

O Summoner 641

Chapter 641 - Choosing An Evolution

Each of Kimat's evolution have their own requirement that is different. The easiest part of them is that each evolution requires Kimat to be above level 150 which he already crossed. The next steps are the only thing that Kimat needs in order to evolve.

Evolution Requirements for Lightning Cat

1. Achieve level 150
2. Gather Five Lightning Crystals (0/5)
3. Feed the Five Lightning Crystals to Kimat (0/5)
4. Kill Enemies that have the Lightning Element that is +/- 5 levels from Kimat (0/10)

Description: A peculiar monster that is said to have been an upgraded version of an elemental cat that now has its pure element covering its body. Despite being a cat, it is two meters long and one meter in height. It is said to have been a descendant of a tiger due to how big it is.

It is a balanced fighter that is said to rely on its great lightning control to confuse enemies. The Lightning Cat also relies on its magical aptitude compared to its physical aptitude, but it has balanced stats.

Evolution Requirements for Thunderstroke Panthera

1. Achieve Level 150
2. Gather Three Lightning Sapphires (0/3)
3. Feed the Five Lightning Sapphires to Kimat (0/3)
4. Kill enemies that have the Darkness Element that is +/- 5 levels from Kimat (0/10)

Description: An elusive type of monster that is said to have the powers of the darkness element and the lightning element. It is said to prowl on its prey for days if it has to. It is a master of stealth and quick attacks that it earned the name of lightning assassin.

It is a monster that is more reliant on its stealth and quickness to deliver a killing blow. It has better physical aptitude compared to its magical aptitude. It focuses more on agility and magic control.

Evolution Requirements for Thunderlight Tigris

1. Achieve Level 50
2. Gather One Lightning Magic Stone (Large) (0/1)
3. Feed the Lightning Magic Stone (Large) to Kimat (0/1)

4. Kill enemies with the Metal Element that is +/- 5 levels from Kimat (0/10)

Description: One of the most ferocious animals that is said to be as powerful as a thunderstrike and as fast as lightning. It mostly sacrificed its speed for the power coursing to its body, but it is still faster than other monsters.

It has a body made of metal that is perfect for conducting electricity. It is said to be a hybrid metal and lightning elemental monster. It has better defense compared to other cat type monsters due to the special metal fur it is enveloped. It is a balanced fighter but heavily relies on the strength of its body.

Each evolution is special and have their own quirks that make them special. The Lightning Cat is basically a version of Kimat that is an upgrade of his current form. The Thunderstroke Panthera is an assassin version of Kimat that relies on his sudden attacks and the darkness attribute.

The Thunderlight Tigris is a heavier but tankier version of Kimat. Adrian wants to evolve Kimat to this type of monster, but he does not know where he can get the items and the enemies needed to evolve his soulbound.

"I should search for the monsters myself. Metal type monsters are basically difficult to find, and they need to be close to Kimat's level. I can ask Piggy Bank to find the large lightning magic stone for me." Adrian muttered as he suddenly got visited by numerous elven elders.

"We are sorry for disturbing you, Champion Equinox. There is an urgent matter that needs to be done." One of the elders stated which made Adrian curious as they never went to him before for a task. This would be the first time that they are coming to him for something important.

"Is there something wrong that I need to fix?" Adrian asked as he thought that a quest would be given to him.

"It is not something wrong, but it is something urgent that we need to discuss. There is a huge slew of different races that are coming to your territory. They seem to want to immigrate here. The news even reached the beastkins as they are waiting for you to address them." Another elven elder told him.

Adrian became shocked as he thought that the other races would not arrive today at the moment, he unlocked his town. He thought that it would at least take them about a week or a few days before they arrive. He now had to stall evolving his soulbounds for the problem with the immigration.

Adrian got escorted by the elven elders to the edge of the territory and Adrian saw different groups of individuals that are present below them. It seems that they were not allowed to go to the floating island due to their sheer number.

The teleportation magic circle that got installed got destroyed when Adrian upgraded the floating island. The teleportation magic circle for the other island is being prioritized now instead of the one that brings them to the main floating island.

"I did not expect them to be this many already. I expected about ten or so but the fact that about two hundred or more has come is out of my expectations." Adrian uttered which made the elven elders also agree.

"Remember that these are just their representatives that want to immigrate here. It means that they could bring thousands of their race if you agree to them coming to this territory." Ascalor suddenly stated as he appeared beside Adrian which scared him.

"Why do they want to come to my territory when there are many unclaimed territories that are available right now?" Adrian asked Ascalor.

"They are not here for the food that we offer of course. They are here for protection as the other races present are the ones that are not strong enough to hold a territory. The crazy expansion that the humans made the other races leave their homes.." Ascalor stated in a serious tone as he could see some races that joined their war against the dark god.

Chapter 642 - Immigration Plan I

"I can see that some of the others were races that joined us in the fight against the dark god. I think I should prioritize in talking with them about their situation. They do not seem to be in great standing as their armor and clothes look worn down." Adrian stated as he created a spell that transported the first group that he needs to talk to.

Ascalor nodded with Adrian's decision and that there would be enough space even if all the demons stay in Avalon. Pann basically already transferred his pets to the territory since they needed sunlight to become healthy. The old man already imposed on Adrian, but the latter is not bothered because Pann produces food for the territory.

Adrian whisked the first group away which made the crowd clamor. He had to tell them what he did and how he will talk to each of their representatives. They would just have to wait below since they need for security purposes.

"I will talk to each of your representatives and see if you are fit to come live in my territory. Those that wish to come and live in my territory should think about what they can offer me in exchange. Make no mistake, I am offering you protection in exchange for your services." Adrian stated as he knew that he cannot just blindly take people in.

