

Paragon 1471

Chapter 1471 - 1471: Heading Out

After Slate was done, they began their journey eastward, where the Immortal Essence Water can be found.

Klaus was more than prepared to face any danger with his team, so as they quickly advanced, he kept his senses sharp, ready to jump in and defend his team from any threat.

They may be immortal lords, but since they had been suppressed, he had to step up and cover their blind spots.

Thankfully, even after moving for 2 hours, no beast attacked them. But they kept moving with their guard up. Soon, they felt the air around them start to heat up.

"Stop..." Klaus raised his hand to stop them.

They stopped, all five of them going on high alert. They all raised their guards and prepared for battle.

Klaus tapped his foot on the ground, and ripples spread out, scanning the vastness of the area.

Using divine sense, he saw nothing. However, the ripple found its target, and it was enormous.

"Rory, take to the air and be ready to open fire."

She nodded and flew up. Just then, a loud roar came from 500 meters away. Klaus smiled and turned to Echo. "Use space magic to augment your ice attacks. It will make them more robust and extremely fast."

She nodded and started forming attack patterns in her head. By then, the beast moved and started knocking down trees as it advanced toward them.

Up in the air, Rory's eye landed on a large centipede that made her skin crawl, so without any delay, she released an arrow, landing a powerful, piercing attack on its head.

The arrow pierced its thick skin and embedded itself in its body. However, it was incinerated the next second by a green flame, causing Rory to frown.

"It has great flame mastery, so don't underestimate it." Klaus said and turned to Omen and Slate. "Let's go. We will go in for close combat."

They nodded and moved.

Omen brandished his sword, flames igniting around it. Slate, however, tapped into the wind and moved with blinding speed. His spear was coated in both scaly armor and poison.

Klaus, on the other hand, extended his hand, and [Bloodwork], his deadly blood-sucking scythe, appeared in his grip.

A faint mist of blood coiled around it, humming with power.

"Soon, buddy, soon we will break the first seal and awaken your soul." Brushing his other hand against it as if to reassure the slumbering soul in his scythe, he vanished into thin air.

The next time he appeared, he was standing on the flaming back of the centipede, his feet covered in ice.

His hand moved, and the razor-sharp blade of the scythe sank into its back, blood gushing out.

Omen and Slate had also arrived and attacked, Omen's sword cutting a deep wound to its side, while Slate left both a cut and poison. Naturally, the centipede let out a roar that would put even a dragon to shame.

The poison entered its body, corroding it from within. While it might be a Calamity Beast, meaning immortal rings wouldn't work on it, the situation was different now.

It was only at the Immortal Monarch stage, so an immortal ring from an Immortal Lord sure was bound to have some effect.

So Slate's attack was lethal to it, and so were the other attacks landing on it.

Rory found her mark again, and Echo also manifested ten deadly spears made from ice and hurled them at the centipede. With space essence augmenting them, they stabbed deep into its body, causing it to roar in pain.

Ten minutes later, the centipede had lost over 80% of its vitality.

While it was a bit devastating to think a bunch of True Immortals could do this much damage, the main reason they were a bit faster now was because of Klaus's weapon, Bloodwork.

Since it was devouring the blood, the centipede was losing more blood than it could regenerate. This pushed it into a corner.

Due to this, 15 minutes later, yet another Calamity Beast was killed, and Omen was handed the core this time.

Since their second encounter for the day was also a Calamity Beast, Klaus knew they were bound to meet more of them soon. This also meant they would have the chance to harvest more cores.

The 7th Jade Princess and her team also arrived inside the jade nest with a welcome package prepared for them. The first thing they saw when they appeared was a large shadow, filled with thick suppression.

"Huh."

For a moment, she sighed, thinking it was a shadow of a tree. However, Jade Princess looked up, and there, her gaze landed on a large bird, its wings ending in metallic spikes.

"Well, we have to run...like now."

A pair of wings, fashioned from blue colored wind element, appeared on her back, and she vanished, her four teammates following her the next moment.

"Use your immortal rings to amplify your speed. We cannot kill that bird, so we might as well escape." She wasn't about to act arrogant and think she had what it took to fight a demigod.

Yes, the beast is a demigod-level Calamity Beast. Even if she were at the Immortal Lord stage, the opponent is not a target she and her teammates could handle.

Unfortunately, the opponent is a demigod who specializes in flight and aerial combat.

It took just a few seconds of flying for them to realize they wouldn't be able to escape the calamity they had found themselves in.

"Princess, let's split up. At least one of us will be able to lead it away." One of her teammates suggested, seeing the colossal bird coming after them.

Its wingspan is about 500 meters wide. Every flap propels it forward with devastating speed, pushing it closer to them.

"That won't be necessary, Via. Just keep flying for now."

In her hand, a boat-like item glowed green and kept glowing as they flew forward. Behind them, the bird closed in with every flap.

The boat item continued to glow for 30 seconds before suddenly expanding into a sleek, green flying boat. Three pairs of wings appeared on the side and flapped, causing the void to shatter.

The Jade Princess jumped in at once.

"Hurry, we don't have much time."

They jumped in, and just when the last of them did, a large metallic beak came stabbing at them. Perhaps the bird saw that its prey was about to get away, so it made a desperate move to stop them.

However, the moment the last person stepped on the boat, the void opened, and the boat vanished inside, and it closed behind them.

The bird screeched loudly, a clear indication that it was furious.

However, there was nothing there to be furious about, so it went after its prey. It also opened a void channel and entered, pursuing the five bugs that thought they could escape it.

Somewhere else, a five-man team appeared in the Nest, their expressions shrouded in mystery. They wore masks, keeping their identities hidden. However, if Klaus were to see the one with the green gloves, he would recognize him.

He was the man who flashed him the killing gesture just when they were about to enter the Jade Nest.

The moment they appeared, they all went on high alert. After a few seconds, and seeing they were in no danger, one of them retrieved a digital map.

After staring at the red-marked location, he put it away.

"We are roughly 72 hours from the location. Let's hurry and get there fast before anyone beats us to it."

They nodded, and before long, they were gone, jumping from one shadow to another.

Chapter 1472 - 1472: Immortal Pool

Traversing through the Jade Nest turned out to be more harrowing than Klaus had expected.

It had been two days already since they arrived inside the Jade Nest, and so far they had fought ten battles, run from two, barely survived one, and now, as they stood frozen, their gazes locked on a three-headed panther, the need to run filled their hearts.

While the battle Rory and the three teammates fought was a bit harrowing, the past two days were very wild, especially when they mistakenly stumbled into the nest of a demigod-level serpent after escaping from another demigod-level giraffe.

They managed to escape thanks to Klaus's understanding of several laws.

The law of gravity allowed him to slow down the serpent for a few seconds, giving both Echo and Rory the opportunity to use the law of space to move them far away by compressing and expanding space.

Rory compressed it, allowing them to move several km in a single step. Then Echo expanded it, increasing it further.

This bought them ample time for Klaus to use the void to transport them to safety. A few minutes after escaping the two demigods, they were attacked again by another serpent, this time an Immortal Lord.

The battle was a bit dangerous, considering Omen nearly lost his arm. The man was injured, so he couldn't join the next battle.

Thankfully, after their tenth battle, they managed to kill 7 beasts.

Klaus managed to add two more immortal rings to his reserve, making 8, and so did Rory, who now has 9 immortal rings, while the rest of his teammates managed to add just one, having 7 immortal rings each.

