reincarnate because my soul is broken already." Abel stated as he died in Cain's arms.

Cain saw his brother's soul break into pieces, and it almost broke into nothingness if Cain did not interrupt. Cain used his life force to keep fragments in place, but he does not know how many he created. He passed out as soon he somewhat fixed his brother's soul.

Chapter 592 - Additional Quest

"You want me to find the pieces of your brother's soul. Is there anything that you will give me that can point them to me? Otherwise, even if I spend an eternity, I will not be able to find those soul fragments." Adrian stated as he looked at Cain.

"You do not need to worry as I can feel that you deal with the souls of the dead. You have the aura of death emanating from all over your body. Theoretically, no one alive should possess the aura you have. I will give you my blood and with that you can recognize my brother's soul." Cain stated.

"But blood and soul are very much different from one another." Adrian stated.

"Me and my brother are twins which means we have that connection that will make us feel one another. Once you have my blood, you can easily distinguish the soul fragments of my brother." Cain stated as Adrian nodded in agreement.

"Fine. What should I do next? Do I release you from your chains or something? I am not a vampire so I cannot just drink your blood just like that." Adrian stated as he asked on how he will get Cain's reward.

"Before I give you my blood, I will give you another quest that is very personal to me. I want you to carry out my revenge. I do not even know if that bitch is still alive, but I want you to kill her for me." Cain stated as another quest notification popped up.

QUEST NOTIFICATION

Kill My Brother's Ex-Lover

Cain's last wish for revenge is to kill the angel that led his brother to ruin. Find information about that angel. If she is still alive then kill her.

Difficulty: Unknown

Completion Condition: Find out the whereabouts of the Angel that led Abel to Ruin. If she is alive then you need to kill her.

Reward for Accepting: None

Reward for Completion: Location of a Secret Tomb for Asmodians

Failure Condition: None

Failure: None

Time Limit: None

"If she is dead then the mission will clear itself once I find out she is dead. But if she is alive then I will need to kill her because of her betrayal not only just for your brother but also for the world. We

would have some Asmodians still alive if she did not leave Abel fighting the dark god." Adrian stated as he accepted the mission.

"If I am not wrong, that angel was called Lumia as the Goddess of Light named her. She is said to be a special child of the Goddess of Light which is why it did not make sense why she liked my brother. She was said to be raised by the Goddess of Light herself.

I am fairly certain that she planned the downfall of my brother or is only using him. I love my brother, but he was foolish for thinking that an angel will ever love him truly. I would not have mind if it was a devil since they may have been angels, but they live for themselves." Cain added.

"Some people are just total fools when it comes to love. They give too much and get nothing in return. In the end, they become empty husks since nothing is left for themselves." Adrian stated which made Cain agree with him.

"Well said, young one. Now free me because I can sense that they will now come to extract the last bit of my blood. I must hand you the purest form of my blood but be careful. Blood transfer will be very painful which is why I will use a special seal to transfer it to you." Cain stated as he smiled.

"What should I do then?" Adrian asked.

Cain told Adrian to take off the chains that is binding the former. Even he is unsure if Adrian could do so because it might transfer to Adrian if they are not careful. The last thing that Adrian needs is to become the other sacrifice.

"These chains are made by the God of Crafts. He fell for the Goddess of Light once, but his love did not get rewarded. These chains are used to bind lower gods and demigods who are being punished. Although, the chains that bind me are of inferior quality as a demigod might have made them with the guidance of the God of Crafts." Cain stated.

"I can read the runic letters used here. It seems that it is the reason why your mana is getting continuously sucked away." Adrian stated as he looked at the runes that are glowing.

"It was my brother that was the smart one. I can read the runes as they are the first language but even, I do not know how to diffuse it perfectly." Cain stated.

"Even I cannot read all of them. You need to teach me the characters that I do not know so that I can have a cue on how to stop the function where your mana is getting continuously absorbed. It seems that the chains are also leading to somewhere below." Adrian stated as he observed the holes where the chains are connected to the floor.

"These chains are connected to the magic crystal that is in the center of that formation. It is my brother that made it as he was the leader of this town before those damned angels took over. He did not create this tower as it was those angels that created it in order to conceal the teleportation magic circle." Cain stated which made Adrian relieved as the angels knowing teleportation magic circle creation will be problematic.

Adrian used the remaining time to understand the writings in the chain so that he can safely detach it from Cain. The magic circle started to glow again but only the outer runes are being lit up which means that they still have a few minutes left.

"I have no choice. These runic characters must be erased instead of finding out their real meaning. I have to forcefully rewrite them." Adrian stated as he activated his domain skill.

Chapter 593 - The Tower Must Fall

"Nether Domain!" Adrian stated as the nether mist started to roll up.

Adrian did not activate his true form because he did not need to. He only needed an unlimited source of energy that is potent enough to erase a runic character. With his domain active, he can use nether energy unlimitedly but that also makes it a time sensitive issue.

"Only godly metal can scratch godly metal. Paradox, blast the runic characters that I will tell you to that needs to be deleted." Adrian stated as his Cube of Paradox suddenly became energetic.

"Understood, master." The Cube of Paradox replied.

Cain quietly observed the process in which Adrian poured nether energy onto the Cube of Paradox. He then used his own weapon like a magnifying glass in order to erase the runic characters imprinted on the chains.

As Adrian is blasting the runic characters, the pain that Cain felt started to increase as the balance of the power in the chains are becoming chaotic. The most notable time is when he felt like he got electrocuted in the spine without even so much as a warning.

