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Chapter 691 - Step With Caution

"If this place does really have an array master buried then the skill that we can receive will be that of an array master. I will be able to utilize it as Arrays can also be built by Scribes, but the process will take more time and effort to build something that could cover an area." Adrian stated.

"We are here to investigate the place remember?! The elders did not let me drag you here if they do not have a clue on what these tombs are. It is probably related to the death aspect of nature which is why you are needed.

The only elements that the Ryujin cannot manipulate are those of time, space, life and death. Those energies are the essence of nature which is why the dragonkind cannot manipulate them." Peridot stated and Adrian nodded in agreement.

"That is of course very true since demons have to sacrifice their ability to wield other elements for the mastery of arcane magic that can control time, space and force." Adrian replied as he started to scan the area once again.

Adrian could feel a faint magical signature in the air that is reminiscent of a gateway, but it is so miniscule. He feels that he must not jump to conclusions as being mistaken could lead to their death. He does feel as if he is transported to some sort of Death land but not at the same time.

Adrian stopped walking and Peridot noticed this. She knows that Adrian already has a hypothesis on hand but needs more information to back that claim.

"So...what are your deductions?" Peridot asked as she wants to also contribute to the investigation.

"This place has the energy of death lingering inside of it, but it is a tomb after all. If we were transported to one of the death lands or underworlds, then the two of you would have died already. Your body is not built to handle energy of the dead after all.

The only logical explanation would be that this whole tomb is a copy or a summoned section from one of the death lands. You can think of it as the partial summoning that I did earlier but on a scale of a place. It also explains why the death lands are temporary and vanish." Adrian explained.

"Is that even possible?" Peridot asked.

"It is possible as domains work the same way. The caster summons a patch of land in an area that blesses the user's overall self. In other words, the culprit for summoning the tombs is either a demigod or a god. Since gods cannot descend easily then we are looking for a demigod.

Peridot suddenly tensed up when she heard the word demigod as they will easily get wiped if they encounter one. The only one that she knows that could go toe to toe with a demigod would be her master.

"You do not have to be that nervous as we are not fighting a demigod. Also, the demigods are not at their peak power as of now which is why the world is still peaceful. I have been told that lots of demigod crave territories of their own, but they are currently weakened which is why they are staying silent." Adrian muttered as he was told about the state of the demigods from Pann.

"You are saying that because you are not the one actually in the front." Peridot stated as she knows that she will really die if they face off against a demigod.

"Either way, we have no choice on the matter as my wind dragon core is on the line here. We have to get to the source of the tomb which means we must defeat the boss monster. Step where I step unless you want to become barbecued." Adrian stated as he started to follow the trail that he found.

Adrian is currently following the small traces of death energy. He figured that a hole should be stabilizing this tomb in order for it to manifest in the overworld. The only thing that he does not know is the method that this person used to open a portal to another plane of existence.

"The one who opened this could have either failed or accidentally opened these tombs. If they summoned a part of a death land then should have contracts with the gods of death to even think of summoning a part of a death land." Adrian thought as he slowly and gently made his way out of the array field.

"If this is really part of the death lands then why are the monsters not undead or dead beings?" Peridot asked as she does not know about the death lands ruled by the God of Death.

"The death lands are not necessarily filled with zombies or ghouls that you thought. In Pandemonium, the places where the dead go to is not a battlefield but a resting place. Some are used as prisons or a punishment center to detain those that are really evil in their life." Adrian stated.

Adrian suddenly stopped talking and looked at his surroundings with the evil eye. If the other area was filled with arrays that can kill a person, then this new area will outright do so. All the arrays that Adrian read sounded ominous.

Adrian decided to try and trigger one of the arrays that he read which had the words 'swords of death'. The moment Dodu entered the array, a large light exploded and the next thing they saw baffled them. About a hundred or less swords pierced Dodu's body, but the slime is not affected.

Dodu even started to melt the swords that were summoned by magic as it seems they have a physical body. Dodu is not hurt by the trap since the damage it dealt is that of the physical category. Dodu could easily chomp down the swords like food served to a glutinous prince inside of the palace.

"That array utilized a subspace. Interesting." Adrian stated as he then led the group out of the area where the arrays are placed in a manner that could kill a person in mere seconds.

After a few minutes of walking, the group arrived in a wide area. Peridot is about to lead the way when Adrian stopped her as the area is so clean that he cannot see anything. Something like this should not be possible if the previous areas are actually filled with arrays.

"Something is strange about this place. If that portal there is the exit, then it is too easy." Adrian stated as he knows that a high-level dungeon should not be just them exploring.

Before the group could decide what to do, something strange happened to their bodies as they could not move. They could then see that their bodies are being dragged to the center of the room despite their unwillingness.

A few seconds later, the group finally saw who is actually using a spell against them. A statue that looks like a man with a fan on his hand. The fan even has the symbol of yin and yang but only one thing truly caught Adrian's attention.

"The hole on the chest of the metal statue is actually pouring out energy from the death realm. No wonder I was not able to locate the source since it is actually moving and observing us." Adrian muttered as he could feel that they were being watched the moment they entered the tomb.

The voices that he heard are also coming from the hole on the chest of the metal statue. Adrian wanted to inspect the metal statue, but he is being restricted by something invisible. He could speak but is not able to use skills and spells.

[You are currently under the effect of Skill Seal.]

[Cannot use any spells and abilities for a period of time or when the duration of the skill channeled is gone.]

Adrian observed the metal statue use the fan to direct some sort of energy towards them that damaged the three with a decent amount. The attacks were weak, but they could not fight back against the metal statue.

"Sirius!" Adrian shouted as a large wolf exited the shadow of the metal statue.

Sirius should have been able to hit the metal statue but about four clay soldiers suddenly materialized and blocked the attack. It is then Kanlaon who moved next as he increased the size of his body and used his tail to shatter the metal statue, but another group of clay soldiers blocked the attack.

The two soulbounds might not have dealt damage to the metal statue but that made it lose its grip on Adrian, Peridot and Saru. Peridot did not waste time as she used all the buffs on herself and the team.. Both she and Saru came crashing down on the metal statue, but another set of clay soldiers emerged from the ground to meet their attack.

Chapter 692 - The Great Tactician

The metal statue is actually able to summon clay soldiers to do its bidding as if it is controlling the whole area like its personal playground. Adrian noticed that clay soldiers get created with each movement of the fan. It seems that this metal statue is really the boss of this tomb to have that kind of ability.

Monster: Kongming's Statue of Honor

Titles: Great Tactician's statue, Array Master's statue

Level: 200

The metal statue is none other than a poor copy of the original Kongming, but it still has the abilities of the original albeit weaker. The Great Tactician should be something given to the original Kongming due to his prowess in military warfare. The array master is already self-explanatory, but Adrian has yet to know how the ability works.