The first group that Adrian took in are people that look like a mix between a snake and a human female. They are Lamias and are on all female race since their conception. They need males of other races in order to produce offspring for their lineage to continue.

Lamias have a male counterpart called Nagas, but they are more violent and prideful compared to the Lamias. Nagas are also a society of warriors which meant that the weak are killed off in battle and only the strong may survive.

Adrian did not have a chair, so the elven elders made one with the use of their Nature magic. A table and chairs are made in order to accommodate the guests. Adrian sat in the table while the elven elders and Ascalor are beside him.

Adrian thought it was strange that they were not sitting with him, but they ensured him that this arrangement is better. Adrian also offered Ascalor a seat, but he also declined saying that he needed to stand to stretch his old bones.

"Welcome, Lamias. This place is called Avalon and what might be the reason that you came to my territory." Adrian stated which made the leader of the Lamias exclaim in shock.

The leader of the Lamias thought that Adrian was just the representative but to think that he is the actual lord of the land. They thought that the elven elders and Ascalor let him sit down as their representative, but it seems that that was not the case.

"Pardon us for the intrusion my lord." The leader of the Lamias stated as she bowed which made the other lamias uncomfortable as she was bowing to someone younger than her.

"It is of no offense as your valiant race has aided us in defeating the dark god and his followers. I do not like beating around the bush so what is it that you desire?" Adrian asked as he still have other groups to talk to.

"We would like to ask for the protection of the lord. It pains me to admit but the Lamias are in need of land that we can call our home. We shall not do it for free as we have heard that you only take in those with talent that they can offer." The leader of the Lamias stated.

"What is it that you are good at that will want me to let you live in my territory?" Adrian stated as he released some of his Asmodian aura that made him very imposing. The lamias that looked down on Adrian could only swallow their pride as they are in front of a real ruler.

"We might be saying this, and you might think that this is an exaggeration, but we are Herbalists that have trained in the natural arts that have been taught by the ancient druids. This land is plentiful of medicinal plants, and they grow as if they are weeds.

If you let us live in your territory, then we will offer you our services in creating tonics from the medicinal herbs that are plentiful in this territory. We will give our labor for free to the lord of the land in exchange for the safety of our race." The leader of the Lamias stated as she bowed deeply which the other Lamias stated.

"Before the young lord gives his answer, what happened to your territory that is hidden in the mountains? You said that the mountains that you live on is a natural barrier for invading enemies." Ascalor stated as he did not know the situation of the races that joined their coalition since he was fixing rifts that kept appearing in the world.

"When the humans started their greedy conquests, other races have joined in as well in the bloody wars. Our mountain was claimed by the orcs that came from the other mountain as they claim that an Orc Lord has been born and is leading them." The leader of the Lamias stated as she clenched her fist from remembering how they were driven out of their home.

"Did you say that an Orc Lord has been born?! This is serious as orcs tend to follow those that are the strongest of their race. If the Orc Lord wished for needless conquest, then all of the orcs will blindly follow him or her." An elven elder pointed out which made Adrian perk his ears.

"I think we should accept them. Not because they are pitiful but the fact that they are Herbalists is a great help to your territory. You can market it to the other merchants in order to grow the economy." One of the elven elders telepathically told Adrian but he already made his decision.

"I agree that your race can come to my territory, but they must swear loyalty to me and no one else.." Adrian stated which made the Lamias jump in glee.

Chapter 643 - Immigration Plan II

The Lamias returned to their current settlement in order to move their whole group. It seems that they only number in the five hundred which meant that there are still any slots for resident in his territory. Adrian also received a notification and a mission about the new race that he accepted.

[You have accepted the 533 Lamia race individuals in your territory.]

QUEST NOTIFICATION

Double Their Number

The Lamias are having a hard time propagating due to them being constantly running away from those that want to bring them harm. Now that you have accepted them in your territory, it is your duty as their lord to ensure that their species continues.

Difficulty: S

Reward Condition: Double the current number of the Lamias

Reward: Unlock the Lamia Race for your Territory for the whole player base..

Failure: None

Time Limit: None

Adrian did not expect to have a racial unlocking quest to be available to him. It would mean that he can unlock the Lamia race for the whole player base if he succeeds in doubling the number of Lamias in his territory.

The quest difficulty is expected but there is no time limit which meant that Adrian could take his time. The elven elders did report that the territory is blessed with fertility which meant that he would have a higher chance to increase the population of the Lamias.

Adrian talked to the representative of the races one by one like what a real lord of a territory should do. He accepted some while he rejected those that had impure intentions. He also turned down those that just came for the blessing of the tree of life and death.

One of the most problematic of the races that he talked to is the Lizardmen. They were definitely an aggrieve race, but they all became docile when Adrian summoned Kanlaon. Lizardmen are like the dragonkin, and they basically treat dragons as gods.

The only difference is that the Lizardmen that came started to worship Adrian for being able to make a dragon obey him. They started becoming fanatic believers of Adrian since he managed to make a dragon his soulbound.

Adrian was about to turn them down when Pann suddenly intruded in the conversation and told Adrian to accept them. They were only in the hundreds, so it was not a problem to accept them, but Pann needed them for something.

It seems that Pann created a marshland in the other floating island as a way to cultivate feed for his capricorns. He wants the lizardmen to be the ones to tend to his crops there and he would also pay them. The lizardmen immediately agreed as they are accustomed to marshlands and that they want to be in the presence of Adrian who they now worship.

The last group of individuals finally came but Adrian is visibly tired from talking to all the other races that came to him. He managed to almost fill the territory by half as he mostly agreed to the faekin being able to live in his territory.

