

## **Paragon 1331**

### Chapter 1331: Milky Way Warrior Academy Offer

"I will also keep my presentation short," Lady Vox began. "In every galaxy, there is a warrior academy. The Human universe, being the biggest of all universes, has 32 galaxies, meaning there are 32 warrior academies in the Human Universe.

The Milky Way Warrior Academy ranks 3rd and has produced many gods, Supremes, and even Celestials. I myself am a Diamond Tier disciple in the Milky Way Academy, and Star Lord Victor was once a disciple there."

Klaus turned and looked at the silver-haired man chewing some strange-looking nuts. Seeing he didn't bother to say anything, he turned back to Lady Vox and said:

"Good to know. Please continue..."

She nodded with a smile. "I know you said you are the kind that likes to go hunting. I respect that; after all, every warrior seeks to go on adventures.

However, before going out there, there is a need for the best training, access to the best resources, and even information on many things.

The Mission Hall and Warrior Tower have all those, but the Warrior Academy has something even better: it has others like you—warriors like yourself, who have the same ambitions as you. It offers a variety of cultures to explore and connect with.

It has like-minded people who aim to make the universe a better place. It has techniques and hidden knowledge that most organisations don't have.

And lastly, it has a direct connection to the Heavens Court, where you get to experience the universe from the perspective of those who govern it.

Basically, you would be swimming in the ranks of the universe's elite and future leaders who would see to the future of the universe.

There is so much you would have to discover for yourself; however, you have to know that regardless of what decision you make, any warrior academy in the vast universe will welcome you with open arms and ensure you have a pleasant stay."

Klaus nodded, already liking the direction Lady Vox was taking him. Instead of promising to give him this and that, she focused on sharing what the warrior academies are about.

She made sure to paint it as a place to create connections and build long-lasting bonds. That fell right into what Klaus wanted.

When he becomes the Paragon, everybody will hate him. However, what if before he became one, his status in the image heart is that of goodness?

That would, in a way, open many people's eyes to the truth, and if he pushes hard enough, he might succeed in showing everyone that the Paragon is not a bad person. In fact, he would show them he is on the side of good and that he had no plans to be the bad guy they would paint him to be.

He would make friends and create bonds that would last. In a way, he would be stepping into the ranks of future leaders, beings who would one day determine the fate of the universe.

So he was down. However, before making any commitment, he asked one important question.

"Am I required to always be there in person?"

"No. You, of course, would have to visit the academy to be registered; however, you can take all the classes you want through the Dark Space.

I myself have only been to the academy a few times. In fact, I haven't been there in the last 2,000 years. However, with the Dark Space, I can meet with friends, attend classes, and even participate in trials."

"Then that is cool. I can manage it with my other professions."

"Indeed. However, with the package I also came with, you would have to visit the academy in person to redeem them."

"I can do that."

Lady Vox nodded and turned to Lord Flux. "You can present your package."

He nodded and sent a file to Klaus's communicator. The moment Klaus opened it, his eyes widened.

Seeing this, Lord Flux smiled. He had indeed come prepared, giving Klaus what could be considered an offer he could not refuse.

Indeed, this offer could not be refused, not when he needed to provide for nine different versions of himself. The only way to ensure he becomes the Paragon of the nine stars is to cultivate his Nine Reincarnation Divine Body in separate bodies, making sure each body has its own resources.

This meant he needed money, and the offer he had just received promised to provide it. He read through it and then turned to Lady Vox. Understanding what he was asking for, she also sent her offer.

Yet again, Klaus was left stunned.

Klaus read through it and couldn't help making a sarcastic comment, "I am going to be worked to the bone, considering how generous these offers are."

Everyone laughed, Star Lord Victor included.

Klaus read through the offers again, and then he gave his answer... "I am going to do my best to live up to expectations."

Both Lady Vox and Lord Flux became happy hearing what he said. Klaus seemed happy with the offers they had given him, so he accepted them.

"Not so fast, Renegade Hunter. The Mission Hall had also sent its offer. Since you are now a valuable asset, it is only normal that we also present you with an offer, since you wouldn't be just ours from now onwards."

He sent his offer too, and from what Klaus saw, it seemed he had become more valuable than he expected.

"It even came with a mission of great priority," Klaus smiled, reading through the Mission Hall's offer.

"Looks like I would have my work cut out for me soon. However, with these benefits, I would do well to make sure everybody is happy."

They signed the contract next.

Klaus reached into his space ring, pulled out three fruits, and made them float toward Lord Flux, Lady Vox, and Sir Darius...

"I know you all are wondering how I rendered Blood Shadow unable to use her Immortal Rings and 50% of her strength. This is the Foundation Devouring Poison Fruit. I believe we all know what it can be used for."

The three Immortal Lords furrowed their brows, stunned expressions appearing on their faces.

"So this is how, huh. I never expected you to possess such valuable fruits," Lord Flux said, examining the fruit more closely.

"I was fortunate to get my hands on seven fruits. I have used one, and since we have just signed a contract, I think it is best you three know something about me. So there you have it."

They nodded and stored away the fruits.

"It was nice meeting you, Renegade Hunter. I look forward to seeing you at the Warrior Tower," Lord Flux said and stood up.

Klaus nodded. "I will come by when I leave here."

"Same here. I would also see you at the academy. I have to submit your response in person, after all," Lady Vox also said, and Klaus gave her a nod.

"Same thing. I will come there soon."

"I will also wait for you at the Mission Hall. The galactic leader would love to meet you in person," Sir Darius also bid farewell and left.

Soon, it was only Klaus, Rory, and Star Lord Victor left in the garden.

Chapter 1332: Identity Found Out

Since Star-Lord Victor wanted to have a talk with him, the moment Lord Flux, Lady Vox, and Sir Darius left, Klaus turned to hear what he had to say.

"We can start by telling me your name, age, and your true identity," Star-Lord Victor said with a gentle smile while staring at Klaus. Rory wore the same look.

However, Klaus had lived long enough to know that it was not a simple smile.

The smile on Lord Victor's face held a deeper meaning, the kind nobody at his current level of strength should be subjected to. However, he played it off and answered the question he was asked.

Being asked about his real name isn't much. Nobody could track him to earth, so he didn't mind telling it to a stranger.

"My real name is Klaus Hanson. I am 23 years old, and well, I am a hunter at the mission hall, soon to be a warrior at the warrior tower. Of course, I will be a disciple soon, too."

"Hmm, that is quite a reveal. To think a mere 23-year-old could be this monstrous. Makes me wonder if you are lying to me, Klaus." He smiled and asked, "Are you lying to me?"

Klaus laughed and, without showing his nervousness, responded, "I am not lying, Lord Victor. I am indeed 23 years old, soon to be 24."

"I see. That is good to hear. However, I have another question, and depending on your answer, you might become my enemy or my best friend, so do well to answer truthfully."

Klaus nodded; however, his sixth sense kept telling him to run. His connection to his wives was active; there was also no hostile intent from Lord Victor or Rory, so he could teleport at any time and be gone.

However, something else kept telling him that doing so would cost him dearly, so he relaxed and waited to hear the question.

Lord Victor sat there for a while, then he asked the question Klaus was afraid of.

"Are you the paragon?"

Klaus showed no reaction on his face, internally, or through other body parts. He merely held the same calm expression and unblinking gaze.

