

Paragon 691

Chapter 691 - 691: The Chaos Region

Klaus and the beast appeared inside the cube, stopping in a large, lush space.

"I feel like I should give you a name," Klaus said, not even caring about forming the contract yet. He didn't care whether or not the beast before him had what it took to end his life.

He only wanted to ensure his contracted beast was taken care of to the best of his abilities. Also, it wasn't like the beast could kill him.

"I will call you Jaguar for now. If you want a different name later or you qualify for one, I will give it to you," Klaus said, and the beast continued to look at him.

"I will give you something and then send you somewhere. But before that, you cannot break through just yet, since I plan on making you more powerful by rebuilding your foundation."

Klaus tapped into his Star Monarch Bloodline and conjured two red runes.

"This one," he said, pointing toward one of the runes, "will lock your cultivation at the peak of the Tier 9 stage."

Jaguar clearly didn't like hearing that, so its expression changed. It looked at Klaus with eyes that said he should tread carefully—or else.

"Don't worry, you will understand later," Klaus said, pointing toward the second rune. "This one will rebuild your foundation using a unique energy called Chaos energy."

That is where I will be sending you.

Now, before you get any funny ideas, know that Chaos energy is one of the strongest known energies out there.

It's hard to comprehend, but once you understand it, it will make you stand out. Killing opponents two stages above you won't be far from possible.

But don't worry, the place I am sending you will allow you to comprehend this law three times faster. So be happy.

Also, I will give you my blood, which, the moment you comprehend the Chaos energy, will activate and break the first rune that is restricting your cultivation base.

I will be alerted by then to come get you, so do your best. The next time you see the outside world, you will become a different person worth fearing."

Jaguar didn't say anything. It had come this far; the least it could do was follow through with the crazy plan being presented to it.

"Very well," Klaus smiled and then gestured for the first rune to enter Jaguar's forehead. It entered, and, as he predicted, its cultivation base was sealed.

Then, the next rune entered.

Klaus slashed his palm and froze his blood in immortal ice. He gave it to Jaguar, who hesitated but swallowed the ice.

"Good one. You won't regret this," Klaus said and then snapped his fingers. A portal opened, showing a place akin to space, with planets and meteors.

It was a very beautiful yet mysterious space.

Klaus touched Jaguar and vanished through the portal. The next second, they were atop a platform that would be recognized anywhere in the universe as an Immortal Platform.

Klaus landed atop it with Jaguar, who immediately started looking around, feeling the change of energy in the air.

Klaus also looked around, recalling the number of times Efad, his 9th incarnation, had come here with new beast companions.

"This platform will help you understand the Law of Chaos. Don't worry; it's a natural phenomenon, so just cultivate as you always do, and it will all become natural to you.

Now, don't worry about not understanding it—you will know when the time comes." After saying that, he retrieved ten Tier 10 cores and gave them to Jaguar.

"Use them to recover your energy since there is no spiritual qi here." Jaguar accepted the cores.

"Then, I will be on my way now. Just take your time, and I promise you, soon, you will become someone with unlimited potential. I will also have the core and heart of the Blue Streak Cheetah by the time you leave this place."

Klaus left and returned to the outside world, where he quickly exited the inner area of the mountain.

"Are you done already?" General Nazz asked when Klaus appeared.

"Indeed. The battle ended before it even began," Klaus lied, knowing they just wouldn't understand how he had managed to tame such a vicious beast. He wasn't ready to answer their questions.

"The mountain is now safe for all those who want to use it. So I guess my job here is done," Klaus said.

"I guess so. Thank you for lending us your strength; many will be happy to know the threat has been dealt with," War God Henry said, slightly embarrassed.

It was his domain, but because he was a realm lower than the beasts, he had to call for aid. Deep in his heart, he knew he had to become stronger so that next time, he would be able to handle such threats himself.

They left the mountain and returned to the headquarters, where Klaus spent a few hours chatting and drinking with them.

When that was done, he left the Austria Union and went back to the academy to report the completion of his mission.

On the way, he planned his next move, which was to announce the campaign he would be launching and make his plans known.

He thought hard about it and came to the conclusion that instead of sending everyone into battle, he would seek out brave warriors with untapped potential and train them.

He was not after quantity; he was after quality that would make a difference in battle rather than sending cannon fodder to their deaths.

Though the weaker ones would also have their chance, they wouldn't be the main priority of his mission.

His mission was to create the most powerful warriors who would one day defend Mother Earth.

He already has his friends, and from the mission he gave his faction leader, he also found 9 abled warriors who could be molded into monsters.

Klaus wasn't about to say he has what it takes to turn every warrior in the academy into a monster. No, he wouldn't be able to do that.

But he can turn a few into terrors, and through them, he will be able to assign big roles to them. But of course, the missions will utilize the numbers of the thousands of disciples in the academy.

They will be the warriors, for they are warriors, but their leaders will be beasts in their own right. He planned to create smaller units with at least 20 warriors underneath each of the monsters he would be molding.

As for his friends and those he will personally select, he would now make them his personal unit called the Paragon Legion.

The rest will be known as the defenders. They will have a different training model, and the Paragon Legion will also have a different training plan.

In the end, they will all fight toward the same outcome.

"Thanks for taking care of the beast, Klaus; you can now climb the stairway to heaven and become an inner disciple," Old Lu laughed.

The fact that Klaus was with him at the moment meant he had already climbed the stairs. The next step would be to assign him a room, but he had to go through the formality.

"I will see you later, old man. I have a meeting to attend and plans to put into action."

"Just do what you can; the rest will take care of itself," Old Lu advised, and Klaus left, heading back to the outer section.

Tomorrow, he would climb the stairs again and finally become an inner disciple.

Chapter 692 - 692: Meeting with Faction Leaders (1)

The next day, Klaus climbed the Stairway to Heaven, finally becoming an inner disciple. He quickly made his first plan known by calling a meeting with all faction leaders.

Initially, he wanted to focus only on his faction and the other two factions that chose not to fall into Hunter Duncan's scheme.

However, after some thinking, he realized that would just be him being petty. He wouldn't let his pettiness dictate his plans when he could instead forgive and keep a close eye on them.

Hunter Duncan and his cohorts had been sacked from all factions, so Klaus knew that was something he could work with.

His pettiness remained but was directed only toward the five whose families had come after him and his family.

In fact, Mason's girlfriend, whose family also came after him, would be added to the plans if she proved worthy.

But Klaus wouldn't go out of his way to focus his attention on her. There was a limit to his generosity, and there was a level of pettiness.

So, for now, Hunter and his cohort are out of his plans. As for their siblings, he knew they wouldn't want to do anything that would provoke him, so they stayed far away from him.

So he called a meeting, and in attendance was Lucy, who had chosen to become his assistant whether he liked it or not.

She wanted to be by his side always, and Klaus didn't object, so she became his assistant. She sat with Klaus at the head of the table.

On their right was Matt, the faction leader of the Yin-Yang Faction, who had become sworn brothers with Klaus a few months back.