There are also some beastkins that wish to migrate as they are the ones that are not well-versed in living in The Wilde. Adrian accepted them since he is indebted to the Faekin and the Selvaggians. They will also swear loyalty to Adrian as they will be something like dual citizens.

The one that Adrian had to vehemently refuse was Elder Danaya as she wanted to live in Adrian's territory as well. The other dryads that came with her are practically sending signals to Adrian to always refuse the elder dryad as she is an important person in Alfheim.

Elder Danaya left the territory crying with the other dryads carrying her away like a spoiled child. The last group of individuals are ones that wore a hood but Adrian and Ascalor could already feel what type of beings they are because they share their blood.

"To think that the Daemonios would come to the territory of a demon. Have you come to be punished for the sins of your forefathers?" Ascalor stated as he already knew what kind of individuals they are even if they wore a cloak.

"I guess there is no use in wearing this disguise as an Arch Demon could easily see through it." A familiar voice came from one of the hooded individuals.

Adrian recognized the voice that came from one of the hooded individuals but at the same time he felt it was different. He recognizes the voice, but it sounds more like the voice of an older version of the one he talked to when he first came to a magic tower.

"Emrys." Adrian muttered which made the leader of the hooded individuals happy that he was remembered.

"It seems that the young lord remembers me from my voice, but I am no longer as young as I used to be." Emrys stated as he revealed his appearance.

The Emrys that Adrian encountered only used the appearance of an old man, but he actually looked like a middle-aged man. The Emrys that is now in front of him looks like an old man that is in his hundreds due to how weak and feeble he looks.

Adrian is at a loss for words at how the changes drastically changed the former imperial sorcerer. He then remembered that Emrys was nowhere to be found when the imperial capital was attacked. It means that his condition has been present even before the attack of the fallen imperial capital.

"It seems that he has been struck by a curse. Even the best priest of the Church of Life and Death will be unable to cleanse such a curse on him. Only a god level being will be able to cure him, or an ancient dragon could possibly cure him, but they do not care of 'lower beings'." Ascalor stated as he examined Emrys' body.

"You are correct, Arch Demon. I have been struck by that Arch Lich by some sort of curse that came from that cursed finger. I tried everything and I could not dispel the curse. Only my abundant mana is keeping me alive." Emrys stated which made Adrian shocked as an important NPC became almost useless just like that.

Chapter 644 - The Daemonios

Emrys is no longer the powerful wizard that he was. He is now just an old man that has normal magical energy as his vast amounts of mana is being used to stop the curse from spreading to his body. The other individuals that he is with are more like people that are his medical helpers.

They do not have the same amount of mana as Emrys, but they are also undeniably Daemonios. Beings that have the blood of demons but look more human as their demon blood has diluted over the years. Emrys seems to be special as he was born with a higher density of demon blood which made him the strongest of the half demons.

"Like the rest of the races that want to immigrate here in my territory, what can you offer in exchange for living here?" Adrian asked as he looked at Emrys with seriousness.

Adrian might not believe in stuff like the past defines a person but the rebellion of the Daemonios surely made the Daemos have some lingering resentment. The Daemos are basically immortal which means that they remember and probably lived through the betrayal of the Daemonios.

"We cannot offer much but we are proficient when it comes to magic of all elements as our constitution is different from normal humans." Emrys stated..

"If it is just guards then us, Daemos, are enough since our spatial and time magic offer better protection than you think." Ascalor stated as he is clearly a bit mad at the Daemonios.

"I am sure that you are saying that because of what our ancestors did but let me gently remind you that we age like humans. We may age slower than normal humans, but we still die unlike the Daemos that do not age. Your race might not have forgotten what happened but the majority of the Daemonios do not know of what happened." Emrys stated as he could feel the slight anger from Ascalor.

"You are correct that some of us have not let go of what your ancestors did but being proficient in magic is not enough. There are other races that came before you that are masters in their own attributes. You must offer something that is of more value if you really want to stay in my territory." Adrian stated as he released his Asmodian aura.

"We knew that our magic proficiency will not be enough which is why we brought a gift." Emrys stated as he gestured to bring the thing that they brought to the table where Adrian is at.

"Wait there. I will come and get your gift and examine it." One of the elven elders stated as they received the gift and unveiled it before Adrian.

The gift that the Daemonios gave is none other than a processed magic stone. The elven elders looked at it with great interest as they never seen fine craftsmanship when it came to magic stones. The layering is perfect to the point that the magic stone is not even damaged.

"Where did you get such fine engraved magic stone?" One of the elven elders asked.

"That is the product of our secret technique in creating a layered magic stone. We, the Daemonios, have made it ourselves. I believe that this will be important enough for us to stay in your territory." Emrys stated as he knows the great value of this magic stone.

The layering that they created made the magic stone 50% more effective as it increased the mana that it gathered and stored. They basically made enhancement on magic stones which will make it more powerful when it is used as a material for crafting equipment.

"This is a valuable thing, Champion Equinox. A layered magic stone like this will cost a fortune even for kings of nations. It can also be processed to create magic barriers or magic spells that act as defensive mechanisms." One of the elven elders stated which also made Ascalor agree.

"Should we accept them?" Adrian asked Ascalor as he knew that other Daemos might give the Daemonios a difficult time.

"Although their ancestors are the ones that sinned, you cannot say that the past will not repeat. We shall put them under surveillance but their technique in creating magic stones is important. That research freak of an elder will also agree as he believes that knowledge is power." Ascalor stated but he is still wary of the Daemonios.

"In exchange for your valuable craftsmanship technique in processing magic stones, we shall accept the Daemonios in my territory. All of you must pledge your loyalty to me when all of your group arrives. Those that do not pledge their loyalty will be sent away be it children, adult or elderly." Adrian stated as he used his imposing aura.

