

## **Paragon 991**

### Chapter 991: Awakening Of The Black Panther

Klaus and his ladies, along with Goodboyben, entered the Tower of Defiance.

The ground floor consisted of an open eating area. It was clear that they had made the place for exclusive parties, and at a glance, Klaus counted 900 seats. He raised his brow at the sight of so many seats.

'Isn't this a little too much?'

Ohema, who saw the funny look in Klaus's eyes, smiled.

"There are over 45 cities on Earth, and that excludes the Bast race and the Moon Borns. So, if all leaders from these cities, and the others from the various departments, were to meet, this place would be large enough to accommodate everyone."

"I wasn't complaining," Klaus replied.

"I can see the complaint in your eyes." Ohema pouted, but Klaus just smiled and turned to examine the ground floor that was actually inside the water.

The tower itself was built into the water, so Klaus and the ladies were several feet deep in the water. Of course, with the material used, not even a Void Stage sea beast could break through them.

Naturally, no beast that is Tier 10 or above could come within 100 meters of the tower, for there is a formation in place to handle them. This information was given to them by the scientist from the best race.

Having the beautiful beasts around is one of the reasons they built the tower in the water in the first place. So those below the Tier 10 stage can come close and looking at the scene, one has to say it is indeed beautiful.

They went to the second floor, where there were some rooms filled with materials. Most of these materials were, of course, minerals that Ohema's company had procured over the years.

They would be using them to build the alliance to a good standing.

The third floor was for relaxation, which Klaus found interesting and thus approved, just like he did with the other floors.

The fourth floor, on the other hand, was a place reserved for meetings. It was a lush conference-type hall with exactly 1,000 chairs.

999 was reserved for the attendees of the meeting, with one majestic seat made using gold and diamond reserved for Klaus.

If he were to sit in it, he would be akin to a king ruling over the entire world.

Klaus didn't mind the arrangements they had made for him, for he was indeed looking forward to claiming his rule as the Overlord of the Earth, just like he had promised his mother even before he awakened his class.

The last floor was a large resting area that had a swimming pool and everything a person would need. Naturally, the ladies accounted for them staying with Klaus there, so they made sure the master bedroom was big enough to accommodate all of them.

Klaus just smiled.

"I am impressed."

Ohema smiled. She was the richest on Earth for a reason, so building something this grand was within her capabilities.

"Klaus, you have a visitor." Suddenly, Goodboyben, who was on the fourth floor of the tower, called out.

"I will be back, ladies." With that, Klaus moved back to the fourth floor, where a man he had already met was seated on one of the chairs, looking at him as he entered.

"You are finally here," Klaus said, and the man nodded.

"You can call me Nimbe," the man said.

Klaus nodded and sat beside him. Nimbe was the man he had given King Kordax and his right-hand man to back when the ancient Sea race attacked Earth.

Back then, the man was at the peak of the Ascension stage. However, he seemed to have reached level 4 Nether stage after devouring King Kordax and Skroll.

As an Abyssal Trench, his devouring abilities were out of this world. And unlike Pickle Berry's mother, who chose not to devour humans or beasts for strength, Nimbe didn't seem to mind.

"I know you have also received the news, so I will go straight to the point. In 60 days, you will be leading the sea beasts under my command in the battle that is to come.

You are strong, and in a few weeks from now, I would like you to use that strength to lead the Earth to victory."

Nimbe nodded, "I will do my best."

"That is all any of us can do." Klaus nodded at him and retrieved a drop of his Star Monarch blood, giving it to him.

"Consume it. It will boost your strength severalfold." Nimbe took the blood and consumed it. The moment he did, he felt a powerful energy pour into his body.

"You can go back. When you are done, let me know." Nimbe nodded and vanished.

Soon, he was back in the Abyss, where only he was left, considering Klaus and his people had killed every last one of the Trenches and the other monsters there.

Klaus stood up and was about to go back to his ladies when a sudden powerful ripple spread over the earth, causing him to look in the direction it came from.

"A beast aura."

His ladies appeared beside him.

"It's big brother," Princess Eshira, who knew his brother's aura, recognized who had released that aura. Klaus waved his hand, and they appeared outside.

"Goodbyben, stay here. I will be back in a few hours." Ben nodded, and Klaus turned to his ladies.

"Wanna see something new?" The ladies looked at him with pondering expressions. Klaus just smiled and then brought his hands together, forming a triangle by joining his thumbs and index fingers.

"You all should probably brace yourselves."

The ladies held each other's hands, knowing Klaus was probably about to do something crazy.

As expected, Klaus grinned and then activated a space skill.

"Spatial Distortion." A light formed in the triangle that his fingers had formed. "Infinity Travel."

The ladies felt the reality before their eyes stretch like rubber pulled to its limit. Then, in a rather unexpected manner, they were launched forward like a rocket, moving several miles in the blink of an eye.

Within a second, they appeared at the borders of Zanbathu. Klaus turned to his ladies, whose faces turned pale from the sudden movement.

"Sorry about that. I wanted to test a new skill I recently acquired." They looked at him with varying expressions, but none said anything, knowing they could have stayed back for him to get to Zanbathu and then, using the paragon mark, they would teleport to his side.