"Sorry about that. The middle runes on the teleportation magic circle are already lighting up. The good news is that I managed to slow the progression a little. The only issue now would be to pluck out the spikes attached in your back and those pinning your wings on the ground." Adrian stated as he knew that he needed help when it comes to this point.

Adrian summoned all his soulbounds as he needed them to simultaneously pull all the spikes. If they did not do that then they might get attacked by the self-defense mechanism of the chains. When Adrian summoned Sirius and Kanlaon, Cain became surprised as an Abyssal Fenrir and a Dragon is not easily acquired as followers.

Although he can sense that the Abyssal Fenrir and the dragon are not yet fully grown, Cain knows that creatures like these will not be tamed if the summoner is not talented. He can only remember one Asmodian back then that is able to tame a dragon and that was Kalu Luwa.

"Are you the one who inherited the will of the Omega Summoner?" Cain stated which made Adrian stop for a brief moment before continuing his task.

"Did you know him? I would have like to know more about him because I have no mentor as a summoner. I am basically just winging it at this point in time." Adrian stated which made Cain chuckle.

"Even I do not know much about Elder Kalu Luwa as he was not much of a talker. The only thing I knew about him is that he made what you call summoning possible when he was in his teens. The only thing I knew about him is that he never perfected his job class." Cain stated which made Adrian shocked.

"Do you mean to say that Omega Summoner is incomplete?" Adrian asked as he continued with his work.

"I do not know but when one of the summoners asked him, he only said that he has yet to perfect his understanding of summoning. Is that not a good thing? It means that you might be able to perfect the inheritance given to you which even the original creator did not perfect." Cain stated as he can now feel that he can move his body a little.

"If that is the case then that would mean that my third job class advancement is not the last. Or I could enhance the capabilities of the Omega Summoner. The only problem is that I do not even know the requirements to advance." Adrian thought as he erased the last runic character that he needed.

Adrian tried touching the chain without buffs, but he got injured instead. It seems that the defense mechanism of the chains has yet to fully deactivate. The good thing is that he did not get damaged that strongly as he already weakened the chains to a certain degree.

"All of you. Pull on my command. One...two...three...Pull!" Adrian commanded as he enhanced all his soulbounds and himself with nether energy.

The chains sent out a strong pulse of energy to Adrian and his soulbounds which some could not tolerate. One by one each of his soulbounds died but they managed to pull on the chains. The only ones that did not die are Kanlaon, Sirius and Charon.

The chains created a thud when they crashed into the ground. Adrian could not let such materials go to waste, so he kept it in his inventory. Cain, who got freed from the influence of the chains, is limply sitting on the ground. The chains took most of his mana but also the curse that he is affected with.

"Ah!" Cain stated as he clutched his chest.

"Why are you in pain? We got the chains out." Adrian stated as he looked concerned.

"It seems that those chains not only absorbed my mana but also kept the curse that I am afflicted with at bay. It seems that the timeframe of days that I gave you is too generous. I might die today but I have faith that you will carry out my will." Cain stated as he tapped Adrian's forehead.

Cain's blood suddenly accumulated on his fingertip and gathered on Adrian's forehead. A red diamond is then imprinted on Adrian's forehead. Cain told him that he must absorb the blood given to him slowly instead of immediately.

"I also have hidden the rewards in that seal on your forehead. When you successfully clear the missions, you will unlock the spell and the location of the tomb." Cain stated as he started to stand up with Adrian's assistance.

"The magic circle is still not stopping despite you no longer being connected to it." Adrian stated as he noticed that the magic circle is almost activated.

"I will destroy this tower. Use the chance when I overload the magic crystal in that platform to escape. It will disable the magic that prevents teleportation. I will burn my remaining life for that to

happen. I can feel that the curse is already spreading. The tower must fall." Cain stated as his right arm started changing color as if being infected by something,

Chapter 594 - Asmodian's Sacrifice

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Adrian saw that Cain's arm suddenly became infected by something. Blisters and grotesque boils suddenly started to grow on his right arm. He could see that the curse that did not propagate is now hurriedly.

"Your arm! Can we do something about it? Maybe if I apply chronomancy." Adrian stated but Cain stopped what he was attempting.

"It is too late. The curse has become too powerful from all the years that it could not move. Even if you came a hundred years early, I would still die because of the curse. This curse is much like my brother's, but it will make me a mindless slaughterer instead.

I would rather die with my mind still intact instead of dooming this world. I already gave you everything that you need to know. All you need to do is escape this place and carry out my will. I have lived for far too long in a cage being tortured.

It is now time for me to rest as I want to finally be free from pain and suffering. I want this to happen because I am sure that even you will want to finally rest if you end up dealing with what I have experienced." Cain stated as he activated a magic circle and grafted it on his body.

Adrian knew that he could not tell Cain to think about the future because the latter already made up his mind. He will die even if he chooses to live longer because the curse is eating up his life force and soul. Cain is igniting his very soul in order to fight off the curse that is spreading like an infection.

"Be careful in future as being an Asmodian is more than meets the eye. You will learn more about us when you enter the grave. I should not spoil your fun as the transgressors are already here." Cain stated as he looked at the teleportation magic circle finally losing light.

Bishop Bright arrived with a happy face, but it soon turned into a frown as he saw Cain out of his shackles and another demon that snuck past them. The fact that a demon manages to sneak inside the tower because the Envoy of Light is not there is unacceptable.

