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"I guess I must have been concentrating too much to the point that I no longer heard anything. I guess I zoned out too much." Adrian muttered as he really did not hear them greet him.

"You zoned out too well like when you want to compete mom's training back then." Solstice stated as even she is afraid when Adrian truly enters that state. He would neglect any other thing just to make sure that he attains his goal. This is the reason why she believes that her brother could do anything as long as he sets his mind to it.

In fact, all of them shuddered when they saw Adrian in complete concentration mode. He could create intricate patterns with just a simple graceful movement. Only truly professional people could do that when they enter the zone. He even completed it within a day when they saw that the magic circle's creation time frame is three to five days.

The fact that Adrian managed to finish a three-day magic circle in under one day is very amazing. One would need complete knowledge or at least a great deal of knowledge when it comes to magic circles. Sub job classes in this game is not absolute as even Grand Masters could create rubbish equipment when they do not exert effort.

"Anyways, since you guys already arrived, did you bring what I have asked for?" Adrian stated as he held his hand out to receive the magic stone from the people that just arrived.

"It was not easy getting this little boy. This guild base better be worth it as I want a personal room." Solstice stated.

"I already told you that you need a Spatial Expansion Stone for your own room. You practically live in a castle in the main world so why do you need a room here?" Adrian added.

"Every girl needs their private space. The castle here is not very private as other vampires could just easily sneak inside." Solstice replied.

"You just want to have a personal room to have snu snu time with your boyfriend over there." Adrian sneakily muttered which made him get hit by the head.

"I did not even know where to get these precious Spatial Expansion Stone. Here! Take this huge lump of magic stone off me as my arm is already getting numb." Solstice stated.

Adrian then received the magic stone of a boss level Mana Eater. The magic stone looks just like a lump of ordinary stone when it was given to Adrian. Solstice does not know why Adrian needs that ordinary looking stone, but he told her that it would be the battery for the guild base.

"Time for the finishing touches. Paradox, aid me." Adrian stated as the Cube of Paradox suddenly split into four smaller cubes.

The four smaller cubes released some sort of energy and made the magic stone of the Mana Eater float in midair. Adrian then continued with the last phases of his work and proceeded to carve runes into the magic stone. Carving a magic stone is not an easy process and one needs the correct tools.

He borrowed a carving knife from the Daemonios since he is already their leader. There was no requirement for the engraving of the runes which is why Adrian did not need a real Engraver on the scene. Plus, only a scribe could truly use the runes that he is using right now as it is of the ancient era.

When Adrian finished engraving the runes in under an hour. The magic stone that floated in midair and the runes engraves suddenly became floating glowing letters around it. The magic stone has finished the first step of its transformation to a living battery as the last step would be to fill it with mana.

Adrian then proceeded to pour all his mana into the magic stone. The remaining amount that he could not fill is supplemented by the others. Every time that they pour mana into the magic stone, the ordinary stone appearance suddenly changed to something that resembles a diamond.

The magic stone became extremely beautiful once it is filled with mana and it rivalled any other precious stone out there. It even has rings of runes floating around it which made it look ethereal. Adrian then unfurled his wings and proceeded to gently place the floating magic stone in the center of the magic circle.

When the magic stone was placed in the center of the circle, the whole magic circle reacted and immediately glowed in a rainbow-colored light. The magic circle then released chains that attached itself to the magic stone as it pulled it down to a portal created in the middle of the magic circle. When the magic stone got completely pulled down, a huge explosion of power could be sensed but no shockwaves were produced.

"Is that it? Where is the entrance though? The magic circle also disappeared. Did you fail?" Levin Cloud stated as he inspected the area.

"Why are you so impatient? The best part has yet to come though." Adrian stated as something unexplainable happened a few seconds later.

Lightning suddenly sprouted out of nowhere, but it did not come from the sky. The lightning sprouted from the ground itself as everyone in Avalon saw the phenomenon. Levin Cloud even fell down from the shock as the lightning almost hit him if he was a little bit closer.

The beautiful arching lightning formed a figure resembling a tree. The trunk and the branches are the lightning itself while the clouds looked like its leaves. About one minute later, the lightning tree suddenly retracted back to the ground while dragging the space that its lightning branches attached itself into.

When the lightning retracted back to the ground, a glowing magic circle appeared. The glowing magic circle then turned into particles of light that created a small star in front of them. The small star then exploded which created a rift in reality.

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[You are the first to create a pocket dimension. You have earned the title 'Carver of Dimensions.]

Title: Carver of Dimensions

Tier: Special

Effect:

- Able to feel pocket dimensions more clearly.

- You will not be accidentally caught if pocket dimensions suddenly closed.

- Able to modify pocket dimensions that you have created.

Description: A title given to those that are the pioneer in creating pocket dimensions. It is said that no one knows the origins of pocket dimensions as they are older than the Daemos that frequently use them.

[Please state the name of your guild. Insert the Guild Medallion once the name of the guild has been decided.]

"And we are done! Thankfully, it all proceeded according to plan, and nothing went wrong. Well, if something did go wrong then we would have been sucked into oblivion and forever wander inside of it." Adrian muttered as he rejoiced that the guild house has been successfully created.

"I am sorry, but could you please repeat that last phrase?" Peridot asked since she thought she heard something incredibly wrong and disturbing.

"Anyways, it is time for a vote for three of the names that I have come up with. If any of you also thought of a name for the guild, then feel free to add that to the three that I have thought of." Adrian stated as he told then the three names he came up with.

The three guild names that Adrian suggested is Chaotic, Illuminati and Pantheon. He thought of the name Chaotic because of the nature of their gameplay which is extremely chaotic. He also got this idea when he read comments on videos of the fight with the dark god. The viewers were describing them as Chaotic due to the nature of attacks that they use.

He thought of the name Illuminati as they often moved in secret, but people know that they exist. He just honestly put this in for more name choices and he also thought it was a cool sounding name. This was the first name that he thought of without much thinking.

The last name Pantheon has been thought up when he read comments about him, Levin Cloud and Vayu. Under some of the videos or posts that talk about them, the people often call them as Demon God, Holy God, and Wind God respectively. He thought that they could embrace these monikers and be a group of gods which is called a Pantheon.