However, it was already too late for that.

Klaus turned to the city, where a purple light pierced the sky, and the aura coming from it was one that made Klaus want to get a better understanding of.

"Let's go." With a speed that defies common sense, the ladies could only watch Klaus disappear in the blink of an eye.

"Monster," they muttered, and then they followed him. Soon, they arrived at a spot 300 meters away from where the purple light was coming from.

King T'Shan, Queen Nayiri, and the various generals of the Bast race were there, watching with expressions that demanded an answer.

When they saw Klaus arrive, they all rushed to his side.

"What is happening to him?" the queen asked, looking worried.

Klaus studied the purple light for a few minutes before a smile appeared on his face.

"Looks like your goddess went out of her way to truly bless the black panther." The smile on his face made everyone wonder what could make Klaus this happy.

"Don't worry, everyone, Prince Challa is merely undergoing a profound transformation that will make him the first Supreme Beast on Earth and perhaps the entirety of this galaxy."

## Chapter 992: Supreme Panther

Hearing Klaus's words, everyone who had been panicking calmed down.

Now, they had come to the conclusion that Klaus was someone beyond their understanding, so his words were the assurance they needed.

Klaus, on the other hand, was pondering the events that led to Prince Challa's awakening as a Supreme Beast.

The Star Monarch bloodline has three stages: Divine, Supreme, and Celestial.

So far, he could only evolve beasts to the Divine stage. In fact, all the beasts under his command were Divine beasts.

However, he knew for a fact that at his current cultivation base, he could only evolve beasts to the Divine stage. Of course, until he reached the 'Domain Stage,' the chances of him evolving a beast to the Supreme stage were just impossible.

However, Prince Challa was now awakening as a Supreme Beast, and that alone was more than he could wrap his mind around.

'Unless Bast had given him her core god blood essence. That is the only logical way his bloodline strength could evolve beyond the Divine grade.'

Klaus smiled.

'But since we are here now, I can only wait and see the kind of monster he will become.'

The purple light continued to penetrate the clear sky. Slowly, it started turning darker. The darker it turned, the more powerful it became until eventually, the shade started turning golden.

It didn't completely become golden, for the dark shade dominated the color of the light. However, there were golden strands inside.

After about two hours, the light subsided, and that was when a majestic beast walked out. Prince Challa, in his beast form, was a beauty beyond understanding.

He was in a compressed state in his beast form, so his height was only two meters. He had dark fur with a few strands of golden fur.

However, while everyone knew he would come out with a dark fur when they saw the dark light, the other features that now decorated his body were ones they hadn't seen coming.

Around his head, a golden, metallic substance coated him, which extended to form a layer of golden armor around the vital parts of his body.

His claws were of the same substance, and just looking at their sharpness, one could tell they were killing claws, ones that could tear through anything.

His eyes were also golden.

"Well, that is not something you see every day," Klaus muttered, looking at the majestic yet deadly panther staring at him.

For a moment, Klaus felt the urge to lunge at him and exchange a few blows, considering the panther staring at him was at the peak of the Nether stage.

Suddenly, the surroundings around Klaus changed, appearing inside a large cave made purely of vibranium. He didn't know how he appeared there, but when he saw Prince Challa standing 100 meters from him, he relaxed and walked toward him.

"What have you become?" That was the first thing Klaus asked when he was close enough.

Prince Challa didn't immediately answer. Instead, he stood there for a few minutes and then sighed.

"I am now a Supreme Beast; however, I am not exactly a panther anymore. Don't get me wrong, I am a panther alright, but my race has changed. It is now Knullix Panther instead of just panther."

Efad, Klaus's Ninth Soul Body, appeared the next second when he heard Prince Challa's words.

"Knullix Panther, you say?" Prince Challa raised his brow, seeing a small, much younger version of Klaus appear.

Klaus rubbed the back of his head, seeing the look in Prince Challa's eyes. "He is my soul body."

Efad didn't mind the look in Prince Challa's face, since his interest lay more in the race Prince Challa had now awakened.

"The Knullix Panthers aren't beings from this universe." Efad turned to Klaus. "They are creatures from the forbidden universe, the same universe your Doom Guards came from."

In fact, among the forbidden beast races, the Knullix Panthers are among the top five strongest, just a step behind the Deathknights.

To think Bast would have a source of blood from said race and even risk annihilation just to give it to you. She really is daring."

Klaus, who understood the odds Bast had to overcome to make this happen, just smiled. He turned and looked at Prince Challa, who seemed lost as he heard Klaus and Efad talk about his new race.

Klaus sighed, "No need to look sad. Know that in the entire universe, you are one of a kind. Your new race makes you someone many wouldn't see coming. However, this also means you and these heavens aren't on good terms now."

Not that you and they had ever been on good terms. But this is good. Now that you have severed your ties with this universe, your future achievements will be endless."

Prince Challa liked what he heard.

Klaus looked around the cave housing the vibranium and turned to look at Prince Challa.

"The goddess said I should give it to you. She said something along the lines of, 'You will owe her big time, that not even one gallon of your blood can pay the debt.'"

Klaus just smirked, and the next second, they were back on the outside, where everyone standing had no idea they had just traveled to a pocket dimension.