If the lion staring at them is dealt with, then Slate will be getting his second immortal ring, raising his total to 8.

The only problem was that the beast was a half-step demigod. While it is not yet a demigod, it is not an Immortal Lord either. Ordinary Immortal Lords will appear like bugs before it.

Basically, it is more dangerous than a peak Immortal Lord.

Klaus turned to his teammates and could tell they were beyond tired. Their last battle drained them.

Unlike him, who could swap places with Kaden (his other incarnation training inside the second level of the inheritance tower), they only have one body.

Rory, who has two forms - archer form and lunar combat Princess form - had already exhausted both forms.

Their pale looks and dull expressions showed they would love to sit out this battle.

Of course, if this location were an ordinary place, he would have suggested they retreat. However, just beyond the cliff in the distance, the Immortal Pool, where the Immortal Essence Water can be found, resides.

Killing the three-headed lion is of utmost importance, and so he wanted to get it done.

'Icon, status report.'

[The master is on his own here. Lady Rory is down to 20% of her reserve in both Immortal and Lunar energy, and her spatial essence is even lower, only 5%. As for the other three, Warrior Omen is down to 10%, and so is Warrior Echo. Warrior Slate is much lower, only 7% left.

It would be advisable for the master to face this beast on his own. Of course, the master is not its match, so using an external weapon will do.]

'So I have to use my SS-class Lightning Gun, huh?' Klaus brushed his chin and smiled. 'How many charges do I have before it runs out of juice?'

[Three shots, master.]

'I see. I only need one.'

Klaus turned and looked at his teammates. "Relax, guys, just beyond that cliff is our destination. I will personally handle this bastard, then we can move."

"A-Are you sure?" Rory asked, a pained expression appearing on her face. She, after all, promised her sisters she would protect Klaus. Now, it appeared he was the one doing the protecting.

"Don't worry, Rory, I just need one clean shot and this sucker will be put down."

Turning, he looked at the lion for a brief moment and extended his hand. "I will be needing your crescent blades though."

She nodded, retrieved her beautiful Lunar Crescent Blades, and handed them to Klaus. He received them, and then with one swift move, they flew and hovered behind him in a crossed shape.

"Alright, you all should open your eyes and learn how it is done." With a smile on his face, he moved and appeared 2km from the lion.

It let out a low growl and snorted, fumes appearing from the nostrils of the head facing him. Technically, all heads were looking at him, so three sets of fumes appeared, a terrifying sight no less.

"Well, first rule of fighting a being more advanced than you, make them confused." Klaus moved, and a copy of him moved with him. Soon, another version appeared from both his main body and the clone.

Then one appeared from each of the four, making eight in all. Soon, sixteen of them appeared, and that multiplied to 32 and soon 64. Before long, over 2048 copies of him appeared and spread across the place.

Rory and the others, who tried to focus on the main version of him, were soon overwhelmed by the illusion Klaus had manifested into reality.

Before long, the lion was also trapped, so it started to attack, shooting beams at the many versions of Klaus. However, whenever a clone was obliterated, two more copies took its place.

Before long, over 10,000 copies of Klaus appeared in the space, causing the lion to growl hatefully.

Rory, who lost track of him, tapped into the connection they shared, knowing it was the only way she could see him. And she was right. However, she became shocked when she saw where Klaus was.

60 meters from the lion, Klaus stopped and pointed a green revolver at the lion. Just then, all 12,064 copies of him did the same.

This put the lion on high alert. However, when 12,000-plus beams fired at it, it became confused, unsure which one to defend.

Of course, despite there being thousands of beams, only one was the real deal. However, it was already too late when it sensed it.

The beam struck its forehead, leaving a hole.

Klaus moved a second later, and the crescent blades spun into action. In no time, he was atop the lion's large back, both blades carving arcs in the air.

The lion, whose middle head had been obliterated, sensed him, but, as before, it was too late to react, causing both heads to come off cleanly.

Klaus jumped down and exhaled. "Ah, that was easier than I expected."

In the distance, Rory and the others widened their eyes, shock and fear evident on their faces. Naturally, they all wanted to say the magic words, 'what the fuck.'

However, they lost their voices.

None of it made sense, yet somehow Klaus made it even more mind-blowing.

If the fact that he just pulled out an SS-class weapon wasn't shocking enough, then how about that insane calculation? He was precise, a feat that requires extreme calculation and focus.

How was he able to achieve that?

"Okay, we can leave now." Klaus stored away the body of the beast and threw the core toward Slate, who caught it and stared at him in a daze.

But then again, if they knew how much Klaus had sacrificed just to look this cool, they would sympathize with him.

'I just pray we get more than one drop of the Immortal Essence, else I will need to take Kaden's reserve of energy and make him cultivate to recover.'

They left for the Immortal Pool a few minutes later.

Chapter 1473 - 1473: Immortal Essence Water

Although Klaus appeared cool and awesome after killing the three-headed lion, he had to drain his reserve of Void Essence and two cores just to gain the upper hand.

Creating the clones was the easy part. He had long mastered that, and thanks to his unknown bloodline, he can go wild with his clones. So that wasn't much of a struggle.

However, keeping the main body alive when the Lion was killing more of his clones was the hard part.

He wasn't stupid.

Klaus knew the lion could easily locate his clones.

Once it managed that, the rest would be as simple as killing him with a single beam.

So he used the Void Law to augment his real body, and by using two cores, he created a much larger and more detailed illusion in which the main body and all his clones shared the same signatures.

Heat, energy, and even breath signatures were covered to the T.

That forced the Lion into a rather tight spot for a moment there. That time was all he needed to make his move.

However, adding more clones and augmenting them as they came, coupled with the fact that he had to keep moving, swapping with one clone after another just before an attack reached him, took more than he expected.

'Good thing I have an enormous mind. Had it not been for the Hivemind, my fragile mind would have crumbled under the pressure.'

Klaus let out a sigh, his peripheral vision catching the stunned expressions on the faces of his teammates.

He said nothing, only holding Rory's hand as they advanced closer to the immortal pool.

The battles they had fought before this one drained quite a lot of his energy, so he wanted to get close to the Immortal Pool and, if possible, absorb some Immortal Essence water to replenish his stock before they left for the main mission.

Thankfully, after walking for a few minutes, they came to a stop atop the cliff. There in the distance, they saw a cave with a brilliant golden light emanating from within.

Icon scanned the surroundings and found no threat, so they advanced forward and, before long, they were before the cave.

Klaus stepped in first, and just as he did, a very potent energy slipped into his body, filling his soul with warmth.

<Immortal Energy had been discovered>

<The Nine Star Paragon Diagram has activated and is absorbing the Immortal Energy.>

<The ????? Energy has activated and is absorbing the Immortal Energy>

Klaus blinked a few times, feeling his drained cores actively absorbing energy. His cultivation was already at the peak-level True Immortal stage, so Icon had sealed it there until this mission and the one after were handled.

But while he was restricted, the same could not be said for his other incarnation.

Kaden had paused his training and was seated in a lotus posture, absorbing the potent energy flowing into his body. His cultivation was at the peak of the True Immortal stage, so he was free to break through to the Immortal King stage.

The same was true for Orion (Paragon body). He had already left for the Beast Universe and was en route through the Dark Universe channel when this thing started. So he emerged from the space channel and began to absorb, while Maud protected him.