Creepysoo also thought of a name, but it was immediately shut down when they heard it. It was not of their taste except for Soleil as she seemed to like that name. It made Creepysoo even more depressed when only the youngest could appreciate his naming taste.

The group then voted for the name that they wanted, and it got votes of three, two and three respectively. Chaotic and Pantheon got tied and it was up to Adrian's vote to break the tie. Adrian also thought deeply on what name he should choose.

"I think I am going to go with Pantheon for my vote." Adrian stated to which all agreed as they respect the decision of each individual.

Adrian then proceeded to take out the Guild Medallion and inserted it at the portal entrance of the pocket dimension. When he did so, the Guild Medallion crumbled into dust and scattered inside of the pocket dimension.

[Please choose a design for your Guild Emblem. The design for the guild emblem will be present in the clothes of each guild member. The Guild Emblem can only be changed once every six months or with the Guild Emblem Changer item.]

Adrian immediately knew what design he needs to incorporate. He chose a small temple with the tree of life and death in the background as the design for the Guild Emblem. He wanted to choose this as having Yewdrassil as the symbol looked cool and symbolic.

[Congratulations Equinox for creating the Pantheon guild.]

[You have become the Guild Master of the Pantheon Guild.]

When the notifications appeared, the guild emblem is then printed on his cloaks. The cloak that had no design suddenly had an emblem of the tree of life and death with a small temple. Even the others agreed that the guild emblem does have its own charm to it. Adrian then proceeded to appoint the four key positions for the guild.

Guild Master: Equinox

Vice Guild Master: Levin Cloud

Guild Secretary: Peridot

Guild Treasurer: Solstice

The positions of the key figures were already voted by them earlier on. When Adrian finished setting up the key guild positions, he then proceeded to invite the rest that were not chosen as guild key figures.

"So, we can all see the portal but how do we get inside?" Creepysoo asked as he was able to see the swirling vortex when he got invited to the guild.

"The Guild Emblem is the key to the guild house. Follow me inside." Adrian stated as he entered the portal with great confidence.

When all of them went inside the portal, they are greeted by a wonderous floating island that is half as big as the main island of Avalon. The only thing present in the floating island of the pocket dimension is a Guild Board where quests for the guild can be posted. The whole floating island is also tiled with the design of the guild emblem.

"Woah! The guild house is cool. We even have the view of the stars! How is that possible?" Creepysoo excitedly stated.

"It is really as bare as they said though." Adrian muttered as the only thing free is the guild board.

"No worries as we will fill it up with things to decorate. I want my own room though. Guild houses are said to be customizable by guild members." Solstice once again brought out her own room argument.

"Get the thing that I told you to or get a Level 400 Mana Eater magic stone. The latter would be enough to generate about ten smaller hidden dimensions so that each of us get a room.

"We should power level to 300 then so that we can get that magic stone!" Creepysoo chimed it as he is excited at the prospect of his own room.

"You have your own room in the castle of the undead though." Levin Cloud stated as he remembered being invited inside Creepysoo's room.

"This will be our private quarters here, so I want to decorate it again.

This is how the guild known as Pantheon is formed. A guild said that only those with godlike abilities can join. What they did not know is that their increased guild activities is due to room decoration.

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The hunt for the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse started as soon as the world message for it. Some guilds that were not doing any raids immediately flew into action when they received it as the world mission rewards and world quest fame is not something to be looked down upon.

Some of the spotlight of the hunt for the Horsemen of the Apocalypse might have been shifted due to the Selvaggian quest but that does not mean they are looking down on it. Mythical Tier Weapons is not something anyone currently has or at least known in Pandemonium. There have been legends about Mythical Tier weapons being able to injure elder dragons or ancient beasts.

It is not only the players under the alignment of the gods and those neutral participating in the quest. The players that are followers of the dark gods are also participating in the hunt for the four horsemen as even their dark gods do not like them. The dark gods remember that the four horsemen are those that injured major gods back in the War of Gods.

The followers of the dark gods are given the mission to not only hunt down the four horsemen but also hunt down the ones possessing their weapons. The players of the followers of the dark gods are also given a special relic that can destroy the accursed weapons that heavily damaged them back in the War of Gods. Even the gods fear the god slaying weapons when they grow to their peaks.

For the players that are confident in themselves, they wish to become a champion of a god or goddess. They have learned of how powerful the champions of gods and goddesses are from the Pandelympics. They are also wishing that they can be recognize by some so that they can use divine energy as well.

The top guilds are also paying anyone that can provide accurate information of the whereabouts of each horseman. This is to make sure that their guild will have the first shot of ever getting a Mythical Tier chest. They also want the attention of the gods and goddesses since those that fought the horseman got some recognition.

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are not like other raid monsters that stay in one area, but they are roaming raid monsters. They will stay in the area once they are attacked though and will transform the current area in a one kilometer radius to be beneficial for them. They also have penchant destruction for those that are aligned to a god.

The whole world is the battlefield for the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse as they are a world level threat. They also have a cycle of seven days before they would disappear from their current

place. The obvious sign that they are there in the area is different per horseman as even the monsters in that area will transform to their powers.

The Horseman of Plague would turn the one kilometer radius into a place where one would immediately become sick as soon as they enter. The monsters there would also turn sickly and would explode upon death to further spread the plague. One would need to have an artifact that can constantly cleanse the user or targeted user from sickness in order to be fit for performance.

The Horseman of War is different as he would turn the one kilometer radius into a war zone. All the monsters in the area would also have a special ability that makes them more powerful as soon as the battle persists. What is even more cruel is the fact that the Horseman of War would also fall under this effect as long as a battle is in the one kilometer area.

The Horseman of Famine would turn the area it resides into a barren wasteland. The monsters there would become skinny and will be eaten by the numerous rodents residing in the area for food. All those that are inside would also have five times the stamina reduction and twice the Satiety consumption as well.

The Horseman of Death is also the easiest to get close to but also the most dangerous. It would turn the area into a place filled with fog that will obstruct those inside. There are no monsters near it as those that are in the area will immediately die when they even think of attacking it. It would also send out wraith like monsters that have a chance of instantly killing anyone.

All of the Horsemen are difficult to deal with due to one thing. They will target the priest class first regardless of aggro skills. The fact that they target the main healers of the raid party is what makes it extremely difficult. Those that often badmouth the priest class for just standing on the back could no longer say that.