However, in his mind, a whole lot of reactions were taking place. Both he and Icon were confused as to what to even think. Among the many questions they expected to be asked, being asked whether he was the paragon was the last.

It was just out of place, and even while he didn't plan on answering that truthfully, something else piqued his interest.

While he expected Lord Victor to keep his composure, he was startled to see Rory also looking at him with a calm gaze. It was like she also wanted to ask him the same question.

'Strange,' Klaus said inwardly, then he consulted Icon.

'What do you think, Icon?'

[They know you are the paragon. Somehow, they became aware of your true nature. Now, they just want to be sure you are indeed him.]

Also, they show no killing intent, and there's no way this is being recorded. I have made it so that all you say cannot be digitally recorded.

But regardless of how things turn out, know that I have already moved your consciousness to your other body, so even if they kill you, you would only lose a body. We can create a new one later.]

'But why do they want to know if I am the paragon?'

[You have to find that one out yourself.]

Klaus blinked, then he gave an answer...

"I am."

Lord Victor and Rory said nothing. They just sat there, looking at him for a few minutes before a smile appeared on their faces. Then, to Klaus's shock, they both went down on their knees and bowed.

"Greetings, Lord Paragon."

Klaus blinked a few times, then asked in a confused tone... "What the hell is happening here?"

Klaus was completely blown away. The fact that he went from contemplating what Lord Victor wanted to ask him to him bowing and calling him Lord Paragon was just too shocking.

Klaus was not even sure how to handle this situation.

Thankfully, he managed to say something. "Please stand and sit."

They obeyed and stood up. Then Klaus reevaluated his options and finally asked, "Can you tell me what is going on? But first, tell me how you knew I was the Paragon."

Klaus wanted nothing more than to know how Lord Victor knew his true identity. As far as he was aware, not even a Supreme could tell he was the Paragon, so for a mere Immortal Lord to figure that out was, in a way, a bit concerning.

This even meant his mission to infiltrate the Heaven's Court would fail if just anyone could tell he was the Paragon.

Lord Victor smiled and waved his hand, taking out a crystal.

"What is that?" Klaus asked, feeling some familiarity with the crystal. He had never seen it before, but he felt like he had seen it many times before.

"This is a forbidden jade. It is used to hold forbidden items and memories."

Klaus furrowed his brow, slowly understanding something. The moment the word "forbidden" was mentioned, he knew it had something to do with him.

Lord Victor continued, "I was able to tell you are the Paragon because of this. I inherited it from my father, who also inherited it from his father. From what I know, a very long time ago, a Paragon saved my family and race from a very powerful being.

"So in return, to pay back his generosity, my family swore their undying allegiance to him. The Paragon then gave us this jade, which my father said contains forbidden memories of the Paragon—memories that would react to his presence whenever he is close.

"Strangely, when I arrived weeks ago, it reacted for the first time in billions of years. However, I still needed to confirm a few things, so I waited so I could ask you plainly who you are."

"I see."

Klaus was, in a way, relieved to hear how Lord Victor had figured out his identity. It seemed he had nothing to worry about after all.

If the answer he gave him was related to the aura of a Paragon, he probably would have run and changed his identity, making sure he stayed far away from the Heaven's Court.

But it seems he is in the midst of people he can trust, at least.

"So are you going to turn me in to the Heavens Court?" Klaus asked after catching his breath.

Lord Victor smiled and shook his head. "My family and I owe everything we have to the Paragon, so we cannot and will not turn you in. However, while we cannot openly support you, or else we risk invoking the wrath of Heaven's Court, we can, in a way, support you.

"So we will support you from the shadows, or whenever you need our help. But for now, know that your secret is safe with us."

"Good to hear that. How about your grandfather? Is he still alive?" Klaus asked. If he met him, perhaps he might recognise him.

"I am sure."

"Huh?"

"My grandfather entered the Forbidden Universe when he became a Supreme. He has yet to return. However, I believe he is still alive. My father is also the same; he entered when he became a Supreme."

"Oh, I see. Then, considering how hard you are also training, I believe you plan on entering the Forbidden Realm as well."

Lord Victor nodded. "The only way to become a Celestial is to go there. If I stay here, becoming a Celestial isn't something the Heavens would allow."

Klaus nodded, already liking this family. It seemed they all had bigger ambitions than he had expected. However, he was also startled to hear that the heavens isn't allowing anyone to become a celestial.

Chapter 1333: Getting Hired

From the simplest explanation Lord Victor gave him, it seems that after the Star Monarch Era, the heavens had made it impossible for Supremes to become Celestials.

In fact, in the past billion years, the number of Celestials that appeared in this known universe is less than a dozen, and they all came from the Heaven's Court.

Only ten Supremes were allowed to become Celestials. The rest achieved that milestone in the Forbidden Universe after spending billions of years there.

However, they returned as heaven's rejects, being rejected by heaven. However, since they came back as Celestials, they didn't care too much about the ill treatment the heavens were giving them.

Regardless of what the heavens thinks or how cruel it acts, they had become Celestials, and that was what mattered to them.

It was like someone felt threatened by Celestials, and so they had made it impossible to become a Celestial in this universe.

However, just like how the Paragon was able to survive most ordeals, the supremes also figured out how to become a Celestial.

In fact, they found out two ways to become a Celestial

The first option was to venture into the Foreign Universe, where the invading forces of the foreign race were from. Naturally, only a madman would dare go there, since the danger involved was just too much.

So, since that wasn't an option, the next best yet equally dangerous option was the Forbidden Universe, where the once-vibrant forbidden race used to live before their fall at the hands of the Doom Universe.

When Klaus inquired about whether the forbidden race was still there, Lord Victor said yes, albeit fragmented into several chunks and loaded with ancient horrors.

Only a few who venture there ever returned. However, every single day, Supremes ventured there, with hopes and dreams that they can make it and become Celestial.

Lord Victor has the same dream and do did every immortal, demigod, god or supreme.

"No wonder you have nine Immortal Rings," Klaus said, causing Lord Victor to furrow his brow in shock.

Even Rory turned and stared at her father in shock...

"Oh, it seems I have made a blunder." Klaus smiled, unsure of what to even say. It seemed the fact that Lord Victor was a nine-Immortal Ring wielder wasn't even known by his daughter.

This also meant he intended to hide it from her... However, Klaus may have just made it impossible for him to keep it hidden anymore.

"Is he telling the truth, Father?"

"Yes. I indeed have nine Immortal Rings. However, I intend to get twelve before forming my Law Core and becoming a demigod. Don't worry, I still have a couple of million years before reaching the rank of a Supreme."

"Why didn't you tell me?" Rory asked, clearly feeling betrayed by her father.

Lord Victor smiled and answered, "I said nothing because you would have tried to put yourself in danger just to catch up to me.

Or do you think I didn't know you have been working hard so you can join me when leaving for the Forbidden Universe?"

Rory opened her mouth to speak, but no words came out. She had indeed been working toward escorting her father to the Forbidden Universe, not to become a Celestial herself, but to protect him.

Her father was her idol, so Rory wanted him to succeed at all costs.

"You are still young, Rory. You have a lot of years ahead of you, so instead of worrying about an old man, spend your youth living the best life you can have.

Trust me, when I was your age, I was the same as you. I wanted to go with my father, but in the end, I had to abandon that and focus on myself.

So while it is admirable that you seek to protect me, know that I am in no way weak. I have nine immortal qi, like Lord Klaus said, and soon I will be forming my tenth.