Luckily for him, even if he were to break through and the heavens' wrath descend on him, nobody would sense him because he found himself in a remote place in the human Universe.

Rhazor had also emerged from the Space Channel and begun to absorb the energy. If he could move to the medium-level Immortal King or even high-level before Klaus ran out, that would be cool.

Klaus sighed and adjusted his eyes to the interior of the cave. It was then that he saw a relatively large pool filled with golden energy.

"Wow, that is a lot,"

By then, he had walked in far enough, allowing his teammates to also enter. When their eyes landed on the golden pool, they became stunned.

"Is that the Immortal Essence water?" Echo asked, her eyes sparkling.

"No, this is merely Immortal Energy. I have reason to believe that under the pool, something is producing this essence. Once it runs out, the water will turn back to blue, and it will be another million years before it becomes potent again."

"Oh, then where is the Immortal Essence water we came for?" Slate inquired, and in response, Klaus pointed ahead of them.

"It is over there. For now, you four should take advantage of this energy to recover your strength. I will go harvest the Immortal Essence water and join you shortly."

They nodded and walked toward the pool and stepped in. Then, moving in a bit deeper, they sat down and started absorbing the essence.

Klaus wasted no time and moved toward the direction he kept sensing a potent energy. After a few seconds of walking, his eyes landed on a small cave on the ground filled with a dark gold-colored energy.

'Immortal Essence water... and so much more than I expected,'

He moved much closer and knelt before the small pool of Immortal Essence water, beholding its contents.

'This is more than 300 million drops,' his smile increased even more. He knew just how valuable Immortal Essence water is, so looking at this much untouched and oozing with energy, his greed ignited.

However, that was for the best, because he quickly produced a glass bottle, and with a gesture, the Immortal Essence water began to flow into it.

It took just a few minutes for almost every last drop of it to enter. He closed it and stored it away inside his soul sea, where it would be safely stored, more than if he were to put it inside his space ring.

He extended his hand, and ice formed. Then it manifested as several small bottles, which also transformed into glass and finally jade.

Klaus used the ice element to form the bottles, then used his earth element to transform them into glass, and finally jade.

With [High Affinity] for the elemental law, creating simple things like this isn't too much of a stress. He waved his hand, and the small amount of Immortal Essence water was divided into forty droplets and flowed into the bottles.

He closed them and put them away inside his space ring. Afterward, he stood up and joined his teammates inside the pool to absorb the essence and recover.

A day later, Orion (Paragon body) broke through to the Immortal King stage. However, even after the five-minute wait and with no tribulation, Klaus smiled and realized that invoking the Law of Absolute still seemed to be holding back the heavens.

He then recalled Karma's warning and knew he indeed would pay for his actions. The day the heavenly tribulation would descend, he would find himself in deep shit.

But for now, he would continue to absorb the essence and help Kaden break through as well.

Efad was still passed out in front of the Second Void Vortex, so he wasn't part of this momentous event. He would be pissed when he woke up and learned something this good had happened in his absence.

A few hours after Orion's breakthrough, Kaden also did, and Rhazor even advanced to the medium-level Immortal King stage.

Klaus had also recovered his strength, and the unknown energy forming inside his soul sea had also reached 47% awakening...

Chapter 1474 - 1474: Ten Immortal Rings

<Congratulations, your incarnation, Kaden, has levelled up. Rank: Medium-Level Immortal King>

<Congratulations, your incarnation, Orion, has levelled up. Rank: Medium-Level Immortal King>

<Congratulations, your incarnation, Rhazor, has levelled up. Rank: Peak-Level Immortal King>

Klaus smiled as this series of texts hovered before his eyes. The past 24 hours had been a good one for him. Aside from recovering his energy, his other bodies, with the exception of Efad, had levelled up greatly. Having three bodies who are now Immortal Kings is something to be happy about.

They each can now support him in ways he never expected from the start.

When he learned he could cultivate other bodies separately from the main body, he never expected it would be fun.

Back then, while the allure of having nine other bodies that could wield god-slaying powers sounded like a cool thing, he knew it would take a lot to actually be able to cultivate all of them.

However, in less than a year, he had moved from the Early Immortal stage to three Immortal Kings and two True Immortals.

If he were to create the five bodies he had left now, they would all come out as True Immortals with their own immortal rings.

Klaus imagined the day he would have to augment his main body with all nine bodies. The feeling coursing through his body as he thought of that nearly made him drool.

Today, he understood that, indeed, while he would need to train ten times harder, he would one day reap the benefits of his struggle.

Turning slightly, he looked at his teammates. They all seemed to have recovered, and looking at the light in their eyes, he knew they had gained something great.

Of course, he wasn't about to assume they had leveled up as he did, but they seemed happy.

Omen now has seven immortal rings, and so does Echo. However, Klaus can tell that Slate has absorbed the core of the three-headed lion, giving him his 8th immortal ring.

'The average warrior can handle only 7 immortal rings. Since he can handle 8, then there is nothing stopping him from going for a 9th. Luckily for him, it will be from Immortal Essence water, where he gets to create the immortal ring himself.'

The reason Immortal Essence water is sought after by all immortals is its versatility when used to create an immortal ring.

Unlike calamity cores, where one of the immortal rings wielded by the calamity beast is inherited by the immortal, or the immortal rings awakened by absorbing treasures containing immortal essence having

innate qualities, the Immortal Essence water allows one to conceptualize and create an immortal ring from what they can perceive and comprehend.

It has no backlash even if they fail.

So Klaus knew his teammates would benefit from it. He, on the other hand, is destined to reap more than he sowed.

Already, his incarnations, Rhazor, Orion, and Kaden, had awakened 8 powerful immortal rings when they became Immortal Kings. So he sent two drops each to them to absorb and create two immortal rings each.

His main body, however, had nine thanks to the two Calamity cores he had absorbed, so he planned to add one more. That would be his limit as a True Immortal.

Once he reaches the Immortal King stage, he will have the chance to add more.

As someone who is cultivating a body worthy of defying the Heavenly Dao, having more immortal rings will come in handy.

"You all seem happy," Klaus said with a smile looking at all four teammates. They nodded, and he turned to Slate. "Buddy, what is the effect of your 8th immortal ring?"

Slate smiled and answered, "I can clone myself into three perfect copies."

He activated his 8th immortal ring, and two identical copies in both looks and energy signature appeared beside him.

"It takes less effort to control them, and even better, I can swap places with them. However, even if I wasn't fast enough to swap places and my main body were to be killed, I will respawn in one of the clones."

Klaus smiled. "That is incredible, Slate. Now, you will have the chance to create a 9th immortal ring that will make the 8th much more overpowered. Of course, I will leave everything to your imagination."

Klaus retrieved one bottle containing a drop of the Immortal Essence water and handed it to Slate. The poor man, who never knew a day like this would come, received it with shaky hands.

Klaus could tell he was doing his best to hold back his emotions. Someone like him had no business forming more than 7 immortal rings. The reason he was selected as a personal guard for the royal family was his incredible skill with his spear.

In the Stella Human Army, he is among the top three warriors ever to come close to defeating Lord Victor.

Today, he is on track to form his 9th immortal ring, and it was all thanks to Klaus. Klaus wasn't stingy; he treated them like equals, and that was everything a warrior like him would forever respect.