Prince Challa transformed into his human form.

A majestic-looking human with dark hair and golden eyes stood, clad in dark armor. He had gauntlets on both hands that ended in golden claws made from vibranium, a much better and more powerful version than the one on Earth.

His family rushed to his side the next second. Klaus looked at his ladies, who were looking back at him with eyes that demanded answers.

However, Klaus just shrugged, making them glare at him with murderous eyes.

"What's with the hungry eyes? He awakened as a Supreme Beast, making him the first to appear in this world. However, after I reach the Domain stage and my bloodline evolves, you all will become Supreme Beasts."

"How about his smell? He smells different," Nebula said. In her past life, she was born and raised in the jungle, so when it comes to beasts, she is an expert.

"You girls are just funny. But to answer your question, he is no longer an ordinary panther. As to what he has become, that knowledge is beyond you ladies, unless you want the heavens to find an excuse to descend on us."

Klaus didn't want what happened to Yuying back in his fourth incarnation to happen to his ladies, so he chose to hold on to the knowledge of the forbidden universe from his ladies.

Thankfully, his ladies knew when to keep quiet, so they chose not to ask any more questions and let Klaus calm down.

After a few hugs and catching up, Klaus left, while his ladies chose to stay and return the next day for the meeting.

Klaus initially wanted to return to the Tower of Defiance, but he changed his mind midway and decided to visit his two disciples instead.

After all, they had already sent him a message a few weeks ago saying they wanted to show him something. Now seemed like the best time to go see them.

Chapter 993: Combat Androids

Anaki and her brother, Inaki, weren't expecting Klaus to pay them a visit a day before the big meeting.

The invitation was extended to them as well, given their status as two of the best scientists the Moon Borns have, and thus, they were required to come.

However, with Klaus's visit, they were more than happy.

"Master, it has been a while since we last talked," Anaki said with a happy smile, seeing Klaus.

Klaus also smiled, "It has been a while indeed. Hope you two are doing well."

Anaki and Inaki nodded. "We have been well. We have a lot to show you since we last met. We have been working very hard, and after receiving your blood, we have become much more intelligent."

The look on Anaki and Inaki's faces was one Klaus could tell was filled with both happiness and pride. This made Klaus begin to wonder what they had to show him.

"Why don't we get down to the showing part? I can't wait to see what you two came up with."

Anaki giggled and tapped a button on her arm. The underground elevator activated, and soon, they were falling deep into the ground.

Klaus didn't seem shocked, considering the two mad scientists standing beside him had already created shrinking tech. Creating an underground lab isn't far-fetched.

After falling 10km, they came to a stop inside a very large underground lab.

"Wow. Are those..." The moment Klaus's eyes landed on three humanoid robots, his brow furrowed.

Inaki and his sister laughed, "Yes. They are the prototype of a combat-type Android we have been working on for years now.

Initially, they were only meant to be robots, but we later gained the knowledge to make them much smarter and more powerful using Nanotechnology, so they, in a way, became Androids.

However, now, I know you can sense they are more than ordinary Androids." Anaki giggled again, feeling so much pride in showing their work to Klaus.

"The reason you are feeling the danger from them is that we have added something called Hyper Mind to them. We had help from the scientists from the Bast Race and Oracle.

This Hyper Mind is akin to a Quantum chip, housing the most complex combat styles in the world, as well as fictional ones.

Oracle was used to train many models, and thanks to the data from them, we were able to further enhance their combat style.

And regarding the danger, it was because Oracle allowed us to use the data collected during your time with them.

They have further improved on that, using video games and combat AI they had built into Oracle meant for a much more complex and realistic combat fluidity over the past year.

With access to Vibranium, our initial estimate of creating Tier 10 or Tier 11 combat Androids has changed.

The ones standing before you now are comparable to Peak Chaos stage warriors, and the best part is, with your fusion core rune formation, they wouldn't get tired unless, of course, they were destroyed.

However, with a body made from Vibranium and Nanotech, I don't see them getting destroyed anytime soon.

So what do you think, Master?"

Anaki and Inaki stared at Klaus, waiting to hear his take on the Androids they had created.

Klaus looked at the three robots, and for a couple of minutes, he just stared at them. In fact, he spent over 10 minutes studying them.

When he was done and turned to his two disciples, they straightened up. They knew this was the moment their work would be recognized by the strongest on Earth, who also happened to be their master.

"If I were to get you a large quantity of Vibranium, how many of these can you produce within 55 days?" The mad scientists were stunned hearing Klaus's question.

They hadn't anticipated such a reaction when they revealed the nature of the Androids to Klaus.

"We don't have a large manufacturing plant ready for mass production. However, after our last meeting with the Bast Scientist, they made us aware that if we decide to mass-produce, they can easily assist us.

That said, even without their help, we can make over 300 of these in the duration you stated. However, if we are to make Void stage ones, we have the means to make 500 of those and over a thousand Ascendant stage versions too."

"Then contact the Bast Scientist. I have a much larger, higher-quality version of Vibranium. I will give you some to make as many Chaos stage and Void stage combat Androids as you can."

"We won't disappoint, Master."