Beside him was Vida Stronghold, the tall beauty Klaus had met when he sparred with his friends a few days ago.

Away from them are three identical beauties who Klaus is meeting for the first time.

"Triplets, huh?" A smile appeared on his face as he looked at the three identical triplets, who also held curious gazes as they studied him.

Klaus could sense a strong elemental energy radiating from them. In fact, he could see the energy coming from them as if they were made of the elements.

[This world of yours is truly wonderful. I can already see higher worlds coveting it once it's discovered to house potentials like these.] The senior sighed.

[Brat, if I'm not mistaken, these three ladies are what you might call elementals. I know you can feel the energy around them, but since they haven't awakened their bloodlines yet, they can only remain held back.

But there is no doubt these three are elementals.

Be sure to pay attention to them. If they awaken their bloodlines, this world won't have just one elemental but three. And let me tell you, a fully grown elemental is more than an army can handle.]

'Hmm, this is to be expected. But what about the karma building up in this world? I think this is all the heavens' scheming.'

[Whether they are involved or not, your world will be in trouble for having you. So do well to prepare, for that is all you can do.]

'Okay, senior,' Klaus smiled at the three beauties.

"Kindly introduce yourselves. Beauties such as yourselves would, without a doubt, have beautiful names."

The triplets smiled at the same time.

"I am Aria, the oldest and an ice user." They all look the same. They have the same body shape and height; however, Aria has beautiful blue ice.

Before she awakened her ice element, she had brown eyes, the same as her sisters, but now, she has beautiful blue eyes.

Her body shape is also to die for. And there are three of her.

Lucy had to wrap her vines around Klaus's leg before he nodded to her introduction.

"A beautiful name."

"I am Nova, the middle and a lightning user." Nova has red eyes that match her lightning, which is crimson in color.

"Nova, huh? It's been a long time since I heard such a name," Klaus muttered, recalling one of the many beast companions he had in the small memory he had of his life in the 9th incarnation.

Nova was a beautiful rabbit-type beast with a lightning affinity, but hers was green in color. So, hearing such a name, his mind went back there.

From what he remembered, he and his beast companions were best friends and siblings, so this was a good memory for him.

Lucy squeezed his hand, feeling Klaus's happiness.

"I am Stella, the youngest and a fire user." The last of the three introduced herself.

"Wait, can you harness your fire? I want to see something," Klaus had to ask.

If their eye colors match the color of the elements for which they have affinities, then does that mean she has a white flame, too?

Klaus has a white flame, which is one powerful flame.

"Damn, the Soul Corrupting Flame. One of the most beautiful yet sinister flames out there," Klaus was taken aback.

"So that is how it's called?" Stella and her sisters asked.

"Yes. Were you ladies not aware of the nature of her flame?" Klaus asked, and they nodded.

"Unlike everyone who receives names and descriptions of their elements after they awaken, I never received mine. I also tried researching it but came out empty," Stella explained.

"I see," Klaus muttered and then summoned his white flame, the Soul Fury Flame.

"This is the Soul Fury Flame. It's similar to yours but also different. The difference is simple. While mine is furious, yours is calm yet deadly.

It works against the soul directly, and from what I know of that flame, it's meant to corrupt souls and take control over them.

You can then take their soul, and this soul will be turned into something called Corrupted Soul Spirits.

These soul spirits can be used as minions in battle. But there is more to that than I can say now.

They call it the perfect corruption since it's a pure flame yet does impure things. Perhaps the reason why you never received a name and description was to prevent you from abusing it."

Klaus smiled, looking at the people in the room who were now paying attention to him. What he was saying was something they all wanted to hear.

They could already tell that Klaus had more experience than their instructors.

"You are a lucky lady, Stella. Later, come see me; I will teach you a way to use your flames more actively and, perhaps, get yourself two or three Corrupted Soul Spirits.

In fact, you and your sisters must see me after this meeting."

The three ladies, who were all leaders of the Aqua Spirit faction, nodded. Klaus sighed in his heart, knowing what happened next would be determined by how the heavens would react.

He looked at the next person and those after him, and a smile appeared on his face.

The remaining people were all individuals who had joined Hunter Duncan's team. They were paid, but the fact that they joined his team was enough for Klaus to dislike them.

"You guys know I am not okay with you five, right? Normally, I was supposed to hate you all, but I am a bigger person and can recognize potential when I see it, so I called you here."

"But before we start, I have one warning, and I will say it only once."

Chapter 693 - 693: Meeting with Faction Leaders (2)

The five faction leaders were looking at Klaus with apologetic expressions.

"Before the warning, you all should know the dean himself sanctioned this meeting. But aside from him, Overlord Queenie has also enforced it, and Overlord Nari will be acting as our guardian.

So listen well." Klaus looked at them closely.

"The fact that you all joined hands with Duncan just so you could torment one faction shows how unqualified you all are to be faction leaders.

Instead of focusing on the strength of your faction, you chose to side with those idiots. I am disappointed in your five.

Now, I won't tell you what to do, but I will say this: the next betrayal means death.

Earth needs capable warriors, but it also needs warriors that can be trusted. So feel free to go against me and this alliance that is about to be formed.

How you died will remain a mystery."

Klaus used the power of the Soul Eater Ice, so his voice was rather cold, and thanks to the power of the ice, his voice entered their souls, making them feel how serious his warning was.

They all knew from the very moment that they had to change.

Though they had kicked out Hunter and his cohort, they still feared Klaus would retaliate. But hearing his warning, they knew some hope was still left for them.

"We promise not to go astray ever again," Soejin Choi, the leader of the then second-ranked faction, the Celestial Wind Pavilion, said with an earnest expression.

"I hope so," Klaus didn't say much and instead focused on what had to be said.

"I called you all here mainly for two things. The first is to give you all an assignment, or more like a mission of importance, and the second is to tell you about the faction I am forming.

Now, before you all raise your eyebrows, this faction is not something that will be confined inside the academy. This faction is more like a military unit that will house smaller units within it.

This means I will be forming this faction from the 8 factions already in the academy. But that won't be all; warriors from other academies and those in the houses can join, provided they have the potential I am after.

And when I say potential, I mean dedicated and disciplined warriors."

He paused to let the people in the room absorb his words.

What he just said wasn't something they hadn't heard before; it was the same pitch most of the legacy families and great clans sold to them when they were admitted to the Celestial Mountain Academy.

However, while they had heard it before, they knew what Klaus meant was going to be different from what they knew.

"I won't waste anyone's time, so I will start with the structure of what I am going to do." Klaus raised a finger.

"First, I will only need 506 warriors from this academy, and then there will be 100 slots for anyone outside the academy. This means I will only be needing 606 warriors.

People will frown upon hearing that, but I don't care. There will be only 606 warriors since this number is not only my favorite but also the only number I can work with.

I know you all are wondering how I plan to select these 606 people. The answer to that is simple: I have created a trial inside the Oracle that will run for all disciples of this academy.