With the swipe of the fan, rows of clay soldiers then sprouted up from the ground and wielded their weapons on Peridot and Saru. The two had to retreat as the clay soldiers almost dealt damage to

them. Sirius and Kanlaon cannot penetrate the defense of Kongming's Statue of Honor which is why they regrouped.

"Any idea on how to defeat that thing?" Peridot asked as she could see that Adrian is thinking of a plan.

"If we can get the fan then we might be able to stop it from summoning more clay soldiers." Adrian stated as he considered it the first step.

"Got it. Let us see whose clay soldiers are better!" Peridot stated as she also raised ten clay soldiers of her own to clash against the clay soldiers of Kongming's Statue of Honor.

Adrian noticed that the clay soldiers that Kongming's Statue of Honor summoned are much better compared to Peridot's clay soldiers. The clay soldier that Kongming's Statue of Honor summoned felt as if they have intelligence as he saw that some even dodged or blocked attacks from Peridot's clay soldiers.

Adrian burned all his energy in order to strengthen his senses and he was able to determine what are the peculiarities of the clay soldiers summoned by Kongming's Statue of Honor. The portal to the death lands is connected to the clay soldiers as they are being inhabited by souls.

The souls are most likely from warriors that are loyal to Kongming when he was alive. This only means that the soul that is inhabiting Kongming's Statue of Honor is none other than the soul of the hero. The fact that the souls of the dead are back to the material world means that someone is messing with the fabric between life and death.

"Nether Domain!" Adrian suddenly stated as his whole body transformed to his true form.

The whole area became covered in the mist of the Nether Domain. The clay soldiers that Kongming's Statue of Honor summoned all became dust as the souls that occupied them all ran back inside of the portal that is located on the chest of the metal statue.

Adrian looked at his right arm to see if it is there, but it did not regenerate. It seems that the curse of the world is much more powerful than he imagined but that also put a smile on Adrian's face. He could use this information one day when he faces off against the demigods or gods.

[You have summoned the Nether Domain.]

[You cannot fully transform to your true form due to the heavy curse that is etched upon your soul.]

Adrian saw the notifications and frowned when he saw that he cannot actually use his true form. Still, summing the Nether Domain is the biggest help for the team that is being overrun by numerous clay soldiers.

Kongming's Statue of Honor looked stunned when the clay soldiers became dust which should have been impossible since it is a statue. They did not notice this as they were too focused on the battle. Peridot even used her most powerful ability.

"Elemental Rush!" Peridot stated as the gems that floated beside her all imbued their elemental attributes towards her body, and she transformed to a serpentine dragon like Kanlaon.

[Your party has destroyed Kongming's Statue of Honor.]

[Kongming's Statue of Honor judged that you are unworthy of its inheritance.]

[You do not get the promised reward for this dungeon as your party did not qualify for the test.]

She then charged towards Kongming's Statue of Honor and broke the metal statue in half without much difficulty. Kongming's Statue of Honor easily broke apart due to the varying elemental attacks present in that attack. It is the deadliest attack that Peridot has right now but also the most situational.

"I guess the boss monster is not that tanky seeing that I managed to one shot it." Peridot stated as she held a victory pose but quickly became limp when she read the notification.

"You destroyed it too fast that I did not even get to discover how it is able to summon spirits of the dead from the death lands. You should have used another skill to neutralize it so that I could have see that portal." Adrian grumbled as his investigation would have to continue to another tomb in order to be conclusive.

"It was weaker than I expected. I thought it was something super strong which is why I used my most powerful skill for it." Peridot replied.

"Your most powerful attack that has an attack multiplier of 10,000 and a cooldown of 30 days that is not affected by cooldown reduction. You overestimated your opponent which is why you became excessive. Then again, that is how you usually roll as you put your all even if you already have certain victory." Adrian stated as he investigated the wreckage of the metal statue.

"Should I say this, but it is strange. I felt that the metal statue and the clay soldiers were alive." Peridot stated.

"They should feel alive because they are being controlled by souls of other dead people. Those that infested the clay soldiers are probably experienced war veterans.." Adrian stated as the clay soldiers moved like a coordinated unit.

Chapter 693 - Trail Is Cold

Adrian checked the pieces that were once Kongming's Statue of Honor, but nothing popped up of interest. The pieces of the metal statue became scrap pieces of metal that even Peridot could only tell Adrian that it is ordinary metal.

"It is not even a type of magic metal? I guess we wasted our time in investigating the scraps. We should move to the next one so that I can observe more about the boss of each tomb." Adrian stated.

"There are not even drops that are worthwhile, but it is strange that we did not pass the test." Peridot stated.

"It is not that uncommon since the tomb is more of a symbol than an actual tomb." Adrian stated as he knows that this tomb is not a real dungeon but a pocket dimension.

Adrian explained that the tomb is likely an unstable pocket dimension brought forth by a mistake in manifesting a domain. He needed to be sure as the other tombs might be like this one. The group rounded up a few tombs before returning back to the House of Creation.

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The three returned to the House of Creation extremely exhausted not by the enemies but with the traps inside of the tombs. Each tomb that they went inside of had different themes and the one with the vast area was the most problematic one.

"It seems that all of you have returned earlier than expected. Do we have some good news?" Nuwa asked as she saw the three of them arrive at the main hall.

Saru excused himself upon returning as he needed to report to the general once he returns to the house. Only Adrian and Peridot are left in the main hall with Nuwa. A few minutes later, the elders of the House of Creation started to assemble at the main hall as they were likely called upon by the Great Mistress herself.

"Tell us, little demon. What did you find out about the sprouting tombs in the eastern continent?" Nuwa asked as she does not have a clear grasp of these tombs. Whether they are dangerous or not to the eastern continent is still up for discussion.

"Each tomb that we visited did leak out death energy but not at the quantity that could kill a decently powerful person. For ordinary people, the inside of the tomb will most likely be their graves since death energy is harmful to ordinary people." Adrian stated which made the elders all talk to each other to assess the danger.

"Moreover, we found out that each of the tombs are unique as the ones that we cleared did not immediately pop up again. The only thing that we were not able to prove is the skill that is granted to the ones who clear the tomb. We were labeled as not worthy for the skill which is why we returned empty handed." Peridot stated as Adrian showed a grim expression as he did not get any spell related to arrays at all and they faced off against three array master tombs.

"Is there any way that the Champion of the Twin Gods to seal off the tombs even before you entered?" One of the elders asked.

"I would be unable to do so since modifying a dungeon is above my skill set." Adrian replied.

"Can you at least give us a clue if this is natural phenomena or a man-made phenomenon?" Another elder asked.

"I can at least tell you that the one who is responsible for the portal from the death lands is amateur at best. It seems that they are using the memory of the land to create portals to the death land, but they summon a gate that cannot be used by normal beings.