The identities of the priest class players are also elevated due to this since the raid parties could now distinguish their survivability clearly without a priest class. If their normal survivability with a priest is 30 minutes, then without them would only be five minutes. The horsemen would often use a powerful AOE attack after killing off all the priest class.

Those AOE skills would even bypass the defenses of the tanks as they cannot block an attack coming for all of them. Even invulnerability effects are bypassed as well since skills and abilities that give invulnerability are often given by or derived from skills made by gods. The players are basically left to tank the attack for themselves, but they will get killed easily since they would be at death's door after the AOE attack.

In fact, there is a video of a raid party against the Horseman of War that is uploaded getting millions of views. The raid team just happened to luck upon it and attacked when they saw the prospect of Mythical Tier Treasure Chest and a Level 300 Raid Boss. They did not know that they poked the tiger's tail due to their greed.

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The video of a fifty member raid party facing against the Horseman of War is gaining millions of views. They are not getting millions of views because of the battle but rather to see and gauge the strength of the Horseman of War. The first thing that changed is the topography as the one kilometer radius turned into a war zone.

The area got changed to fit the Horseman of War as numerous broken swords, arrows, armor and other war equipment is scattered. The monsters are also already in the berserk state and would even battle each other when there are no other enemies. The most interesting fact is that they lost the ability to cancel friendly fire the moment they entered the battlefield.

This made the fifty member raid party last ten minutes against the might of the monsters there. They were not used to battling monsters or even raiding boss monsters when friendly fire immunity is disabled. They took out more of their team than the monsters themselves since the mages just casted spells freely.

The comments in the video are flooded with laughing emojis as this was only a record of the livestream. The guild in question is only a middle ranked guild and did not prepare enough to handle a world boss which is why some people did not criticize them badly. The guild in question did not even take down the video because it is also helping fund their guild losses.

They already earned fifty thousand dollars just by letting others stream their videos. The leader of the raid group is even invited for interviews to give his comments about the battle. One thing that they definitely learned from the encounter is that the Horseman of War actively hunted down their priests.

The monsters that are berserk dealt with the front and middle line, but the Horseman of War killed their backline immediately. They even had a guild member there that has a small blessing from the Alchemist Goddess, and she was killed first instead of the priests. It seems that people that are directly blessed by the gods or goddesses will be the first to die.

They also lost more equipment upon dying in the presence of the Horseman of War. Some viewers even mentioned that the equipment that they dropped become part of the special area. Once their weapons or armor drop, it would immediately turn into a rusted or broken equipment, but it seems that it only affects weapons that drop upon death.

Another horseman is spotted in the western continent and the players that started there immediately formed a raid party to kill it. The horseman that showed up is none other than the Horseman of Plague. The players there immediately noticed it because the horseman appeared near a city and even influenced the city when an unknown sickness struck the residents of that city.

The city that was plagued is not that large and it is currently controlled by a rather sizeable guild. They even hired players to be mercenaries and managed to gather a punitive force that numbered in the two hundred. The gathered players departed at the seventh day and managed to learn of a new mechanism regarding the horseman.

It seems that the horseman will not leave the area when it is engaged in battle since the punitive force managed to survive for one day of battling. Unlike the Horseman of War, the Horseman of Plague will not move immediately and will only strike when damaged. It will immediately affect those that have divine energy with unknown diseases to incapacitate them. The monsters affected by the Horseman of Plague is also easier to defeat since they are sick.

The only problem is that the sick monsters explode into a fountain of green goo that stretches to a ten meter radius depending on their size. The exploding sick monster also damages those that are

near it since blood, meat and bones will fly out in the surroundings. The most difficult experience they encountered is the priest class being unable to properly conjure up their divine energy to heal themselves.

The priest themselves could not even cleanse the sickness they are afflicted with since the normal Cleanse does not work. The priests banded together and they managed to clear the sickness they are infected with using High Cleanse which is a five minute chant when done by one priest.

The High Cleanse spell could be chanted under one minute when a group of priests chant it in unison but that is not as easy. The group of priests had to chant the spell at least five times since someone would suddenly fail to use divine energy at the last second. The sickness they are afflicted with seemed to have affected their ability to gather divine energy the most and would even damage them when they forcefully gathered it.

When the priests managed to cleanse themselves of the plague they are affected, the raid party wholeheartedly devoted themselves to kill the raid boss. Everything would have gone swell if not for the AOE skill that the Horseman of Plague used that affected them with numerous status ailments all at the same time.

If one of them is unlucky, then they would be afflicted with five status ailments at the same time. Those affected by a status ailment from the Horseman of Plague would then get decreased stats. They would lose 10% of their stats for each status ailment they are afflicted with which made them easy to be killed.

Followed by the exploding sick monsters spreading more sickness, the raid party of two hundred members fell in just a day and two hours. When the players died, the Horseman of Plague vanished in the area as well, but it also took something from the dead bodies of the players. It was a green liquid like substance that seemed to make the Horseman of Plague stronger. The next individuals that faced the Horseman of Plague encountered a level 301 raid boss monster.

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A few days after the raid against the Horseman of Plague, the next horseman appeared or rather was discovered. It was the Horseman of Death and it actually spawned near south area where the castle of the undead is located.

A guild known as the Masked Death, which is mainly filled with undead players, set up the raid against it. Since the Horseman of Death is near the castle of the undead, many undead players also came and got recruited by the Masked Death guild. They managed to build a raid party that had a strong number of one thousand.

One would think that they are just throwing away their lives when the Horseman of Death has instant death skills, but they are undead. Undead are not affected by instant death spells or abilities but that does not mean that they do not get damaged. They will not get executed immediately but probably drop to red health depending on their defenses.

The thousand strong undead players showed the power of what undead could really do. Due to the nature of their race, not many players chose to become undead but there are still a sizeable number of players that did so. The ones that chose to be undead are those that have job classes that are in perfect synergy with the racial characteristics of undead.

A lot of players that were second guessing back then also regretted their decision to not change into undead. The first generation undead players are much stronger than those that have just become undead. The first generation undead players already achieved evolutions to a Death Knight, Lich or any other mid-tier undead.