There is another one that will run for those outside the academy.

This trial is designed to fish out the people I want, and they will be people I will personally look after and ensure they are raised into beings worthy of being called warriors.

Second, you all here are leaders of your various factions, meaning you are the most talented by the academy's standards.

I can also see you have potential. However, I am not after your position. I am more interested in what you can offer.

So, I will assess your potential and see if I can make warriors out of you.

Third... you will all have to select new leaders after I am done with my selection. We will begin our training when I am done, and it won't be inside the academy.

So, find new faction leaders.

Of course, while I would like to say this training will be easy, I am afraid it will take your all, and when I say your all, it will take your body, mind, and soul.

Also, aside from me, the Overlords and the Grand Elders will be joining me to train you all. So be ready and, of course, be prepared.

However, if you don't want to join, then be sure not to regret it later, for there won't be a second chance."

Klaus had much more to say, but he didn't want to get into the technicalities just yet. He knew the coming days would involve him and the 606 he would be picking having the real talk.

"You can go and inform your faction members that in the next three days, the trial will go live, and everyone is qualified to join. Those who emerge as winners in the end will be informed on what to do next."

The faction leaders nodded, and the meeting ended with none of them asking any questions.

They knew that if what Klaus had said was the real deal, then things would be much more serious than he had described.

After they left, Klaus sighed and fell onto Lucy's waiting lap.

"So, when are you going to tell us your plans?" Lucy said, brushing her hands through his hair.

"Soon, my dear. What I have planned will be made known soon. But for now, know that I will be working you all to the bone—and when I say to the bone, I mean through and through."

Lucy blushed, knowing the hidden meaning behind his words.

"Then, can you alone handle all of them?" Lucy asked.

"Not even in the slightest, but I am not alone. I have you and the others, plus my five uncles will be joining us, so things will be managed well."

"Then what about those who won't qualify to join the faction you are forming? Would they be thrown to the side?"

"I have a different arrangement for them. It's the academy, after all. This place was meant to turn them into capable warriors, so I will make sure it does."

Klaus spent the day with Lucy. They spent some quality time together. Three days later, the trial went live, and Klaus made a world-shattering announcement through Controversial News.

The next two days were spent running the trial, selecting the 606 people he wanted. A week later, all 606 were gathered in a large hall.

The Paragon is about to meet the warriors who will one day strike fear in the universe's heart and face the heavens with him.

Chapter 694 - 694: The Formation of Earth Defenders (1)

Inside a large hall somewhere in the inner section of the Celestial Mountain Academy, hundreds of warriors could be seen seated and ready for what looked like a very important meeting.

These warriors were those who had passed the trial Klaus used as the interview phase of his 606 warrior selection.

They went through the various obstacles he had set, and in the end, they managed to become part of the 606 he was after.

The obstacles were based on some qualities Klaus was looking for. Some of these obstacles tested their decision-making skills, their reaction speed, and how they handled difficult situations.

Of course, it tested their warrior spirits.

In the end, the 606 who managed to pass through all these obstacles were all people Klaus deemed fit to join the legion he was building.

They would be part of the legion called Earth Defenders. They would simply be known as the Defenders.

But within the Defenders, he had other plans for them, and this would be communicated to them soon. His plan was to create the first and last line of defence out of the 606 he had selected.

Of course, just as there are Overlords and Grand Elders, these 606 warriors would become a force that Earth could rely on.

Klaus planned to use them for the upcoming battles, and as such, their training would be handled according to a well-structured plan he had come up with within the last few days.

"Look, he is coming," said a young man who had failed to join the academy years back but had now managed to get into Klaus's legion, pointing in a certain direction.

Many of them were now part of the 606, for they never stopped training even when they failed the academy selection exams.

Many turned their eyes in that direction, only to see a white-haired young man with Lucy, Queenie, and Nari entering the hall.

Lucy is his assistant, and the two Overlords are there to support what Klaus had planned.

When Klaus and the three ladies entered, every warrior in the hall fell silent. His friends and women were already inside the hall, so when he entered, the meeting began.

"Welcome, everyone," Klaus said, looking around the room. After scanning the faces of everyone, he resumed his speech.

"I know most of you know what you signed up for when you took part in the trial that got you here. So I won't waste much time on that, for the next thing we all should know is what this new legion I am forming is all about."

Klaus leaned back in his chair.

"Before I begin, who can tell me who the strongest being on all of Earth is?" Klaus asked, and everyone began to exchange looks.

The question is simple, so why then ask something that can be answered easily?

"Isn't it obvious? The strongest person on Earth is Overlord Queenie," a young lady wearing dark armour and a hood said, making everyone nod at her answer.

"You are not wrong," Klaus smiled. "Overlord Queenie is indeed strong, but she is not the strongest on Earth. It's also not Overlord Nari or Queen Lunara of the Moon Borns."

The strongest in this world is a Tier 11 monster who could single-handedly destroy this world if it wanted to." Klaus revealed, and the people gathered inside the hall were stunned.

"Now, before you all get scared, know that while such a monster exists, we humans are not weak either. In fact, if such a monster were to attack, it would be walking to its death."

There is a saying that to let a cat out of the bag, you should be prepared to get scratched. Klaus had just dumped a load on them, so in order not to traumatize them, he chose to salvage the issue.

"Then, if that is the case, why don't we go after it first before it turns on us?" a young lady asked.

"The answer is simple. In this world, aside from us humans, Ice Borns, Water Borns, and the Moon Borns, there are also Zombies, Beasts, and monsters.

Now, I don't know how many of you have met a true beast before, but those who have would know they are just like us humans. They have intelligence and can scheme like us.

So while going after such a powerful monster would be ideal, it wouldn't be the right decision unless, of course, it attacks first."

"I don't get it. If we can kill such a monster, then why not do it quickly before it grows into a force we can't handle?" the same young lady asked again.

Klaus smiled.

"I know where you are coming from. Believe me, when I first learned of this, I asked the same question. Do you know the answer I received?"

I was told Earth has 8 Overlords, but that monster alone has 9 Overlords. And it wasn't just that one—there are dozens of monsters, beasts and Zombies out there who are on the same level as our Overlords.

The last time I checked, the monsters and beasts that pose an immediate threat to us have dozens of Overlords. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if they number in the hundreds.

So tell me, what do you think will become of Earth if its strongest, the Overlords, were to get hurt facing such a monster?

The moment they get hurt, we will become defenceless and as such, any beast or monster having the strength can attack us.

We didn't retaliate because we didn't have the manpower to do it.

Going against such a presence will require a lot, and it must be a successful mission; otherwise, things will take a dire turn for the worse."

The lady who asked the question changed her expression when it finally dawned on her. In fact, everyone inside the hall fell silent and could only panic quietly.

"So now that you all understand where this is going, why don't we think of a solution? I know you can all see that we are weak against these monsters.

I know we all hear reports from the Badlands about the monster, zombie, and beast situations. We also hear or read reports of the number of warriors we lose every single day.