The one responsible for this should be a person or being that is widely versatile in magic and has a connection to the realms of the dead. The fact that the portals are not big enough for a person meant that they are experimenting with their powers." Adrian stated.

"I see but any concrete evidence?" One of the elders asked.

"We did not find any that links to the one who is causing thing unrest, but we managed to deduce that it should be someone with the power of a demigod or close to one. Equinox thinks that the tombs are a result of someone trying to summon a domain connected to the death lands that are

connected to the ancient heroes of the eastern continent." Peridot stated as he explained the smaller details.

"That is the most feasible answer, but should a person ascend to become a demigod then we would have sensed it." Nuwa stated as she is the most perceptive person in the eastern continent.

"That should be the case unless he or she is using an artifact that can deceive your perception." Adrian stated which made the elders become offended because he is telling them that their Grand Mistress is weak that a mere artifact could obscure her perception.

"It should be possible seeing that the Vermillion Bird told me that I can use her feather to make those that follow me lose their attention as it is a holy artifact." Adrian stated which made the other elders calm down a little as the evaluation is on the level of holy beasts.

"If that is the case then one of the holy beasts must be the culprit seeing that they rule over the concept of death or at least they say they are." One of the elders suddenly recalled.

"You mean the tortoise, right? But that holy beast rarely goes outside and sleeps for thousands of years which makes it impossible. The last time that we have known of its awakening is four hundred years ago and it does not even host a house." One of the elders stated.

"But if what he says is true then the Black Tortoise would be the best candidate to fool our eyes since it is the holder of the black mirror. Perhaps it has chosen a worthy warrior but the domain relating to death should not be easily controlled by the living.." Nuwa stated which made the elders ponder.

Chapter 694 - The Fan I

I am what you call a fangirl that is dedicated to her idol and that idol is none other than the player that is named Equinox. My love for hi is not due to his power and skills as a player but his valor as someone who stands for justice.

Some might even call me delusional for saying so, but I encountered him when I was just a bit new to the game. I chose a scout job class as I wanted to be something like a kunoichi, but I was disappointed when I learned that the job class did not exist.

Anyways, let me get back to my glorious meeting with Equinox when I was just starting out. I played the game by myself since it was recommended to me by my cousins that also play the game. I am an introvert at school so not many friends already to even invite me to play.

Although there are times that I wish that I have someone to share moments with. Especially now that my idol is now worldwide famous for being a powerful player. No one can really defeat his valor and the handsome face is just a bonus.

As I was saying, I met him when I started a mission by myself to help escort a merchant to another city. The mission was fairly easy, and it is even classified as an E rank difficulty mission, but Pandemonium is spontaneous at times.

I was not the only player that was in that mission as there are also others that came. I was the only one that was a scout which is why I tend to search the area ahead in certain intervals. The escort mission was easy to say the least, but something happened on the way.

We met the bandits that are supposed to attack the merchant caravan, but we did not expect that a horde of goblins will come to us. It seems that the culprit for that is a group of players that ran away from the goblins when they were outnumbered and outclassed.

It seemed that their mission was special since monsters that are supposed to be inside a dungeon chased them, but I can only speculate as I did not know. The resulting encounter became the doom of all in the merchant caravan and those escorting it.

The bandits that came to attack us also met a gruesome fate as hobgoblins were also in the mix of the goblin horde. Almost all of the people were killed and the rest that survived became prisoners. The only player that was caught is me as the ones with me risked their life to kill the goblins.

Come to think of it...maybe they really used their life since they knew that they would get captured. They should have at least told me that is the case so I would also used all of my being to get killed in that battle. Then again, I will not be able to meet my idol if this happened so maybe I should say thanks to them.

Anyways, I have been captured by the goblins and became a prisoner in their camp. I have seen what they did to the women, and it is nasty beyond belief. The nature channel would lose their job if such scenes were to be shown. I wanted to get out but the only way for that to happen would be to delete my account and start over.

I was not going to surrender to fate or so I thought as I was imprisoned for more than five days. The goblins did feed us although just enough for us to be alive and healthy enough for the NPCs to bore their young. Those that lose their mind will become meals for the goblins instead.

This fun game became dark really fast, but I did choose the hardcore setting and set the filter to realistic. In the sixth day, I succumbed to my fate that I will never be able to get out of this prison and was about to delete my character that I used six hours just to create.

When I was about to click the accept button, I heard a large sound from the outside and a large black hole appeared. I thought that there must finally be a subjugation team that has arrived to rescue us since one of us is really important.

I have grown familiar with the other NPCs and some even told me information that should never be told to others even if it meant that they are killed. Some even started to talk about their infidelities and let me tell you that these innocent looking women are nasty.

They are good people, but they are nasty when it comes to adult stuff. My eyes were opened to things that I have never even heard before or are just speculations in certain talks. Anyways, I heard the cries of the dying goblins and the people in the cage became silent in the process.

I saw a giant wolf attack the goblins and bit their necks as it tore their bodies in half. I even saw a dragon that burnt the goblins to ashes but the most terrifying thing I saw is the figure of my savior. The one and only person that was given the title of 'The Demon'.

When he finished dealing with the goblins, we all thought that we are next because demons in the books that I have read in this game show that they are bloodthirsty and drink the blood of virgins. I

am definitely one, but my mind is not due to the things that I have been told in the duration that I have been locked up in here.

I thought to myself that I would gladly die in the arms of a handsome looking demon rather than get violated by a goblin. It is then that the demon broke the cage that we were in and let us out without a second thought.

He did not even say goodbye and just left without asking for anything in return. The others and I realized that the stories of demons are not true as I saw his gallant figure walking away with his soulbounds. I thought he was an NPC at first, but he was actually a player.

This is definitely what I read in stories about knights in shining armor. Except this time the knight is a demon that fights for justice. This is the time that I decided that I need to learn more about demons which is why I used all my free time to search about the demons and their abilities.

I came to know that demons only know magic related to Arcane Magic. Arcane magic is very powerful but also very restrictive magic which meant that those that use it usually sacrifice using other magics. I guess that should be something like the show that I watched where she can only use explosion magic or something.

Still, demons are still told to be beings of destruction and death which meant that these books are still prejudiced. I guess the humans really hate the demons since they are painted in a bad light. Which is why I tried going to hidden villages of the long-lived races where they are not that biased and learned the truth of the demons.

It was not easy getting entrances to these hidden villages, but it was worth it, and I remembered that I grew to become strong in the process. I am still not as strong as my demon in dark armor, but I was able to easily handle the requests they have given me like assassinate this corrupt person or get information from this evil guy.

The long-lived races are really oppressed by the ones the people label as 'human', but they do not have prejudice against the demon race. In fact, their information about them is more accurate. Like I learned that demons have different number of horns depending on their species.

The most important information that I have learned is that the demons are the ones that are keeping the balance of this world from collapsing. They maintain the gates from other dimensions and prevent other dimensions from crashing towards our dimension.