In fact, undead players are dominating the player versus player matches due to their unique Death Aura and spells that have instant death. The thousand undead players that are going to march against the Horseman of Death are all mid-tier undead.

The one leading the group is the guild leader of the Masked Death guild which is an undead called the the Headless Hessian of the Hollow. He is a Dullahan and centaur hybrid with a large, cursed glaive as a weapon. He is also one of the smaller Undead Captains in the infantry of the Undead King.

In fact, he is actually a retired veteran soldier that wanted to experience the joys of battle. He rounded up his other brothers at arms that are in the same position as him and created a guild. They were of the human race at first but later changed to undead when they learned that undead do not consume stamina.

The concept of stamina in the game inhibited what they could really do which is why they gladly changed to undead. The Guild Leader of the Masked Death is named Hollow as that was his codename back then. He was also their Battalion commander back when they were still in the service.

The raid of the Masked Death Guild is much different compared to the first two raids that happened. They were far more organized and employed military warfare in their formations. The Horseman of Death is not a great match against undead players since its powers derived from the death around it.

Undead are already dead but are just in a special state of death. The Horseman of Death could not take the attacks and spells that the undead release. It could also not activate the instant death effect as undead that get hit by that spell only get damaged severely. The Horseman of Death would also enter a state of severe exhaustion when using its instant death attack which made the undead damage it severely.

The raid is supposed to be a success if not for the interference of the players aligned with the dark god. The players aligned with the dark gods are not only tasked with killing off the horseman but also taking their essence. The dark gods want their essence as they might be able to use it to pierce the barrier that pushes away the descent of the gods.

Since the divine barrier is made using divine energy of fallen gods with the powers of Asmodians, the essence of the horseman might be able to destroy it or just a part of it. Some dark gods are already itching to descend to the main world when one of them managed to fully descend.

The dark gods do not want to do a spectacle like what the Dark God of a Thousand Faces did. They know that subtlety is the best so that they will not get purged before they fully return to power in the main world and set up their divine territory. A small hole is just what they need so that they could avoid the detection of the Gods of Pandemonium.

In fact, it is not just followers of the dark gods that barged in on the raid. Some players that are chosen champions of some devious gods of Pandemonium also wanted the essence. They want to

descend to the world once again and rule over humanity. They just masked their plans to other gods that their champions will just purge the Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

Apocalypse is not just the event where all of the players move but also the gods as well. The movement of several superpowers are also apparent, but they make sure to hide their tracks. The power that the Horsemen of the Apocalypse have is a power that can kill divinity after all.

The Horseman of Death was already at 30% health when they followers of the dark gods and the champions of the Gods of Pandemonium appeared. They thought that they could kill the Horseman of Death, but an eerie smile suddenly appeared on the blank face of the enemy.

An aura of thick death surrounded all those in the one kilometer radius of the Horseman of Death. Its health also decreased all the way to 10% but an icon suddenly appeared on all players in the area. The icon is looks like the Horseman of Death with its scythe pointed towards their neck.

When the skeletal horse stomped its hoof, the scythe passed through the necks of all the players in the vicinity. The players that are alive all died with one strike of the scythe. The undead players all got reduced to 1% health. The scariest part is that the 10% health of the Horseman of Death suddenly got filled back to 80%.

The players from the followers of the dark gods and the champions of the gods numbered to 70. Each death recovered 1% of the Horseman of Death's health. That is not the only thing that happened as its stats also rose depending on the number of deaths around it. Seventy souls of players increased the stats of the Horseman of Death by 70% as well.

The increase in stats is not permanent though as it only affects the Horseman of Death for half an hour. Although, that is what dictated the fate of all the players as half an hour with 70% stat increase against a level 300 raid boss is a death sentence. If the greedy players did not intervene, then the first death of a Horseman would have been recorded.

In fact, the players that made the raid unwinnable got lot of hate from others. The main world is changing rapidly due to the horsemen. Numerous NPCs are dying either due to hunger or sickness. Crops do not grow as fast because of stale atmosphere and war is imminent due to the rising food shortages.

The players did not notice the changes at first but the first to notice are the guilds that run a territory. They are burning money with each passing day as the citizens are starving while some have turned to banditry. The world of Pandemonium has become unstable due to the appearance of four raid bosses.

The ones that are not affected that much are races that do not eat as much or those with blessed fields. In fact, the New Alfheim that is the territory of the Evergreen guild is being showered by blessings due to having a bountiful harvest. The Tree of Life planted there might not be fully spouted but it is still a tree of life.

This made them a great trade partners for guilds that have less food production as they have excess. This also made them a target against those that want to plunder but they managed to push them back. Another bountiful area for food is Adrian's territory and all of his money earned are due to exporting food via Piggy Bank's trade channels.

In fact, some neighboring kingdoms are also planning on attacking Adrian's territory, but they are still in the process of information gathering. Adrian knew of this because a certain player that has a peculiar race called a Shade told him of this. He has yet to verify it but he found it to be trustworthy since she is of the Shade race that resides in his territory.

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Just as Adrian thought that he would have peace, the Shade race that he accepted into his territory immediately wanted to meet him with the elders of the Daemos. Since it was the Shade elder that wanted to meet, Adrian agreed and even the other elders agreed as well. When they learned the things that they wanted to report, they are all shocked.

The Shade Elder said that the human countries that are facing severe food shortages are now raising their banners to conquer Avalon. It is not just one kingdom that wanted to invade but an alliance of three kingdoms. The most disturbing fact is that the angels seemed to have made their moves to direct the attention to them.

"What do you mean the angels are the ones that directed their attention to us?" Koronn asked as he is not a fan of angels as well, but he tolerates them as they promote some sort of order.

"Are you not forgetting that the angels are an extremely selfish race that only serve their goddess? If they goddess wanted the extinction of humanity, then those glowing birds would have done so as well. They hide behind the face of benevolence and kindness when they were not like that back then." Ascalor stated.

"Not all of them are like that. There have been valiant warriors among them when the dark gods attacked." Bronx stated.

"If you mean, the Fallen, then you are correct. They are no longer of this world and prefer to sleep. They already chose to not meddle in the world, but those glowing birds are different. Do they think that we do not know what they are currently doing?" Ascalor stated as he already returned from his investigations.