So why don't we think of a way to fix that.?"

Klaus smiled to himself.

Just a day ago, he had received a report from the Moon Borns.

According to their scan of Earth using their advanced tech, they had detected three more presences that were monsters at the Tier 11 stage.

But aside from them, there were five others who, according to the report, were Beasts and Zombies.

Now, he didn't know which ones were Beasts and which ones were Zombies, nor did the Moon Borns have any idea who these monsters were.

They had tried to send drones to spy on them, but they couldn't get close. And since they didn't want to provoke their wrath, they backed down.

So Klaus could only smile, looking at the people he planned to turn into monsters.

He could only smile and hope this legion he had in mind would become something Earth could rely on, for at the moment, everything was hanging by a thread.

Chapter 695 - 695: The Formation of Earth Defenders (2)

Klaus allowed them to absorb all he had said before starting the real meeting.

"I know you all are scared, but don't be. I didn't bring you here to scare you. No, you are all here for the future of Earth. It will be determined by how much you love this world and how much you are willing to put into it.

I selected you, 606 because I want to turn you all into warriors capable of fighting to your last breath. Now, no need to frown.

Though battles see death, I will be turning you all into people capable of standing against impossible odds.

I want to turn you all into people our Mother Earth can be proud of." Klaus smiled at his own words

"Before I get carried away, this is what I am going to do.

I will personally give each and every one of you cultivation techniques, martial techniques, weapons, and armour. I will personally see to it that your bloodlines awaken and ensure your training is up to standard."

To all those listening started to get energise hearing such energetic words. When he made mention of bloodlines, all those who had theirs locked narrowed their attention.

"I know most of you keep looking at the beautiful lady there, wondering if those cute ears are real," Klaus said with a smile, causing Nadia to smirk.

"The answer is yes, they are real, meaning she is an elf. Just a few years ago, she was known as Nadia Nucci; now, she is a powerful warrior simply because she put in the effort and awakened her bloodline.

Now, while some of you may still have doubts, no need to look far. She isn't the only elf in town. There are others. And soon, it could be you too.

But for that to happen, you will all have to work your butts off."

"First, I will be taking you all to 10 Tier 7 Forbidden Zones where your training will begin. Most of you are just Great Sages, with a few Sages, but that won't be an excuse for when the monsters come; they won't ask for a particular rank of warriors.

They will attack you all regardless of your rank, so be prepared.

Also, I plan to use these ten forbidden zones to gather data on you all. Of course, when I say ten forbidden zones, I mean I will divide you into ten groups.

Your job will be to clear the forbidden zones I will be sending you to using all you have. When that is done, you will each receive your cultivation and martial techniques.

Then, you will have a month to learn them.

When that is done, we will begin the real training. Our destination will be Monsterland, one of the Badlands infested with monsters.

That is where I will ensure you all break through your restrictions. You will receive training that will determine whether you are qualified to awaken your bloodlines.

And let me tell you, the training will be gruelling.

So prepare."

"Mr. Klaus, I have a question," a young man raised his hand.

"Go ahead, and next time, just call me Klaus." The young man nodded.

"If my information is correct, most Tier 7 forbidden zones are infested with Sovereign and Transcendent rank monsters. Are you implying a group of, let's say, 65 warriors would be clearing it?"

"Yes. You will have to put your all into it, and perhaps that will bring out your hidden potential—if you don't want to die. You know what they say, there is strength in numbers."

Klaus laughed, causing the 606 who passed his trial to start wondering if this was a trial to bring them into suffering or turn them into monsters.

"Don't worry too much. It's just a Tier 7 forbidden zone. You will survive somehow." The warriors watching him smile could tell he didn't really place such a place in his eyes.

This caused them to wonder just what could scare him.

"So first, your data will be gathered during these first raids. When this is over, you will receive your rewards. Then, from there, I will divide you into seven units.

There will be an Aerial Unit that only fights in the air. Each warrior in that Unit will have flying mounts for aerial combat.

There will be a Shadow Unit that includes some of the most lethal assassins. You may all want to look forward to this particular unit, for I have good plans for you all.

The third will be the Mage Unit, which will focus only on the mages who can cast spells that could shape the landscape of a battle.

I also have this unit in my eyes because I will personally train them. And before you ask, yes, I am a mage too." Klaus smiled, and Old Lu, who knew he was telling the truth—for he knew of his ice elements—also smiled.

The fourth will be the Swordsmen and the Spearmen. I know most of you are wondering why not just separate them. The answer is to hold on for now, for everything will make sense later.

The fifth will be the Healers, the most important unit. This unit will be called The Immortal Unit. They are those who will keep us going in battle.

The sixth will be the Controllers, headed by my own women, Lucy Ross and Anna Ross. I know you all know what they are capable of, so no need to say too much.

But know that those who will ensure the chaotic battle remains in shape and support you all will be them. They are our second life in battle for their timely intervention can save our lives.

As for the last unit, I call them the Brutes.

Our brothers and sisters will use the axe, hammer, gauntlet, and any heavy weapons to create chaos in battles.

Of course, they will be the main strike force, for they are the kind of warriors we all need to break the defence of our opponents.

They will also be our defence when it comes down; the Titans are still the strongest beings when it comes to defence. And I will be turning each and every one of them into titans."

Klaus looked toward Danny and Daniel, who gave him a double thumbs up for thinking about them. They wanted to have a squad like them—Brutes who would cause devastation for everyone.

He even asked his uncles to train them, and they accepted with open arms. If the plans he had drawn were followed to the dot, then in less than a year, this legion would become a force to reckon with.

"You all have your strengths and weaknesses, so be sure to reveal everything in the mission that will begin three days from now. I will need those to know what kind of technique I will be giving you.

The next couple of days are for you to get to know your brothers and sisters you will be fighting with. Also, you can temporarily use the academy facilities for the next three days.

After we go back out there, we will spend the next couple of months in the wild, and that is who we all will become: beings raised in the wild.

That will be all for now. Let's all get ready in three days."

Chapter 696 - 696: Birth of a Death Knight

A day after the meeting, Klaus met with all the War Gods, Goddesses, and Moon Generals. Most of them were at the Transcendent stage, with a few at the peak of the Sovereign stage and soon stepping into the ranks of a Transcendent.

He gave them the technique for the next phase of their evolution, just as he had done with the Overlords and the Grand Elders.

He also informed them that, in the coming months, they would aid the Overlords in his upcoming extermination campaign.

Even if they can't solo the Ascendents, they can still team up and handle them.

By the end of the meeting, all War Gods and Goddesses, like the Overlords, saw Klaus as the pillar of Earth and listened to his instructions.

They were all thankful they had someone like him in their midst.

Klaus then met with the Instructors and had them do two things.

The first was a training regimen the Overlords would ensure they each embarked on. This was to ensure they were qualified to do the second task he had for them.

That second task involved the instructors taking charge of the disciples who couldn't join the 606, which he would be turning into his personal unit.