I knew that my idol is definitely not normal and is doing his part in keeping the peace of the world by going one small step at a time. I will definitely help him achieve his goal of protecting the world in the shadows as a future kunoichi if there even is one.

I have decided in that day that I will be the secret force that will aide my idol which is why I have been 'shadowing' him in his explorations since then.. Some people might think that I am just stalking but I am not doing such things because I work with him to deliver the justice that is not given to this cruel world.

Chapter 695 - The Fan II

It has been about a few weeks since I started stalk...shadowing my idol. I found out that his name was Equinox from the conversation that he had with a certain wizard NPC. It seems that his cover was blown but that NPC is really powerful that I even have goosebumps when I looked at him.

To think that I tried to kill that NPC for shaming my idol, but it seems the old man is not ordinary. The skill that I received for stalk...I mean shadowing my idol called Intuition told me so. Ah! My idol vanished again, and I do not know where he went.

I thought he went to the Summoner Tower to get skills for his soulbounds but it seems that he must have an errand to run. All I know is that the demons are said to inhabit a dimension that is not present in the world like a secret hideout which means that I will not be able to get in even though I already maxed out my Infiltrate skill.

"Why are you spacing out again, big sis?" One of my cousins stated as I was busy daydreaming about my idol.

I forgot that I was helping these brats to level up as I have become higher level than them. They are too focused on farming mobs than missions which is why I already surpassed them in terms of level and skill mastery. I already told them that they must do missions that are in line with their job classes in order to level up, but these kids will not listen.

If you want me to always be with you to hold your hand, then do not get any ideas. I do not have time to waste on you guys that do not even believe me that a demon player exists. I tried inviting you in the club that I created for cheering my idol but to think they called me delusional.

News about a spotting of a demon player broke out in the forums. Finally, someone actually noticed my idol despite him radiating awesomeness. I really want to slap those people that think I was making things up when I told them that the demon race exists in the game.

It is I who has the last laugh but does my idol want his identity to be known. From the way he used this spell to disguise himself, it looks like he wanted to keep a low profile since he is from a race persecuted for being 'evil'. I should not just become his shadow now but also his secret guard.

Along the missions that he did, I have seen players that wanted to jump him and steal his precious equipment. I will not let them do anything to my idol and he is too busy to deal with small thugs like them. As his secret guard, it is my duty that no mishaps will happen when he is busy with saving the world.

"You monster!" One of the players that I killed stated.

I do not care with what they say as their names are already colored red which means that they killed more players. I will not face the penalty because they are player killers, and I even got a cool title for killing player killers.

[You have earned the title 'Chivalrous Assassin']

As expected, my efforts have paid off as it seems that the world is telling me that I did a great job in protecting my idol from the bugs that wanted to bite him. Oh! This tile even increases my damage against any type of target that has high notoriety. As expected, I am the assassin of justice that this world needs. The shadow that protects the savior of the world.

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Note to self, always be prepared when stalk...shadowing my idol. He went to places that are not suitable for humans. It seems that demons have great bodies that do not falter when they experience different temperature differences.

I literally died due to frostbite because I was not prepared and followed him to the northern continent. This armor for assassins is not really great due to the fact that it is thin. Should I have accepted the offer of the others to change race when I was presented by the question?

It would have been perfect, but they are not races that excel in being secretive. I shall continue my efforts as it will always pay off in the end. It seems that my idol is already departing to go to another continent as he headed to the east part of the central continent.

I always wanted to go to the eastern continent but that would take lots of time which meant that I will not be able to stal...shadow him. I shall prepare for the departure and head to the eastern continent in advance.

I arrived at the eastern continent, but my idol disappeared from the world. I do not know what I will do next, but I have been captured when I was about to leave. A beautiful lady that emerged from the shadows suddenly appeared. She is really strong that I cannot even move despite me having the 'Can't Touch This' title.

"You are good for an assassin, little girl. You must learn under me in order for my legacy to be passed." The beautiful lady that is dressed like a ninja told me.

You are still young looking though why would she say something only a dying person would say. I retract what I said that she was young as it was only a disguise. She was actually an old woman, but that disguise is so damn perfect that I was fooled.

I have been enlightened by the wonders of the world by this old woman. Please teach me all the things needed in order to become someone like you. It seems that she is the last user of Shunpo a technique reserved to those with the job class of Flash Goddess. I do not care though as I will not become a Kunoichi.. That is the only reason I accepted anyways.

Chapter 696 - The Fan III

It seems that she is the last user of Shunpo a technique reserved to those with the job class of Flash Goddess. I do not care though as I will not become a Kunoichi. That is the only reason I accepted anyways.

The old woman and I started our special training in a very hidden place in the eastern continent. I successfully advanced to become a Kunoichi but why does this job class have the 'Seduction Art' skill. I thought Kunoichi's were just the female counterpart of ninjas?

My master told me that my thoughts were shallow, but she said that is fine as we are shadows. The ones that are supposed to be visionaries are our lords. In other words, my idol is the visionary, and I am his shadow that will be his hidden blade.

The training to become a Kunoichi is very difficult, but the skills are great. The fact that I have a skill that is similar to pseudo teleportation is already something amazing. My master told me that a demon actually taught this technique to a kunoichi when she helped treat that demon's injuries.

It is not real teleportation like what demon do since they control space itself. The concept of this technique called Shunpo is detaching oneself from the bonds of the body and be one with nature for

a moment. So far, my best distance is about twenty meters when I really focus but that is halved when I am in battle.

My master is great though as she could come and go like lightning that even those of the distinguished houses of the eastern continent fear her. It seems that she has been pursued for centuries and her mortal body could no longer handle her power despite having the qualifications of becoming a demigod.

It seems that my master wanted to live a mortal life and no longer extend her life. It seems that she wants her rest after helping the eastern continent behind the scenes. She wants to die as a human being that achieved much in her life than extending it and becoming corrupt with power like the others that she viewed throughout history.

"Remember my disciple, do not let our techniques deteriorate and pass it down to those who show promise like you. I have done my part for my beloved country and now it is up to you to do what you can for yours." My master stated as she died.

The Flash Goddess of the eastern continent died and lived a fulfilling life. The most beautiful thing that I have encountered in this game is the fact that she died with a smile while her body become butterflies that floated to the stars.

Do not worry master as I will not just protect the eastern continent but this whole world. The worst threat that this world has encountered is already knocking on its doors. The dark gods are gods from another dimension that seeks to destroy life.

Records of them are only available from the demon that one of the first kunoichi's helped. The demon died fighting off the dark god that attacked the eastern continent but left something in the care of the kunoichi's.

I do not know what to do with this broken tablet in my hand as I do not even see its information. I will protect it with everything I have like what my master did. She said that the demon gave it to them to safeguard which means that I now have a connection to my idol.