That is even why I wanted to talk to you," Lord Victor said, turning toward Klaus.

"Me? How can I possibly help you form an Immortal Ring? You are not planning on making me kill an Immortal Lord-level calamity beast, right?"

"No." Lord Victor shook his head, letting a smile appear on his face... "I want to hire you for a mission."

"Oh, I am all ears."

"The reason why Ophelia was hunted down and you had to go to her aid was because she accidentally bought a map fragment that leads to a place full of treasures"

"The Jade Ant Queen's Nest."

"Indeed. It is a very dangerous realm, a place where treasures beyond measure could be found. The map fragment that Ophelia bought leads to a cave that houses the Divine Immortal Liquid. I want you to lead a team of five Immortals to retrieve it for me.

I would have gone myself, but with the Voidbound Corsairs now targeting my people, I need to stay to handle that."

Klaus turned and looked at Rory. "Why me? How about her?"

"She is part of the team you will be leading."

"Oh, I am lost here. She is an Immortal Lord with six Immortal Rings, while I am a peak Emyrean with only one Immortal Ring. I don't know if you get what I am trying to say."

Lord Victor nodded and smiled. "The fact that you are a mortal, yet you have an Immortal Ring, is why I need you to lead them.

You would be leading five Immortal Lords, to be precise. However, the moment you enter the Nest, they would be suppressed to true Immortals.

While they would have their Immortal Rings, their combat power would take a hit, so I need someone like you who can fight across realms to lead them.

Your combat power would remain the same, so basically you would have more freedom than them. I will also pay generously.:

Klaus nodded, already thinking about the money. While he could get some from the Dark Space Company, he knew that with plans to live ten lives at the same time, even that wouldn't be enough.

Just like Lord Victor, he also had plans to form at least twelve Immortal Rings each for all ten bodies, so he needed a lot of money, and now, it seemed he would be earning some.

"I don't mind venturing into a treasure nest. However, I must first become an Immortal, since I am already at the bottleneck."

"I understand. Rory will take you to a barren planet, since I learned Paragons have some of the most dangerous tribulations in the universe."

"That is true. However, I am not the Paragon at the moment, so just any ordinary place would be okay."

Lord Victor and Rory narrowed their eyes, clearly confused.

Klaus smiled and said, "Even if I tell you, you wouldn't understand. I am the Paragon, but in this body, I am not the Paragon."

"So you are a clone?" Rory asked, but Klaus shook his head.

"I am not. I am a real person, like you."

"Then why are you not the Paragon?" she asked again...

"Because I don't want to... It is complicated. However, you would soon understand. So to make it simple for you, I am the Paragon; however, as far as the heavens are concerned, I am just Klaus Hanson, an ordinary warrior."

The father-and-daughter duo clearly didn't understand, but Klaus also wasn't about to tell them about his cultivation technique.

In the end, Rory took him to a barren land somewhere far from the cities to have his fake tribulation. The real tribulation was about to descend on a planet far away.

Chapter 1334: Early Immortal Tribulation (1)

Rory led Klaus away from the garden and moved far to the west, where no houses nor civilians could be found. Klaus wanted a peaceful tribulation since, naturally, he would be faking it.

The Lightning Source Diagram is what he would be using for this endeavour. Since only one of his bodies would have to undergo the real tribulation, this meant the other nine would have to simulate it.

However, since the Lightning Source Diagram is something the heavens turned into a tribulation weapon, he would still receive tribulation runes just like he would if he were having the real thing.

The lightning source diagram was created by him for Knox, his second incarnation, to use as a weapon; however, when the heavens stole it, they corrupted it, turning it into a tribulation weapon.

Who knew he would be needing it for just that, years later? Perhaps it wasn't a coincidence at all.

On the way, Klaus asked Rory a question.

"How hard was your tribulation when you were becoming an Early Immortal?"

Although she was already aware that Klaus is the paragon, she still wanted to see the kind of person a paragon is.

Of course, she was making it seem like she didn't care, but Klaus could sense her gaze on him from the moment they left the garden, so he asked as a way to learn more about her, and in return, she would know more about him, too.

"It was normal. I had to kill a beast that had already reached the high-level Early Immortal stage. It took me ten minutes," Rory answered, making Klaus smile weakly.

His other body had already found a planet he would be undergoing the tribulation on, so both bodies would be breaking into the ranks of an Immortal at the same time.

However, he knew one body would face some of the most dangerous trials in history. There is just no way the heavens wouldn't make things extremely hard for him.

If not because of the lightning source diagram and his Nine Reincarnation Divine Body, this body would also face a great calamity.

So, for Rory to say her tribulation lasted only ten minutes, Klaus knew the heavens' bias was just too severe. It was like they picked the danger everyone was supposed to have and dumped it on his head.

"Why are you smiling?" Rory asked, looking at the defeated smile on Klaus's face.

"Nothing to be bothered about. I just found your answer funny."

"What is funny about it?" Rory asked, clearly interested in what Klaus found funny about her simple tribulation that wasn't so simple.

"Well, usually when I have my tribulation, planets shatter, so I guess I was just wondering how easy it had been for you. The heavens clearly are biased... They make things simple for those they love and load all kinds of crap on us, the hated ones."

Rory said nothing; however, Klaus could tell she was thinking about many things. She had to consider that she had no inkling of what a paragon tribulation looks like.

She would love to experience it; however, from what Klaus said back in the garden, that wouldn't be happening today. However, that didn't mean she wasn't interested in knowing.

"Can you share some of the tribulations you've had in the past with me? I want to know more about how the tribulations of a Paragon work."

Klaus nodded, but then a smile appeared on his face. "You don't have to use tribulations as an excuse to want to know more about me. If you are interested in knowing more about me, you can just ask. I am an open book."

Rory glared at him from the side but said nothing. She was already getting used to Klaus's free personality, so learning more about him was cool too.

It was just that she went about it the roundabout way. Perhaps she was shy of him, or maybe she was trying not to intrude on his personal life too much.

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Meanwhile, the criminal version of Klaus was now seated in a lotus posture, looking at the tribulation churning in the clouds.

It turned out that while he was in a coma, Icon sent a message to Maud and Sera, telling them to look for a planet where Klaus could have his tribulation.

Sera, the Dark Space company's representative across the entire Dervas Star System, identified several planets. They were abandoned, had no surveillance, and posed no threat to it.

This meant that for someone like Klaus, whose tribulation would be out of this world, one of such planets was perfect for him.

So, the moment the planet was found, Maud took the new SS-class spaceship Sera had bought for Klaus and headed there.

She had already built a Death Portal on Planet Virel to allow Klaus to come there first and check on Niva before leaving. Since he planned not to come back to Planet Virel for a couple of months because he had to prepare for the Blood Tournament, he came to say goodbye.

Niva had already entered seclusion when he arrived. However, to make her feel safe and cared for, he made sure to see her face-to-face.

Once that was out of the way, he left. Maud had long reached the planet and was waiting for him. It was only a matter of teleporting there.

The moment he arrived, he took the next step, and the tribulation started to form.

Klaus turned and looked at Maud, who was designing a few things on her tablet. He was already aware of her interest in fashion, so he didn't mind. However, he couldn't help thinking about his wife, Nadia.

When they met, she was a fashion designer, so seeing Maud having an interest in that field brought back some memories.