The second item he gave them was the training plan. He also promised to use the 606 to generate resources that those not on the team could use to grow.

After the 606 were done with their training, they would come to help them.

But by the time he was done, he became exhausted, so he decided to rest for a few hours.

Klaus placed a seal on himself that prevented him from using his cultivation for anything for the next few days.

This resulted from a technique he was learning that required such strict restrictions. So, he was basically a mortal in this regard.

So, after the two meetings, he chose to rest for a while.

However, his rest was interrupted by Asha, who, for the past week, had been away checking up on her Tier 10 subordinate, who was undergoing his evolution thanks to taking Klaus's blood.

Klaus had to abandon his sleep and enter the Insect Domain with her and her sisters, who wanted to see what her domain looked like.

"This place is cool," Anna muttered as they walked through the door leading inside.

The Forge, which is surrounded by the seven pillars, has now awakened the first and second Tiers, leaving only the third, which Klaus already has plans to help her awaken soon.

The moment she awakens her bloodline, the third tier will be unlocked, and her class will be upgraded.

Unlike the others, Asha doesn't need to go through any intense training. She is a tamer, so she will rely on her beast companions during combat.

Though Klaus planned on using his vast knowledge to give her a combat-type class, that will be in the coming months.

For now, awakening her bloodline was the next best thing.

Asha led them to the place where her Tier 10 companion was undergoing the evolution.

"What is that?" Nadia asked. In front of them was a large alien-like cocoon with many cracks and an aura that suggested it housed a monster among monsters.

"It's almost complete," Klaus said, sensing the energy coming from it.

"Yes. A few minutes ago, it began to show cracks. I called you right when the first few cracks appeared."

"We should distance ourselves from it for now." The ladies and Klaus moved back.

"Klaus, what is that?" Nadia asked again.

"That is an alien beast undergoing an evolution that shouldn't have happened in the first place."

"Then why is it happening?" Queenie asked. She and Nari were massaging his sleeping body with the ladies when Asha came for him.

So, hearing they were interrupted for something that shouldn't have happened in the first place made them raise an eyebrow.

"Because I wanted to see what would become of such an experiment. The creature inside the cocoon is a reject that the heavens frown upon.

But I wanted to see what would be born from it, so I gave it my blood." A rebellious smile played on his lips as he imagined the reaction from the heavens.

The ladies looked at him and could only shake their heads.

They were starting to know more about him, and so far, they seemed to have noticed he had a thing against the heavens. So, seeing him smile at something the heavens hated made them sigh inwardly.

"It's breaking," Nari said, preparing for what would emerge from within. The cracks expanded, and soon, the entire alien cocoon was riddled with them.

Dark energy began exuding from the cracks, bringing with it a powerful presence slowly emanating from within the cocoon.

"Wow, that is some powerful Void energy," Queenie muttered as she watched the cocoon start to fall apart.

[Be ready, brat. What's coming is something even I'm not sure about,] the senior said, and Klaus nodded, already prepared to intervene if the abomination was truly fearsome.

"Who is that?" Lily asked a question that even Klaus wanted to ask. When the first large chunk of the cocoon fell, a figure appeared, causing them all to step back.

It was a tall metallic figure.

The figure towered, standing inside the other half of the cocoon and looking straight at Klaus and his ladies.

A few seconds later, the next piece of the cocoon fell, and the figure became fully visible.

Indeed, the figure that appeared was towering, standing amidst what appeared to be cloud-like smoke and surrounded by strange dim lights.

His body was covered in sleek, black metallic armor with sharp, intricate details, showing that he was made purely of metal. The armor had glowing orange lines running through it.

His helmet was demonic, with a smooth, featureless face and jagged, curved spikes at the sides. Sharp, elongated protrusions extended from his shoulders and back like metallic thorns.

These protrusions resembled metallic strands of thick hair that seemed to possess their own life. Klaus looked at all this and gulped.

'A Tier 11 existence,' he said to himself as he focused on his weapon.

The figure wielded a massive, futuristic scythe with a segmented, almost mechanical blade that glowed with molten energy.

The energy was orange, yet a glowing pink cosmic ring hovered behind him, giving him a celestial or otherworldly presence. His dark cloak flowed down, adding an air of mystery.

[Image of the Figure]

"That is one terrifying opponent. I don't think I can defeat him," Queenie muttered.

"None of us can defeat him," Klaus said, a small smile playing on his lips.

"Klaus," Nari looked at him. "What the hell have you created? This thing should not appear in this world, at least not now." Her expression was serious.

The 3-meter-tall figure standing before them was a being that hadn't appeared in the known universe before. In fact, the moment the figure emerged from the cocoon, a voice entered Klaus's mind, making him smile like a baby.

Strangely, looking at the towering figure made him feel at peace. It was a strange feeling, yet he felt it.

"Ladies, I don't know what name will be appropriate to give to this being, but for the purpose of pissing the heavens off, I will pick the ideal name." Klaus's smile widened.

"I want you to meet the first and only Death Knight that this known universe has ever seen."

The heavens outside roared as the sky turned red...

Chapter 697 - 697: Nyxthar, the Void Reaper

When Klaus finally awakened the Pentaface Bead (Demon Bead), he discovered five beings inside, for the bead was a prison for these five entities.

They could not leave, as coming outside was akin to asking for annihilation from the heavens.

They called themselves Monarchs, for they were from a place outside of this universe, and there, they were once part of the 13 Monarchs.

They referred to their universe as the Disruptor, for they were the disruptors. They said their names appeared in many history books and were written in various forms.

Some called them the 13 Giants of Annihilation. Others called them the 13 Leaders of the Apocalypse.

But they were the 13 Monarchs, and right now, inside the DemonFace Bead, the Monarchs of Despair, Discord, Anarchy, Harrows, and Starvation were showing signs of shock.

"That cannot be real, right?" the Monarch of Despair asked, now in his human-dragon form.

"You are seeing what we are also seeing, so why ask that?" the Monarch of Harrow said, looking equally shocked. All five are blown away by what they are seeing.

"A creature from the Forbidden Universe has evolved, and it's not being annihilated. Just what did the boy give to it?" Despair asked with a pondering expression.

They were all looking at the 3-meter-tall figure that had appeared from a menacing cocoon. They knew what it was, for they had been rivals with the Forbidden Universe back when they were the 13 monarchs.

Over the thousands of battles they had fought, the figure standing before them was one of their most formidable opponents.

"Just how did something like this find its way into this Universe?" Starvation asked.

"You're asking the wrong question. The right one should be how it got into this world and, more importantly, how it managed to evolve."

The answer came to them faster than they hoped. Klaus revealed the reason for the evolution, and the five monarchs heard him.

"He didn't just say his blood was responsible, right?" Despair asked, looking at the four beside him.

"You don't think he could..."

"I believe we should re-negotiate our deal with him. If he can evolve a forbidden creature, then he can evolve us and allow us to live in this universe," Starvation answered, subtly suggesting the idea.