The Church of Light might be called the purifying ones but that also takes effect upon their failures. If Bishop Bright does not solve this dilemma, then it would be his head on the chopping block. Just because he knows of the true origin of the high ranked officials of the Church of Light will not make him escape the purge.

"Everyone! Kill them. Activate the magic circle and send everyone here! The demons should not be powerful enough yet as he just broke free. Kill the small one first and collect his blood next!"

Bishop Bright shouted his orders which made the two priest and two paladins that came with him go in battle mode.

"I have been meaning to repay you for the years of torture that I experienced from you. It is just a shame that you will die before I even see your face in agony. It is a good thing that I will take you to the grave with me.

People like you should not be alive in this world. You call yourself a warrior of justice, yet you are not paying attention to your own deeds. If you ever get resurrected, be sure to do better in your next life. Then again, you do not even worship the goddess of life." Cain stated as the magic circle that he grafted on his body started to glow brighter.

Cracks started to appear on Cain's body as if it was made of clay. His whole body is turned into a bomb that will destroy the tower. At first, Adrian thought that Cain might blow up the whole town, but he would not do that you the area once ruled by his brother.

He loved his brother too much for him to just erase something that bears his name. The paladins and priests tried hurling spells at Cain, but nothing happened as it only fueled his spell faster. Cain is going to make his core explode. An organ like thing inside his body that deals with his magic casting and abilities.

Adrian knows of this technique as it is a last resort for demons or beings that have magic cores in their bodies. If they did this, then only their soul but also their entire being will be erased without leaving a trace. Cain thought this through as he does not want his body to become a lab experiment if they find his dead body.

"I shall show you all the true meaning of light." Cain stated with a smile of gratification. He feels that he has done everything that he can and should be given the chance to rest.

"You dare, demon!" Bishop Bright shouted loudly as he used every spell in his arsenal to protect himself.

"Charon, use Soul Prison." Adrian commanded as Charon took Adrian, Sirius and Kanlaon inside of the coffin. Adrian knew that Charon will not survive the blast and the undead also knew that. It was actually Charon that brought the idea.

Even if Adrian uses Soul Form Manifestation to become an incorporeal ghost, he will still die from the blast. Anything that uses the soul as a catalyst will inevitably hit. This is why magic that uses the souls of others is taboo because the price is too steep.

Charon did not even wait for Adrian to command him as it already attached chains on the body of the three and pulled them inside of the coffin. The whole room is suddenly covered in a bright light and every individual inside of it got swallowed by this light.

The tower suddenly started to shake and rumble. The priests and paladins that are working inside the tower felt it shake. This was the first time that they experienced the tower to shake because it never does. Even if Abelpport gets hit by a strong earthquake, the tower will stand tall as a symbol of power and dignity.

"Did anyone feel that?" One of the priests asked as the document he is writing suddenly had ink blots over it.

"I felt that too, but it probably is just the demon being tortured. Maybe his death triggered something and made the tower shake." One of the paladins stated as this was the first time for him to experience that as well.

The priests and paladins did not think much of the tower shaking until it became continuous. They suddenly started to panic and ran outside of the tower, but it is already too late. The floor that they walked upon started to glow and crumble because of an intense rush of energy below it.

The priests and paladins that are inside the tower are all swallowed by the light. At the very least, they got killed by what they are believing in as it is light that ended their life. The situation outside of the tower could not be different as a strong earthquake could be felt by all of the people that are in Abelpport.

All of the people inside of establishments went outside so that they will not get crushed if the buildings crumble. All of the people at Abelpport then saw the tower that is safeguarded and the location of the Church of Light starting to crack.

The cracks that could not be seen before spread across the tower like a snake. Soon, light started pouring out of the cracks and the tower started to crumble without any warning. The tower did not immediately fall but a beam of light shot out of it and cleared the skies.

The light looked like a beacon which made the citizens of Abelpport think that it must be the Church of Light doing something like a festival or a warning signal. The citizens are then shocked when they saw that the tower crashing down after the beam of light disappearing.

All of the guards, paladins and priests immediately went to the area of the tower when they saw the tall structure suddenly come crashing down. The whole town of Abelpport did not immediately panic but unrest has settled in their hearts.

The next thing that happened made them look with disbelief. From the rubble that was once the tower, a figure suddenly shot up from the sky. The figure had wings that are a mix of a dragon and a bat while being surrounded by two other figures.

The winged figure is surrounded by a silhouette of a dragon and a wolf. The citizens of Abelpport all exclaimed their surprise as this is the first time that they have seen something like this.

Chapter 595 - Fruit Of Yewdrassil

[Your soulbound, Charon, has died. You can summon him again when his summoning cooldown is over.]

Adrian emerged from the rubble with the help of both Sirius and Kanlaon. Adrian used his gravity altering skill to push away the rubble while the heaviest ones were carried by both Sirius and Kanlaon.

He could not see any remnants of the paladins and priests inside the tower. As if they were disintegrated by the intense spell that Cain used. Even his body is nowhere to be seen as the magic circle that the Asmodian grafted on his body turns one's whole body into a bomb.

The body that has become a bomb because of the magic circle will have nothing left after it explodes. It is a magic circle that turns even atoms into a bomb which is why it is forbidden to alter the magic core of someone alive.

Adrian saw the residents of Abelpport point at him from the ground. Some of the guards that are mages used magic to fly and try to catch him, but Adrian is already prepared. He already activated the stored Dimensional Teleportation magic that he prepared.