I am now ready to go to the outside world as the training took longer than expected. I still have a lot to go to inherit the 'Flash Goddess' but I will achieve it one day.

I did not expect that the eastern continent would change while I was away. Since where was there a city in the southern part of the eastern continent. When I asked the NPCs, they all said that the great Vermillion Bird has returned with the help of its friend.

The most shocking thing that I learned is that the friend they were talking about is none other than my idol. To think that he had left a big impact on the hearts of the eastern people. As expected of my idol, I should not delay myself and get back to shadowing him.

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As I was doing my daily task of shadowing my idol, I saw that he encountered the dark gamers. They are always in games that are lucrative since they would do anything for money. I want to jump

in and help my idol, but it seems that he has got this. He is not alone though as he was with his friend.

They have a real bond of friendship, and I am jelly. I should start recruiting people in my idol's fan club so that I am not the only one that is admiring his regal nature. But first, I will need to clean up the dark gamers that have arrived. I should leave some of them for my idol to defeat or else it would be strange.

After I killed a few of the dark gamers, there was a rumor in the forums about someone dubbed the crimson executioner. It seems that they only saw a red flash before they got killed. Scary! I should strengthen my guard on my idol so that he will not encounter this crimson executioner.

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My idol managed to create a territory and I immediately jumped at the chance to visit it. I should say this to anyone that wants to become a demon. Kneeling and begging in front of a demon will not make them like you or let them become one of them.

I wanted to become a demon like my idol, but it seems that the race is still locked. If it is easily accessed, then demons would not be that powerful after all.. I shall wait and observe my idol in the territory that he created with all his greatness.

Chapter 697 - The Fan IV

As expected of my idol, the territory that he created is indeed special as anyone in the territory is blessed by the God of Death and the Goddess of Life. I only recently learned about the god of death when I found records of the early beginnings of the Church of Life.

I wanted to sneak inside the undead citadel, but that place is heavily guarded by powerful wraiths. Even the best scout is unable to sneak inside. Also, the undead citadel is covered by a thick cloud of energy that is special to the undead. I would die before I even reach the depths of the citadel.

Anyways, it is a good thing that the demons are not barring entry to those that are of the human race. They will be allowed to enter the territory as long as they do not enter the depths of the floating island where that strange tree is located.

I met some of the races that I helped in the territory as they seem to want to relocate due to the aftereffects of the war. The fact that the whole central continent turned to a battlefield is worrying. I also received intel from my sources that some of the powers from other continents had a hand on this battle.

Losing the empire is such a big loss for the central continent but those followers of the dark gods are good in hiding their tracks. I could not even infiltrate their meetings due to how secretive it is. They also exhibit cult like manner and seemed to have connected thought which would make infiltrating a death wish.

As I was busy murmuring on my next courses of action, I saw a familiar group of individuals that are extremely close to my idols. It is none other than his soulbounds that are in their smaller forms while others are in their human forms.

I wanted to avoid them, but the cool looking Sirius noticed that I am using a technique that blended into the shadows. I guess it was a bad choice of skill seeing that the soulbound is a master in

manipulating the shadows. He is definitely the true assassin when it comes to using the darkness attribute.

I just felt a chill down my spine, but Sirius did not attack and just stared at me with interest. I was about to excuse myself when I felt a sudden tug at my clothes. The cute little Kanlaon is looking at me with eyes full of wonder and seems to want to play with me.

The other soulbounds also acted like children which is not great for me as I am not good with kids. I decided to play with them since they are the ones close to my idol and their humanoid faces resemble him quite a bit which makes it really interesting.

It is like I am seeing a fresh new version of my idol in different skins as if he is a playable character in an MMO. I enjoyed playing with them, but duty suddenly calls as the followers of the dark gods that suddenly went silent started to move once again.

I excused myself from the playtime as I need to now do my duties as the shadow of the world savior. I needed to go to the western continent to see what the followers of the dark gods are doing in such a location where they call as the Valley of the Kings.

If it is the followers of the dark gods, then it is best to say that they are up to no good. The most difficult to deal with among them is the one that my idol has clashed with before. Eldritch is the extreme bad of the bad among the villains that my idol has faced.

As I was about to leave using Shunpo, my idol suddenly appeared in front of me which gave me a fright. He apologized and even thanked me for playing with the soulbounds that he called as children. To think that I am speaking with my idol! Kukuku...I am about to lose my mind about this.

I wanted to pay attention to what he said to me but I honestly drifted due to me being nervous. I shook his hand as he sincerely thanked me. I am forever grateful to the almighty that I did not faint or poop my pants even though I am not sure that is possible in the game.

He really is different up close than what observing from afar looks like as you could feel the intensity in his aura. He had an amiable and kind face but the pressure that he exuded felt like that of or almost that of a demigod. He can definitely go toe to toe with a demigod and not faint from the release of a demigod's aura.

There is also another thing that I noticed and that is my passive skill 'Intuition' going ballistic like when I encountered Eldritch. In other words, my idol is as dangerous or if not more powerful than Eldritch. I think this might be the reason why there are more players in the followers of the dark god and not many like my idol that fight for the world.

Sad to admit but my time here is limited as I must fulfill my duty as the shadow of my idol. I must go and investigate the area that my informant has told me about. I guess this is what my idol feels whenever he uses his powers to save this world from disaster.

As I was leaving my idol's territory called Avalon, I met up with the race that I found most peculiar and secretive. They are called Shades and they worship the God of Darkness Erebus. They look similar to elves, but they do not have long pointy ears.

Their hair is mostly pale silver in color while their skin tone is that of a pinkish skin tone. They stand out when there is light outside due to their peculiar appearance, but they change when it comes to dark areas or at night. They are said to be the blessed worshippers of the God of Darkness himself as they have the passive ability called Dark Veil.

They basically transform into the incarnation of darkness when almost no light is present. They are the best when it comes to stealth and reconnaissance missions, but the twist is that they are a race more incline to pacifism. They hate conflict and would rather run away from a fight than participate in one. They are peace lovers despite the fact that they are the perfect assassins.

I remember helping one of their elders in recovering their treasure that was stolen by one of the followers of the dark gods. I managed to retrieve it and in return they gave me the chance to become one of them. Since I cannot be a demon and demons do not have assassin classes that require stealth anyways, I decided to jump on the chance on becoming a Shade after careful deliberation.

Luckily, the Shade representative that is present in Avalon is someone that I know. I greeted the old man, and he still remembers me which is nice since I do not need to awkwardly remind him of who I was. Which is one of the reasons that I do not engage in social discourse in any of the parties that I have been dragged into.

"Awraka! It is so nice to meet you again. It would have been wonderful if it had been in much better circumstances." The Shade Elder stated as he shook my hand.

"Did my ido...I mean the Lord of the Territory refuse your plea for immigration?" I asked as they do not look like they passed the examination that was conducted.