"Why are they raising their swords at us? The angels have no way to win against us when it comes to all out war." Koronn asked.

"I think they need to divert our attention." Adrian suddenly stated which made everyone's eyes look at him as he was silent earlier. This is the first time that he spoke out in discussion.

"Divert our attention?" Bronx asked.

"I am not sure of my conjecture, but I might be if Old man Ascalor tells me what they are planning." Adrian asked.

"The angels are trying to forcefully open the Gate of Heaven where the rest of the angels are currently sealed. You could also say that the Goddess of Light has some authority over there as it is a broken part of her divine territory." Ascalor stated.

"I think they will use something that can pin the blame on us. The angels are acting sneaky as the Pope of the Church of Light has never appeared again after the fiasco with the dark god. The other church members did do missionary work and helped but their higher echelon did not move after the fight with the dark god." Adrian stated which made everyone nod.

"Can I know if we can handle the army of the three countries?" Adrian asked.

"If it is a normal human army then we can easily trample them. They should have feared us because of the misinformation that the other churches have been spreading all these times. Maybe they think we are docile because we are not claiming territory like they thought we would. We are not conquerors because we are protectors." Ascalor answered.

"I know but that makes me surer that this is a ploy. Do the three united kingdoms have large population?" Adrian asked the Shade.

"Yes. Their population could be estimated in the millions when combined." The Shade girl replied shyly.

"Thank you for answering my question. Do you guys know the peculiarity with the angels?" Adrian stated.

"Peculiarity? I only know that they are glowing birds." Ascalor stated.

"Is there perhaps an angel of death? Someone that becomes more powerful when death is present. I know that angels have something that represents them. It is only for them which is why they are very proud of themselves because they are unique." Adrian stated.

"From what I know, the Angel of Death is already dead. She died in the war against the dark gods. She fought valiantly. I should know because my unit was near her back then. I was just a foot soldier back then." Bronx stated.

"Then if the Angel of Death is already dead, is there an Angel that draws power from faith?" Adrian asked.

"From what we know, angels that draw powers from others are rare. They also do not have great fighting power at the start which is why they are weak. But there have been cases of an Angel of Fear. The Angel of Fear was powerful back then, but I know he is sealed behind the Gates of Heaven since he was at the forefront of the angelic war." Koronn stated.

The Shade elder and the shade player are standing there dumbfounded as they are being fed information that is thousand of years old that even their ancestors might not know. The Shade player even looked stumped as the information in her head is already spiraling out of control due to how sensitive and game breaking this information is. She has found new respect for her idol as he could accurately grasp all the information.

"If there is an Angel of Faith then their intention of provoking this war is already certain." Adrian stated.

"Enlighten us boy. Do not lead us hanging for the answer." Ascalor stated.

"The instigator for this war wants us to wipe out the army of the three kingdoms. With the Horsemen of the Apocalypse still roaming about, they wanted to make use of the current situation to their advantage. They expect us to wipe out the enemy army then their savior will come floating down the sky to 'save' all of them from our oppression." Adrian stated.

"It might be preposterous but what you say make sense. Millions of people will be scared and will want to cling to something that can save them. If that angel swoops in and saves them on their darkest times, then their faith will be transferred to that angel. Brilliant but nasty at the same times just like those angels." Ascalor stated.

"How do you propose we handle it? This is your territory after all. Even if we are your elders, you are the one governing this territory and we are only giving you a hand in managing it." Koronn stated.

"Helping? You guys also get a portion of my wealth for your service. You guys are gaining something as well, but you at least make sure that everything run perfectly." Adrian thought to himself as he smiled because he would never dare say this out loud. He is thankful for them, but they are also the reason why his wallet bleeds sometimes.

"I already have a way to make sure that war will never happen. Or at least lessen the number of enemies that we have. We will infiltrate the enemies." Adrian stated.

"I see. You will infiltrate the enemies and kill the angels instigating the fight. Might as well kill the royalty that dared to get this land." Ascalor stated as he nodded but everyone just looked at him with judging eyes.

"Maybe that is a bit to far." Bronx appealed.

"You are right. We should capture the angel and send a message by public execution." Koronn stated.

"That is also very bad but not a bad suggestion." Adrian stated as he slightly nodded.

"It seems that I need to pound away your bloodthirsty nature, young brat." Bronx stated with a sigh as the others around him is actually very violent when left by their own devices.

"I was just joking. Haha." Adrian stated but he did not forget to take a mental note of that. He is already an angel killer so adding one more will not change that anyway.

"My real objective is to infiltrate the kingdoms and make contact with a person of authority. The king or a crown prince would be better. I will then propose them a trade agreement and aide for the time being as the curses of the Horsemen of the Apocalypse are still active." Adrian stated.

"That is a much better sounding plan." Bronx stated as he seated comfortably once again.

"I like my plan better." Ascalor argued but they did not entertain his demeanor.

"That is a good plan, but those glowing birds would have guarded the king of those three kingdoms already. They would have surely made preparations against our space spells." Koronn stated.

"That will be easy. We will just make sure to spread information about a certain race that angels hate to their core. They hate them because they are the representation of them when they are no longer shackled by their goddess. We will use the devils to make sure that the infiltration will be a success. Let me tell you the plan." Adrian stated as he smiled deviously.

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"So, your grand scheme is a secret alliance?" Ascalor asked.

"Yes. For this plan to succeed, I need the help of the Shade." Adrian stated.

"Our help? If the benevolent Lord needs our aide, then we shall surely do our best. I just ask that my people not go into harm's way as we are not a race of skilled fighters." The Shade elder stated which Adrian nodded.

"Do not worry as I will not make you guys fight but I will need you people to spread information. I also need one of you to accompany me so that we can infiltrate the castles." Adrian stated.

"If it is about spreading rumors then we are great at that. The only problem is that we need something substantial to fan the rumors. Rumors alone will not make the angels protecting the king move. For your companion, you can have Awraka accompany you." The Shade elder stated which made the Shade girl jump from the shock.

"Me...me?" Awraka muttered as she could not form words.

"Yes. Would you not like to accompany the lord? If you do not want to accompany him then I can ask others for that." The Shade elder asked.

"No! I would love to." Awraka suddenly stated which shocked the Shade elder, but he knew that she was a shy girl.