Klaus nodded and walked closer to the Androids. He examined them for a few minutes before requesting the schematics of the Androids.

At first, Klaus didn't see anything recognizable. However, as time went by, he started seeing some connections, which quickly turned into recognizable patterns.

Then, before he knew it, he was fully immersed in the schematics.

Patterns filled his mind, allowing him to see deeper into the creation process of the Android.

'Fascinating. They really went wild this time.'

After a couple of minutes deep into the schematics, Klaus started seeing improvements and features that could be added. He saw things that, when done differently, would improve the strength level of the Android.

After about an hour, he put aside the schematic.

"You two really went all out this time. However, I have some modifications if you don't mind." Inaki and Anaki were more than happy to hear their master had some modifications.

"First of all, the fusion core needs some more retrofitting. I counted 13 layers of formation inside the fusion core.

However, by increasing the layers, not only would the Androids become much stronger, but they would also be able to bridge the gap between the Chaos stage and the Ascension stage.

This would allow them to fight Ascension stage opponents on equal footing. Aside from that, I have some defense and offense combat formations in mind that could potentially overwhelm the Ascension stage to some extent.

Then there is the part about the fusion explosion. I believe we can make some modifications; it should be able to overwhelm even Nether stage opponents.

The aim here is to create a devastating result on the battlefield. So instead of merely aiming for a minor explosion, I want it to be able to clear much larger chunks of the battlefield.

Lastly, I have a formation that 10,000 Ascendant stage Androids would be required to execute. However, for now, work on the Void and Chaos stage Androids. It will take days for me to work on that formation."

Anaki and her brother nodded like good students who had gained enlightenment. They held happy smiles on their faces as they listened to all Klaus had to say.

"The aim here is to have enough explosive power, so aside from these Androids, I have another mission for you. However, I will reveal that during the meeting tomorrow.

That said, how about we get to work now? We first have to improve the fusion core and then work on making it even more deadly."

Soon, with Klaus working on the runes, Anaki and her brother began implementing them.

In no time, they started making great progress.

Chapter 994: Day Of the Meeting

[59 Days before the Awakening]

It took some time, but after working tirelessly for hours, Klaus and his two disciples were able to finish the modifications and some major additions that promised to make the Android something to be feared.

Now that Klaus has awakened his soul bodies, Efad was able to awaken some part of his knowledge as a Formation Master, allowing him to know more about runes than before.

Naturally, even before the awakening, he was able to draw complex runes. But now, he was much more knowledgeable in the field of formations.

"The meeting is in four hours. Use this time to wrap everything up and be there before we begin."

Anaki and Inaki nodded.

A few minutes later, Klaus left.

He truly wasn't expecting his disciple to have built something this advanced. The Androids they had built were something that he knew would play a much bigger role in the upcoming battle.

The only reason he wasn't aiming for Ascension stage combat Androids was because of the work that would have to go into building them.

Building up to the Chaos stage was plausible considering that just a 13-layer fusion core was all it took to power one. However, because of how complex the Ascension stage is, they would need 32 layers.

At the moment, Klaus doesn't have time to spend on that for now. However, if he manages to get some five days free in his schedule, he will work on it.

Though it would require so much, he knew having at least ten would go a long way in the coming battle.

A few minutes later, Klaus was back in the Tower of Defiance.

Aside from Ben, nobody had arrived yet. Klaus immediately went to the fifth floor and freshened up.

Efad appeared the next second Klaus settled down.

"I have selected the ten thousand beasts we will be using for the first form of the 'Primordial Beast Claw Art.' They are all at the Chaos stage.

Of course, the weakest beast under your command is a level 6 Chaos stage. However, all ten thousand are at the peak of the Chaos stage, so we will be getting a slight maximum output.

That said, you have 14,715 beasts under your command—14,508 of them are at the Chaos stage, 200 Ascension stage, and 7 Nether stage beasts."

Klaus raised his brow, hearing the report. Efad, his 9th soul body, had taken it upon himself to handle the beast army. So far, he had made some progress on that front. However, Klaus seriously wasn't expecting his beast army to be this powerful.

"This is a good thing." Since the heavens didn't know he had that many beasts inside the multidimensional cube, on the day of the awakening, he would surprise them.

"I believe with this much strength in reserve, we will be able to handle what is coming. That said, we need to focus again on the event where the Domain stage opponents might appear.

Though I would prefer them not to show up, we have no Domain stage warrior on our side to counter them. So what do you plan on doing in that regard?"

Klaus smiled faintly, "Who said we don't have Domain stage warriors on our side?"

Efad raised his brow, looking like a curious child. "When did we get a Domain stage warrior on our side? Of course, I know the Doom Guards have some strength in them, and even the Vampire Queen and some of your wives.

Even the Panther guy has some strength in him to face a Domain stage opponent, but can they last long when facing them?

In case you are not aware, the difference between someone at the Peak of the Ascension stage and someone at the first level Domain stage is like heaven and earth. They would be outmatched, outclassed, and outperformed.

So please, if you are holding back something, better tell me so I can know how to prepare."

Klaus stood up, allowing Efad to stand on his shoulder. They walked to the window, overlooking the vast sea.