"Hey, Maud, can you later introduce Nadia to this fashion designer friend of yours?" Klaus asked, not minding the danger forming above him in the cloud.

"I have already done that," Maud answered, taking her focus away from her phone and onto Klaus.

"Oh, that is insightful of you," Klaus smiled. "What was her response?"

"She wants to meet her."

"That can be arranged. However, Sera would have to get us another spaceship so you can use to take her there," Klaus said, already looking forward to how Nadia would react when he tells her the news.

"Maybe Lord Klaus should focus on the tribulation first. I will stand guard and make sure nothing disturbs you."

Klaus nodded.

Maud would also become an Immortal since the moment Klaus took this step, it would affect her, too. Of course, just like him, when it came to combat, she could face even True Immortals. So becoming an Immortal was something good for both of them.

If he were to merge with her, their combined power would be explosive.

As the seconds passed by, the cloud forming grew thicker and deadlier. "It's been a long time since I faced you losers, so at least try and make me feel like I was being challenged," Klaus grinned.

Unbeknownst to him, far away, all of his wives were also waiting for their tribulations.

They all entered seclusion and came out at the same time. Now, scattered across twelve different planets that Pickle Berry and Jane discovered, all twenty-nine of them were about to face their own tribulations that were promised to finally make them step into the ranks of Immortals.

Chapter 1335: Early Immortal Tribulation (2)

"Here we go."

The moment the five-minute wait was over, Klaus focused his gaze upward.

From within the cloud, the tip of a spear appeared, and with it, a terrible pressure followed, crashing down on him.

Far away on Planet Baski, the same spear appeared; only this time, it was less dangerous since he was merely using the Lightning Source Diagram to simulate what was happening with his main tribulation.

Klaus stood quietly on the ground, looking at the spear slowly appear through the cloud. When it wasn't even halfway through the clouds, its length had already reached 60 meters, indicating that what was coming was dangerous.

The more it appeared through the cloud, the heavier the pressure felt. However, Klaus stood his ground, not showing any sign of pain.

'Icon, do you know what kind of tribulation this is?' Klaus asked, summoning his bow.

[From the knowledge the senor left me, I believe this is the Seven Superimposing Spear Trial. You would face seven different spear strikes, each double the strength of the previous.]

'Sounds like a terrible thing, don't you think?'

[The master is already under a lot of pressure with the first spear. I wonder just how dangerous it would be for the second, then the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh.]

Klaus smiled.

At the same time, too, the spear appeared and hovered in the air for a few seconds before descending on him with deadly speed.

"Tsk," Klaus chuckled, then he lifted his bow and unleashed a deadly arrow. The arrow flew with an even greater speed than the spear, creating sonic booms as it ascended.

BOOM

They clashed, creating a powerful sonic shockwave that spread through the air.

However, the spear couldn't withstand the arrow, so the moment it struck, cracks appeared, and it shattered, releasing tribulation runes that flew into Klaus's body.

"That was easy enough."

RUMBLE

The sky turned darker as the tribulation cloud started churning again, preparing the second spear. Klaus remained standing, looking as the cloud spun and released all kinds of terrifying energy.

"Things are about to get dangerous now." Even without the spear appearing yet, he sensed the danger coming. He could sense it; the heavens were getting serious, and that said a lot.

For them to take things seriously from merely the second phase of the tribulation meant they were not joking around. They wanted him dead, but they also had to be within the acceptable inflated rules, else they risked destroying the universe.

"It is just funny how people who claim they hate me always find ways to make me grow stronger. The tribulation runes I have absorbed have already pushed my first core to 30% completion.

If that is just the first form of the tribulation, then who knows how much I would be absorbing now that an even more powerful spear is coming."

Klaus extended his hand, and a thick metallic arrow appeared. He then tapped into a technique and started applying all forms of power-ups to the arrow.

Around the arrow, runes carved from the Space Law coated it, transforming it from an ordinary God-Killing Arrow to a deadly Space Law-imbued God-Killer Arrow.

The moment the tip of the second spear appeared through the cloud, the ground beneath Klaus's feet cracked, showing that the pressure falling down on him was several times heavier than the first.

However, even with the change, Klaus wore a calm smile, watching the spear slowly appear.

This time, while the spear was a bit thicker, longer, and more deadly, it also had subtle runes that made it feel even heavier and more deadly.

It felt more like the spear was real and not a mere construction formed from a bunch of tribulation runes.

"Nothing has changed. I will just shatter it." Klaus pointed his arrow up, and then a smile appeared on his face. "If I were to master this tribulation and transform it into a technique, wouldn't that be nice?"

A crazy look appeared in his eyes. Clearly, he meant what he said, which, if put into practice, could be considered the most dangerous thing he had ever thought of thus far.

However, he had no time to think it over since the next second, the spear descended, and all he could do was unleash his arrow.

This time, when his arrow met the tip of the spear, cracks appeared in both. However, he merely formed a hand seal, and the runes he had carved into the arrow activated.

This gave the arrow the needed force to push and draw a hole through the spear, shattering it in the process. The runes were absorbed into his body, taking his core to 90% completion.

A couple of seconds later, the third spear appeared; however, this time, there was something different. Just when the spear appeared, Klaus sensed another presence.

He saw no one appear with the spear; however, his instincts told him someone else was there. So he became alert. The pressure tripled, and the thickness of the spear became even more solid.

However, while he would have loved to be careless and examine it closely, what he feared happened.

Just when the spear shot at him, another attack came from the clouds, making it impossible to defend against both by using one arrow.

If he were to switch weapons, he might succeed, but impact would rattle him and even create openings for the invisible presence to attack him.

So he could only watch as the spear shot forward and a sword arc came from the other side.

"Hmm, shameless as ever," Klaus smiled, and then he formed a hand seal. "Since I can't defend against both at the same time, why don't you do the defending for me?"

Just when both attacks were 100 meters away, the void shattered, and the sword arc vanished into it. Then the void opened again in the path of the spear, and the sword arc came out, meeting the spear in a deadly collision.

BOOOOOM

They both exploded, turning into tribulation runes. They were absorbed into Klaus's body. However, instead of smiling, his expression narrowed at the tribulation cloud. A few seconds later, he spoke.

"Are you going to come out, or are you going to keep hiding inside the tribulation cloud like a bitch?" The Flame Eater Bow vanished, and a long, red-bladed sword appeared in Klaus's firm grip.

A second later, a humanoid with four eyes appeared, looking coldly at Klaus. He held two crescent-shaped weapons in his firm grip, each exuding the power of a True Immortal.

"How ironic," Klaus smirked, then he asked, "If I were to go into a staring contest with you, would it be counted as my win if you blink with two of your eyes while the remaining two are open?"

Standing several km away, Maud facepalmed, clearly not expecting Klaus to ask such a question.

That question should have stayed inside his head, considering the person standing before him was a True Immortal with six Immortal Rings.

If anything, he should have been wary. However, Klaus is the kind of person who doesn't let moments like this pass without cracking a joke.

As expected, the four-eyed demon took offence to what Klaus said. His four eyes glowed green. Then, like time had slowed down, he took a step, and he was standing before Klaus.

However, when he attacked with his crescent blades, Klaus merely sidestepped, evading his attack.

At the same time, the tip of the fourth spear appeared and locked its insidious tip on him.