"I will be in your care then." Adrian stated as he stood up and shook the hand of Awraka.

"Please take care of me as well." Awraka stated as she held out her trembling hands.

Adrian then gathered his guild members as they needed to discuss what is going to happen. He already told the Daemos elders that they just need to keep vigilance in the territory as they are also spread thin due to the Horsemen of the Apocalypse. He also brought Awraka to the guild house as a guest since what they need to do is something that needs to be kept secret.

"Awesome!" Awraka stated but inside she is already about to faint. She did not expect that her idol would work with her. She suddenly had the idea of wanting to join his guild, but she does not want to be overly friendly and scare him off.

"Thanks for the praise. Me and my friends made this guild house so that we have a place in the territory." Adrian stated as his friends arrived one by one.

"Hey! Sorry I am late." Levin Cloud stated as he is the last one to arrive.

"So...who do we have here? Do not tell me she is your girlfriend." Peridot teased but Solstice and Lycan suddenly remembered who she was.

"Are you Awraka?" Solstice asked.

Awraka almost exploded when she was teased. In fact, she almost fainted when all of Adrian's friends arrived as she is also a fan of them. She is also a fan of Peridot as she is a princess in the Eastern Continent.

"Yes! That is me." Awraka stated as her voice shifted from high to low.

"You do not need to be too nervous. We do not eat other people." Lycan stated as he could see that the young girl is extremely shy.

"Thank you." Awraka stated meekly.

"You know her?" Adrian asked Solstice.

"Yup! She is a great assassin player that was a key figure for the Vampires and the Werewolves to stop their war. There are still some still hidden distastes from those that are loyalist, but we are no longer at war. At least openly and people are working hard to form a mutual connection." Solstice stated.

"I see then since you have approved her ability then we can safely succeed." Adrian stated as he began to say everything about the brewing war.

"Seriously! Those angels should have something better to do or else I would pluck all their feathers." Solstice stated as she could not believe that someone dared to put their hands in her gold bowl.

"So, what do we need to do? You did not call us just because you want us to know of this." Levin Cloud stated.

"I already asked for someone to help us regarding the devils. She reluctantly agreed but she wanted the help of the three of you in exchange." Adrian stated as he pointed to Levin Cloud, Peridot and Kabrakan.

"I am fine with that as summoning a devil is surely not an easy job. Anastacia already reached out to us since they are also having some problem with other kingdoms pressuring them." Levin Cloud stated as he already knows why they are needed by the Evergreen guild.

"The next step would be to start making the rumors grow. Creepysoo, Lycan, Solstice, Vayu and Soleil will be the working with the other Shades to create the illusion that a devil has appeared near the three kingdoms. The devil will show up a bit later when we have a sure-fire way of taking to the kings of the three kingdoms." Adrian stated.

"Do we kill the angels?" Lycan asked.

"If they suddenly realized that they are being lured then a fight would be inevitable. I think the angels that they made to guard the kings should have sizeable power. They would not be able to pressure some of them if they are weak after all. They are probably using the power of the Church of Light. They probably threatened them that they will cut aide if they are not heard." Adrian stated.

Adrian could more or less guess that the three kingdoms are still on the fence of attacking Avalon as the demons are there. It would also serve that they have gained increased security when the demon-controlled territory sprouted. Numerous adventurers would pass by their kingdoms and take missions of killing monsters.

They are also benefitting financially as the adventurers that pass through them are also spending money. In fact, it is this money that keeps their kingdoms afloat despite having less food to harvest as they use it to import the food they need.

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The uneasiness of the three kingdoms to attack made them delay the actual start of war. They delayed it for two weeks in hopes that they could actually avoid it but the pressure that the Church

of Light is weighing down on them. The kings of each kingdom are also said to be guarded by angels but in truth they are threatened with actual angels beside them.

It is also not helping them that some of the nobles in their kingdoms are greedy. They were much easily coerced by the angels when they said that they need to attack Avalon because the demons are planning on raining chaos. The nobles that are in the side of reason wanted to argue but the presence of the angels is dangerous even to them as they have been made aware.

One of them openly protested and had their arm cut off because 'divine retribution'. The angels are beings that do not want to be talked backed upon. The nobles knew that they have been transformed into pawns by these beautiful but devious beings. They are also threatened that if their presence has been announced to the world then they would kill off the royal families and nobles.

The kings and nobles are left to submit and basically send their people to their deaths. If the stories about demons were not just stories, then they will definitely die. Even if they do have legendary tier swordsmen in their army as their generals, against beings of pure power is a death sentence.

Just as the kings of each kingdom are dreading the fact that the time for war is upon them, they suddenly heard disturbing rumors sprouting in their territories. The three kingdoms are connected via land and in their intersection is a story that a devil has been summoned in their land. The devil is said to still be weak as it is still getting accustomed to the real world.

The people are terrorized with ominous signs as they always felt in danger when at night. Even the village guards around the forest stay in their homes praying that they will not get attacked. The signs of devils according to those preached by the Church of Light is also present in the area.

The increasing temperature even at night as the villagers feel that it is a blazing inferno. The winds howling every night in an eerie voice and a chill running down their spine whenever it touches their body. The most disturbing thing that they found are carcasses of death monsters inside a summoning magic circle drawn with blood.

These events made the villages in the intersection of the kingdoms migrate temporarily to the inner villages. They do not want to become sacrifices for other devil summoning as it has been preached to them that human blood is the best catalyst for summoning the devils.

The Church of Light could not outright say that the doctrine that they are spreading regarding devils are false since most of it are. The doctrine that talks about the evilness of the devils are only half true as they are painted as the literal symbolism of evil. It is also preached that the Church of Light would always quell this evil when the signs have arisen which put them at a dilemma.

The angels are now thinking on what they should do as the things stated in the doctrine are not true. They know that devils do not really need sacrifices or such for them to be summoned as they only needed to punch a hole from their dimension to this one in order to come. The angels knew that someone is actually mocking them for using the doctrine against them.

At first, the angels dispatched priests and paladins that are adequately leveled but they all came back extremely bruised. They recounted that they were indeed attacked but it was a hell beast instead of an actual devil. They were not attacked immediately as the hell beast only showed up on the third day that they were searching.