"A safe haven is all that we could ask for. Thank you, young lord. My heart is now lighter seeing that my people will be granted safe passage from the harm that the world is facing right now." Emrys stated as he bowed to Adrian.

The dignity of the Imperial Grand Wizard is no longer visible but the aura of an old man that is heavily cursed. Adrian could find a way to cure Emrys' curse, but he was not asked to do that. He will not move unless he is told to or commissioned to action.

When the Daemonios left, Adrian stood up from his seat and inspected the other floating island that will be the new land where those that immigrate will stay. He already put the areas into sections and asked the elves to create temporary tree houses made from Nature magic for the new residents.

He also saw the marshlands that Pann created, and he saw the Lizardmen already doing their jobs. They stopped their work and kneeled when they saw Adrian pass by, but they are dedicated to their responsibilities.

Adrian knew that different races living together in an area will not immediately lead to harmony. He asked the elven elders and Daemos to handle disputes while he is not around. In the end, Adrian is smiling because of the increasing specialties that he could make.

Chapter 645 - Claiming Neo Alfheim

The Evergreen guild immediately tried to claim Neo Alfheim when they heard the news of territorial expansion of the kingdoms. The territorial expansion of the kingdoms did not stop but they are in a stalemate due to the sudden increase of their territories.

They did not expect that the uninhabited territory will become a field as they needed to defeat the field boss and clear all the monsters in the area. They did not expect that they had to use the full force of their guild in order to clear a lower-level field.

They did not have much difficulty in clearing the field as some have already change their job classes to Priest of Twilight. They are an elven exclusive priest class that can use both life and death magic spells. The versatility of the priest class increased due to this change.

There are also those that changed to a dark elf in order to focus more on death attribute magic spells. They are the ones that made it easier to clear field bosses that are normally difficult to defeat with smaller groups.

They had to defeat about twenty field bosses which meant that the Evergreen guild is already stretched thin. It is not only the field bosses that they clashed with as other guilds tried to steal the territory that they are aiming for..

Each field boss yielded a different 'Piece for the land Deed' and they do not always drop it which meant that they needed to continuously raid the field boss until it drops it. The Evergreen guild managed to collect all twenty pieces of the Land Deed in under five days.

They celebrated this fact by immediately activating the Land Deed and claimed the fallen Neo Alfheim as their new base of operations. While they were cleaning up their new claimed territory, a notification about a player named Equinox establishing a Town appeared to all players.

"He really is in a different league compared to normal players. How is he able to do those things while other guilds even do not have a territory? Thankfully, our territory does not fall in any kingdom zone which means that we do not need to pay them tax." Cersei stated as she did not like the concept of another kingdom getting money from your territory just because it falls under their banner.

"Equinox is just in another league. Do you think he will represent his country in the upcoming Pandelympics? I really wanted to finish my quest with him right now but the training for the Pandelympics takes precedent." Mariposa stated as she looked a bit sad.

"The important thing is that almost all of the executives in our guild have been chosen to fight in the upcoming Pandelympics. This is a great blessing to our guild and is a great notion that our guild is going strong." Anastacia stated as he too is chosen to represent her country.

"May the best person win in the Pandelympics but we must start building things in our territory in order to solidify its position. The others have already cleared the nearby fields. The field bosses

now spawn longer and farther to our current position when we activated the Land Deed." Cersei added.

The only thing that we need to do is to defend our territory for two days. Thankfully, the other top guilds are doing the same which means that the next two days will be easier than fighting field bosses." Mariposa stated as she sighed from needing to defeat the same boss ten times in order for it to drop a piece of the Land Deed.

"We should still not let our guard down as players are not the only problem. There is information that a monster horde will arrive at the second day of defense. We must stay prepared for the monster horde that comes." Anastacia stated as she remembered the streams of other top guilds showing monster hordes attacking their territory on the last day.

On the first day of the territory defense, nothing much happened as some monsters just strayed from their areas. The night of the first day was different though as the howls and cries of the monsters could be heard all around them.

The moment the clock ticked to midnight; hordes of nocturnal monsters started to attack the Evergreen guild. The Evergreen guild already built a working schedule just in case something like these happens as not everyone can be online all the time or for the whole day.

The defense of the territory that the Evergreen guild claimed became an uphill battle as stronger monsters started to appear after every hour. In the end, about ten field bosses appeared at the last hour of defense. They also received a notification that they need to clear all the monsters in order to complete the mission.

The Evergreen guild finished the last bout but not without sacrifice. Most of their members died at least once but they successfully claimed the territory. The moment that the Evergreen guild claimed the territory, Anastacia immediately planted the seed of the Tree of Life in the center of their territory.

This is given as a gift to Anastacia for becoming the Envoy of the Life. She endured great trials in order to change her job class into a unique one. It seems that unique job classes were increased as a response to the growing player population but that did not mean that they can be obtained easily.

The moment that Anastacia planted the seed tree of life, a little sprout started to appear on the ground. The Tree of Life did not immediately grow into a large tree like Yewdrassil but it still emitted a thick amount of life energy.

"This tree will be the start of our climb to the top. Just like this tree, we will grow into a sturdy branch that will make others tilt their heads up when they look at what we achieved. This is the start of the rise of our guild." Anastacia announced which made the other Evergreen guild members cheer.

Chapter 646 - Hunt For The Lightning Magic Stone I

Adrian has now completed all the things that he needed to do for the territory. All he needs now is an architect that can build the things that he needs. He wanted to create the guild already, but he needs at least five more members to be present.