### Chapter 1336: Early Immortal Tribulation (3)

It is one thing to stand in one place, undistracted and defending against ultra-powerful tribulation spears, and another to be under the assault of a True Immortal who had already formed six Immortal Rings while defending against the same powerful spears.

Naturally, the latter makes things much more complicated.

First, there is just no way in hell a True Immortal should possess six Immortal Rings. There is just no way. Forming Immortal Rings takes time and a lot of resources.

If a price tag is to be assigned to Immortal Rings, then if 1 million Heaven's Crystals were used to form one Immortal Ring, the second Immortal Ring would need 10 million, and it increases from there.

So the fact that a True Immortal has six such rings is just too unbelievable.

Second, there is the issue of the spears still raining down on him. Klaus could already sense it. The fourth spear coming was just too dangerous to be distracted right now.

So if that is the case, then it means he has to split his attention between the Heaven's Guardian and the three remaining spears.

However, that is where the situation gets dire. Since he believed this Heaven's Guardian was not a True Immortal simply because he had more Immortal Rings than what a True Immortal should have, then he had to consider the fact that he was dealing with an Immortal King or even worse, an Immortal Emperor.

His answer partially came when his sword met the crescent-shaped blade the Heaven's Guardian was wielding. The impact shook his hand, and he was pushed back a few meters.

Before Klaus could stabilise himself, the Heaven's Guardian was upon him again. His second attack was even more deadly.

He came for a sweeping slash with his blade, but Klaus ducked and stabbed his sword forward, aiming for his stomach. The Heaven's Guardian saw through him and merely sidestepped.

However, Klaus wasted no time in even considering countering, since the fourth spear was almost out, and the fact that there were dozens of runes carved on it showed he was in for a dangerous moment.

Klaus split his mind, one part handling the battle while the other half focused on the spear.

'He is faster, stronger, and super motivated. I cannot underestimate him,' Klaus said inwardly, and then his focus moved to the spear.

It appeared and unleashed a crushing pressure, the kind that slowed Klaus's speed a bit. However, he didn't mind. He kept defending against the Heaven's Guardian while making sure he didn't mess up his defensive measures against the incoming spear.

The Heaven's Guardian was persistent. It appeared that the pressure from the spear wasn't affecting him, so he was moving much faster, making sure his attacks kept coming nonstop.

Even worse, the spear was descending rather slowly, and with each movement, the pressure bearing down on Klaus increased.

"This is getting annoying. It is like they want to slow me down so that this loser can finish me off," Klaus muttered, already sensing he was getting cornered as the spear drew closer.

The closer the spear came to Klaus, the more aggressive the Heaven's Guardian became. He did not slow down.

If anything, he became more aggressive with the passing of the second.

His four eyes burned brighter as he pressed the attack, the crescent-shaped blades in his hands moving in sharp, ruthless arcs. Each strike was clean, efficient, and aimed at killing. There was no wasted movement, no unnecessary flourish.

He was timing his attacks and making sure every opening in Klaus's defence was exploited.

This pointed to an experienced warrior whose understanding of combat had already reached a much deeper level. It then made him someone to be greatly feared.

"Hey, four eyes, what do you say we take a time out? I have a spear situation to take care of," Klaus said; however, he was attacked that instant, making him smile weakly, seeing how fast his answer came.

Klaus retreated half a step, blocking one blade with his sword while twisting his body just enough for the second blade to graze past his shoulder.

Clang!

The impact sent vibrations through his arm, and before the echo could fade, the Guardian was already attacking again.

Klaus suddenly felt a threat to his life when, all of a sudden, the spear that was slowing down shot forward with deadly speed.

At the same time, the Heaven's Guardian retreated and unleashed two arcs, aiming to distract Klaus from the main danger, which is the spear.

Naturally, it worked. Instead of merely waiting for the spear to pierce and crush him into meat paste, he now had to defend against the sword arcs.

Klaus was caught in a bind. However, as he always does, whenever he finds himself in a situation like this, he taps into the many lives he has lived and pulls out the best defence.

Luckily for him, he has the perfect defence...

"Monk's Embrace." Klaus positioned one arm in a monk-like pose. Around him, however, two large palms opened and enclosed his entire body.

Then, from the void, the Grim Void Blade appeared and attacked the spear that was coming, instantly shattering it. The sword arcs also landed on the defence Klaus manifested, rendering them useless.

"Nice job, Seya," Klaus said, ducking low just as one of the crescent-shaped blades came flying at his head.

Klaus may have defended against the arcs and the fourth spear; however, the Heaven's Guardian was still there, and his determination to kill was stronger than ever.

However, Klaus had also found a way to win. He is just too smart to let the heavens have all the advantage.

"Seya, go back and wait for my signal." The Grim Void Blade vanished again, and this time, when Klaus's focus moved to the four-eyed Heaven's Guardian, a cold look could be seen in them.

"For someone with four eyes, you clearly lack insight." Klaus stomped on the ground, and the ground started to change, transforming into quicksand.

The Heaven's Guardian saw this and tried to take flight to avoid getting drowned in the quicksand. However, just when he was about to make that move, Klaus formed a hand seal and activated his Space and Gravity Laws.

"Let's call it a no-fly zone." The moment he said that, Heaven's Guardian lost his ability to fly, sending him crashing to the ground.

"I like things more grounded, so don't take it to heart that you lost your ability to fly." Klaus grinned, then put his next plan into motion.

At the same time, the fifth spear was almost out of the cloud. It was, of course, locked on him. Sensing this, Klaus smiled and winked at the Heaven's Guardian, who was doing his best to stand on the quicksand.

He was coating the quicksand with ice, allowing him to stand much more firmly.

However, Klaus didn't seem to care; instead, he pointed up.

"One good thing about pressure is that it needs a surface area or an object to act on. However, since you have been written out of the equation, I guess I have to find a way to write you back in. This is why I created this quicksand. It will allow you to feel what I am feeling."

Klaus took a step forward, then grinned even more widely. "Now, let's conduct an experiment and see how quicksand, fire, and pressure react when mixed."

The quicksand started heating up as he said that. The heavens' guardian finally frowns.

Chapter 1337 1337: Early Immortal Tribulation (4)

There is only one way to outsmart the heavens, and that is by using their own strength against them.

They planned on using the heavens' guardian to kill Klaus, since they knew the heavier and deadlier the spear gets, the more disadvantaged he would be.

Naturally, that worked to their advantage. Klaus indeed ended up in a situation where, if he didn't play smart, the crushing load of the spear would end him before he knew it.

The heavens' guardian was not affected by the pressure, so he knew he had to find a way to make sure they both were at a disadvantage.

Thankfully, his big brain worked everything together and came up with the best way to go about it.

First, he turned the ground into quicksand using his Earth elemental affinity. He planned to leverage the power of the pressure that would come from the fifth, sixth, and seventh spears and use it against the heavens' guardian.

Since the pressure doesn't directly affect him, Klaus planned on using his surroundings, influenced by the pressure, to affect him. He planned to keep the battle grounded, ensuring the heavens' guardian remained on the ground.

This is where his second move came into play. He locked the space around them, which came easily to him, considering he had used it before.

Space Lock is one of the Space Law techniques he had mastered. However, just locking space wasn't enough. The plan he had in mind went beyond merely locking space.

His third move was to use gravity to render the sealed space a no-fly zone. Naturally, that was the main move, and considering it was used within a 10 km radius, the energy required to keep it activated for long was just too much.