"I have been preparing for two years, Efad. The past two years have been me working overtime for this moment, so for now, relax, I have things in order.

I expected myself to reach only the Ascendant stage before the awakening, but I even surpassed that. That is already a loss to the heavens, for at the Void stage, I am several times stronger."

"But are you stronger than a Domain stage expert?"

Klaus laughed, "I am the Paragon of the Nine Stars. If I can't handle small fries like that, then I might as well bend the knee to the heavens.

And don't worry, even if I am not enough, there are others who can handle even Domain stage warriors. You will see what I am talking about 59 days from today."

Efad looked at Klaus for a few seconds before nodding, "All nine of us will do all we can to help you. After all, we all want what is best for you."

"I won't disappoint then."

Efad entered Klaus's soul sea to continue his work. Just like how everyone's soul body was working to empower their main bodies, Klaus's nine soul bodies were working around the clock to raise Klaus's strength to the max.

"If another miracle happens and I break through before the awakening, wouldn't that be great?"

Klaus lay down on the bed and chose to push that fantasy to the back of his mind. The main thing now was to prepare with the strength he had for reaching the Chaos stage, which wasn't something he saw himself reaching anytime soon.

Two hours later, people started arriving. The media hours came much earlier, so the live update was already broadcasting everywhere.

Klaus remained on the last floor of the tower, using his divine senses to see all those coming.

Ben made sure only the right people came to the meeting. After the announcement, he sent an exclusive invitation to those expected to attend.

"What is she even doing here?" Klaus let a small smile appear on his face when he saw his mom arrive with Pickle Berry and Lumia.

Although Pickle Berry's mom is now in his harem, she prefers to spend her time with Klaus's mom more than with her sisters.

They were the third to arrive. Klaus sent a message to Ben to send them over to the fifth floor. A few minutes later, they arrived at the fifth floor.

"Mom, what are you doing here?" Klaus asked, walking toward her.

"I am here for the meeting. Or are you insinuating I am not qualified to be here?" The look on her face made Klaus scratch the back of his head.

"I mean, you aren't exactly known for having a presence on the battlefield, so—"

Klaus's mom laughed, "I have every right to be here. After all, I am in charge of combat coordination at Oracle."

Klaus was momentarily stunned hearing what his mom said. However, after a few moments of thinking, he recalled Lucil telling him they had recruited a genius who was helping them train powerful combat models in Oracle.

This caused Klaus to raise his brow even higher.

His mom laughed, looking at the stunned look on Klaus's face, "No need for the expression, brat, I am more awesome than you think."

Chapter 995: Meeting (1)

[59 Days Before The Awakening]

Klaus was truly stunned when he learned his mother was the one Lucil bragged about.

According to Lucil, this person was able to come up with many mind-bending combat moves that even elite warriors wouldn't be able to execute. She had helped them make great strides when it comes to the combat aspect of Oracle.

Naturally, Klaus knew Lucil liked to exaggerate things, so he didn't give her much attention. However, now learning that the one who was spoken about so fondly was his mother, he gained a reality check.

"How?" Klaus asked, unable to hold himself back.

His mom laughed, but she responded. "I was bored, so Hanna introduced me to video games. Initially, I faced some challenges, but after practicing a few times, I realized I had considerable experience in close combat.

So, I fell in love with the video games, and that's when the overly cheerful girl who developed the game contacted me and asked for my help training some models for her.

And since I want to be useful somehow, considering I am too useless to follow you to the battlefield, I accepted the offer and now, here we are."

Lumia and her daughter, Pickle Berry, had a teasing smile on their faces as they looked at Klaus. Naturally, this was the look they were all looking forward to.

"Unbelievable. But I suppose this is a good thing. I am happy for you." Klaus only wanted his mom to be happy, just as she wanted him to be happy. Since she found something she liked and was good at, he was indeed happy for her.

Though in his mind, Klaus couldn't wrap his mind around how she became that experienced in close combat.

'Then again, in her life back in my seventh incarnation, she was a great warrior, so even though she doesn't have her memories back like I do, somehow, she might still have those experiences in her.'

That was the only logical explanation that Klaus could come up with.

Aside from that, another thought entered his mind, but he discarded it. 'There is no way she is an angel in disguise like she claimed. I have tested her several times, but she is just too talentless to be a warrior. Even my blood seems to only increase her knowledge of cooking.'

Klaus smiled.

"Hey, brat, are you looking down on me in your head?" Klaus's mom asked when she saw the smile on Klaus's face.

“No,” Klaus answered, but the smile on his face said otherwise.

His mom just smirked and sat down. “Sit down and let me fix your hair before everyone arrives.”

Klaus nodded and sat down.

He had already become used to his mom styling his hair every day back when they were in the slum, so even if she wanted to, Klaus wouldn't mind allowing her to style his hair every three hours.

It was already their bonding moments long before he became a warrior.

As his mom worked on his hair, many leaders from the various cities and warrior units started arriving.

Ben sent an invitation to all City Lords. They were to come with two others accompanying them, so naturally, all those arriving were three in number.

Most came in jets, while many came in flying cars, with the warriors among them arriving in their combat jets.

Aside from them, the scientists and other non-warriors arrived with warriors acting as their bodyguards.