The hell beast was too much for the amateur paladins and priests as they are not trained to fight them. A special division of the Church of Light is dedicated in dealing with devil related matters which means not all are able to fight against anything related to devils. With the appearance of the hell beast, the angels now know the threat that it poses but they are glad that it is only moving in that location.

The angels disguised as high rank clergymen of the Church of Light only told the people to not go in that area as it is currently dangerous. What the angels did not understand is that the hell beast is said to be the one creating magic circles to summon devils, but they are not intelligent enough for that.

Just as the angels thought that leaving the problem alone for the time being is the best solution, a wave of infernal energy suddenly erupted from the intersection of the three kingdoms. All the people on the kingdom felt this energy and something inside of them got triggered. It felt as if their inner inhibitions somewhat lessened.

The angels immediately knew of this as this is usually a by product of a devil summoning ritual. The angels are incredibly angered as it would seem someone is actually spitting on their face. The fact that someone summoned a devil in an area where they are clearly staying is a direct slap on their pride. It is as if the devil summoner told them that they are weak.

The proud and mighty angels grew with rage as all three of them immediately headed out to kill this insolent devil that dared to show up. They were told to never leave their post until the march against the territory controlled by a demon started but they could not take the insult they received. The angels turned into streaks of bright light in the sky as someone hidden in the shadows smiled.

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"The angels have left the building. Let us move in." Adrian chatted in the group chat they made.

This time, they are not operating inside of a dungeon or restricted in using the chat, so they made sure to abuse it. Once the group got the signal, they laid wait in the designated locations that they are placed.

"Let us go to the castle." Adrian stated towards Awraka as she is currently covering them with Dark Veil as they made sure to move only at sundown.

"Affirmative. Please follow closely so that you will always be in the effect of the Dark Veil." Awraka replied as her shy personality finally changed to that of a serious one.

Adrian has a bit of trouble following Awraka as her movement speed is actually superior to him. Adrian needed to activate Chrono Shift and even summon Sirius just to follow closely to her. She moved without any buffs which made Adrian increase his evaluation of her. His sister rarely praises people unless they are extremely talented after all.

The effect of the Dark Veil also piqued Adrian's interest as it is basically using the darkness in the surroundings. It is not like Sirius or Nightshade that uses shadows as their medium, but Awraka uses the actual darkness to obscure their surroundings. If anyone from the outside looks at them, they will just see an obscure shadow that is difficult to perceive.

"No wonder the Shade race could easily hide but they are still troubled against the persecution of the angels." Adrian thought as darkness would disappear once light shines upon them which is why Angels that control light is their worst nightmare. They can escape but they can be easily seen when the light is reflected or shined on them.

Adrian and Awraka did not have difficulty coming to the private office of the king as Awraka already found out about it. She managed to get a blueprint of the castle in the hidden records of the kingdom as the angel were not particularly interested in that area. The angels only focused on the kings as they are the ones in charge despite threatening the other nobles as well.

The first kingdom that they picked is the one that will be longest to travel if the angels return. It is located about a hundred kilometers from Avalon and is actually separated with a dense forest. Sirius made it easy to traverse the forest and evade the monsters inside, so they easily lessened the time for travel.

"The angel is gone, father. You can now breathe easy for now. It seems that a devil appearing is actually a blessing for us." The crown prince stated as he met with his father.

"I did not think that I would agree to that statement. Our ancestors would have scorned us if they heard that." The king stated as he chuckled weakly.

The angel is pressuring him always and watching him to the point that he is almost driven to insanity. He did not want to attack Avalon and incur the wrath of the demons that are not doing anything to them. He is a king that ruled wisely which is why his people do not revolt despite the food situation that they are experiencing. He even opened the food storages of the castle just to feed the people at least once a day since they are the reason on why the kingdoms run afloat.

He has been approached by other 'cursed individuals'(players) in offering their aide but he refused them. He has seen what they did to the other kingdoms that they became a noble of. Those cursed individuals do not die permanently which is dangerous if they have no sense of loyalty to the crown.

The king of this kingdom did not hail from royalty but became king due to his achievements. He married the princess of the kingdom he grew up in when he became a legendary tier knight. Thankfully, the previous king wanted the safety of his own family instead of his influence being bigger which is why he wanted his daughter to marry a strong man instead of a prince from a neighboring country.

He might have become a king that sat in a throne, but his senses have yet to dull. This is also the reason why the angel that guarded him did not resort to violence as the angel knew that she will also sustain damage if they fought. He was only threatened of a whole angelic army burning his kingdom to the ground if he did not comply.

"Who is there!?" The king stated as he looked at the corner of his private office. He also expanded his aura to try and pressure the ones that suddenly entered his private office.

"As expected of the Knight King Jerrick." Adrian stated as he told Awraka to cancel the effects of Dark Veil.

The king immediately pulled his sword when he saw the two of them appear. The crown prince also pulled his sword, but they did not realize that the room has already been partially sealed off using

Adrian's magic. It was a magic that Ascalor taught him called Sealed Room which only lasts for five minutes.

"A demon! Are you here to kill us because you know of the news that were planning to attack!?" The crown prince stated.

"I wanted to observe the situation if you were really pressured into accepting the rude demands of those glowing birds and thankfully you passed." Adrian stated with a smile.

"What do you mean passed?! Did you summon a devil to distract the angels!?" King Jerrick stated.

"That is correct. Those glowing birds are planning something, and I wanted to get to the bottom of it." Adrian stated as he took out a chair from his inventory to sit on. He exuded the aura of a partial Asmodian as he did so to not look weak in front of the king despite being lower leveled than him.

"What would you do if we were to fail?" King Jerrick asked.

"If you really did fail and were actually wholeheartedly supporting the angels then we will wipe out the army you raise against us. Also, you should not trigger that magic scroll to call for your Royal Mage as I sealed this room for now." Adrian stated as the Cube of Paradox suddenly flew towards King Jerrick and burnt the magic scroll.

"So, what are you going to do to us?" King Jerrick asked as he is ready to fight to the death to protect his son. As long as his son survives, the future of the kingdom is in good hands.

"Nothing really. I really just came here to see your situation. If you behave, then I might give you a better proposition than what those angels gave you." Adrian stated.