The Cube of Paradox became small cubes and created a portal that Adrian passed through both his soulbounds and them himself. The mages that tried to catch him did not catch up as he already disappeared by the time that they are casting their spells.

Adrian's appearance in Abelpport has been deemed the Demon Disaster. Some of the priests and paladins that were outside the tower claimed that it was a demon flying. Thus, the whole incident regarding the collapse of the tower and the disappearance of every person there are attributed to the mysterious demon that has a dragon and a large wolf as a follower.

Thankfully for Adrian, no one knows his name which is why he has not gained any notoriety. If his name is known, then not only would he get the notoriety stat but also have it skyrocket due to the numerous deeds that he has done or falsely accused to.

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[You have arrived at your own territory, Avalon.]

Adrian arrived at his territory in the area of the tree of life and death. Both Vitae and Mortem are currently not there as they are being taught by the elven elders about the ways of the world. The only one who greeted him is the tree of life and death that apparently is now bearing fruit.

"You can grow fruits?" Adrian asked rhetorically.

"You can go to other dimensions?" The tree of life and death replied rhetorically.

"Sorry about that. I thought divine trees will not be able to bear fruit or something. Even the world tree in the now destroyed Neo Alfheim did not have such capabilities." Adrian stated as he thought it is impossible.

"I can bear fruits because I have yet to fully mature. My fruit is basically what you call the amalgamation of the filth in this area that I have turned into something beautiful and clean. Only those that I have granted permission could view upon my fruit or those that are gifted by godly sight." The tree of life and death stated.

"I see. Is there any chance that I could get the fruit?" Adrian asked as he saw the apple and peach hybrid looking fruit. He is also tempted with the things that he read upon the description of the fruit.

Item: Fruit of the Tree of Life and Death

Tier: Legendary (Unripe)

Type: Consumable

Effect: Increase the power of both life and death attribute skills by 15%. Also cleanses the user of all the status ailments and debuffs that the user has received. Also, it will heal the user back to 80% health while regenerating 70% of the user's mana. The user will have a boost in both health and mana regeneration while the fruit is yet to be fully digested.

Description: An unripe fruit of the Tree of Life and Death, Yewdrassil. It has miraculous effects that is rumored to even be able to revive the dead once it is fully ripe. This fruit could be called one of the best treasures that is edible. Can only be seen by those trusted by the tree of life and death.

"I will not give it for free even though I like you, Equinox. I need to have the fruits in case of emergencies. Each iteration of the tree of life, tree of death, and me can only bear fruits every 100 years before we reach maturity." The tree of life and death stated as Adrian nodded his head.

"Noted. Could your fruit cleanse the curse of a dark god?" Adrian asked as he is suddenly curious if he might have found a way to cure Cain if he knew this information earlier.

"If the fruit is ripe then there is a chance, but it is not guaranteed as curses of dark gods are tricky. They are not from our reality, so they bend reality to how they perceive it to be. That is the reason why they are not invited in our universe because they disrupt the balance of nature. Why do you ask?" The tree of life and death stated.

"Nothing. I am just curious because I want to know how to counteract the curse of the dark gods. I do not want to fight them without knowing what can be done against them. Anyways, how long does the fruit need to ripe?" Adrian asked as he eyed the fruit with glistening eyes.

"Another year or two. It depends on the surroundings as I pulled the miasma so that I can convert that into useful energy." The tree of life and death stated.

"I see. If there is a chance, then can I have one of the fruits if another grows?" Adrian asked as he knew the price of such fruit.

"I will see about it when the time comes, Equinox. If I ever need of your services, then I can use it as a reward, but I do not need anything right now." The tree of life and death stated.

"Great Tree! Someone is looking for the Champion. Ah! The Champion is here. You arrived just in time for guests that are somewhat vague in origin." One of the elves stated.

"Why are they looking for me? Do you know their names?" Adrian asked as he wants to know who his guests are. His first guess is that it is Piggy Bank as he told Adrian that he will give him the guild medallion.

"They are called Imiter and Lime. The demons do not seem to be wary of the one called Imiter despite him not being entirely human. The Lime person is actually a True Saint or at least that is what she claims to be. The elder demons are not here which is why we were told to ask the Great Tree for assistance but with the Champion Equinox here then our problem is now solved." The elf stated.

"Why do the other demons seem relieved upon seeing this Imiter?" Adrian asked as he is curious.

"The other demons say that he emitted almost the same aura as you but fainter." The elf stated which made Adrian curious as the demons know that he is more of an Asmodian than them.

"Kanlaon and Sirius, you guys can take your time and explore the place. Be sure to use your human forms." Adrian stated as his two soulbounds suddenly changed into their human forms. Adrian assisted Sirius with his because the Abyssal Fenrir has yet to master Polymorph.

Sirius looked like a thirteen-year-old boy that has hair with three colors which are white, black and gray. His eye color remained the same and he resembles Adrian a bit as the latter seemed to be the blueprint for his appearance. The clothes that Sirius wore looked like a mix between eastern and western style that also has the black, gray and white motif.

"Try not to bother anyone as they are probably busy. Make sure to be in your best behavior as anything you do will reflect unto me. Gosh, is this what a parent feels like when they let their children out in the wild." Adrian stated but he muttered the last sentence.

"You do not need to worry about that, Master. Me and big brother Sirius will just play and see what the other races are doing. The tree friend will be guiding us anyway as it told us that it is connected to the whole territory." Kanlaon stated cutely as it looked at this chance of liberation as an exploration.