Naturally, the bodyguards would remain on the ground floor while the main guests would head to the 4th floor, where the meeting would take place.

Reps from the Academy, Moon Borns, Human Alliance, and Bast Race all came. Aside from them, the Sylvan race also came, with Lucy as their leader and five others, each at the peak of the Ascension stage, accompanying her.

When Klaus saw them arrive, he was stunned, for he never expected Lucy to have such powerful individuals as her subordinates.

However, knowing they were the greatest healers in existence, he was thrilled to have them on his side. Naturally, death was bound to happen in the battle that was to come.

However, with the Sylvan race on the battlefield, the rate at which the warriors would die would be reduced to a narrow percentage.

Klaus was certainly looking forward to hearing what they had to say in the meeting, as it was an opportunity for him to assess the powerhouses and determine the best way to utilize them.

“Looks like Asha is still hiding her strength,” Klaus muttered, looking at the most dangerous lady in his harem arrive with Linx and Jinx, two of the most dangerous Ants under her command.

As usual, Linx was clad in white and Jinx in black. They each had the strength of Nether stage warriors. Asha wanted to reveal her strength, but she wasn't ready to flash it in everyone's faces even before the meeting began.

The Bast race also arrived with representatives, including King T'Shan, Queen Nayiri, Prince Challa, and three other elders representing the Main Bast Army.

The other nine were from the other units of the Bast race.

General Okoye had two others with her. The Border tribe and the Mountain tribe also came with three each, making fifteen reps from the Bast race.

Princess Eshira was with her sisters.

Vampire Queen Tifa and five others came. Though only she had reached the Nether stage, the other five behind her were all at the peak of the Ascension stage.

This made her team much more powerful than one might think.

A few minutes after she arrived, Klaus's friends, who included Danny, Daniel, Mark, Kay, Kilian, Miguel, and Mason, also arrived, representing the Paragon Force, or as Klaus chose to name them, the Calvary of Defiance.

Calling them the Paragon Force would be too dangerous when they appeared in the universe, so he renamed them the Calvary of Defiance for now.

All his friends were at the Ascension stage.

Lucil and the three nerds also came, with Inaki and Anaki arriving a few minutes later. Many others came, with Nadia being the last to arrive, bringing two people.

Klaus raised his brow when he sensed the presence of the two figures walking behind Nadia.

Their faces were covered by a hood, so nobody could see their identity. However, the aura coming from them was one that not even a peak Ascension stage expert could exude.

"This girl has come a long way," Klaus's mom said, standing at the window, watching Nadia and her two puppets enter the hall.

"She has indeed come a long way," Klaus smiled. Inwardly, however, he was in shock. 'Those two aren't her main puppets, but I can sense each has a demon spirit in them. Just how many puppets did she put demon spirits in?'

'The battle from the Savage Zombies to the Ancient Sea Race sure gave her thousands of souls, so who knows how many demon puppets are under her command now that she has reached the Ascension stage.'

Klaus decided to end his thought, for there were more important things to handle first. All would be revealed soon, for that was the main reason they were here.

"Mom, Pickle Berry, Lumia, let's go." Klaus led everyone away, and soon, they arrived in the grand hall. To his surprise, the moment he arrived, everyone stood up.

It appeared even without any vote, he was recognised as the overlord of Earth.

Klaus waved them to sit down when he sat on his chair. His mom sat on his right while Pickle Berry and her mother sat on the left.

Ben was such a considerate person, and Klaus, who saw the arrangement he made, was impressed.

“Welcome, everyone...”

Chapter 996: Meeting (2)

[59 Days Before The Awakening]

“Welcome, everyone,” Klaus said, scanning everyone in the room.

After taking in every face, he started to speak.

“As you all know, in 59 days, Earth will undergo a trial that promises our ascension or destruction.” He paused and smiled, “though the latter seems unlikely, considering we have capable men and women like yourselves.

That said, before everything begins today, I will explain what this awakening is, what it means, and what it means for this world, and then what odds we will be going against.”

Everyone paid close attention to what Klaus was about to reveal. They knew for a fact the coming battle would be a dangerous one, and so they had to be prepared.

Unlike Magnus’s time, when everyone thought the awakening was some higher calling, the people of Earth saw it as a threat, and so they started preparing.

“When we talk about the awakening, it is simply a stage every world goes through to ascend and become a recognisable world in the vast universe.

In our current state, this world would be referred to as a waste world in the universe out there. However, the moment it goes through the awakening process, it will be recognised as a true world.

However, while this awakening could have been made simple for all, the heavens deem it necessary to put it through a trial of blood and carnage, which, in a way, I agree with them. The irony in that.”

Klaus laughed. He couldn't believe himself agreeing with the heavens. He was sure that if they were around, they would be vomiting blood.

“The reason I said I agree with them using blood and carnage as the awakening process is that after the awakening, we will become one with the universe, meaning the many dangers out there will notice us, and while we will have many fortunes from kindred hearts, we will also have many dangers looming over us.

Naturally, I am confident the latter will be what we should expect due to so many factors. However, while the danger wouldn't end with the awakening, going through the trial of blood and carnage will prepare us for further dangers that might worm their way here.