"I don't think it's that simple. If he gives us his blood, it likely means he will have some authority over us. I, for one, am not ready to become his puppet," Discord interjected, naturally sowing discord among the five.

It's his nature, and there is no changing that. Whenever he opens his mouth, the feeling of discord takes effect.

"Then sit on the sidelines if you wish. I can tell his world is still too young, meaning there's nothing here for us to do anyway.

At worst, since we are above the limit of an unawakened world, we'll be forced to leave when he evolves us.

This means he wouldn't be able to use us for now. And from what I see, he doesn't need us—he's only after our skills.

I think it would be worth it if we asked him nicely. Getting the evolution to stay in this universe means we will have the next best thing even if he can't fulfill his promise.

We can't return to the disruptor's universe, for it won't welcome us, so this is also good for us,"

Despair reasoned. Anarchy, Starvation, and Harrow nodded in agreement. Discord tried to remain stubborn but eventually relented, accepting Despair's proposal.

"Then let's wait for him to finish what he's doing," Despair concluded.

Back outside, Klaus and the ladies stared at the Death Knight for five full minutes before Nari broke the silence.

"I think Earth has just found its first defender against Tier 11 monsters, beasts, and zombies," she said, smiling. She knew she couldn't handle the being before them, even in her phoenix form.

"Indeed. With this being, we can overcome all the obstacles," Queenie added, and the ladies around her nodded in agreement.

Klaus, however, continued staring at the Death Knight for a few more seconds before he vanished and appeared two meters from him.

[Author's Note: They will speak an alien language that only he and the Death Knight will understand. But since I love you all, I will translate it into English. A castle for my effort, though... Lol.]

"Where are you from?" Klaus asked.

"The Forbidden Universe. At least, that is what I can remember."

Klaus nodded, already aware from his past life that there was a place outside of this universe known as the Forbidden Universe.

Yuying nearly died saying that name, so he never forgot.

"How did you get here?" Klaus asked. The Death Knight stood there for 30 seconds before answering. He stared long and hard at Klaus.

"You brought me here."

"Wait a minute. Say that again," Klaus said, hearing he was responsible for this.

"I was brought to this world by you... a much older version of you. He told me a day will come when I will be needed."

"We... as in there are others like you still out there?" Klaus asked, and the Death Knight nodded.

"There are seven of us, actually. You brought me here and the other six to the stars in this solar system." The Death Knight looked up, making Klaus frown.

Six on the stars in this system? What was that supposed to be?

"Do you mean the planets around this world?" Klaus asked, and the Death Knight nodded.

"When I woke up, I tried looking for you but was restricted from using the marker you left. Luckily, after wandering for months, I sensed someone with the scent of a paragon.

Thanks to the marker, though it was restricted, I sensed it was a paragon's scent. So, I took the gamble and became her companion.

Luckily, I wasn't wrong. This led me to you, but when I saw you a couple of weeks ago, I wasn't sure if you were ready, so I decided to wait for now.

I never expected that you would give me a chance to evolve. This wasn't meant to happen yet."

"This is all shocking," Klaus said, scratching the back of his head. "But tell me, who are you, and why did I bring you to this world?"

"They call me Nyxthar, the Void Reaper, but you called me the Death Knight, for I was your executioner. When your time ended many years ago, I presumed you brought me here and placed me in stasis.

Your instructions were, 'Sleep for now, for when the Earth is about to awaken, your services will be required.'

You foresaw this world's awakening and began preparing for it years ago. However, since I have awakened, the others are not far behind.

This also means the world as we know it is in dire danger."

The Death Knight went down on one knee and bowed.

"I, Nyxthar, pledge once more to fight for my lord, as I did during the Chaos Wars." Outside, the sky began to crack, causing panic and discord to spread everywhere.

Klaus, who had left a clone in the outside world, looked up and smirked. "You messed with the wrong paragon..."

Chapter 698 - 698: Klaus's First Chest Piece

The sky above the outside world is cracking, and people are panicking. The Overlord and Grand Elders are ready to face whatever may come out of the cracks.

They stood ready to handle the battles that may come.

Meanwhile, Klaus, who was the cause of this, continued to speak with Nyxthar for a few more minutes before a sigh escaped his mouth.

"You are now under the gaze of the heavens, and as such, they are sending down an Annihilation Tribulation. However, you are not ready yet," Klaus said, shaking his head.

The Metal Puppet Doll Ant he had met was a being the heavens frowned upon. However, even then, they did nothing to it, for they had some tolerance—and some control over it.

However, the being standing before Klaus now is something the heavens would not allow to grow. They will do anything possible to prevent his rise, for this is a being they do not have even a strand of control over.

He carries the blood of a Paragon, and that blood is what will prevent the heavens from preventing such a being from rising. So, they are trying to send a tribulation to annihilate him.

However, the target remains elusive.

"I can sense the pull, Master. However, like you said, I am not ready, but we don't have a choice. It's either I go back to sleep, or I face it and try my luck," Nyxthar said.

The ladies watching and listening remained lost, for they did not understand what the two were talking about.

In this regard, their language was not English or any Earth-like language. However, even without understanding, they could tell the conversation was about something very serious.

"I have a way to prevent this tribulation... well, it will be more like postponing it, but it will stop it for now," Klaus said with a smile.

"This will give you all the time and chance to grow. You are a Void being, so I will send you to a place where the Law of the Void is visible and can be comprehended easily.

When you progress and are ready to face the heavens, I will know and come to get you. By then, I will also make preparations on my end."

"Okay, Lord Paragon," Nyxthar said.

Klaus sighed. He then focused his attention on the ladies and smiled. "I will be away for ten minutes. Just wait for me here. I promise I will explain everything."

They nodded, and Klaus summoned the Multi-Dimensional Cube.

The two vanished inside and appeared in the same lush environment Klaus, and the Mutant beast appeared in a few days ago. Immediately, Klaus snapped his fingers, and a Void portal opened.

It was similar to the Chaos Region. However, someone like Nyxthar, a Void stage expert, could see the laws plainly and comprehend them.

"Let's go," Klaus said. He touched Nyxthar, and they vanished through the portal, appearing atop an immortal platform.

"This is where you will spend the next couple of months. Just focus on your training, and when things are ready, I will come to get you," Klaus instructed.

Nyxthar nodded and shrunk to 1.5 meters tall. His armor vanished, but even so, his skin was metallic, with golden runes lining it. The runes are a result of Klaus's blood running through his veins.

He sat down and began comprehending the Law of the Void. In the outside world, one would have to enter the Void to comprehend it, but being inside it for a long time had downsides.

However, inside this place, no harm would come to him.

"I will be leaving now," Klaus said.

He vanished and reappeared in the lush environment. He looked around for a few minutes before vanishing back to the outside world, where his ladies immediately swarmed him.

"Who was that, Klaus? And where did you take him?" Lily asked as soon as Klaus appeared. Klaus didn't answer immediately. Instead, he first looked at Asha and smiled.