The Shade elder did not immediately say the answer to my question but instead signaled me to move with them in a place that is less open. When we reached a nearby cave, I saw the Dark Veil that made the Shades famous manifest.

The Dark Veil skill is basically a passive skill that lets them absorb and blend into the darkness of their surroundings. It is said it is given by the God of Darkness to their race for their undying devotion to him and to give them safe passage as they are more of a pacifist race than a fighter race.

The Shade Elder told me everything as he also gave me a mission and that is to deliver a specific letter to the Children of the Night. It seems that the God Erebus is finally moving as well since he is calling for the help of the Erebian. The races that are part of the vampire and werewolf species.

I do not mind a detour as I will head west anyway.. I will do my best and it seems that the demons noticed that the Shades are being monitored by others which is why they will hold another meeting with Equinox in a secret location.

Chapter 698 - Thunderlight Tigris

The discussions of the elders of the House of Creation conclude that they need further information. They cannot just blindly charge to the territory of the Black Tortoise with such allegations. Adrian wanted to meet the Black Tortoise though as it is said to have the powers similar to life and death.

Even though Adrian is interested, he cannot go there now as he would need to prepare for the flight to the venue of the Pandelympics in the next few days. Although the players would have to arrive about a week after him, he needed to be there to work out the kinks of the event he will be participating on.

"Thankfully, I managed to kill enough metal enemies that are considered for Kimat's evolution. He successfully evolved into a Thunderlight Tigris. The downside is that I am still a few levels away from reaching level 200 and it does not look like I will reach it in time for the competition." Adrian thought as the meeting of the elders of the House of Creation ended.

Adrian then remembered that Kimat suddenly started releasing bolts of lightning the moment they defeated the tenth monster with the monster element of metal. A large lightning bolt suddenly came down from the sky and pierced through the tomb and hit Kimat.

Kimat then absorbed all the lightning in his body and the soil below his feet suddenly started to cover him like a mound. Adrian thought that Kimat was under attack, but he received that his soulbound is in the process of evolving.

Kimat released large pulses of energy like when a creature of extraordinary power evolves. The factor for this is the Pinnacle magic stone that he consumed. If Kimat consumed a normal large magic stone, then the lightning elemental energy would have been ten times less. There is a large difference between a pinnacle magic stone and a large magic stone after all.

The tyrannical lightning elemental energy that Kimat absorbed all got sealed when he got covered by the mound of dirt that is about five times the size of the elemental cat. Kimat is already the size of a normal tiger when it fully grown which meant that the mound looked like a small hill.

Adrian just watched and sensed the soul link between him and Kimat. He would be able to interfere if something was to happen like an anomaly of some sort. Adrian does not know what to do as he wanted to prevent Kimat's evolution at first as he wanted the elemental cat to evolve at Mt. Thunder.

The unexpected sudden evolution caught him off guard as he was always asked by the system whether to evolve his soulbound, but Kimat is different. Kimat suddenly went through the process of evolution in a spontaneous manner that Adrian could not even prepare.

He does know that there are instances of monsters failing to evolve due to some outside effects. Thankfully, the tomb is still closed to those outside as long as they are still inside. The last tomb that they visited is not as powerful as the first one that they went through but the enemies were numerous.

"It has been an hour already. Are you sure that Kimat is fine?" Peridot asked Adrian as she is worried that something might have happened for an evolution to take place this long.

"He is still fine, but it seems that his body is being refined to the point that almost everything has been changed." Adrian replied as he could feel that Kimat is no longer a normal monster.

Another hour passed and Adrian suddenly felt that all his mana is being sucked into Kimat's soul. He could feel that Kimat is forcefully sucking all his mana via their soul link that Adrian felt lightheaded. He did not expect that, but he immediately drank two mana potions that restored his mana to full, but Kimat still emptied out his reserves.

"What the heck! The others did not do this, but they did absorb energy instead of mana. Will that mean that I must also be prepared when I evolve my other soulbounds." Adrian thought to himself as he now realized that the summoner must also be prepared when their soulbound evolves.

Their connection is not just that of simple master and servant but mutual. If one fails, then the other also suffers. In other words, if the soulbound fails their evolution then a penalty would also incur upon the summoner that has their souls tied to them.

Adrian shuddered upon learning that fact as he has powerful soulbounds. Which meant that there is a higher chance that he could potentially be insufficient. He needs to level up more with that realization and he has to increase his energy reserves.

He thought he has plenty enough mana now, but Kimat's sudden absorption of mana taught him a lesson. He has not learned of this at the forums as no player would blatantly expose their weakness in a competitive game or they are too scared to be scrutinized by the people online.

Sometimes people's harsh words cuts deeper than a knife as not everyone has a strong heart to shrug poisonous comments. They would rather bottle up their mistakes and fears so that they would be safe. It is also a ticking time bomb in the making as pain and fear will build up in one's heart and manifest into something unsightly.

[Your soulbound Kimat has successfully evolved into a Thunderlight Tigris.]

[All of Kimat's stats has been improved dramatically.]

[Kimat's skills and abilities are modified to fit his new race.]

[Your soulbound Kimat has obtained another element 'Metal']

The giant mound of dirt that covered Kimat suddenly broke off and revealed the greatness of the Thunderlight Tigris. Kimat's fur became white in color while its stripes became black that glowed blue every few seconds. It is now about four meters tall and could easily swallow a normal human whole with its mouth.

The biggest thing that changed is that Kimat looked like a real white tiger with lightning sparks coming out of its body. The fur on its body also became difficult to tear or even pluck as if it is made of metal. There are also shoulder paddings made of some sort of silver metal covering upper portion of Kimat's legs.

"He looks like a battle tiger, but they are not as big as that and they do not have the same fur color as Kimat." Peridot stated as Kimat reminded her of another monster in the eastern continent that is of the earth element called the Battle Tiger.

Kimat roared and the whole area became filled with lightning sparks. The dark tomb became illuminated with a flash of blue light that no darkness is spared. Kimat then looked at Adrian and smiled as it became a soul like entity before vanishing.

[Your soulbound, Kimat, is very exhausted. It will need to rest in our Soul Chamber for two days before you could summon it again.]

"Well, that was awesome. I felt like I watched a movie when that happened. Also, thanks for protecting us, Moksha." Peridot stated as her Qilin suddenly came out as the intense lighting attacks took place in their area.

"I am only doing my job as your protector. I did not think that the small cat would actually become something so daunting that even I am impressed. But you should be careful of the House of the Azure Dragon as they like to have pets that have strong thunder element inside of them.

Be sure that Kimat is not summoned when the patriarch of that house is there. The House of the Azure Dragon also wanted me back then, but they were beaten to the punch by the Array Master that sealed me to Mt. Thunder." Moksha stated before disappearing.