So the upside here is that we will be prepared for other dangers. But that is one we should worry about later, for the immediate thing today is the awakening.

We have been selected as the defenders, meaning the day of the awakening will see us defending our world. The enemy will come through a portal that will open large in the air, and all we have to do is defend until the last of them comes through.

Once we manage to survive the influx of enemies that will pop out through the portal, the awakening will come to an end, and we will be declared winners.

However, I know you all can tell this isn't simple at all.” Everyone nodded.

Merely defending wasn't something they knew would be easy, meaning there was something else at play, and Klaus, who was already looking at their faces, could tell they shared the same thought processes as him.

"The reason why being the defenders puts us at a disadvantageous position is because, while defending against warriors would be manageable, the moment the enemy unleashes their radioactive weapons, this world will be at risk.

If the enemy were to use them during the awakening, not only would it kill us, but it would also damage the world beyond repair."

Hearing Klaus confirm what they were thinking about was like death had spoken to them.

Lord Joseph, the lord of Jose City, raised his hand, and Klaus allowed him to speak. "If they can use their radioactive weapons, can't we use ours too, by launching them through the portals?"

Klaus smiled. "Wouldn't that be convenient, Lord Joseph? Unfortunately, we cannot enter the portal or launch an attack from this side through it."

The faces of everyone turned dark.

Klaus just shook his head. "Naturally, that was how things should work. However, I have already found a way to bypass this restriction, and for it to work, I will need your help, Lord Kwame."

A slim, brown-skinned man with a rather large head became stunned when he heard Klaus call his name. He was one of the many powerhouses in the Equatorial Union, formally known as Africa.

"How can I be of help, Overlord Klaus?"

"I have been studying you for a few months now, and although I can't say with certainty, you are someone who can control minds, right?"

Lord Kwame nodded. Klaus smiled.

“Since we can’t enter the portal, how about we send the enemy back?”

“You mean using my abilities, we will brainwash the enemy into carrying our radioactive weapons back through the portal, which, in this case, the restriction wouldn’t stop them.” Lord Kwame deduced what Klaus was insinuating, and Klaus nodded.

“Since we wouldn’t be playing on the same playground, we might as well play dirty, for that is the only way to get things done.

However, while this is still in the prototype phase, know that you will be needed for this plan to come to fruition.”

“I will do my best when the time comes.”

Klaus nodded and then resumed his introduction. “So as I said, we will be the defenders. However, as I mentioned from the start, we will be facing odds that are several times bigger than us.

I don’t want to scare anyone, but since we are here, I might as well share something small to give you a clearer idea of the odds we will be facing.

From what I know about awakenings, a world is regarded as ready to awaken when a minimum of 40 Ascension stage warriors appear.

However, looking at just this hall alone, we have over 300 Ascension stage warriors and even quite a few Nether stage warriors.

Now, while I don’t want to scare you, why don’t you all digest this information and tell me what you think?” Klaus laughed and leaned back in his chair.

Everyone began digesting his words, and within minutes, Klaus saw the dark looks appear on their faces. They sensed the danger, and that scared them.

None even had to say anything for Klaus to know they were aware of the danger.

“I believe you all can tell there is something amiss.”

Everyone nodded.

“Naturally, this is all the workings of the heavens, and while the reason is something beyond you all, know that the fact that we have thousands of Ascension stage warriors among us is both good and bad.

However, that is the reason we are here today. We came to assess the many warrior units we have and how best to utilise these teams in the upcoming battle.

We are a small world, but we aren't weak, not even in the slightest, so I believe that if we all bring something to the table, we will be able to face the odds coming against us in 59 days.

And if we manage to win, then know the future will be bright for all of us. So we all do well to present what we can offer vividly so that when the time comes, we will be able to face the heavens without fear or intimidation.”

Klaus tapped on a screen, and the order to be called appeared.

“Let's start with the Great and Legacy Families.”

Chapter 997: Meeting (3)

Klaus wasn't expecting the Great and Legacy families to have this much force under them.

When he faced the Duncan Legacy Family, who joined forces with some Great Families and Great Clans, their number was over 50,000.

However, Klaus seriously expected the Great and Legacy Families to only have weak warriors. What he never expected was that Efad had already handled the blood distribution to some of them, and now, the data presented to him and everyone in the meeting was one he was both shocked and happy about.

It turns out there are 42 Great Families, 8 Legacy Families, and two Great Clans. Naturally, the two Great Clans have already absorbed the smaller clans under them, so their number is several times higher than one would expect.

They have also absorbed the remaining members and warriors of the three Great Clans that Klaus had destroyed.

So, with all these families coming together in this dangerous moment, they managed to raise 330,045 capable warriors.

The Earth Legion, led by Queenie, numbered over 400,000, so when they heard the Family Alliance Legion, as they called themselves, was in the 300,000s, they were both taken aback and pleased.

Of course, only 45 of them had reached the Ascension stage, with over 100,000 still in the Sovereign stage. They also had over 20,000 Chaos stage and 50,000 Void stage warriors.

They picked Sword King Hiroshi of Hiroshi City and Lord Kwame as the leaders of the Family Alliance.