"I will watch over my younger brother, Master. I will not let you have a headache or tarnish your reputation. I just hope that my other siblings will be able to join us." Sirius stated in a serious tone as he acted as the eldest.

"I will summon them as soon as they recover so that all of you could unwind." Adrian stated as he left to visit the guest.

Chapter 596 - Meeting The Metamorph

Adrian left his two soulbounds for their enjoyment as they should be able to freely wander off inside the territory without much problem. The elves and demons in the territory knew of them which is why they did not bother them. The players that have been given access to Adrian's territory is another story altogether.

Adrian followed the escort in order to see if what this interesting person needs from him. He knows that it is actually the demon elders that they want to see but they are not in the territory which makes the next like in charge be Adrian. He just had to entertain them and get them to stay away if their business is not welcomed.

As Adrian is walking, he suddenly felt a slight headache. The marking that Cain gave him suddenly reacted which meant that a soul fragment of his brother, Abel, is nearby or it just reacted due to something unforeseen. He just received the marking so there could just be side effects from having it.

Adrian is then led to an area that is something like a reception where it is just a large area with nothing there. The only ones that are there are the numerous guards that are training which are both elves and demons.

The two figures that wanted an audience with the leaders of the demons are waiting there. Adrian could not be more shocked to see a battle armored nun with a bayonet and a normal looking boy

that is about in the early teens waiting for him. The little boy might look normal, but the soul of this boy is unique as it is burning in a different light compared to the others.

"The one who looks like nun should be the True Saint while the other is undefined as of now." Adrian thought as he moved near them.

"Lime and Imiter, your attention please." The guard stated as they were mesmerized by the guards that re training beside them.

"Sorry about that. We were distracted." Lime replied with a sorry tone. She is mesmerized by the training of the elves and demons because of the specific routine that is made for them. She could clearly see that the trainings are specifically made for their body types.

"It is not a problem as you guys might not have seen many demons that are around. They are not really the social type which is why even us elves are having difficult time having conversation with them. Ah! The champion is with me. Forgive me for my offensive words." The elven guard stated.

"I can attest to that as they rarely get out of the place where we came from. We rarely interact with other races other than ourselves so please me more attentive to the other demons." Adrian stated as he smiled at the elven guard.

"He is a player. Could he be that famous demon player? I never thought that I met someone famous." Lime thought as she could see that Adrian is different to the other demons. His information is also like that of a player.

"It is nice to meet you. My name is Equinox. I am basically the leader here right now as the elders are not here." Adrian stated as he reached out for his hand.

"I guess he really is a player seeing that he wants a handshake. There is no such greeting in Pandemonium like that unless they are players." Lime thought as she shook Adrian's hand.

"I am sorry for bothering you, but we really need your assistance right now." Lime stated as she looked at Imiter.

"I see. Can I at least know what you need of my assistance? I am really busy right now which is why I am not as free as you think I am. If I can fulfill your request, then I will help you to the best of my ability." Adrian stated but in reality, he is looking at the pendant that is hanging at Imiter's neck.

"I will get straight to the point then. Can you please accept Imiter and his family as refugees? I do not know who the lord of this territory is, but this should be the safest place for him right now." Lime stated but Adrian's face suddenly stiffened.

"I do not know who gave you the idea that we are accepting refugees, but I cannot simply allow an unknown person to be in my territory. There should be a process and it seems that you guys brought something troublesome judging by the tone of your voice." Adrian stated with a serious tone.

He is not a hundred percent sure of the little boy's identity. Not to mention the little boy's family that will come with him. Adrian might be nice, but he is not that nice to just suddenly accept someone that needs help because they need or act like they need it.

"Can you please reconsider? You are the lord of this territory after all. This is the place that is the safest for him." Lime argued as she knew that going to the holy cities will not be beneficial since a lot of refugees are already heading there.

"I am the lord of this territory and I decide who gets in and out. People with unknown background wants to live in my territory just because they are the safest here. Nothing in life is that simple as times right now is the most troublesome since monsters that could shapeshift are roaming about and creating chaos. Tell me, why should you be an exception?" Adrian stated as he looked at Imiter.

"I see. You can already tell that I am not entirely human. I can tell you way to get rid of the godly monster in the imperial capital if you take me in." Imiter stated in a tone that is not befitting of a small child.

"How about you give me that necklace of your and I might change my mind?" Adrian stated as he pointed at the necklace that is hanging around Imiter's neck.

Chapter 597 - I Want The Necklace

Adrian is now sure upon seeing the soul that is flickering inside of the pendant that is hanging around Imiter's neck as a necklace. The pendant has something hidden inside and that surely is a fragment of Abel's soul. He did not know how the little boy got it, but he must get the necklace at all costs.

"I just do not feel happy trying to cheat a small boy. Then again, my sister did tell me that if another party has something you can provide and you have something you want then it is a transaction. Also, his soul looks too old for his own age." Adrian thought as he looked at Imiter.

"I have information about defeating the dark god in the Imperial capital. Is that not enough?" Imiter stated.

"You are actually trying to cheat a young kid? I did not know that the Demon will be truly devilish." Lime stated in a rather unhappy tone as she seems to know of Imiter's attachment to the necklace.

"I already know how to kill a dark god. The only problem is the process of making that a reality. So, in reality, your offer of information is not that valuable to me which is why I told you to hand me down that necklace. Also, calling a demon a devil is just plain rude. Our species are very different and some of us think that as offensive." Adrian stated.