Klaus had seen them fight, and he could tell that Slate, Omen, and Echo were battle-hardened warriors. As someone who had lived nine lives, each filled with deadly battles, being impressed by three immortals says a lot.

"Relax, buddy. Like I said three days ago, by the time I am done with you three, not even an early god will scare you," Klaus smiled. "That said, prepare for when we leave here. It will be even more harrowing battles, ones that will require you all to bring your A-game."

Slate nodded and moved away to handle his immortal ring creation.

Klaus turned to Omen and Echo and handed each of them two bottles. "No pressure, but it will be good if you can handle everything in the next two days."

"Okay." They also received their share and moved aside to handle it.

"I am sure when we return, they will resign from the Stella Army and start following you," Rory joked, watching how Klaus treated Omen, Slate, and Echo.

Klaus smiled. "I won't mind, provided father-in-law doesn't mind either."

Rory blushed, hearing him call Lord Victor father-in-law. "You are a good person, Klaus. Never forget that."

Klaus nodded and kissed her. He produced three bottles of Immortal Essence water and handed them over to her. "You can use two for now since your body is now much stronger after taking my blood."

She nodded and kissed him, too, before leaving. With nine immortal rings now formed, she is bound to have 11 by the time she is done absorbing the Immortal Essence water.

Looking at the four teammates busy at work, he smiled.

Unlike them, he knew the kind of immortal ring he wanted to form. He had formed it before, so in less than 20 minutes, he was done.

He stood up and activated all ten immortal rings under his command, bringing a warm smile to his face.

Each immortal ring is akin to a 35% boost in his strength, so watching all ten come to life, he knew his days of being weak were over. Once the opponent is below average, they wouldn't know how they died.

Klaus walked out of the cave and sat at the entrance, creating ten clones and sending them to scout ahead in ten different directions.

Chapter 1475 - 1475: The Vile Revengeful Bird

It took roughly 9 hours for Rory and the others to finish forming their immortal rings. They all succeeded, with Rory coming out first and Echo coming last.

While outside, Klaus sensed the moment each of them formed their immortal rings and knew his team had become even more powerful. Of course, as to how stronger they have become, he can only wait for when their cultivation has been restored to the Immortal Lord stage.

While they were in seclusion, his ten clones had scouted rather far ahead.

Not all of them succeeded, though. Six were killed long before they could make much progress. This told Klaus where not to go to avoid danger.

Thankfully, one of the clones reached a vast clearing, where they could easily cross into the northeast wilderness and enter another forest that led to where they had to go next.

So when his team was ready, they left the cave.

With Klaus leading the way, they soon arrived at the clearing and started heading toward the wilderness, where, if no danger found them, they would soon close in on the outer clearing of the Inner Zone of the Jade Nest.

Once they stepped into the wilderness, they felt the air change slightly. This made them all go on high alert. Klaus created more clones and sent them ahead, making sure they didn't find themselves in any trouble like before.

Unfortunately, trouble found them unintentionally—or at least that was how it appeared at first.

Just when they were making headway through the wilderness, a sudden cracking sound reached their ears, drawing their attention upward.

There in the sky, the void was breaking.

Klaus narrowed his eyes and immediately sensed danger. He was about to command his team to run when the void suddenly shattered, and a near-destroyed flying boat with almost all of its wings torn off blasted through the crack, speeding directly toward Klaus and his team.

Klaus's eyes narrowed further, and he extended his hand, summoning Bloodwork.

"Rory, save them from crashing."

Without waiting for any question, he vanished, appearing 500 meters from the crack. Just when he did, a large metallic bird also blasted through the crack, its beak piercing forward.

Klaus struck with his scythe, meeting the bird's metallic beak in a deadly collision. The impact sent shockwaves that cracked the void in several places.

For a moment, Klaus felt his hands vibrating before he was pushed back. He fell from the air and landed on the ground, his gaze locked on the bird the entire time.

On the other side, Rory managed to catch the boat that was housing the injured and near-death bodies of the 7th Jade Princess and her four cohorts. Two of them had even fallen into a coma, their clothes completely shredded.

The other two are barely holding on, with the 7th Jade Princess being the one with some life in her.

She wanted to speak; however, Rory had no time to hear her. Her focus was on Klaus, but since he had instructed her to save them, she tapped the Jade Princess on the forehead, and she passed out.

Then she formed five lotus flowers and made them merge with their foreheads.

It will take some time to get them out of the maw of death. However, she turned toward Klaus, who flew into the air, eyes locked on the giant metallic bird.

Slate, Omen, and Echo flew to his side, their gazes also not leaving the bird.

"Looks like we can't run this time around," Klaus said, a crazy look appearing on his face. "We have to kill a demigod-level calamity beast, guys."

They smiled weakly, fear gripping them. While indeed they may have formed 9 immortal rings each, the monster before them is a demigod.

So while they may be stronger than before, they still remain True Immortals.

Fighting a demigod who has both an advantage in strength and a domain seems like a very bad idea.

"Ah, what could go wrong?" Omen grinned and unleashed all 9 immortal rings. His strength surged, making his presence even more powerful.

Three of the immortal rings moved and entered his sword. They spun around it, causing the sword aura to explode outward.

One moved to his right leg and another to the left, while the remaining four merged with his armor. Slate made the same augmentation and created two clones, while Echo added 6 immortal rings to her staff and the rest to her armor.

"Indeed, what could go wrong?" she said, turning to Klaus.

"Let's kill a demigod, shall we?" They nodded, and each went into action. Slate moved, his clones taking two different directions.

They soon close in on the monstrous bird.

Echo moved her staff and cast a spell, forming ten large ice spears to come to life. They moved like deadly cannons, firing toward the demigod bird.

Klaus stayed back and assessed the bird's reaction as the attack closed in. Just when the first spear arrived before it, an invisible shield appeared and blocked it.

The other nine were stopped in the same fashion. Slate and Omen were also stopped, and the clones were blasted into sparkling dust.

This defense that the bird had mounted, to Klaus, was a bit surprising. However, he didn't seem to mind, knowing full well that attacks augmented with immortal rings are useless.

His team seems to be using it to strengthen themselves and their weapons. But even so, they couldn't get close to the bird.

Strangely enough, the moment the bird stopped them, it turned its gaze toward Klaus, almost as if it was sizing him up.

Seeing this, Klaus smiled and looked at the scythe in his hand.

"You want this, huh?" he brandished the scythe and pointed it at the bird. "Come get it then."

Taking the challenge, Slate and Omen were pushed back, and the bird flapped its wings, shooting toward Klaus like a missile.

A pale smile appeared on Klaus's face as he unleashed a deadly attack, meeting the bird in a second collision.

This time, they both felt the impact.

"Alright, buddy, let's kill and drink her blood. Your awakening is almost here." They pushed each other back, and before long, a deadly collision ignited, Klaus and the bird moving in deadly flashes.

Omen and Slate straighten back up, their immortal ring configuration changing slightly. Instead of augmenting their armor, they knew they would have to first match the enemy's speed before they could attack.

So they augmented their speed and joined the struggle. Echo, on the other hand, resumed her role as a support warrior and started making sure her teammates didn't die easily.

On the ground, Rory had managed to heal the outer wounds on the bodies of the 7th Jade Princess and her cohort and even managed to awaken the Princess, whom she had to knock out so she could save her uninterrupted.

The moment she woke up, her gaze turned to the battle in the sky, and fear appeared in her eyes.