However, Klaus calculated that he wouldn't need it for long, since there were two outcomes he expected from this.

The first being the tribulation ending before he ran out of Space Law Essence and Gravity Law Essence. Once that happened, even if the heavens' guardian were to be alive, he would still be able to kill him without external interference.

The second outcome, of course, was for the heavens' guardian to die before the tribulation came to an end. Naturally, this method was difficult, considering the fifth spear coming was not one Klaus could be distracted away from.

However, with the pressure coming, using the Earth element to kill the heavens' guardian seemed viable. But there was just one problem: the heavens' guardian was a True Immortal with six Immortal Rings. Would such a person die when swallowed by quicksand?

'I guess we will find out.'

Klaus focused part of his attention on the spear coming, a large serpent coiling around it. The pressure being released is rather terrible.

His other attention was focused on the heavens' guardian, who was busily covering the surface of the quicksand with ice.

Seeing this, Klaus smiled and tapped into his flame element. He picked the Chaotic Nirvana Flame because it was perfect for this moment. Its chaotic nature is just too perfect for what he had in mind.

The moment he did, the ground began to heat up, and the ice slowly melted.

Klaus quickly unleashed a few sword slashes, sending them speeding toward the heavens' guardian, who had finally sensed danger.

The pressure from the spear was bearing down on the ice, causing it to break and melt, slowly transforming the quicksand into molten lava.

"He is maintaining his distance just as I expected. This means I can use the bow to keep him far back while I focus on the last three remaining spears."

The Flame Eater Bow appeared, and Klaus started shooting arrows, forcing the heavens' guardian to move further back. He countered by unleashing a few attacks, but Klaus, with the bow, was even faster than with the sword.

"Seya, keep him distracted while I take care of the fifth spear."

Klaus instructed, then retrieved another arrow. However, with his Space and Gravity Laws in use, he resorted to using the Void Law to augment the arrow.

Just as the spear fully emerged from the cloud, Klaus felt his bones under immense pressure. However, he stood his ground and waited for the spear to come out of range.

Naturally, that was to happen after it came down a few meters. However, this time it hovered, almost as if waiting for Klaus to run out of Space Law Essence and Gravity Law Essence.

"I expected as much. Good thing I prepared for this, too."

Klaus grinned, then tapped his foot on the ground, causing a small opening to appear in the void. Then, without any delay, he fired the arrow into it, which vanished from sight.

"You fell for it, losers."

Klaus gave the heavens the middle finger, then snapped his finger. In that very instant, the heavens sensed how stupid they were, so they reacted. However, it was already too late.

The void opened at the centre of the spear, and the arrow flashed out, drilling a hole through the thick spear. Cracks soon lined its sleek surface, and before long, it broke apart.

RUMBLE

The clouds churned loudly, their fury evident. "You can't play smart with me. I am several times smarter than you, which says a lot. So maybe stick to attacking me while I brilliantly play smart and worm my way out of everything."

Klaus laughed, and then, with the sixth spear yet to come, his focus turned to the heavens' guardian.

"Time to kill this bastard."

As he watched the ice slowly melt, Klaus knew the heaven's guardian understanding of the Ice Law was far superior to his mastery of the Flame Law. That could be seen from how slowly the ice was melting.

However, what if he sped things up? What if he could make sure the poor bastard didn't get the comfort he desired to keep channelling the Ice Law into the ice?

An arrow appeared in his hands, and then, with a smile, he sent it flying. The heavens' guardian braced and formed a shield around him. However, just before the arrow could land on the shield, it vanished into the void, catching the heavens' guardian off guard.

He turned, looking around him to see if he could spot the arrow. However, just as he turned, the void opened before him, and the arrow came out.

It was a close-range attack, the kind that could not be dodged. However, the heavens' guardian dodged the arrow that would have gone through his chest, and it went through his shoulder instead, sending him flying back.

This made Klaus raise his brow. "Excellent reaction speed you have there, four eyes. However, I have to tell you, I once killed a demigod when I was only a Real Immortal.

So, just as you outclass me in every way, so did the demigod. However, there is something I have that you don't, and that is intelligence."

Klaus turned his back on the heavens' guardian and focused his attention on the sixth spear that was already shattering the void as it slowly appeared through the tribulation cloud.

"Enjoy the pain."

Klaus smiled and started planning for the sixth spear. Meanwhile, the arrow sticking out of the heavens' guardian's shoulder suddenly turned to rust and then rot. The next second, a painful scream came from his mouth.

"Feel the pain of death, sucker."

Far from the tribulation ground, Maud sat calmly, her eyes closed, while she silently muttered some strange words.

Chapter 1338 1338: Early Immortal Tribulation (5)

During heavenly tribulations, there cannot be any outside interference. This means, regardless of the danger, nobody can come to the aid of the one having the tribulation.

So, for Klaus to be aided by Maud means it is a violation. However, given the nature of the tribulation and its intensity still the same without any added baggage, it can be said that there was no violation caused by Maud's interference.

This outcome is only possible because of who Maud is. She is the Death's Heart of the True Heir of Death. This means she is literally Klaus's heart, if put in a more ordinary tone.

So while she may be regarded as an outside interference, she can also be considered an aspect of Klaus, so the heavens are not coming against her.

Of course, she is her own person, but as far as the heavens are concerned, she is one with Klaus.

However, with her finally coming to Klaus's aid, the heavens' guardian had been rendered immobile, leaving Klaus to put his focus on the 6th spear that had already started forcing him to grit his teeth.

The pressure felt like a planet was falling down on him. He was able to hold his weight. However, he was under a lot of pressure.

But then again, his strength was strong enough to hold on and plan how best to handle the crashing spear.

[The master should know this spear contains some aspect of the Gravity Law]

"I suspect as much, Icon. However, I also came prepared." Klaus stood there, waiting for the spear to appear. This one is much larger and thicker than the previous ones.

But that isn't all; the sheer weight is enough to shatter the void and release so much pressure than it should, or at least than it should have if the one taking the tribulation wasn't Klaus.

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Meanwhile, back on Planet Baski, Klaus was still having his fake tribulation by simulating what was happening with the main tribulation.

He had already passed five phases of the tribulation, and thanks to the blessing of the Lightning Source Diagram, he earned tribulation runes for each spear he shattered.

However, while he would love to have the real deal with this body too, the tribulation happening here is merely 60% of the real deal.

But even so, Rory couldn't help wondering just what Klaus had done to the heavens to warrant such treatment from the heavens.

He already told her that he is not currently the paragon. So if that is the case, why then is his tribulation this chaotic?

Naturally, she wasn't the only one wondering the same thing. Others who sensed the tribulation happening came to the same conclusion.

However, while his tribulation is indeed dangerous, it also wasn't at the level one would think Klaus is a heaven's reject.

Of course, he didn't simulate the heavens' guardian. Doing so would have exposed him as the paragon, something he didn't want to happen just yet.

But he was heading closer to the rank of an Early Immortal, and at the moment, that is what matters.

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But if they were to see the spear currently hovering over Klaus's head in the main tribulation, many would feel their heads burst open from sheer shock.

Good thing he wasn't being observed by anyone but Maud.

But with the full spear fully out of the tribulation cloud, Klaus pointed his bow up and pulled the bowstring.

RUMBLE

The tribulation cloud churned, and the spear shot forward, learning from their previous mistake not to give Klaus the chance to attack. However, just when the spear closed in on Klaus, a green runic circle appeared around it.