Imiter then clutched his necklace as he knew that this is something important to him. It has been with him even before he became what he is now. This necklace saved or rather preserved his humanity. He has a deep attachment to it to the point that he even bathes with it on him.

"Can you give us another requirement instead of my necklace?" Imiter asked but Adrian shook his head.

Imiter suddenly had a flashback on how he received this necklace. His father found a peculiar stone inside a cave that has no value except for being pretty. It is pretty but not pretty enough for it to be bought by the nobles which is why his father gave it to him inside of a pendant.

Imiter kept the necklace because he believed that it brought him luck. It is also the reason why his consciousness is protected even when a faceless one possessed him. In short, the necklace is the reason why he became what he is today which is why he is reluctant to part with it due to the huge importance.

"If he does not want to help us then we are better off finding other people that want to help us. We should try the dragons next as they are as strong as the demons anyway.

Adrian seeing Imiter's face could only sigh and use another way to coerce the strange being. He already knows that Imiter is not entirely human as he has a human-colored soul, but it is constantly changing like water unlike human souls that are solid.

Adrian set up a barrier so that no one other than the three of them are inside of it. He wanted to exclude Lime, but it seems that Imiter has his own attachments to her. Imiter might back down if Lime is kept in the dark of what he is about to say.

"What did you do!?" Lime stated as she held her bayonet and pointed it towards Adrian.

"I just wanted us to have some privacy after all. I want that necklace for a valid reason, and I believe that it is not yours to begin with anyway." Adrian stated which made Imiter look at him with shock.

"You do not have to worry about splitting apart like you worry about. Your soul is already fused with whatever being that you have absorbed. You can say that you are still you but not entirely human." Adrian stated as Lime lowered her weapon.

"Are you sure? I do not want to become a monster." Imiter stated which made Lime hug him but made everyone laugh.

"It is a bit rude to laugh at a kid." Lime stated but Adrian could care less.

"If you think that you are a monster then what do you call me? Demonic monster? Or just a plain monster? What you lack right now is the fact that you do not love yourself as much as you should.

Who cares if others view you as a demon even though you have done nothing wrong? The only real monsters in this world are those that tell people that they are not good enough or will never fit in just because they are different.

The only thing beautiful in this world is the fact that every being is unique, and no one is the same. Those that think that they should fit in a standard are just those that are swept by the tide. They cannot rise to the occasion which is why they drag them down to the depths that they are drowning from." Adrian stated with utmost conviction as this is what he really believes in life.

"I do not want to admit it, but the rude brat is right. Being different does not mean we are monsters, but we are unique. The important thing is that we do not infringe on the freedom and happiness of others." Lime stated as she patted Imiter's back.

Imiter then took a deep breath and weighed his options. He wanted his family to be safe because the faceless ones would have surely known of his being. They are not ones to tolerate those that do not submit to their god.

Imiter also knows that the faceless ones will use everyone that is related with a person that they need. They do not have compassion or love. They only know one thing and that is to carry out the will of their god.

"I have decided. If a necklace could help my family, then I will gladly give it up." Imiter stated as he handed the necklace to Adrian.

Chapter 598 - A Certain Dark Elf

I can finally play the game Pandemonium after saving enough money from my part time jobs. I started off as a dark elf because they look cool despite some having dreary appearance, but I was told that it was only the case for the tired elders.

The other dark elf NPCs that I encountered looked fine and healthy. It seems that your body does morph depending on one's profession. I tried all thing in the starter village, but I was not that talented as a damage dealer. I always liked playing as support characters even in other games as I feel a certain synergy with them.

I always view support characters as essential because they are more sought after and important. In battles, they target the support characters first because they could make the battle harder to win if they are still in battle. You could say that supports are the lifeblood of the team because they keep the team fighting fit.

I always believed in the saying of 'A great support will carry the whole team while a bad support will lead it to ruin'. I still believe that saying even today as I wanted to join this new church that sprung up because of the famous player dubbed as The Demon. He has other names that are flashier but simple is the best.

I did not start at this floating territory, but I was chosen by one of the students of the elders as a trainee. It seems that my perseverance of studying the ways of the God of Death has caught their attention. I could actually choose to be a Priest of the Twin Gods, but I focused more on the death aspect of it.

I mean...I have been a fanboy of a novel of a certain mage that has ridiculous powers because he could control something called death magic. I know that it will not happen in this game as that boy's powers are too heaven defying. I know that this is a game, but I still must have a foot in reality.

I thought being a priest that serves the God of Death would be sinister just because it sounded sinister, but I was mistaken. The God of Death seemed to be more benevolent than evil like what other legends of the gods of death that we had in the real world.

I learned that the God of Death is a merciful god that treats everyone as equals because everyone is equal in death. The Church scriptures also say to live a good life so that you do not leave regrets when your timely death will arrive.

Honestly speaking, this church is not evil in any sense. I do not know why this church was persecuted and wanted to be forgotten by the other Holy Churches. The only thing that does not align with the holy churches is the treatment of undead.

The Undead King is actually in a covenant with the God of Death which is why their stance against undead became neutral. At first, the stance was 'all undead must be purified so they may pass onto the afterlife' but it is different now as they must see if the undead is harmful first.

I actually do not care as I always believed that everyone is inherently good but choose to be ignorant. I have seen that in my life as a hardworking college student. I want to turn my life around which is why I am pursuing education, but I need money which why I chose to play Pandemonium as a side gig.