"Under normal circumstances, I would have enjoyed seeing you in such a miserable state, Evren. But looking at how messed up you have become, let's save the teasing for later," Rory said before rising to her feet.

"Take care of your teammates. I have to take care of mine..." She rose into the air, two crescent-shaped blades appearing in her firm grip.

Casting one last look at the 7th Jade Princess, she vanished, appearing beside Klaus. The next second, she started attacking the bird, which for the past 4 days had tormented the 7th Jade Princess and her team in and out of the void.

Chapter 1476 - 1476: God Of War Body

Omen moved toward the bird at deadly speed, Echo using space magic to amplify his speed. Just when he was a few meters from the bird, it turned and glared at him.

Then its left wing flapped, and a large feather ending in a deadly metallic piercer shot at him. He was caught off guard, clearly not anticipating such an attack.

However, when he saw Rory slip past him, he forced his body to move, crossing his sword over his chest to take the damage, knowing full well it was going to hurt like hell.

It landed on his sword as intended, sending him flying back.

BOOOM

He crashed into the ground, creating a crater. However, his eyes remained locked on Rory, who managed to get under the bird and cut a large wound into its super sturdy body.

'Worth it'

The seven ropes attached to her armor also stabbed into the bird, forcing out a loud screech. It forced its body to move, but Klaus was upon it, his scythe meeting its beak again.

Slate used the moment to land a stabbing strike on its body. Before long, however, he was also sent crashing down, and Rory was also tossed aside.

She winced and looked at Omen, who had already risen from the ground, a line of blood spilling out from the corner of his lips.

Seeing that he was okay, she joined Klaus, both of them attacking with deadly skills.

30 minutes into the attack, Klaus was sent crashing down, his chest pierced by a feather.

"Ah, that hurt like hell." A smile formed on his face as he stood back up and vanished again, appearing before the bird.

10 minutes later, he was sent crashing down again, this time with two feathers sticking out of his chest.

"Oh, this bastard is a bit stronger than I expected."

5 minutes later, he was back on the ground, this time with three feathers embedded in his chest...

"Looks like this bird is not going to go down without a fight,"

His teammates wanted to tell him they already knew that. However, looking at the pale smile on his handsome face, they didn't know how to feel.

Already, Slate and Omen had sustained quite a few life-threatening injuries, and even Rory and Echo seemed to have also sustained their fair share of injuries.

The bird was way stronger than they could even put into words. However, with Klaus still locked in battle with it, they had no choice but to follow him.

So far, only Klaus and Rory managed to leave a deadly injury on its body. However, Klaus still believed they could kill it.

Rising to his feet again, Slate looked at the giant bird and then at Klaus and sighed, "Can we really win this? I feel like we are waiting for our death the moment we run out of energy."

Klaus grinned and turned to him, "Of course, we can win. I just need ten more minutes to finish creating the killing formation, and the rest will be handled by me,"

"Really?" Rory asked, switching to her archer class.

"Of course. I may have said nothing before simply because I wanted you guys to have a taste of what it feels like to fight a demigod as a True Immortal, since we will be fighting more soon. However, I can now see that asking a True Immortal to kill a demigod is not logical. You guys are still lacking."

The scythe in his grip hummed, releasing waves of blood qi. "However, I believe from this small experience, you will be prepared well for the next one."

They couldn't help but nod.

He moved and appeared before the bird again.

Rory opened a slight path for him by unleashing a deadly arrow. Klaus made good use of it and attacked, landing a powerful strike on the bird's neck, hoping to sever its head clean.

However, his scythe was blocked, and he was pushed back. Slate and Omen joined him, while Echo cast one spell after another, making sure the next ten minutes would come to meet her and her teammates still alive.

On the ground, Princess Evren remained seated, her focus rooted on the battle happening in the air.

Four days ago, when she and her teammates used the Void Boat to escape into the Void, she thought they were safe from the bird.

Unfortunately, it took just ten minutes for the bird to locate them, and for the past few days, they had fought all kinds of battles, both in and out of the void.

It got to the point that they knew death was only a step away.

However, just when they were nearing that junction, Princess Evren sensed the mark she had placed on Klaus when she interacted with him a few moments before they entered the nest.

She knew that if she could get to him, maybe they would have a chance at living.

She and Rory had a past, and so she knew getting to them would be their best shot at life.

Now, as she watched them battle the same bird they had to run from every few minutes during their fights, she felt like Klaus and his teammates were much more dangerous than she had anticipated.

'But are they powerful enough to kill it?' She formed a couple of hand seals, hastening her recovery so she could join them. With her mind attacks, maybe she could open a few paths for them to exploit.

Unfortunately, she found herself in a situation where joining them would put both herself and them in severe danger.

So she could only watch the battle with the demigod-level beast for several minutes with no victory in sight.

Klaus and his teammates kept going, sustaining more injuries, but somehow managed to keep the bird from killing any of them. Soon, however, they neared the ten minutes Klaus had set.

Just when the countdown struck zero, Klaus moved back, activating a technique.

At once, a 24-meter-tall copy of himself with three sets of hands appeared behind him. In that very instant, one of his hands moved and grabbed the bird by the neck, pulling it to the ground.

Just when it crashed to the ground.

The manifestation then shrank and merged with his main body. This caused Klaus to release a powerful aura before jumping high into the air.

When he descended, his body enlarged, transforming him into a 10-meter-tall giant. Behind him, three sets of arms appeared, adding to his own hands.

He went from two hands to eight in less than ten seconds. Two of his hands moved, one grabbing his scythe and another taking out a sword.

The weapons also grew much larger.

With a mental command, the two hands moved away from his body and shot toward the bird that had risen to its legs and was about to take to the sky.

Just before it could, Klaus made another deadly move, determined to keep the battle grounded.

"Heavens Engine,"

The gravity skill he had learned while cultivating on the gravity planet was unleashed, causing intense pressure to crash down on it, forcing it to stay on the ground.

That moment of being grounded gave Klaus the chance to attack, a scythe coming from the right and a sword swinging from the left.

The bird saw the attacks coming and folded its wings to defend against them, or at least tried to. Klaus knew the moment its wings folded around its body, both attacks would be rendered useless.

So just when its wings moved, he activated another Law Skill...

"Chrono Transformative Disc"

Chapter 1477 - 1477: Time Law

The laws of the universe don't work like normal cultivation and martial techniques. These two grow in line with the warrior's strength and rank. The stronger they become, the more powerful the techniques become.

Cultivating the laws takes a different route. Instead of increasing in strength as one levels up, it focuses rather on comprehension and understanding.

It only grows as one's understanding of that particular law deepens. Without comprehension, the laws will become useless regardless of how many affinities one has.

However, if one were to dive deep into the laws, there is a question many ask: "Do people awaken skills and techniques based on the law, or do they have to learn from already created ones?"

For as long as anyone could remember, skills like space seal, space lock, time loop, and several others were already available and could be learned as long as one's comprehension is high enough.

Those are common to all Law cultivators.

Some people also wonder if people can awaken special law skills.

The answer is yes.

However, before one can do that, their comprehension level should at least be at the Super stage. A few geniuses can awaken skills at even the medium stage—Klaus is one of those geniuses.

However, he goes beyond that. Klaus is a prodigy among monsters.

In the realm of law skills, he had awakened special ones called Domain skills. These skills interact with reality, just like how some formations and treasures do.