Then, like turning back time, the spear came to a halt and then started ascending instead of descending.

He used the time law against the heavens.

Klaus smiled, and then he activated the technique he had planned for the 6th Superimposing Arrow.

"Seven Condemnation Arrow." The arrow manifested and trembled, and then countless runes appeared around it. "The first Arrow, release."

Klaus fired the arrow, and for a moment, the entire planet became quiet. However, that only lasted for a moment before a powerful explosion filled the planet.

The arrow met the spear, and a powerful explosion rocked the planet's surface, sending a shockwave as far as the air could take it. What was left were the tribulation runes that flew and merged with Klaus's body.

"Now die."

Klaus turned toward the heaven's guardian who was almost fried from the grip Maud had on him.

Another condemnation arrow formed, and before the heavens' guardian could mount a defence, his head was blasted off his body, turning into tribulation runes.

"Now, Maud," Klaus said, and the veiled lady turned to mist and flew toward him, entering his forehead.

The moment she did, Klaus's aura changed.

His eyes changed from golden to dark, a faint mist of the aura of death coming from them. His ears elongated to the length of an elf. Tattoos lined the side of his head, cheek, and down his neck.

The bow in his hand transformed into a deadly scythe, and even his armour changed, taking that of something only the Grim Reaper would wear.

It featured a blend of skeletal shape and metallic armour, ending with tattered leather-like fabrics. This is Klaus's death transformation.

Since he had yet to complete the 25 trials of death and become the Lord of Death, his transformation is merely a glimpse of the person he would become one day.

"Five minutes," Klaus said before he took to the air. He had run out of gravity and space essence, so the space lock and no-fly zone had deactivated.

However, he knew he had to become practised, since he suddenly sensed a different kind of danger coming, one he had to kill within seconds, else it would become a danger.

Just when the tip of the 7th spear appeared, a terrifying roar followed. By then, Klaus was done with his transformation, so he took to the sky, hoping to meet the danger before it fully materialized.

However, as if the heavens knew what he was aiming for, they also sped things up, forcing the spear to appear much faster than it should.

But the moment it appeared, it transformed into a colossal wolf, so large, in fact, that Klaus became a mere dwarf before it.

"This is at least a high-level True Immortal," Klaus said, resting his scythe on his shoulder. The wolf looked down at him and let out a terrifying howl.

However, it didn't attack; it only looked down at Klaus for a few seconds before turning away. It stared into the distance and then let out another howl.

"Let me guess, you sense Earth growing stronger, so you want to make a move on it." Klaus laughed. He is very far from Earth; however, he was also far from the Dervas Star System. So it isn't surprising that the heavens sensed Earth's growing power.

He, after all, is becoming an immortal. Once he did, the Earth would become much more powerful.

"Unfortunately for you, I came prepared."

Klaus raised his scythe and muttered...

"Death's Art..."

Chapter 1339 1339: Early Immortal Tribulation (6)

The moment Klaus activated the Death's Art, the tribulation cloud, which had been receding, became violent again. However, instead of maintaining the same deep blue hue it had throughout the tribulation, it now became dark, filled with the power of death.

Clearly, Klaus had taken over the tribulation now.

Klaus made no move, but the wolf did; that was because its life was threatened. It moved, hoping to close in on Klaus and detonate, taking him with it. However, Klaus had long made his move.

In fact, he had made his move long before the first spear descended.

Klaus let go of the scythe and formed a hand seal, completely fooling the wolf into believing he would attack.

"Death Art..." From the ground, runes lit up and flew into the air.

"Absolute Death Cage."

The dark clouds churned, sending out deadly bolts of lightning. They each descended on the runes, creating a cage around the wolf.

At once, the wolf was surrounded on all sides with no way of breaking free. It moved, attempting to shatter the cage, but was blasted back by a deadly bolt of lightning.

It tried a few times, but the same thing happened each time. In the end, it came to a stop and glared at Klaus, almost as if it wanted to say something.

Klaus merely smiled, and then he pointed up... "It would be best if you losers find a way to entertain me next time. Using the same thing every time and expecting a different result is just too crazy."

Klaus shook his head, turning his attention to the wolf... "You really think I wouldn't sense it when you faked your death?" Klaus said, speaking to the wolf.

"I have lived long enough to know when my life is threatened. Just now, I sensed it and knew you were merely lying in wait to ambush me. However, what you didn't know was that I had long expected this to happen and had prepared in advance. Now, guess whose life is in danger."

Klaus pointed his scythe forward and added, "When a Heavens Guardian dies, their tribulation runes don't try to escape; they flow into the soul of their killer.

However, when I blew your head off your body, six tribulation runes retreated. That was when I knew you didn't die; you merely faked your death, hoping to get a second chance. Too bad I have more to live for, so I came prepared, just like how I will be next time."

The wolf remained standing inside the cage for a few seconds before transforming into the four-eyed heavens' guardian.

"You are quite perceptive."

"I get that a lot."

"But you are still too weak to kill me. In case you are not aware, my mission today is to memorize what you look like so we can spread your image throughout the universe.

This means even if you were to kill me, I wouldn't truly die. I would wake up in my main body with my memories intact. Do you know why? It is because you had already killed me. So technically, my role to die so the tribulation could come to an end had already happened."

Klaus said nothing. He merely stood there, staring at the smug look on the heavens' guardian's face. It seems the heavens are learning and adapting after every failure.

Unfortunately for them, Klaus had lived nine lives to learn every route the heavens could take and to prepare hundreds of countermeasures.

"I have to admit that your scheme is indeed solid. However, you are mistaken if you think I didn't see you coming from light-years away."

Klaus pointed up, causing the heavens' guardian to look up. His eye landed on a large black skull-like rune...

"That is the Absolute Death Seal. If you want to know what it does, then the simplest answer I can give you is this: if you die inside the cage, you will die in your real body too."

The smile on the heavens' guardian's face changed. He went from being smug to sensing danger to his life.

Klaus smiled, seeing this change. "Of course, I have no plans on killing you, since I would need your mind for something valuable in the future. I will brand your soul with the Absolute Death Seal, and then, using the Star Seal, I will turn you into my slave."

"This is so that when the time comes, I can easily do with you how I please."

"I would not allow myself to be tainted by a paragon." The heavens' guardian released his aura, filling the cage with powerful immortal energy.

However, Klaus merely smiled and pointed his scythe at the death rune. "You have no choice, fella."

The dark rune moved, and before the heavens' guardian could make a move to dodge, a large scythe appeared before his face.

BOOM

His entire head was blasted into pieces, the rest of his body turning into tribulation runes. "Idiot. The moment you get caught in my cage, it's already over for you."

Klaus smirked. The next second, a dark cocoon formed around him, and with Maud still merged with him, he entered his immortal evolution phase.

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Meanwhile, far away on an unknown planet, a four-eyed young man opened his eyes, his body releasing the power of an Immortal King.

Six immortal rings hovered around him, his entire body drenched in sweat. He stood up and was about to run out when a star tattoo appeared on his forehead. Then, as if he was struck by a boulder, he fell back and collapsed.

Four hours later, he woke up surrounded by three Immortal Lords.

"What went wrong, Guni?" one of the Immortal Lords asked, his expression hostile.

"My lord, sorry I have failed. He saw me coming, and so he made sure I didn't see his face. However, I got a few things I believe will help us narrow down the search."