He decided to hunt for the material that is needed for Kimat to evolve into a Thunderlight Tigris. He does not know where to actually find the Large Lightning Magic Stone, but he knows that it might be obtained from lightning attribute monsters or areas where the lightning element is prevalent.

The thing that he needs to do is find an area that is governed by lightning attribute monsters, but he has never heard of an area like that. He then remembered that the northern part of the eastern continent is under the governance of the Azure Dragon.

The Azure Dragon is a holy beast that is said to govern the lightning of the heavens. If Adrian could find a large Lightning Magic Stone, then it would definitely be in the northern part of the eastern continent. The only problem for him is the way to the northern part as the other holy beasts do not like him.

While Adrian is pondering of a way to get to the northern part of the eastern continent, he suddenly remembered that Peridot is actually a resident of the Azure Palace that is located at the northern part of the eastern continent.. She is practically royalty in the eastern continent and would be Adrian's ticket to success.

Adrian immediately called Peridot and learned that she is currently in the eastern continent. They already decided where they will meet. They will meet in an area that is not under the four holy beasts but by a mysterious sage which is the middle part of the eastern continent.

Adrian immediately teleported to the southern part of the eastern continent where the Vermillion Bird reigns. It is only this part of the eastern continent where he is safe. The inhabitants of the southern part of the eastern continent are even very respectful to him since he is the friend of the Vermillion Bird.

Adrian noticed that the southern part of the eastern continent has greatly changed from his last visit. There are now more inhabitants and definitely bustling energy for the whole territory. It seems that the Vermillion Bird is getting more powerful by the second that it is being revered.

Adrian did not have time to talk to the Vermillion Bird, but he also needs to know the passage to the area of Kunlun. The middle territory of the eastern continent is a large mountain that is named Kunlun by the mysterious sage said to be inhabiting it.

Thankfully, Peridot sent Adrian a copy of the map of the eastern continent which is very rare. To actually just give a complete map of the eastern continent meant that she is loaded. A map like that is generally priced at a thousand gold coins at the very least.

Adrian summoned Sirius and rode the Abyssal Fenrir around which garnered lots of attention. A demon riding a gigantic wolf is definitely something eye catching. It is also the first time that Adrian learned of what buff Sirius gave.

[You have summoned your soulbound Sirius.]

[Your damage is increased by 15% while Sirius is active on the battlefield.]

[Your evasion rate has been increased by 5%.]

[This buff is active to the summoner and all sources that is linked to him.]

The two buffs that Sirius gave are an increase in damage and evasion rate which is plenty overpowered in Adrian's opinion. Sirius just basically buffed himself by 15% increased damage and 5% evasion rate just by being summoned.

Adrian felt that the buff is definitely helpful because a decrease in a summoner's way of fighting via soulbound meant that they will be weakened. The buff is a way for the summoner class to have enough damage as before but lesser the soulbounds active since they are literally a one-man army.

Adrian set off immediately upon seeing what the buffs given by Sirius are. He headed towards the north of the southern part of the eastern territory. The map that was given to him told him to follow a stream that he will encounter just outside of the Vermillion Bird's territory.

With the help of the map and Sirius' speed, Adrian reached the end of the Vermillion Bird's territory in under an hour. He encountered a stream immediately upon exiting the territory and followed it due west.

On the way to the mountain called Kunlun, Adrian encountered a situation that can only be said to be in every historical drama or novel. A carriage is being attacked by bandits and it seems that the guards protecting it are losing.

Adrian wanted to ignore the carriage since he does not want to get tied to the eastern continent as the central continent is already difficult and tiring as it is. Adrian is about to ignore it when one of the guards in the carriage had a black butterfly as a tattoo in her arm.

The carriage might not be related to the Heihudie clan but that woman acting as the handmaiden of the one inside the carriage is definitely someone from that clan. Adrian had no choice but to summon two more of his soulbounds that focused on attack.

"Greater Summon: Kanlaon."

"Greater Summon: Kimat."

[You have summoned your soulbound Kanlaon.]

[Your fire and water elemental damage are increased by 15% while Kanlaon is active on the battlefield.]

[Your fire and water resistance are increased by 30% while Kanlaon is active on the battlefield.]

[This buff is active to the summoner and all sources that is linked to him.]

[You have summoned your soulbound Kimat.]

[Your speed and agility are increased by 15% while Kimat is active on the battlefield.]

[Your lightning resistance has been increased by 10% while Kimat is active on the battlefield.]

[This buff is active to the summoner and all sources that is linked to him.]

Chapter 647 - Hunt For The Lightning Magic Stone II

The carriage is being surrounded by bandits that outnumber the guards protecting it. Some of the guards have already fallen. Adrian immediately commanded the three soulbounds that he summoned to take care of the bandits.

The bandits are not that much different from Adrian's level which meant that he could deal with two at a time. Adrian decided to sit this fight since he wanted to test just how well does the buffs hold for the soulbounds.

The bandits did not expect attacks from monsters while they were attacking the carriage. They have yet to do what they came here for and that is to kill the noble inside the carriage. It seems that the noble is an important person that will be wed to a lord in an area.

The marriage of the two will forge an alliance that some of the other ruling class in the eastern continent do not like. The holy beasts might prevent people from attempting doing something bad in the open but that did not mean that they cannot use sneaky means.

The bandits are actual bandits that were hired by a certain noble to make it look like the attack on the bride is a bandit attack.. They planned this meticulously so that they will not get caught in the tail even though they are the masterminds.

The bandits might be strong but that only applied to human opponents. The three soulbounds easily killed off the bandits that were near the carriage. They were most afraid of Kanlaon as they did not expect such a revered dragon to appear in their midst.