An example of such a skill is the [Heaven's Engine], which he awakened when he comprehended the law of gravity to the high affinity level.

It has three layers, each layer increasing the gravity on a target by several times.

This time, however, he had awakened another one, and it is just as dangerous.

In fact, moving from the Early stage to Immortal King allowed him to awaken quite a few. However, in this incarnation, he can only use these two.

So just as the [Heaven's Engine] held the bird in place, he struck with both hands, the scythe and sword moving at deadly speed to score the first win.

"Oh, you don't,"

Klaus saw that the bird was about to wrap itself with its wings, so he made another move.

"Chrono Transformative Disc"

One of the hands hovering behind him moved, and a disc-shaped item radiating a green aura appeared. For a moment, time slowed down.

But it wasn't for long since the moment the disc appeared, Klaus had already made a deadly play. The attacks he aimed at the bird were pushed forward, or more like fast-forwarded, landing on the bird before its wings could cover it.

SCREEEEECH

A loud screech sounded, a terrifying aura emanating from its body. The scythe carved a large wound into its right side, while the sword left a pretty deep cut.

"There is more where that came from." Klaus grinned, and the hand holding the Chrono Transformative Disc activated a mechanism, causing a green circle to appear from it and start to spin around it.

The bird moved, its beak aimed for Klaus's chest. However, it never got to land its attack since Klaus decided to cheat.

"Time Isolation,"

For a brief moment, he isolated himself from time, allowing the bird to miss that attack. However, it didn't end there. Klaus wanted to win, and so he made a third move.

The two hands holding the weapons attacked again, only this time, he wouldn't even allow the bird to see him coming. Also, he most certainly did not plan to waste his Time essence on this bird.

Just when the weapons moved, Klaus made his move.

"Time Skip,"

He jumped a second ahead, allowing him to slip through its defense. Yet again, the attacks landed on its body, and this time, the painful sound that came from its mouth was just too intense.

It was forced to crash, and for a moment, it failed to rise. It was still under the suppression of the Heaven's Engine, so that, coupled with the fact that it had sustained four grave injuries, made it hard for it to stand.

Rory seized the moment and was about to unleash a devastating arrow when Klaus gestured for her to stop.

"Huh, why did you stop me?" she asked, her expression a bit dark. Recalling the painful attacks she had to endure, denying her the chance to land a fierce arrow made her feel a bit angry.

"Because no matter what you do, we will never win," Klaus said with a smile and turned toward the bird. A few seconds later, he turned and looked to his left and nodded, "Isn't that right, my lady?"

For a moment, nobody knew what was happening. Then the void shattered, and a demi-bird appeared.

She had a human body, but a few features, like her eyes and feet, were birdlike. There were also her wings.

The moment she appeared, the bird on the ground vanished, and an unfathomable aura enveloped everyone. She moved closer, and with every step she took, the pressure in the air increased, forcing Klaus and his team to endure.

Klaus, at some point, moved the Heaven's Engine over his friends, using the law of gravity to counter some of the pressure while they endured the rest.

When she was 20 meters away, she stopped and looked only at Klaus.

"How did you find me?"

"Very simple, really. When I attacked your clone body, I sensed a shift in the void. Naturally, as someone with a super affinity for the void, I didn't fail to pick up on that fluctuation."

"I see. I suppose you can be a useful tool," she turned and looked at Rory and the others, "You all will pass as my food."

A pale smile appeared on Klaus's face. He slipped one hand into his pocket and pointed the other at the bird lady. "I believe you are mistaken about something here. You see, I have an offer you cannot resist. In fact, if you hear what I have to say, you will kneel down and beg me to take you as my servant,"

"Oh, is that the case?"

Klaus nodded, "Indeed."

"Go ahead then. Tell me what you have in mind that will force me to submit to you."

"I don't suppose you would mind if I move closer. What I have to say is a secret."

The bird lady studied him for a few seconds and nodded, "Why not? If I start becoming wary of an existence so insignificant such as yourself, I will become a joke."

Klaus grinned and walked forward, approaching the bird lady, to the horror of his teammates and the Jade Princess.

When he was close, he walked to her side, moved his head closer, and spoke the magic words...

He wasn't even done when the bird lady's eyes widened, her body trembling... "Impossible,"

"Ah, I doubt that, my lady," Klaus smiled and pricked his finger, causing a drop of golden blood to appear. A wave of delicious smell permeated the air, causing the bird lady to move her head closer to the blood.

Klaus wiped the blood away and walked back, a smug smile forming on his face. "Do you believe me now, or should I give more proof?"

For a moment, Rory and the others were lost at what was happening. Soon, however, their eyes widened, jaws hanging open.

Under their stunned gaze, the bird lady went down on her knees and bowed to Klaus.

"I greet the Beast Monarch."

Chapter 1478 - 1478: A Trap

The reason why Klaus didn't play the Star Monarch card when he first laid eyes on the bird was that he felt no resonance between him and the bird.

That was because the one they had fought for the past two hours was merely a clone. So he sensed no likeness between them. However, when she revealed her aura through the void, Klaus sensed it.

Of course, he could have stopped then, but he had to prove himself, and so he used the time and gravity law to push her to a corner.

Once that was achieved, he knew he had to stop before he angered the bird lady any further. Already, she had them on thin ice. If it were only Klaus and perhaps Rory, escaping would have been simple. But carrying the others along with him would have been impossible.

From his calculations, the time it would take to send them inside the Demon Bead before making a run for it would be four seconds. That was plenty of time for the bird lady to kill them all.

So he made a gamble, and it paid off.

Now, he had stunned teammates and a humble bird staring at him.

"Let's talk inside the void," Klaus took one step, and he vanished, appearing inside the void. The bird lady stood up and followed him.

"Uhm, what had just happened?" Omen asked, his expression riddled with confusion.

They all turned to Rory, who they knew was much closer to Klaus. However, seeing the confused look on her face, they could immediately tell she was as confused as they were.

Princess Evren was both confused and a bit angry. She and her team suffered the most. However, just when Klaus and his team were about to get revenge, everything turned upside down, transcending the realm of common sense.

Meanwhile, inside the void, Klaus faced the bird lady.

"Why were you chasing that lady and her team?" he asked, and the bird lady sighed.

"Her blood smells nice, so I wanted to eat her,"

Klaus furrowed his brow, a bit amused, "I see. So you are a blood-type bird, huh?"

"Yes. My true form is that of a Blood Eye Hawk. I have reached the peak of the demigod stage and am now planning to sense my divinity and step onto the path of God Ascension. If my luck turns out to be a good one, I would one day become a God Beast."

Klaus's golden eyes changed color, becoming green for a few seconds before a smile appeared on his face.

"I see. You have a 20% chance of becoming a God Beast or die trying. However, with my help, you are 100% guaranteed," Klaus smirked, "I know you don't doubt me because you can smell it in my blood,"

She looked calmly at Klaus for a few minutes before she nodded.

"Then I suppose you are willing to join me. While I am a bit short on time right now, simply because where I have to go can't be delayed any further, I will give you my blood once that is handled.

Before that, however, if you accept becoming my contracted beast, I will bestow on you a technique that will aid you better in the adventures we will soon be embarking on."

The bird lady said nothing for a few minutes before she asked, as if seeking confirmation.

"Are you really the Star Monarch?"

Klaus laughed and nodded, "I am. This also means I am the Paragon, which I suppose, since you have heard of the Star Monarch, you already know."