The only regret that I am having is the fact that I believe that I lack the talent to be a candidate for the Death Bishop position. I received a quest where I must fill this crystal with death energy that I channeled from the death realms, but I am at a lost.

I actually asked some of the undead that passed by in the floating territory but even they are at a lost. The players did not even know what this death energy is as all they know is that they use mana. I guess no one is still inquisitive enough to research this.

I already hunted with some of the players that passed by and got my quota for today which is why I wanted to try my hand at the chance of advancing my job class to a somewhat unordinary one. I am up against other NPCs that have years of training which is why I am disheartened.

How will I ever fill up this crystal with death energy?

As I slumped on the ground near me, I saw two boys that are NPCs that are a bit different from the others. They are not demon, elf or undead. One of them has wolf ears while the other has odd looking horns that are two different colors. Their clothing is also unusual, but it fits their character greatly.

I miss being young and energetic. Their youthful energy has filled up my confidence again which is why I tried filling up the crystal with death energy once more. As I was doing that the boy with the wolf ears suddenly came towards me and sniffed me.

"You smell like familiar. Ah! You almost smell like master, but he smells stronger than you." The wolf eared boy stated.

"Is that so? Then your master must be strong." I stated as I pitied them because they might be slaves since they call him master but slavery is illegal here, right?

"What is that shiny crystal?" The weird horned boy asked me.

"This is a Calling Death Crystal. It is supposed to be a container for death energy."

"It smells like the brother tree but weaker and it feels weaker." The weird horned boy stated as he looked at the crystal.

"Careful! I am not allowed to break it. I need to fill it up with death energy."

"I will tell you of a way to fill it up if you let my little brother play with it." The wolf eared boy stated.

"Fine. It is not like I will need it as I cannot fill it up." I stated as I gave the crystal to the weird horned boy.

Chapter 599 - A Fair Trade

"I have decided. If a necklace could help my family, then I will gladly give it up." Imiter stated as he handed the necklace to Adrian.

"You now have what you want so agree to the trade. The necklace for the safety of Imiter and his family." Lime stated as she pointed her finger towards Adrian.

"Nope." Adrian stated.

"You promised!" Lime and Imiter simultaneously shouted.

"I was just joking. You guys are too high strung and need to loosen up. Come meet me in front of that tree with your family. I can feel that they are near my territory since both of you look like you escorted someone here compared to just the two of you coming." Adrian stated as he disabled the barrier.

"Do not go back on your request!" Lime stated menacingly but Adrian just snickered as her threats do not bother him.

[You have been given the Necklace of a Loving Father.]

Item: Necklace of a Loving Father

Tier: Mythical

Type: Accessory

Effect:

-able to stop mental corroding attacks. (Cooldown: 1 minute)

-Makes the wearer immune to mental status ailments

-(Unknown. Cannot be appraised.)

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Description: A necklace that was made by a loving father to his son as a lucky charm. The stone in the middle is emanating strange energy that cannot be fathomed. You somehow feel familiar with the stone even though this is the first time that you have encountered it.

[The Mark of Cain is responding to the item that is in your hands.]

[The Mark of Cain could feel the soul fragment of Abel present inside of the item that you have on hand.]

"I guess...I was right. All I needed to do is extract the soul fragment from this necklace. The quest counter did not even rise when I got the necklace which means the fragment is sealed inside the rock." Adrian muttered to himself as he went to look for his soulbounds before heading towards the location of the meeting.

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Adrian saw his two soulbounds playing with a gem while a dark elf is panicking. It seems that the item that they are playing with is that dark elf's possession. He immediately stepped in so that his two soulbounds will not trouble the dark elf as they acted a little naughty.

"Master!" Sirius and Kanlaon both shouted as they threw the crystal upwards and scurried to Adrian's side.

The dark elf safely caught the crystal in his hands and sighed with relief. Adrian could feel that the crystal has some kind of death energy, but he does not know what death realm it came from. When Adrian focused, he could feel the death energy emanating from the crystal a bit familiar.

He could vaguely remember the energy as it was from the time that his soul was shuffling from one death realm to another. The energy felt familiar to the place where he was transported inside of a cave like death realm.

"He seems to be gifted as that is one of the far death realms. The death energy that he managed to capture is no joke, but it seems that it is a scant amount. He probably has no idea where he got it from. I should help him a little since my soulbounds bothered him." Adrian thought.

"I am sorry if the two of them are bothersome. They get really playful sometimes as they are still kids." Adrian apologized to the dark elf, and he noticed that it was actually a player upon closer inspection.

"Ah! It is no trouble because I let them play with it. I have not much luck filling it up anyways." The dark elf player stated as he sighed.

"Is it a mission of yours to fill up that crystal with some sort of energy?" Adrian asked as he wanted to make sure that it will be helpful for the dark elf player.

"It is but it is more of a class advancement mission since I need to fill this up so that I can be a candidate. It is almost too late anyway as I only have about an hour left before the quest fails." The dark elf player stated with a sigh.

"If it is not much to ask, can I help you? It is the least I could do since my soulbounds bothered you." Adrian stated which shocked the dark elf player.

"Soulbounds?! They are soulbounds?! Are there humanoid soulbounds?" The dark elf player suddenly muttered to himself as he became confused.

"So? What about my offer? Will you take it as it is the least that I could do for the trouble that they cost?" Adrian stated.