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"Thank you for your cooperation regarding the tomb incident. It seems that the tombs that you both have cleared are not spawning any time soon. We will investigate it further and will need your assistance in the future." Nuwa stated as she gave the reward to Adrian.

[You have received the core of the Wind Dragon.]

"Even though it was more of coercion than an actual quest, I will gladly receive the award that is in line with my services. Next time though...please ask me nicely first as I will definitely fight back the next time that I get abducted against my will." Adrian stated.

"If you do not like it then you could return that core to us." Nuwa stated but Adrian immediately kept it inside of his inventory.

"Nope! This is mine!" Adrian retorted as he took a few steps back that made Nuwa laugh.

"I know why you want that core. Your dragon needs it to acquire the wind element, correct?" Nuwa stated which made Adrian perk up his ears as what she says about dragons should be important as they are one.

"Your dragon is very unique as not all dragons have the ability to absorb the power of another. Dragons like that are usually killed at birth as they often grow up as 'Kin-Eaters'. But looking at you, I am pretty sure that you will not let that happen.." Nuwa added.

Chapter 699 - Dragon Of Gluttony

"Your dragon is very unique as not all dragons have the ability to absorb the power of another. Dragons like that are usually killed at birth as they often grow up as 'Kin-Eaters'. But looking at you, I am pretty sure that you will not let that happen." Nuwa added.

"By Kin-Eater, do you mean that Kanlaon might become something like the Dragon of Gluttony in the legends?" Adrian asked as he knows about the Dragon of Gluttony from the legends that were killed by the gods at least that is what the legend says.

There is a legend passed down to the humans about the Dragon of Gluttony. This dragon is said to have eaten dragons in order to become something like an abomination of the dragon species due to the immense powers it absorbs for every dragon it consumed.

The dragons tried to kill the Dragon of Gluttony, but it is not just an ordinary dragon. It is called the Ancient Dragon of Gluttony as ancient dragons have abilities that are not like that of the ordinary dragons. They possess a unique skill that is inherent to them which is why they are called ancient dragons as their unique skill is called Ancient Power.

The Ancient Dragon of Gluttony is said to have ravaged the land as it is no longer able to satisfy itself with normal dragons and tried to eat the other ancient dragons. It would not also eat just large monsters but also humans as it considered them a snack.

The ancient dragons banded together which should have been impossible since dragons normally do not work together because of their pride. The Ancient Dragon of Gluttony fell in the end as its body is sealed in different areas in order to make sure that it will not reincarnate or revive.

Even the dragons do not like humans passing this story around as they are disturbed by the fact that one of their own is called the Kin-Eater. This is one of the reasons why the dragons started their tradition of destroying eggs that have the possibility of becoming another Kin-Eater.

"For you to be knowledgeable of that event means that the demons have been teaching you the history of this world. It is true though. That ancient dragon told in the legends lived back then but it was not sealed like the story told by the humans.

The Ancient Dragon of Gluttony did die back then as it was dangerous to seal such being that can fully absorb the power of their own kind by committing cannibalism. It has been killed and I even assisted them back then despite me still young.

Your dragon is special as it could actually contain different elements inside of its body. Unlike me that controls the elements from the outside, your dragon is made up of those elements instead. Be careful of the current dragon king as he is very peculiar to say the least." Nuwa stated as she gave a warning to Adrian.

"I already fed Kanlaon a fire and an earth dragon core. I am just making sure that his body achieves elemental harmony of course." Adrian stated as he summoned Kanlaon and gave the dragon orb to him.

Kanlaon then held the Core of the Wind Dragon in its hands and it glowed in a pale greenish hue. The dragon core of the wind dragon then emitted a light that came out of it and Kanlaon absorbed it with his mouth like slurping a noodle.

The dragon core then disappeared from the palm of Kanlaon's claws as it became light that he ate. Adrian immediately received a notification that Kanlaon has successfully absorbed the power of the Wind Dragon but the evolution status for Kanlaon showed no result.

[Your soulbound, Kanlaon, has no evolution pathways as of yet.]

"Strange!" Adrian suddenly muttered which garnered the attention of both Nuwa and Peridot.

"Is there something strange? What happened?" Peridot asked but Nuwa is also paying attention to the words being spoken as she is very curious person.

"Kanlaon did not get an evolution path despite me giving it the Core of a Wind Dragon. He already consumed three of the four basic elements except fire since he was born with that element." Adrian muttered but Peridot shook her head.

"Do you really think that getting all basic elements would trigger an evolution? Let me remind you that it is unnatural for monsters that possess an element to have four of them. Let me tell you what my master has told me about the elements.

There are four basic elements and each of them balance out each other because one of them easily cancels each other. If the elemental harmony is reversed, then great destruction would occur. Nevertheless, these four elements are binded by none other than light and darkness." Peridot stated which gave Adrian a hint on how to proceed.

"From what you are saying, the four elements must be held by two other elements and that are either light or darkness. One cannot live without the other. You do not happen to have a light and darkness dragon core lying about, right?" Adrian stated which made Nuwa choke on her own breath.

Nuwa did not expect that such a person would easily spit out facts that, but she suddenly had a bad premonition. Thankfully, there are no cores for light and darkness dragons in the vault of the House of Creation.

Light and Darkness attributed dragons are the rarest of the dragons due to them being born in a few decades. Light and Darkness attribute dragons are the result of an offspring with a weird disposition. They are born from two dragons that are not of the element of light and darkness.

Light and Darkness dragons are dragons that have a special gene that mutated them into the beasts they are now. The dragons learned that this special DNA would make their child into a powerful variant dragon. The elements of light and darkness are not easily manipulated by dragons with higher persona than them.

The only problem is that they are rare which means that collecting their dragon cores will be near impossible. Adrian could only look at Nuwa with eyes full of anticipation, but the Dragon lady shook her head which meant that he needs to find a way of his own as it is his soulbounds.

"The ancient dragon of gluttony did not just eat dragons, but he also ate the elements around it which made him the most dangerous dragon in the world. It could also eat the elements around it in order to gain their power." Nuwa stated as she dropped a hint for Kanlaon's evolution.

"So, you are saying that Kanlaon should be able to do the same since his innate ability is similar to that of the Dragon of Gluttony. If we cannot have a dragon core, then we could settle for monsters with elemental cores of light and darkness." Adrian stated.

"I only gave you an idea but how you make that idea work would be up to yourself. Take care now, little demon brat." Nuwa stated as she returned to her room in order to rest as she is tired from the day of work that she has committed.

"If you need any help regarding that then you could call me as I am very sensitive towards the elements." Peridot stated as she escorted Adrian to the exit of the mountain since he was barred from teleporting directly to their own base for the House of Creation.

"The flight is in a few days so make sure that you have packed a week worth of normal clothes and outing clothes. We will fly to the other side of the world." Adrian stated as he vanished from the mountain of the House of Creation.