Some of them even attempted to flee but Adrian pulled them back to the area using his Quantum Cascade. The bandits that tried escaping could only lament their bad luck. They might have become too greedy to accept this job that paid a lot. If something is too good to be true, then it probably is.

The bandits that came are not the full force of their whole group. One of the bandits managed to send a signal before dying in the hands of Sirius. Adrian noticed that numerous individuals are starting to gather towards the area of the smoke that is released by the dead bandit.

"This will not do. There are still a lot of enemies left." Adrian stated as he started casting Quantum Dispersion in a large area. The spell might have cost about three times more, but the area has been widened by about three times as well.

The bandits that suddenly came rushing forward that entered the area of the Quantum Dispersion got blown away with Adrian's snap of a finger. Numerous rushing bandits got blown towards trees or mountain walls. The lucky ones just got flung to an open area but that did not mean they did not receive damage.

The damage of the Quantum Dispersion might be minimal but all he needed was to buy time. Adrian's soulbounds finished off the last bandit by attacking the poor guy simultaneously. The next wave of bandits that came could only see their comrades dying which made them go berserk.

The guards protecting the carriage are also wary of Adrian's soulbounds since they do not know if they are just wild monsters or if someone is controlling them. The guards are wary but they still looked fierce as they saw another wave of bandits arrive.

Adrian, who is just watching what was happening from afar felt an oppressive power that can only come from boss type monster. He has felt this sensation with a field boss since dungeon bosses have a different suppressive power coming from them.

He noticed that one of the bandits looked bulkier and emitted an aura that could be said to be fierce. Adrian could clearly see that the unusual bandit should be the leader of the bandits attacking the carriage. Adrian immediately checked the information about the bandit and surprised that it is actually a named boss.

Name: Zhang Zimo (NPC) (Unique Field Boss)

Level: 180

Title: Bandit Lord

Status: Intoxicated, Annoyed

Job Class: Bandit (Martial Artist)

Description: A retired high-ranking soldier that has resorted to becoming a bandit as he was discharged for his unscrupulous behavior towards others. He might have become a bandit, but he could still use martial arts that is taught by the eastern continent army.

"So, he is not a simple bandit but a bandit that can do martial arts. I could already guess from the spear that he is holding but he is holding booze even at a battlefield. I could already guess what kind of behavior he had for the army to throw him away." Adrian muttered but he could see that being Intoxicated does not entirely stop the might of a martial artist.

Zhang Zimo wielded his spear like a master that ended the life of the already small number of guards that carriage had. Adrian was about to command Sirius to protect the carriage but the girl from the Heihudie clan walked out of the carriage.

"Stop this behavior at once and we will spare you other subordinates." The girl from the Heihudie clan commanded but there was a hint of doubt in her voice.

"You think that we will stop? We will only stop when both of you are in their graves but that does not mean that I will not have my fun with you. Maybe even my boys will have their fun after I am done with you. Those weak ones that you killed are not worthy of my bandit group anyways." Zhang Zimo announced which made the other bandits laugh maniacally.

"Dirty bastard." The girl from the Heihudie clan stated as she brought out two bells that jingled.

The next thing that happened even surprised Adrian as numerous strings came out of the bells and entangled all the bandits that were coming close to their carriage. The guards that surrounded the carriage killed off the bandits that got caught.

Zhang Zimo got enraged even further but Kanlaon immediately spewed his breath at the Bandit Lord to stop his advance.

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Kanlaon released his breath attack at Zhang Zimo but the Bandit Lord is not an easy foe. Zhang Zimo twirled his spear at Kanlaon's breath attack and the force it generated became a shield that nullified the attack.

Zhang Zimo smiled as an attack of a dragon is this weak and that it boosted his confidence that he could actually block an attack from a real one. What he did not know is that the shadow behind him suddenly became bigger and Sirius came out of it.

[Sirius has applied Bleed on the Boss NPC Zhang Zimo. The Boss NPC Zhang Zimo will lose 0.01% health every second.]

Sirius would have bitten off the head of Zhang Zimo if not for one of his henchmen that warned the boss NPC. Sirius bit Zhang Zhimo's right shoulder instead and applied a stack of Poison of God. A green aura could be seen suddenly covering Zhang Zimo as he jumped away from the fight to gain distance from Sirius.

Zhang Zimo got covered in a green aura that seemed to be his healing mechanism, but Sirius' Poison of God neutralized any type of healing ability once it is applied.. The bite wound on Zhang Zimo's right shoulder did not close or stop bleeding. For the first time, the martial artist and now bandit boss, Zhang Zimo, felt fear for his life.

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Adrian could see the fear on the Boss NPC's eyes and he could feel that he would definitely escape if he gest the chance. This is the reason why Adrian does not like fighting NPCs as they might not hit as hard as monsters, but they know when to attack and retreat.

He has read of stories of other players in the forum stating their frustration about catching NPCs with high bounties. They were slippery as an eel when they need to scape, and they also have great battle sense when the odds are in their favor.

"I should join the battle now." Adrian decided but he still looked at the side of the noble's carriage.

The girl from the Heihudie clan can be seen doing a great job in suppressing the bandits that are coming close to them, but she looks tired from over exhaustion of her mana. Adrian could clearly see that the bandits are not even supporting their boss and is finishing up their job.

"Paradox, summon the Primordial Armament: Spear!" Adrian commanded and the spear Primordial Armament appeared out of nowhere.

[Your skill Primordial Stance has been activated.]

[Primordial Stance: Spear has been activated. Stats will be rearranged to accommodate the form.]

[Your Strength stat has been increased by 25%.]

[Your Agility stat has been increased by 25%.]

[Your Intelligence Stat has been decreased by 50%.]

[Obtained the temporary passive skill: Wrath of the Galaxy.]