"Your companion cannot help you at the moment. The evolution took an unexpected turn, and as such, you will have to get a new one," Klaus explained.

Asha nodded, knowing from the start that the ant who had approached her months ago had now become an existence she could not handle at her current level.

"But where did you take him?" she asked.

"I took him to a place where he can train and get ready for when we need him. For now, we must focus on our strength and see where that takes us," Klaus replied.

"I was hoping he would become our secret weapon against the Tier 11 being in this world, but..." Nari said with a sigh.

"Don't worry, we are stronger than you think," Klaus laughed, knowing the next step was to uncover the identities of the new Tier 11 beings popping up out of nowhere.

He may not have the strength to solo a Tier 11 existence, but he could kill one if given just one opening.

He would be going after them soon, but until then, he would continue with the training he had planned for his ladies and friends.

He already had people ready to gather data, and he would personally begin their training once the information was collected.

"But to think Asha had such an existence hiding inside her domain," Anna said, then turned to Nadia. "Do you also have such an existence hiding in your puppet shop?"

"I will, if I can summon a demon spirit into my dolls. But until then, I can only use them in their Sovereign forms."

"Monstrous. You too are monstrous," the ladies said, smiling at the success of their sisters. Their strength means they can protect Klaus when he needs it.

"You all should prepare. We will be leaving for the Ant Kingdom in two days' time."

"Wait, what? I thought you said we would only go there when we awakened our bloodlines," Lucy asked with a squinted expression.

"I did say that. But since Asha's companion is now out of commission, she will need your help to get a new companion.

And since the Redwing Tyrant Ant Queen fits the profile, we can only help her. Or are you telling me you don't want to help your sister grow stronger?" Klaus asked with a teasing smile.

"You..." The ladies could only sigh. The Ant Kingdom was a Tier 8 forbidden zone, home to the Redwing Tyrant Ant.

She was a queen, and as such, she had thousands of subordinates under her command.

According to reports gathered, the Redwing Tyrant Ant is currently at the peak of the Tier 10 stage and has dozens of Tier 10 soldiers between levels 1 and 7.

As for the transcendent and Sovereigns, they numbered in the hundreds and thousands.

This meant that if they were to go against such a force, they would be overwhelmed and risk dying if they weren't careful.

Ant-type monsters or beasts are what warriors of the earth keep struggling against now.

They are the strongest foes you can ever meet, for before you can get close to the main queen, you will have to go through thousands of soldier ants.

"Relax you all. Kathy will be joining you..."

Chapter 699 - 699: Renegotiating Their Deal

Klaus and the ladies left the Insect Domain and appeared inside the room they were in. Since the death night was moved into the cube, the heavens lost track of him, and so the sky cleared, and everything went back to normal.

Klaus planned on getting a good night's sleep for the next few hours.

However, the moment they appeared in the room, the voice of despair entered his head. This made Klaus smirk and choose to check what he wanted.

"Ladies, I will be going somewhere now. Don't miss me too much." The demon face bead appeared in his hand, and after he kissed all of them, he vanished inside.

"Just how many of these items does he have?" Miriam asked, looking at the bead now hovering inside the room.

"Our man is really full of secrets... It makes me wonder if he is secretly an immortal in disguise," Nia muttered, causing her sisters to also start wondering.

"Whatever. Even if he is the Demon King himself, I love him and will always love him," Asha said with a smile.

The ladies shook their heads and started to wait for him to come out so they could put him to a good sleep.

Meanwhile, Klaus appeared inside the demon face bead. However, instead of meeting only one person, this time, he was greeted by five people or more like Dragons, each exuding an aura of danger.

They were the five Monarchs whom his first incarnation had imprisoned years ago. They were in their dragon forms, and each was looking down at him with a pressure that could shatter the will of anyone.

"Welcome, Paragon," the Monarch of Despair said, making Klaus sigh as he focused his attention on him. He was now taking on the right color meant for him: green.

That was the true color of despair. It was just the eye of malevolence that altered it.

"You asked for me, Monarch, so why the intimidation tactics?" Klaus said, looking at the other four he was meeting for the first time.

Though he has two dragons, the ones looking at him are anything but simple. They are terrifying, and the feeling of danger can be sensed in them.

"They wanted to test your will to see if you are the same Paragon they knew," Despair answered, causing Klaus to smile.

"How did I do?" he asked.

"You are barely average... but we can work with that," the Monarch of Discord said, causing Klaus to frown.

However, his expression returned to calm as if he had gained clarity.

'His confused nature is really something to envy,' Klaus sighed again.

This time, he knew he must hold his emotions in check, or else the Monarch of Discord would make him do or say things he wouldn't naturally do.

The power of discord is something he planned on getting from the moment he realised he could get three skills from each of the five monarchs.

Stopping for a few minutes to talk with his opponents will be useful. He can plant the seed of discord in them and watch as it bloom.

Oh, what a sight that would be.

"We indeed called you here to ask a few questions, and if the answers are satisfactory, we will know how to proceed."

"I am listening," Klaus nodded.

"First, what can you tell us about the forbidden creature that just underwent its first evolution?" Despair asked.

Though they can't always see everything on the outside, if Klaus allows it, they will be able to see.

However, this time, Klaus didn't allow them that access. But something strange played a part, allowing them to see everything.

This means they saw and knew exactly what happened.

"It was a Puppet Ant a few weeks ago; however, after its evolution, it has become a Death Knight," Klaus answered, not making things too lengthy for either of them.

"Then how did it undergo the evolution? We all know forbidden creatures don't have the blessing of the heavens, so they wouldn't evolve no matter what.

However, that creature had just evolved and wasn't a small one. If I am not mistaken, that creature has become something akin to a divine beast of this known universe.

How did that happen."

The Monarch of Starvation asked, showing Klaus he knew what he was talking about.

"It's very simple, actually. I just gave him my blood," Klaus casually answered, causing the five dragons to turn and look at each other.

"Are you being serious?" Despair asked.

"I wouldn't lie about something like this. My blood evolved him, making him a creature under the dominion of the Paragon Star I used to trap you five.

This means the heavens will send down the Annihilation Tribulation when he appears in the known universe. But the moment he passes that tribulation, the heavens won't be able to do anything to him again."

They looked stunned. The answer they just heard from Klaus was like what they have been waiting for all these years.

"This is a game-changer. With this, we can go back out there without the heavens' intervention," Anarchy said, and the rest nodded.

They knew it was his blood that transformed the ant into the Death Knight. But hearing him say it without lying showed he held no animosity toward them.

This means they can continue with the next phase of their meeting.

"We would like to renegotiate our deal with you," Harrows said, making Klaus raise an eyebrow.

"Renegotiate, you say? So, I suppose you want me to give you my blood and, in the end, release you from here?" Klaus asked, and the five nodded.

"We will change the terms of the deal, and if you agree, we will listen to your proposal, which, if it's not below our bottom line, we will accept," the Monarch of Despair said.