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A few days later, Adrian and his family is busy packing for the trip to America where the competition would be held. The Pandemonium developers already sent the tickets to the fans that bought them early so that they could prepare for their departure in the following week.

The fact that the site for all ticket sellers for each country got their site crashing down due to the heavy traffic meant that this event would be massive. The event will be held in the United Center located in Chicago. Some of the players from other countries already flew early as soon as they received their tickets, but they are still not permitted to go inside the venue.

"Are you done packing?" Mina asked Adrian as he was taking too long in packing the necessary things for this trip.

"Yup. I only brought about five pairs of clothes." Adrian replied.

"Good! I am pretty sure mom will go in another shopping spree in that place when we arrive so pack light. Your friends are already downstairs to meet you so greet them.." Mina stated as she went down with her luggage.

Chapter 700 - Flying Abroad

Adrian already packed light and decided to greet his three friends that will come with them. The hotel that was booked by the company happily upgraded their rooms when Adrian's grandfather gave them a healthy donation of very expensive wine.

The plane that they will be using is not the private plane because Adrian's father vehemently refused to do so as Atlas Inc. already provided them with the necessary plane tickets. Also, Richard does not want to listen to his father boasting all day about this and that.

A limousine is actually sent to Adrian's house to fetch them so that they will all arrive at the airport together. Adrian has yet to tell his friends why they are luxuriously being attended to, but he remained silent despite the constant questions.

Adrian's friends know that their friend's family might be well off, but they rarely do extravagant things as they are not people to flaunt their wealth. In fact, they were so surprised that Adrian did not have the aura of a snotty rich boy and starting to believe that the stories that Adrian told them about hellish training were true.

As the family and friends are headed to the airport, they are then followed by a mysterious group of people that seemed to be observing the family in great detail. The followers only stopped when they arrived at the airport as numerous people are there.

"So...which plane will we board?" Marlon asked as he is excited about his trip overseas. The fact that his mother agreed is already a blessing as he spent a whole week begging her to let him go.

"I am just worried that I might get lost in such a large city." Jade stated as this is her first time flying on an airplane.

As the group are heading their way to the airplane that they will board, Adrian could feel the stares of people going his way. Some held stares of curiosity while some gave stares of pity as they say his legs being aided by the technology built to aid those who are lame.

Some people even started to whisper words of pity and some even told their children that if they do not behave then they will end up like him. Adrian might not hear what they are really saying but their actions speak louder than words due to their gestures and expressions.

The world might have progressed to a large degree, but some people still think backwards. In the end, only people with an open mind and a large heart could ever understand how others feel. Those who think they are better than their fellow men just because they are more abled will never be content with their life as they live a life of being miserable.

Due to his time as a child of his parents, he already learned at an early to block the things that should not bother him as they will not help him become a better person. A bitter reality of children that needed to mature faster than their peers. They cope better in life, but they also sacrifice their innocence as a child due to the judgmental society that people live in.

Of course, not all people are like these as people who are kind tend to be friends with people of the same attitude. Adrian is happy with the current state in his life right now as he has genuine friends and a loving family which is already a lot of what a person could ask for.

As the family and friends are about to go to the terminal of the airport to check their tickets, a man dressed in a fine suit suddenly walked up to them and greeted Adrian. They were wary at first but soon knew of the identity of the man.

"I have come to fetch you, Mr. Adrian. I am, Tim, from Atlas Inc. We will be boarding a different plane than the ones that are reserved for others. The tickets are just for formality since it is still an airport after all and is government owned." Tim stated as he gestured the family and friends to follow him.

In Adrian's country that allied itself deeply with other countries near it, the governments of each country decided that all means of travel by air will be owned by the government. In exchange for this reason, the payment for the flights became lesser and those who could not previously afford air fares gained the ability to do so.

It is not entirely owned by the government as the people could still own part of these airports. What ensued is that people started to travel more to other countries especially to countries tied to their own union. Countries that excelled in tourism became more bountiful as they received more money flowing into their economy.

Of course, this sort of action was also meant with heavy backlash as some voiced out that it is not right. In the end, it was the people that voted that won as they wanted it that way when they got a taste of what inexpensive travelling felt like. Like any country formed with the will of the people, the laws should also be created to increase the people of their country.

"Why does it seem like we are heading to the VIP area of the airport?" Richard asked as he is familiar with the so-called VIP area. It is an area where the people who often seat in first class go towards.

"The plane that we will be boarding is owned by Atlas Inc. It is also retrofitted to suit the needs of our distinguished guest as he is special to our event after all." Tim stated as they soon arrived at the lavish waiting area full of luxurious food.

"I do not care as long as I see that cake! Is that from the famous bakery in our town that needed to be booked a month in advance just to get a slice. Pinch me as I must be dreaming! Ouch!" Marlon stated as Jade proceeded to pinch his arm.

"You are not dreaming so get a grip and stop drooling." Jade stated but she already started to move towards the food contrary to what she is saying.

"Please feel free to help yourself as we will depart in an hour." Tim stated as he gestured the others to partake as well.

"You mean we only have an hour to eat all these foods!" Marlon stated as his mouth is already smothered with chocolate residue.

"Do not worry as there are still plenty more in the flight. But help yourself with the refreshments as I inform the pilot of our departure." Tim stated as he excused himself.

"Is this not too lavish?" Mina asked as they were treated basically like royalty.

"It is not lavish as it is called being strategic. If word goes out that Atlas Inc., one of the wealthiest companies in the world, skimmed on the entertainments given to their guests then they will be mocked which would mean that the company will lose face.

"I know that but still. There are certain types of food here that are very difficult to come by. I mean this wine is aged for twenty years and the seal is very authentic. It is scary that they can acquire this with ease and offer them to people with great number.

If I knew this would happen then I should have bought stocks from their company when it was still very cheap. Who would have thought that their game would actually be so popular that it is dominating the world?" Mina stated as she calmly tasted the fine wine given to them.

In all honesty, even the other wealthy people in the world did not expect such a thing to happen as previous virtual reality games that were created failed in just under a year. The cost to maintain such fast-processing speeds were a chore and a disaster just waiting to happen.

This is the reason why Atlas Inc. did not receive much from the investors when it first told them that their company will actually create a game. It was just a medium size company back then that only had about a thousand employees. With the creation of one game, the company became such a powerhouse that dominated every form of entertainment in the world.

When these investors wanted to invest money into the game, the owner of Atlas Inc. dismissed them saying that the company will no longer allow investors in. Some 'scandals' about Atlas Inc. surfaced at this time as some sort of tool for revenge against them but they were all debunked as false by investigations.

Instead, the people uncovered that these scandals were created by scorned businessmen. In return, it was their businesses that actually took a hit as people who play Pandemonium stopped caring about their products.. Even normal people felt put off by the perpetrators methods and decided to stop supporting them as well which led them to bankruptcy.