"Go ahead."

Guni nodded. "He is not a human, considering his ears are long. However, he is also not an elf, since his aura isn't that natural. He has short brown hair and is about 6'2".

"He wields a pair of daggers, and his armour is deep blue."

Guni took a deep breath, then added, "He also has some form of understanding of the Space Law. Lastly, he has wind elemental affinity."

The three Immortal Lords nodded, their expressions softening a bit. After a few minutes, they spoke, "Nice work, Guni. Rest for now. When the time comes again, we will send you and hope you return with more concrete information.

"But we will inform the Heavens Court of your contribution. Also, be ready; you have been selected to join this year's disciples going to the Milky War Warrior Academy."

"Okay, my lord. Thank you."

"Get some rest."

They soon left.

After making sure they were gone, Guni took a deep breath, then retrieved his communicator and dialled a number. A few seconds later, a young lady appeared in a hologram format.

"Guni, why are you calling me? Shouldn't you be away being an errand boy for the Heavens Court?"

"Glad to see you are still the same, sis. Anyway, I called to tell you I have been selected to enrol in the academy. See you soon... bitch."

The lady widened her eyes. Meanwhile, outside the planet, the three Immortal Lords sighed. They didn't seem to trust Guni; however, after hearing what he said, they knew they were merely paranoid.

They soon left.

But after they were gone, Guni smirked and added, "Also, we have to talk about you-know-who."

The lady on the other end of the call smiled. "Nicely done, brat. I will be waiting for you."

Chapter 1340 1340: Finally Immortal

[Planet Baski]

The moment the tribulation ended, Klaus's natural evolution, which happens whenever he breaks through to the next stage, began. A cocoon appears around his body just like always.

However, this time it is different. Instead of passing out, Klaus found himself in a pocket dimension of some kind. On the outside, all Rory saw was a reddish cocoon, which Klaus had already warned her would happen.

But on the inside, it is a pocket dimension where Klaus can walk around and even move a couple of meters in either direction.

"Strange," Klaus said, but before he could make a move to figure out what was wrong this time around, he sensed another presence.

Turning around, he saw Maud seated, her breath coming in a ragged form.

"Are you alright, Maud?" Klaus asked, running toward her. When he got close, he stopped and crouched down to see if Maud was alright.

During the tribulation, she merged with his other body, currently cocooned in the abandoned planet. If that was the case, then how is she here with the main body?

Although all bodies Klaus would create are his, he sees this form as the main body. After all, he had no plans to have any sexual intercourse with his wives using his other bodies. That is reserved for the main body, so in a way, that is his main body.

However, Maud's arrival at the same place as him shows that things are much more complicated than he would like to believe.

It seems this breakthrough came with some added surprises.

"I am fine, Lord Klaus," Maud responded and then asked, "But why am I here?"

"I have no idea. However, I believe it has something to do with the fact that we have become early-stage immortals, and also you being my Death's Heart."

"I guess so. But how do we get out?"

The same question was on Klaus's mind. He had no idea why he was conscious now and not cocooned, probably far away in a dream or meeting an incarnation of himself, as it used to whenever he broke through.

Now he was awake, and a secondary person was with him.

"Icon"

Klaus came out, and the little golden-haired fairy appeared and hovered before Klaus's face, holding a large lollipop.

Klaus looked at the lollipop in her hand, and the only thought that came to mind was how long it would take her to consume it all, considering it is half the size of her body.

However, he said nothing and merely asked the question bothering him. "Icon, why am I not evolving like before?"

[What is the master talking about? The Master and Lady Maud have already entered the evolution phase. All the Master and Lady Maud have to do is submerge their bodies in the Divine Star Immortal Essence.]

Icon pointed toward the east, where a small pool designed to fit one person could be seen. It has reddish-gold water, and it emits faint star Qi.

"Oh, I didn't notice it before."

[It is all alright, Master. All you have to do is strip naked and submerge your body inside. It will start the True Evolution.]

"I see. Then in that case, why doesn't Maud go first..." Klaus turned to Maud, who seemed calm, but she was contemplating what all this meant.

[That is not possible, Master. The moment any of you enters the pool, the process will begin, and once you come out, the Divine Star Immortal Essence will dry up, only coming back later when the right conditions are met.

"Oh, and what are the right conditions?"

[It only appears when you or Lady Maud form an Immortal Ring or break through to the Real Immortal stage. This process strengthens and enhances your body and allows both of you to wield the same Immortal Ring.

So if you enter the pool without Lady Maud, she will not receive the boost and the Immortal Ring. Also, if she does it without you, the connection of Death between you will be weakened instead of strengthened.]

"So you want me and Maud to enter at the same time," Klaus asked, a frown appearing on his face. Icon just said he had to enter the Divine Star Immortal Essence with Maud...naked.

Naturally, that is not a problem for him. However, he knew how dedicated Maud was to covering her body to the point of not even showing her face. Klaus doesn't even know how big her butt and breasts are since she covered everything.

So asking her to strip before entering the pool doesn't sit well with him. The last thing he wanted was to force her into something she would hate.

"Icon, you can send me out. Maud will have this. I will have the next one."

"No," Maud disagreed. "We both can have this. As Little Icon said, we both gain if we enter the pool together."

"But that will be inconvenient to you, Maud. I know how dedicated you are to covering your body. I wouldn't want you to go against your beliefs."

"I only cover my body because I want to. I didn't do it because I had to. Also, you are Lord Klaus. Everything about me is yours to have, so there is nothing to worry about here."

"Are you sure?" Klaus asked.

"I am positive. However, it would be in your best interest not to over-touch anything you see. We may be entering the same pool, and our bodies will be sandwich together, but that doesn't mean you have my permission to touch me."

"No need to be a pervert, Maud. I am a gentleman who treats the woman's body like a treasure. What makes you think I would violate yours?"

Maud glared at Klaus for a few seconds, then she smirked. "As if I don't know you. Just don't go overboard."

Klaus laughed. "Rest assured, Maud, I will be a gentleman. Of course, I might not even be interested in what I see, so you can stop having wild thoughts."

Maud said nothing. However, Klaus could tell she was mentally preparing herself. "Thank you, Icon. You can go back and enjoy your lollipop."

"Okay, Master." The Icon vanished. Once she was gone, Klaus unsummoned his armor, leaving only his pants, which held his big bulge in place.

Maud was mentally preparing herself for what she was about to see when Klaus pulled down his pants too, revealing his soft, big-ass dick.

Gulp.

Maud gulped and turned away, clearly embarrassed.

"Oh, don't be a big baby, Maud. It is not like this is your first time seeing me naked."

"Yeah, but this is different."

"How different?"

"I will also be getting naked. I mean, isn't that too stimulating?"

Klaus laughed. "First of all, you warn me not to touch, and second, who said anything about stimulating? You are Maud, my Death's Heart. If anything, you should be happy you will be spending some skin-to-skin time with me."

"How shameless. You clearly are going to enjoy this..." Maud turned and faced Klaus. However, before she could say anything, Klaus moved toward her and stopped just when he was right in front of her.

"How about I help you take your clothes off?"

Considering how close they were to each other, Klaus felt Maud's warm breath on his face.

"I have hands. I can remove my own clothes." She walked back and turned around, facing Klaus with her back.

"Suit yourself," Klaus smiled, and started watching as she slowly undressed.

'Who knew becoming an immortal would be this fun?'