"I suppose that can be arranged. But before any negotiations, you all must know that the moment you take my blood, you will be bound to me forever. This means I will be like your master."

"We don't care, provided you promise not to abuse your authority," Anarchy said, causing Klaus to nod.

"Then I will listen to your proposal, and afterward, I will make my demands."

"Very well. First, we would like to have your blood, which we plan to use to evolve. This is a must, for it's the only thing we can count on now.

Second, we ask to be released from here right when our tribulation arrives, and whether we pass or not, you won't be affected.

Third, I know this is a hard ask, but you will take us far from this world so that our evolution won't affect your world. This means you will have to brave the dangers of space travel. But don't worry, we will protect you.

The return will be something you will have to handle on your own.

Lastly, you must promise you won't use the authority you will be gaining to destroy us. Though we were powerful before, it's been billions of years, so we have regressed to a pitiful stage now.

But we can still be regarded as powerhouses, so we ask for your cooperation in not abusing your power by letting us go.

In return, we promise to help you in the future if you need it. We are Monarchs, so it's only a matter of time before we rise back to the level we once were."

Klaus listened to their proposal thoughtfully. Their demands were within an acceptable range. However, he had one question.

Chapter 700 - 700: Klaus's Demands

"Why would you five want to leave when you can stay in this world?" he asked.

Since the only thing preventing them from roaming around is the heavens, then the moment they escape their wrath, why can't they stay in his world?

"We can't. If we were to stay in your world, our presence would attract too much attention. Of course, we could risk it and stay, but that would just be asking for too much trouble."

"In simple terms, until your world awakens, any being above the Ascension stage cannot stay in an unawakened world. If our presence is felt in this world, danger will follow.

Although we have regressed from the True God stage to the Domain stage, we are still far above the limit of this world, so our presence would just be inviting trouble."

"I see. I guess that makes sense," Klaus nodded. He wouldn't want to put the world in danger. "Then where will you go after I release you?"

"That? We will explore this starfield and see if any world here has awakened. If we find one, we will stay there and grow our strength before heading to the Dragon Galaxy."

Monarch of Despair answered, showing his intelligence of the known universe.

Naturally, it was thanks to Klaus's first incarnation and the subsequent ones who wielded the bead and traveled the universe that made them learn all this.

"It looks like you know more than I thought," Klaus smiled. He wanted to fly into the starry skies, but he also didn't have the strength to do that yet.

So he wants to know more now.

So he started asking about the universe and the five monarchs, who were more than happy to answer him.

When he had enough, he decided to focus on what he was after: his demands. They made their demands, and now, he also has to make his.

"I don't have many demands. In fact, I only have two demands." Klaus smiled, looking at the dragons as if he was about to scam them.

"First, I want all your skills. Instead of just three, I want all of them." Klaus smiled, watching the expressions flicker across their faces.

"Second, I want a drop of your essence blood..."

"These are my only two demands. If you can meet them, I will gladly give you my blood." The five Monarchs continued to look at Klaus for a few minutes, contemplating how to respond to such demands.

Taking their essence blood sounded simple, but in reality, it meant taking a part of their bloodline, which would require them months or perhaps years to recover.

Though it was just a drop, it contains the nature of each of them, and extracting it means taking a huge chunk of their qualities.

"No need to look down, you five. The moment you evolve using my blood, you will recover everything and even gain more than you can ask for." Klaus said with a smile.

"We accept. However, whether you can absorb it will depend on your strength. If you die, that is your own fault."

Klaus smiled.

"Trust me, death is the last thing that will happen." He can already see five perfect warriors with the qualities of the five monarchs.

"Very well." The dragons moved and transformed, taking on their demi-dragon forms. They clapped their hands together, and a drop of blood flew out from their foreheads.

Klaus waved his hand, and the five blood essences were frozen in ice. He moved everything inside his soul sea, adding it to the Phoenix blood essence.

They then waved their hands, and five tablets appeared, each housing their skills and techniques. Klaus smiled and sent them all into his soul sea again.

After everything was done, Klaus transformed into his Star Monarch form and retrieved five drops of his blood, freezing them in ice.

"Here you go." He moved the ice to the five monarchs, who received it with careful gestures.

"I don't know much about the evolution, but at your level, I predict the process will complete between two to three months.

By then, I will arrange to send you as far as possible. Until then, happy cultivating." Klaus, with a smile on his handsome, mischievous face, vanished from the bead and appeared on the outside.

The five monarchs looked at each other for a few seconds before nodding. They vanished, and the next second, they appeared atop tall mountains—five identical mountains.

They sat down and started absorbing the blood by swallowing it.

In the next two and a half months, the heavens will notice what they have done and respond accordingly.

Whether or not they survive will depend on how much they want to leave.

Meanwhile, Klaus, who had just arrived inside the room where he and his ladies were spending time, smiled.

The ladies stripped him and decided to help him relax, so they started doing their best to keep him calm. Naturally, it worked, and Klaus, who held a smile throughout the two hours of lovemaking, slept like a baby.

Two days later, he woke up refreshed and ready to head out with his friends and new allies.

The 606 people he recruited using the trial were divided into ten groups.

His uncles took five teams, Old Lu took one team, and War God Henry, whom he met in the Austria-Union a couple of days ago, also took one team.

The remaining teams went with three other instructors at the Transcendent stage.

They would each take on a Tier 7 forbidden zone, and after managing to clear it, they would meet him and his friends somewhere so they could all move to Monsterland, the training ground he had picked for his training.

Klaus and his friends and women also set off to the Tier 8 forbidden zone. Along with them were the triplets Aria, Nova, and Stella.

Vida Stronghold was also with them. Matt was also part.

Klaus had given the other five faction leaders a second chance, so they were also moving with him. They were powerful warriors, and holding a grudge would just be petty.

The twin assassins were also on the team now. As for Lycos and his five friends, they will be having their tribulation in the coming days, so he told them to wait. He will come pick them up later.

Nari and Queenie wouldn't join them, but Miriam and Nadia were on the team. Kofi, Klaus's driver, also went with Uncle Ziggy.

Miguel was also with them, having spent most of his time inside forbidden zones training to catch up with Klaus.

It took them six hours to reach the forbidden zone. But before entering, Klaus stopped them for one final instruction.

"You will first fight as a single team. This will allow me to see your fighting style, and from there, I can draw up the perfect battle plans.

Remember, this is the first battle you all will be fighting as a team; don't try to show off." Klaus looked at Danny.

"I am talking to you, Danny. We all know you are immortal on the battlefield, but for the purpose of teamwork, you all should work together.

I will watch your backs, so relax your nerves and show me what you have. Also, you must ensure you are not bitten. I hear their sting is not for the faint of heart."

They nodded and then marched into the forbidden zone, where they would be spending the next two weeks.

They couldn't kill everything inside on the same day.

First, they would find a place to stay, and from there, they would survey the environment and spy on their target. This would allow them to form a battle plan.