She nodded.

"Though I have to ask, how did you hear of the Star Monarch? From what I learned from Queen Mantis, this place had been sealed for the past million years. If nobody was able to come inside during that time, how come you are aware of his name?"

The bird lady let a smile appear on her face.

"Oh, so you are not aware, huh?" she laughed, making Klaus furrow his brow, his sixth sense telling him he was in danger.

"What am I missing?"

"A lot, actually. You see, this Nest is now under the rule of the Four God Beasts. All four of them were alive millions of years ago when the Star Monarch entered this place, and so they are aware of him.

I am one of the three demigod beasts under one of the God Beasts. In fact, you are currently in her domain, so she will soon reveal herself. With me here, she won't kill you on sight. However, you might end up becoming her slave.

You see, the smell of human blood is what we all crave. Every Calamity beast in here craves human blood, and so there will be a hunt very soon. We were somehow made aware that a steady stream of humans would be entering the nest, so we have prepared well to welcome you all.

In other words, somebody wants you all dead, and so they made us aware long before you came. There is going to be a massacre if it hasn't already started." She scoffed and added, "I wonder who would be wicked enough to want you all dead."

"Heavens Court," Klaus gritted his teeth.

He didn't even have to doubt his words. In every aspect of this, the Heavens Court had more to lose and gain. If they could kill everyone, the reincarnation of the Jade Ant Queen would fall into their hands.

And since their sealed warriors would soon be revealed, if anyone survived and left these places, they would expose them. So, in this case, there was only one move: kill everyone.

Klaus felt a chill run down his spine.

There was no aspect of this where he came out on top. First, there were four gods in the nest. Even if he managed to somehow get his hands on the Jade Ant Queen, escaping from them would be impossible.

'I doubt her rebirth would be subtle. This means she will draw attention, and I would be right in the middle of it all.'

'Damn it. These wicked people, they just don't value human life.'

Klaus turned and looked at the bird lady and asked:

"What is your name?"

"Crux,"

"Well, Crux, can you take me to the god you serve?"

She nodded, "I can do that, though I can't guarantee your safety,"

"Don't worry about that. I will be fine,"

She nodded, and Klaus began drafting the contract with her. It took a few minutes to handle everything. Afterward, they returned to the wilderness.

"Hello everyone, meet Crux. She will be joining us from here onwards," Klaus introduced her, and none of them said anything for a few minutes.

It was Princess Evren who spoke after five minutes.

"Thank you for saving us, Renegade Hunter, but how sure are you that she can be trusted?" she spoke from her trauma, and Klaus knew that. However, he wasn't about to be that kind of gentleman when he had just learned he had walked into a trap.

He hated walking into unknown traps. So he was pissed, and Rory, who was somehow connected to him, could sense it.

"Well, Princess, Crux is now a part of my team, so I don't really need to assure you of anything. But let's pretend for a minute and examine the fact that I just learned there are four God Beasts in this nest, and each one is out to get us. Do you feel safe."

Chapter 1479 - 1479: Plan to meet the God Beast

It is one thing to know that there is a trap set for you, and you willingly walked into it, and another to walk into an unknown trap that you don't even know how vast it stretches.

No matter the planning, there is just no way to account for all variables. In other words, when one finds themselves in an unknown trap, the loss outweighs the gain, and Klaus had experienced such situations several times before.

He won some and lost some. However, no matter how hard he tries, he always suffers huge losses in the end, even if he wins.

Perhaps because his 9th incarnation ended with him falling into a trap that cost him hundreds of thousands of friends and family, his anger, hidden just below the surface, ignited.

The Jade Princess, hearing Klaus's harsh words, frowned. Nobody, not even her mother, dares talk to her like that. However, she was forced to come to terms with her feelings, considering they were now in real danger.

"Are you sure, Renegade Hunter?" Omen asked, his forehead breaking into a sweat.

"I am dead serious, buddy, and you can call me Klaus. I found out from Crux that we have all walked into a slaughterhouse, and soon, we will be surrounded from everywhere. Of course, I have no plans to die, and so I will fight back."

"But how? From the information put out, this Nest cannot have a god. So how then is it that there are 4 gods here?" Princess Evren asks, showing she has more details about the Nest than Klaus and the others do.

Turning in her direction, Klaus smirked and said, "I reckon the ones who put out that information are the Heavens Court."

She nodded.

"Ah, how obvious." Klaus felt a deeper disdain toward the heavens, but since he planned to join them and unravel their secrets, he buried it in his heart.

The last thing he wanted was for it to be put out there that he hates the Heavens court.

"They were wrong, Princess. There are four gods here, of which I plan to meet and have a good talk with them. Of course, when it comes to the main danger hidden here, you will learn in the coming weeks."

"So are you saying the gods aren't a problem?"

"Oh, they are. I just meant to say the real danger will soon reveal itself, and by then, if you are not out of this place, it will be too late for you."

Crux cleared her throat. "Actually, all paths have been closed, soem block by powerful demigods so unless the main gate opens, nobody can leave here."

"Ah, then we all have to do well and live, else we are as good as dead."

Princess Evren looked at her four teammates and sighed. They were completely wrecked, meaning that for the next few weeks, they would be out of commission. Her mission to find the Jade Pendant is out of the equation now.

Turning from them, she glared hatefully at Crux, who smirked and turned away.

"Klaus, do you have a plan?" Rory asked, a bit worried.

"I do, actually." He extended his hand, and the demon bead appeared. "I plan on storing you all inside this place, and then, with Crux leading the way, I will go to the god whose domain we are currently in.

If I succeed in convincing her, we'll have a much better chance of leaving this place. If not, then you all will have to pray for a quick death."

Klaus laughed, causing Rory and the others to frown. "Be serious, Klaus."

"I am being serious, everyone. In a few weeks' time, there will be an all-out war. The good news, however, is that the restriction keeping you all at the True Immortal stage will be lifted. The bad news is that your opponents will be demigods and gods.

I will do my best to even the odds, but prepare for a deadly battle, one that will perhaps be your last, or your first life-and-death battle."

Rory wanted to protest, but Klaus gave her a slight nod.

What he planned to do would reveal more of his paragon side, and so he wanted them all to be away. If she insisted on remaining by his side, the others would protest as well.

So she nodded too, though she hated the idea of not being by his side; for the greater good, she had to swallow her worry and follow his plan.

"Don't worry, love. I will be fine, so make sure they don't cause any trouble once inside the bead," Klaus said to Rory using the connection they shared.

"Okay," she nodded.

Klaus walked toward Princess Evren and retrieved five bottles of Immortal Essence water. "Take one and give the rest to your teammates. It will help you all recover much faster. Once I manage to secure an alliance with one of the gods, I will bring you out so we can discuss your reason for coming here."

She had no reason to protest, so she accepted his kind gesture and gift and stored them away. Klaus then opened the portal that led into the Demon Bead.

"Alright, time to go."

Rory gestured for Omen, Slate, and Echo to walk inside. After they entered, the Jade Princess helped her people enter before she did.

Rory walked toward Klaus first and kissed him. "Be careful, okay."

He nodded, and she walked into the portal. Klaus closed it and stored it away. He turned to Crux.

"Lead the way."

She nodded and took to the air. Klaus followed after her.

A few seconds later, he asked a question: "What is the God Beast you used to serve like?"