Skill: Wrath of the Galaxy

Tier: Unique

Type: Passive

Effect: For every five hits that you deal an enemy, you will create a small explosion on the body of the enemy hit by your attack. The five-hit counter for this skill is affected by both basic attacks and active skills.

If the wielder of the Spear Primordial Armament hits more than five opponents in a short span, the small explosion will occur on the fifth enemy that will be hit. You can also control the Spear Primordial Armament better via telepathic commands.

Cooldown: None

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: 1 second

The new skill that Adrian was given is something very useful to him as he can now control the spear to move with just using his mind. He did not need to physically hold it, but it came with limitations. Adrian is not able to use the skills of the spear if he wields it telepathically.

Adrian's clothes also transformed to fit his theme as the embellishes and superficial designs on his clothes disappeared. His clothes became clean looking with a slick martial artist style just like those portrayed in Wushia novels.

Adrian's horns also seemed like they became covered by another layer of bone as it did not show it burning in gray fire. Instead, Adrian's horns have golden marks on it like it is a masterful decoration. If Adrian lost his horn, then he could pass as one of the noble martial artists that live in the eastern continent.

The only ornament in Adrian's body will be the dragon looking belt that he has on. The dragon seemed to be similar to Kanlaon in color. His clothes alternated in the gray, black and white colors. With Adrian transforming, he is now ready to wreak havoc on the current enemies.

Adrian willed his spear to fly and cut the heads of the bandits that are suppressed by the strings created by the girl from the Heihudie Clan. She got surprised to see an aura weapon helping them which meant that a great martial artist is near their location.

From the Heihudie Clan girl's knowledge, only martial artists can form their intent into weapons and command them to kill their enemies with just a thought. Adrian did not know that his activity became misunderstood, but he did not care as the boss NPC is now actively pursuing Sirius.

Adrian could see that Zhang Zimo is getting accustomed to fighting his three soulbounds despite getting damaged with every time they attack. Once Adrian decided that the bandits surrounding the carriage can be taken care of by the guards, he switched his offensive to the Boss NPC.

Zhang Zimo did not expect a flying spear to suddenly target him, but he was able to deflect it with a wide slash from his own spear. The only problem for Zhang Zimo is that a hole appeared on his defense. All three attacks of the soulbounds reached the boss NPC in a timely manner as if orchestrated by Adrian in perfection.

[Sirius has applied five stacks of Poison of God on Zhang Zimo.]

[Kanlaon has applied burn on Zhang Zimo.]

[Kanlaon has applied frost on Zhang Zimo.]

[Kimat has stunned Zhang Zimo for one second.]

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Zhang Zimo has gotten afflicted by numerous status ailments that prevented him from escaping. He tried moving his body, but it would not respond to his thoughts. A boss NPC is actually locked down by multiple status ailments.

This would not normally happen, but the effect of the Poison of God is very effective against living beings. One by one, the bandits fell as they tried to rescue their leader as they knew that saving him is the only thing that can help them escape.

They could not run away as they get pulled back to the area of the battle every time they wish to escape. They feel as if they are puppets with strings attached to them because they cannot escape the area that they are in.

The bandits felt as if they have offended an Immortal as they can see that a sacred being like a dragon is serving it. One of the most elusive beings and could be said to stand on equal tiers to holy beasts are the so-called Immortals.

They are beings that could be described as 'people who transcended mortality'. Even Adrian knows of them because the area he is going towards is being managed by an immortal.. Although, he does not know how many Immortals exist because they rarely show themselves and said to even blend in mortal society.

One thing that made the bandits have this conclusion is the floating spear that keeps killing off their comrades. The one controlling the spear did not even bother showing himself which meant that he values himself highly like the rumors of the Immortals.

The bandits are quickly getting reduced because the guards protecting the carriage have rested a bit and is now on the offensive. The girl from the Heihudie clan is still protecting the carriage but exhaustion could be clearly seen on her face as she is also kneeling on one knee.

Even the guards of the carriage are already panting and sweat could be seen dribbling down on them. Suddenly, a heavenly note entered the ears of everyone in the area. With just one pluck of a certain string instrument, all the exhaustion of the guards and the girl from the Heidudie Clan vanished.

Adrian, who heard the sound, could feel something different from the energy released by the note. He felt something divine rush from the inside of the carriage. He definitely felt that a rush of divine energy come out of the carriage to bless those that are helping the one inside.

Even Adrian did not know of skills that could perfectly heal their allies health and stamina. Saena could do that, but she would die as a result because of the large drawbacks of giving life energy to her allies. The skill that was used just now did not have any drawbacks and even increased the strength of the carriage owner's allies.

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Zhang Zimo could not believe that their targets suddenly got back and returned back to full energy. He was confident that they could at least kill their target while sacrificing some of his men but now the story is different.

"I need to escape as throwing my life in this stupid area. I will just return that money as I already have reservations taking it in the first place. I should not have accepted the shady job in the first place as no one is willing to pay a star crystal to kill one maiden." Zhang Zhimo muttered to himself as he looked for a way to escape.

Zhang Zimo tried to sprint away, but Adrian saw this and immediately used the violent way to bring someone back. Adrian used Quantum Dispersion and made the space in front of Zhang Zimo explode. The Boss NPC got blown away as he did not expect a sudden attack like that because he managed to shake off the three monsters that are cornering him.

Suddenly, a spear came flying down on his back and slashed it. The spear followed up with four more attacks and a mark suddenly appeared on his body. The mark suddenly exploded and dealt damage to him that he did not expect. He could feel that his flesh exploded from the spell as blood got splattered.

"Finish him." Adrian commanded his three soulbounds.