"You do not need to bother as it is not much trouble. I also felt a bit refreshed when they came but my heart did drop a little when they started playing catch with the crystal. I do not want to know what my advisor will tell me if I suddenly break it." The dark elf player stated.

"I insist. Hand it to me and I may be able to help you." Adrian stated as both Sirius and Kanlaon told him to help the guy via their soul link. It seems that the two soulbounds suddenly felt a bond with the strange dark elf that they have just recently met.

"If you insist but please do not break it as I do not have much gold in my inventory to pay for it if it breaks." The dark elf player stated.

"I will pay for the damages if I actually break it so, please be at ease." Adrian stated as he focused on the death realm where this energy is familiar.

Adrian channeled as his soul separated from his body and is transported to the death realm where he absorbed energy from. His soul's arrival is sensed by the gods of death in that realm, but they did not bother him. They just observed the demon with a soul made of intense death energy as if they are curious.

The dark elf player looked in awe as the crystal is suddenly getting filled up with death energy. He has the look of disbelief as his gaze went from Adrian and the crystal.

Chapter 600 - Before The Fight With The Dark God I

Adrian easily filled up the crystal that the dark elf has as if he just filled it with water. Even the dark elf player could not believe what is happening with his eyes. The dark elf player just stared fixatedly at Adrian while the latter is trying to hand him the crystal.

"Here you go. All done." Adrian stated but the dark elf player seemed to be stunned by what he just witnessed.

"Ey! I told you that we could help you fill it up. We just did not expect that master himself will fill up this crystal for you. You should be honored since not everyone can receive his favor." Sirius stated as he kept nodding his head.

"That is right." Kanlaon stated as he also nodded with him.

"Stop it you two. I told you to explore and not bother the others. Let us just be happy that you did not do something that could ruin his life. Can you please get the crystal? It is already full of energy from me channeling death energy from where you gathered it. You might have filled it on your own if you have enough time though." Adrian stated.

"Ah! Sorry! I got dazed for a second there. All I can say is thank you. I did not expect that you can actually do it. Thank you very much as you just made my mission easier, and I will call you, my benefactor." The dark elf player named Puch stated.

"You do not need to do that as everyone should help when they can. Anyways, I have to get going as I have to do something important now. Say goodbye you two." Adrian stated.

"Bye, weird elf guy." Kanlaon stated as he followed Adrian.

"Bye. Hope we can meet again next time." Sirius stated as he also followed behind Adrian.

"Ah! I forgot to ask him for his name. I did not even the name of those children or rather soulbounds. Nevertheless, he actually managed to fill up the crystal. The elder will still accept it right? I mean she did say to fill it up but not all by myself." Puch stated as he pranced back to the elder that gave him the mission.

Adrian had small talk with the tree of life and death while his soulbounds played with Vitae and Mortem. He did not need to wait long for Lime, Imiter and Imiter's family to come towards him. At first, they were blocked by the elven sentinels, but Adrian told them to let them pass.

"Welcome. You could say that this is the heart of the territory. Are you sure that you want to be my citizen? I mean, you can still go to a holy city if you really want protection. All I can offer you is my place but even I cannot guarantee the safety if you go out of its borders." Adrian asked Imiter.

"You do not have to worry as we owe the demons. When those faceless monsters were attacking our town, it was the demons that saved us. The guards in town helped but if the demons did not show up then our town would have been wiped." Imiter stated which made Adrian smile as the former seemed very genuine about his belief.

"I guess I need to show my appreciation for you as well. This is the first time that I am meeting someone called a Metamorph. Even the tree of life and death acknowledges you as a valid existence. I think that you should pray to it everyday seeing that it said that it likes you." Adrian stated as a joke, but Imiter and his family bowed with reverence upon the tree of life and death.

"I like them, Champion Equinox. I approve of their stay in the territory, but you already have a decision even if you did not want to consult me." The tree of life and death stated as it knew that Adrian already agreed partially to the demands of the people before him.

"Nothing should be freely handed in life or else they would get used to it and never work a day in their life. If you want something, then you have to earn it yourself since you will not feel satisfaction from getting something that is just handed down to you." Adrian replied via telepathy since him and the tree of life and death share a connection as long as the former is within his territory.

"I, Equinox, the Lord of Avalon. Hereby bestow Imiter and his family the citizenship of my territory." Adrian declared as the system automatically registered the names of Imiter and his family.

"Thank you, demon lord or lord demon." The parents of Imiter stated which made Adrian smile wryly.

"Why does that title feel a little chuuni? It is making me cringe somehow." Adrian thought as he responded.

"Just Young Lord or Lor will be fine. You do not have to affix the demon word on it as it makes me sound like the final boss that the hero must defeat." Adrian stated as he gets shy upon hearing such a cheesy title.

"Thank you once again. I cannot part with my son and those abominable things are always trying to find and kill him. We had to flee the town so that they could still remain safe from harm, but the others got caught up in the process." Imiter's mother stated as she started crying.

"I see. It must have been tough on all of you especially that the lady is with child." Adrian stated as he could sense another life present in the womb of the mother.

"My wife is pregnant?" Imiter's father stated in surprise as he also did not immediately believe what he just heard.

"Well, do not stress her too much since she is pregnant." Lime stated as she warned Imiter's father of stressing her wife.

"How did the esteemed young lord know?" Imiter's father asked.

"I am the Champion of the Twin Gods after all. One of them is the Goddess of Life and Death."
Adrian replied as he gave them a smile.