[Somewhere inside the Jade Nest]

A five-man assassin team stood on the body of a giant elephant beast, their gaze, through their masks, locked on a building 300 meters away.

"It took longer than we anticipated, but we are finally here," the one in the green mask spoke, his eyes narrowing a bit. "I wonder if the others have also managed to reach their destinations."

"We will know soon enough," the blue mask assassin said, her dagger laced with blue blood. On the ground, a pool of blue blood ran freely from all the wounds on the beasts they've killed.

"We should break the seal fast so we can focus our attention on eliminating the Renegade Hunter and the 7th Jade Princess."

For a moment, none of them said anything, letting the breeze pass over them for a few moments.

The red mask assassin then asked, "Aren't we going to be suspects once the Heavens Court finds out we were involved? I mean, they seem to want him to join their ranks, so won't killing him cause an internal conflict?"

"That is not our problem. The one who hired us reports to a human king who is linked to the Heavens Court. He assured us we would be safe, so we should do good work, get paid, and be on our way." The Black Mask assassin, who appeared to be their leader, said, and they all nodded.

"Great. Let's break the seal then." They sprang into action the next second.

Somewhere else, three other teams were also nearing the other seals that had kept the Corrupted Heaven warriors sealed for the past million years.

In a few days, chaos and mayhem will descend, and Klaus, who is running out of time, will have no choice but to reveal his hand, a move that will either break him or elevate him.

After flying for 3 hours, Klaus and Crux came to a stop just as they approached a large tree trunk that had been repurposed into a sleek-looking house.

From far away, he could already sense the terrifying gaze of the god beast locked on him.

'Here we go,'

Chapter 1480 - 1480: Meeting The GodBeasts

Klaus had no reason to turn back now.

Long before they arrived at the trunk house, he had already sensed a powerful gaze locked on him. He knew the god beast had already become aware of him, so he could only go meet her.

Naturally, he had no reason to count on Crux since she had already told him she could not guarantee his safety.

As they descended, he sensed two other powerful gazes turn toward him. While the intensity wasn't as chilling as the god beast's, he had reason to believe they were demigods.

"While there are many demigods out there, under my lady, there are just three of us. The other two gazes you felt are from them."

Klaus nodded. "I suppose with a god at the helm, there should be able subordinates doing her bidding. Though I have to ask, do you fight with the other three factions?"

"No. We have no reason to fight with them. My lady is the strongest god in here, so there is no need to dirty herself with those losers."

Klaus wanted to smile, but just then, two demi-humans appeared in the air. One had a human body from the waist upwards and a snake body downwards, a clear sign she was a naga.

The other had an entirely human body, but two sets of bone-like appendages extended from his back. Clearly, he was an evolved mantis-type beast. They looked down hungrily at Klaus while ignoring Crux.

"Crux, I thought we would only join the hunt when my lady gives the go-ahead, why do you have a human meat with you. And what is he even doing here?" the mantis asked, his expression narrowing.

Crux kept her composure, but her words dripped with arrogance. "Since when do I answer to an insect?"

Her words made the mantis angry, and so he released his aura. However, instead of aiming it at Crux, he aimed it at Klaus.

"Hey, buddy, if you are afraid of her, no need to turn your anger toward me. I have done nothing wrong, you know," Klaus said, a smirk forming at the corner of his lips.

Of course, it was all a show-off.

He was actually under a lot of pressure.

The mantis, who was already pissed, became even more furious. He frowned deeper, and then he pointed his finger and was about to unleash an attack when a voice came from the trunk house.

"Control yourself, Reed." The anger filling his head was washed away. He took a deep breath and turned toward the trunk house. "My apologies, my lady."

"Crux, bring the human over."

"Okay, my lady." She began, leading Klaus over.

Before leaving, Klaus smirked at Reed. "See you around, Mr. Reed. It was fantastic meeting you."

They were gone, and Reed could only grit his teeth. The other demigod, Lizzy, smiled and said, "This human is interesting. Relax, Reed, he won't be alive for long."

Klaus was led to the trunk house. However, before entering, Crux stopped. "You are on your own from here. Good luck."

After saying that, she flew away, leaving Klaus alone. He sighed and walked inside. The moment he stepped in, the air around him changed. He felt an invisible force wash over him, scanning every inch.

His surroundings changed, and he found himself in a place that looked like a large white box.

'A True god, huh,' Klaus made a mental note to be well-behaved since the god he was facing wasn't someone he could mess around with.

"Have you ever met a Calamity god before?" a sweet voice came from all directions.

In an instant, a sensation crept into his heart. He felt like he was hooked up to a lie detector, a clear indication that he could not lie.

But who was Klaus, if not someone with over a thousand minds? If he wanted to lie, he could just take a mind that had no knowledge of what he was being asked. So technically, he wouldn't be lying even if his memories were being examined.

"Can't say I have had the pleasure to. That said, I believe today will be my first time."

Of course, that was a lie. He had, in fact, met the mother of all calamity beasts—Nari. His Dark Phoenix wife was one of the three True Calamities, the most dangerous of them.

So to open his mouth and say he hadn't, he might be the dirtiest liar alive. But in this case, he was indeed telling the truth.

"I see. I suppose I have no use for you then," her voice became chilling.

Klaus smiled and cleared his throat. "Let me see... Ah, where should I start from?" He counted his fingers for a moment and then smiled...

"We can start with your name. Beyhos Sius, a beautiful name, really. Bloodline: Ancient Angelic Vampire, a blood-type beast, I see. You are a True god with a god-grade bloodline. If I didn't know better, I would say it's been a minute since you became a True god, but you can't figure out how to become a God King.

Of course, as a Calamity Beast, you cannot just become a God King. In fact, as a god beast, the only way you can most likely pass through the True God stage is to devour the bloodline of another Calamity Beast or devour the blood essence of at least three God King-level beasts."

Klaus smiled and stretched, and added, "Fortunately for you, I am here today with a proposal that even a god cannot turn down. Of course, you can kill me, but I will just enter here with another body a hundred years from now and kill you too.

Ah, that is if you are still alive, considering this place will soon be going up in flames." Klaus chuckled. "You see, the same people who hired you to kill us all planned to backstab you all just to hide their secrets. I seek to prevent that from happening, but to do so, I need your help.

So let's pretend, for a moment, that our interests align. By helping me, I will bestow a technique created a very long time ago by the Star Monarch. What do you say, Lady Beyhos?"

Klaus stood there, his expression calm but a bit on edge, considering he had no idea what decision she would be making. If she accepted his offer, then perhaps they would have a good conversation.

If not, then he would just wish she wouldn't kill him fast enough. He wanted to feel the pain.

For a full minute, he stood there. Then suddenly, the space twisted, and he found himself standing before a redhead beauty with a perfect human appearance.

Well, given her angelic bloodline, calling her a human is a bit of an understatement. Looking at those sharp cheekbones, Klaus could count her among the top ten most beautiful women he had seen so far in this life.

"Who are you, human?"

"Ah, I am glad you asked." Klaus smiled and walked to a chair not far to his right and sat down as if he was offered a seat.

"A very long time ago, a young elven child was exiled to a very dangerous forest to die. However, he not only lived, but he also became a force that once swept across the universe.

I go by Klaus Hanson; however, to make matters simple for us, you can just call me the Star Monarch. Pleasure meeting you, Lady Beyhos."

Klaus's appearance changed, and when Lady Beyhos saw the familiar face, her body trembled.