The three soulbound did not disobey their master as they prepared their attacks at full power. Zhang Zimo got hit and it did not take long before a series of attacks followed. The last attack that Zhang Zimo could see is a spear chopping of his flying neck.

He could not even say anything to curse the one that plotted to kill him. In the end of his life, the boss NPC thought that he was set up to get killed by those that paid him. He did not know that some things were just meant to be as Adrian would have not reached the area if he was late.

Had Adrian opted to visit the Vermillion Bird then a different sight would have welcomed him on his way. He would have seen the carriage totally destroyed and everyone that guarded or inside of it as corpses littering the ground.

Sometimes fate has a way of making sure that something good will happen to those that are not evil. It may come unexpectedly, or it might not come as fate is a cruel mistress. Seeing their boss get killed, the remaining bandits tried to escape but Adrian sent his three soulbounds to clean up the remaining bandits.

Sirius and Kimat easily did that as they are faster and could smell their prey. Kanlaon used the air to his advantage as he lay waste on the bandits that were on the ground. Adrian did not sit still as he also commanded the spear to finish off some of the remaining bandits.

The guards of the carriage suddenly felt that they might be next as they guarded their ruined carriage with looks of persons ready to throw away their life.

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Adrian did not immediately show himself to the ones he rescued. He is definitely upset though because the rewards for killing the boss NPC was unsatisfactory. The only thing that is worth something is the spear that the boss NPC dropped.

[You have received the Crystal Bone Spear.]

Item: Crystal Bone Spear

Tier: Epic (Evolvable)

Type: Two Handed Weapon

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Effects:

-Has a 10% chance to penetrate the targets defense.

-Has a 50% chance of causing bleed to an opponent.

-Increases Critical Strike Chance by 5%

Description: A spear that has its strength still sealed as the previous owner could not unlock its inherent strong power. It is made from the skeleton of a Crystal Bone Snake that is said to live deep underground for thousands of years in order to fortify its bones that are made of a natural sharp mineral.

Restrictions:

-Able to wield a spear

-Level 190

Dexterity of 100 or above

This is the only decent item that Adrian could get despite cleaning up hundreds of bandits. The other things that he received are just experience points and some pocket change. Then again, bandits do not really carry money with them which is the reason for the small money drops.

"If I knew that I will just get this much then I would have not helped at all. Selling this spear will only just return me in five hundred or so gold coins. I wish I am lucky and encounter a golden goblin." Adrian muttered to himself.

The golden goblin is a special monster that is said to have the ability to breach other dimensions. Another interesting fact about it would be that it is a hoarder of precious items. It is actually timid and would run away when attacked but it is actually very high leveled in reality.

There is one encounter of a golden goblin which made one player become extremely powerful. The player managed to surprise the golden goblin and it dropped a job change scroll when it went to flee. The one who got it is currently the number two mage in the rankings.

"Master, what should we do with them?" Sirius asked as he eyed the broken carriage and the guards that surrounded it.

"They seem to be guarding someone important. They are releasing an intense amount of bloodlust against us despite being the ones that helped them." Kanlaon stated as he hovered just above the carriage.

"I am hungry." Kimat stated which made Sirius give him a serious look.

Adrian is debating whether to show himself or just abruptly disappear. He decided the latter as he did not want to keep Peridot waiting. He is about to leave when the girl from the Heihudie Clan suddenly shouted.

"Benefactor, may we know your name and face? Our lady wants to thank you personally." The girl from the Heihudie Clan shouted despite the guards telling her that it is not a great idea.

Adrian pondered as he too became curious of the noble lady that they are guarding. To be able to cure everything with just one sound would mean that she is the most powerful bard in this game.

"I should at least introduce myself. Who knows...they might even give me a reward in exchange for helping them? A noble lady should have lots of spending power since their fathers tend to spoil them.

"Mistress Fei, you should not provoke that person. That person has a great beast by his side." One of the guards stated as he looked at Kanlaon looking down on them from above.

"Benefactor! Are you there?!" Fei stated out loud as her friend that she accompanied dressed as a servant wanted to see the one who helped them in their time of need.

Scenes like banditry and death is not uncommon in the eastern continent. You could even say that there are more deaths in the eastern continent than the central continent due to constant power struggles of sects.

Adrian did not want to just easily show himself as he wanted to test if these individuals could be trusted. He sent the spear flying down towards Fei, but she did not even try to dodge. The guards did not react fast enough, but Fei was not in danger as the spear landed about an inch from her body.

"I see. You are really from that clan then. I should not have doubted my eyes when I saw your special mark." Adrian stated as his spear dematerialized, and he returned to his normal appearance.

"Demon!" The guards reacted but Fei told them to stand their ground.

Adrian remained floating in mid-air using his wings, but Kanlaon offered his head, so Adrian unfurled his wings and lay on top of his dragon's head lazily. Fei wanted to question Adrian why he could see her special butterfly mark as only those of the Heihudie clan or special guests of the clan can see them, but she decided to stay quiet.

The guards immediately knew that from seeing the dragon being absolutely tame in front of the demon that he was the one who helped them. They heard of rumors that the Vermillion Bird that just got revived was friends with a demon, but they never believed it as rumors are just rumors.

"Are you our benefactor that helped us? Can we ask, why? I am only asking as people of this continent do not necessarily offer help so easily and usually turn a blind eye." Fei asked Adrian with a serious tone.

"Nothing. I just helped you guys because those bandits were on my way. There is nothing special about it." Adrian stated but he made a silhouette of a butterfly using mana to hint at Fei on why he helped them.

"If that is so then my friend would like to give her appreciation." Fei stated as a hooded figure came out of the broken carriage.

The guards all bowed and unanimously stated her title, "The Mistress of Sound, Yinyue."