"So, I am now forced to either side with a Demon or an Angel. To think that the day would come that I will get pressured into this." King Jerrick stated with a hearty chuckle as he did not expect something like this while he is alive.

"You are free to refuse though as I am not forcing you. I am just telling you that you will lose even with your combined armies. The demons do not meddle with human affairs willingly but aggression towards us is also not allowed." Adrian stated as he exuded the dignity of an Asmodian which made all those in the room feel the pressure.

He might be a Greater Demon now, but he is still on the verge of becoming an Arch Demon. He just needs the necessary materials to actually increase his Persona. He is missing that one thing that can break the wall blocking him from becoming an Arch Demon.

"Fine. Tell me what your proposition is." King Jerrick stated as he receded his aura to make it clear that he means no harm.

"In exchange of giving you aide in food, make sure that the war does not happen. Of course, you need to pay for the food, but we will offer it to you at half the price. This offer will only be valid until the Horsemen of the Apocalypse are killed." Adrian stated with a smile.

In fact, even if they pay for a quarter of the price, Adrian will not take a loss as he learned that the food grown in his territory is too abundant. Abundant to the point that he is getting so much money from selling the excess. The only problem is that he also burns money in the process as his territory needs development.

"How can I be sure that you will hold this end of the deal?" King Jerrick asked as this was the thing that he needed the most. He desperately needed more food as the food storages of his castle is also depleting fast.

"Shall we make an oath to the God of Death?" Adrian stated which shocked King Jerrick.

"The God of Death does not answer oaths unless you are a high official to his church." King Jerrick stated as an oath mediated with the God of Death results in death if broken.

"He will answer because I am his Champion." Adrian stated which suddenly made King Jerrick answer the question that he forgot to ask.

"Are you the Champion of the Twin Gods?" King Jerrick asked as he knows from the accounts of the newly reformed Church of the Twin Gods that their champion is actually a demon. They also know that this Champion is the Lord of Avalon and the patron of the Tree of Life and Death.

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"Yes. That is me. I am the Champion of the Twin Gods and the Lord of Avalon." Adrian replied as showed off the energy of life and death present in his body.

"I will accept the offer but only I should be the one with the burden. Please do not include my son in the oath." King Jerrick stated as he already made his decision.

"We need to include them as well since you might let them order others instead of yourself. We must make sure that there are no loopholes in our oath after all." Adrian stated as he does not want to have loopholes regarding the oath.

"I would like to politely refuse." King Jerrick stated but the crown prince spoke against his father's decision.

"I agree. Let me carry the burden as well as it is our people involved. I will bet my life for our people." The Crown Prince spoke out which caused shock to his father. The king wanted to make his son change his mind, but the crown prince did not waiver. The crown prince's determination made King Jerrick agree in the end as his son will not take no for an answer.

"Since we are in agreement, let me start the Oath." Adrian stated as he spoke the words, he memorized to summon the Oath Keeper of Death.

"I, Equinox, would like to make an Oath with King Jerrick. May the God of Death Abaddon be the witness to this oath." Adrian stated.

An eerie but calming energy then spread out from Adrian's body as the room suddenly got filled with Nether Mist. The individuals in the room felt something crawl into their souls as the energy of death is prevalent in the room. The door to the room suddenly creaked open but it was not a person or a soldier of King Jerrick's kingdom.

"What can I do for the Champion of the Twin Gods?" A dignified voice that came from the one that entered the room stated.

"I, Equinox, and King Jerrick will enter a binding oath under the witness of the God of Death Abaddon. Please be the mediator of the oath, Judge of the Underworld Aeacus." Adrian stated as he identified the being that came from the door.

NPC Name: Aeacus

Title: One of the Three Judges of the Underworld

Tier: Unknown

Level: Unknown

Description: One of the Three Judges of the Underworld and mediators of Oaths that make the God of Death as a witness. He is famed for his great judgement and fairness. He was once a great king that ruled an island kingdom full power powerful warriors that could shapeshift as they have been said to have been transformed from ants.

Aeacus looks like an ordinary man, but he was actually a wise king back when he was alive. The God of Death has been very appreciative of his ruling and fairness when he was alive that he was appointed as one of the judges of the Underworld along with two other great kings.

"This humble judge will make sure that the oath will be inviolable, Champion of the Twin Gods. Please state the terms of the oath." Aeacus stated as a stone throne manifested below him for him to sit upon.

"Avalon will aid King Jerrick's kingdom via food aide by offering the food for half the price. In exchange, they will not wage war to our nation or aid another nation in waging war with us. This will only continue until their kingdom can get back on their feet when it comes to food production. I can also cancel this oath when a hundred days have passed." Adrian stated as he believed that it will only take a hundred days to kill the all the Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

"The demand has been listed. Does the other party want to add something or any violent reaction?" Aeacus asked as he needed this to be fair.

"No violent reaction about the demand. I would like to add that Avalon will not attack my kingdom as well." King Jerrick added.

"I agree with the additional demand." Adrian replied as he has no problem with that. He does not plan on becoming a conqueror or expand his territory now since managing his territory is already quite burdensome.

"I, Aeacus, have listened to the demands that both parties have agreed upon. If one party bends the rules, then they will suffer the consequences. If King Jerrick were to break the contract, then him and two generations of his descendants will be cursed.

If Equinox is the one to break the oath, then he will be sent to the Underworld to undergo the Trial of the Damned." Aeacus stated as an invisible power is brought upon them. A mark then appeared on their wrists that signified that the oath has been formed.

The mark on their wrists is the binding oath that they are in and will be in effect until the oath is broken. The mark looked like a chain with a skull on it since the oath is created through the God of Death. The mark also appeared in all of the descendants of the current royal family as they are also part of the oath.

"Well then, I will let the merchant know of our deal so they could deliver the goods to you. Regarding the angels, we will do something about them. The other kingdoms have yet to make a

decision, but my friends are already on it." Adrian stated as he knew that Solstice and Vayu are currently talking to the other kingdoms with the aid of other shades.

Just as Adrian thought that everything would be swell and going according to plan, news from Creepysoo suddenly shattered his expectations. Creepysoo suddenly stated that the three angels arrived in the area but another one appeared. There are now four angels in the vicinity but the last one that arrived is different as her wings were grayish instead of pure white.