“That is wonderful, you all. To tell you the truth, I wasn’t expecting you to have this much force under you. However, since you have proven to have the interest of the Earth at heart, I will do my best to ensure you all have the resources to further boost your strength before the day arrives.”

Sword King Hiroshi, who presented the Family Alliance to everyone at the meeting, nodded and sat down.

He had already seen Klaus’ power, and so he knew for a fact that when it came down to relying on a human, Klaus wouldn’t fail them, not in the slightest.

The next to present was the Earth Legion.

They managed to raise a force of 440,700, with a whopping 250 Ascension stage warriors and ten Nether stage warriors.

Of course, Klaus knew that with his Doom Guards and the Beast Army already exposed to the heavens, if they were to join the Earth Legion, the number of Nether stage warriors would skyrocket.

For now, Nyxthar, Eren, and Veylor, following Klaus's command, had joined the Earth Legion, raising the number of Nether stage warriors much higher. But the rest would join later.

Of course, the leader of the Earth Legion is Queenie, who is backed by the Seven Overlords. Their overall strength started from the Void stage, so it is safe to say they aren't a weak legion when all things are considered.

The Panther Force initially planned to join the Earth Legion, but Klaus advised them to form their own legion. After considering all factors, they became a standalone force with 150,000 capable warriors.

They had 150 Ascension stage warriors and 18 Nether stage warriors, which came about thanks to the blessing of their goddess.

As for the Vampire Legion, they are just 4,500 strong, but their combat power is several times greater. If they numbered much higher, they would even give the Earth Legion a run for their money.

However, with this many of them, the battle coming was bound to be a hard one for the enemy.

The Sylvan Force, on the other hand, numbers 5,400 healers, with the majority at the Chaos stage and the weakest at the Void stage.

Aside from Lucy becoming a Nether stage warrior, she also has five other Nether stage warriors under her command, who, from what Klaus learned, have powerful healing abilities that can spread over a several-kilometre radius of the battlefield.

Everyone felt safe after Lucy finished her presentation. In that instant, they knew for a fact that if she had this much force behind her, death on their side wouldn't be something they would have to worry about.

Of course, there would be some deaths, but the chances of it spreading far and wide aren't going to be something they have to worry about.

Initially, Klaus wanted Asha and Nadia to reveal their strength, but upon careful consideration, he decided not to, as he planned to use them as a surprise force to handle the unexpected.

He discovered that events within their private domains are beyond the heavens' control, so in a way, the two will be his trump cards.

During the world awakening in his 7th incarnation, many surprises popped up that claimed the lives of many warriors, so with that knowledge in mind, he wanted them to hold their powers back for now.

Of course, after the meeting, the two ladies would reveal their true strength to him, and he would be sure to assign them tasks they could handle when the time comes.

The last one to present was Rita, who was now in charge of the Shadow Unit. This unit comprised the assassins who used to work for the Dark Order.

Following Klaus' announcement, they had started signing up, with 2,000 assassins already signed up and more to come.

They were yet to receive Klaus's blood, but Rita, who had already received the blood and the Panther Goddess's blessing, had already reached the 5th-level Ascension stage.

After everyone was done with the reveals, Klaus called his two disciples, who also came to present the combat androids to everyone. When they were done, almost everyone present was in shock.

King T'Shan raised his hand to speak following Anaki and Inaki's presentation.

“I honestly didn’t expect something this powerful to have been accomplished by you and your disciples. However, since that is the case now, I will declare in front of everyone that we will do everything in our power to help produce as many Androids as we can before the awakening.

We will provide sufficient Vibranium, manufacturing plants, and the necessary workforce for this project. So if you need anything, don’t look much further, the Bast race is open to help.”

“That will be nice, King T’Shan. Thank you, and fear not, when this legion of Androids is finished, the heavens won’t know what hit them.”

Klaus smiled, knowing he wouldn’t be eating too much into his Vibranium reserve after all. He already had plans to create three more Perfect Warriors before the awakening, so he needed as much Vibranium as he could get for that side project.

He even had plans to upgrade Shax using Vibranium.

The other non-warriors present also represented, with Oracle promising everyone that the upcoming warrior tournament would be one that would offer both fun and intense competition for each of them.

They were building a whole new world following Klaus’s instructions, promising to give them something that, after the tournament, would have them all ready for the battles to come.

Preliminaries would start 20 days from now, with the main event kicking off 40 days from now. Once that was over, everyone would just have to relax and wait for the heavens to descend.

“Now that we are done with the presentations, I would like to go on to the next thing.”

Klaus gathered everyone’s attention and started to reveal the dungeon. After some time, he instructed everyone to be ready to explore the place after he and his people first ensured it was a safe place to explore.

He deliberately omitted the fact that the dungeon might be a pocket world of its own.

After everything was done, the meeting came to an end, but there would be another one in 20 days' time, and the last two days before the awakening.

Chapter 998: Asha's Insect Legion

"AAaaaaHHH"

Nadia moaned hard, her hips shaking vigorously.

She was seated on Klaus's lap, his hands holding her waist firmly as he offloaded deep into her nether cave.

Lying beside him was Asha, who had a blissful look in her eyes.

She had already gotten her fair share of the star juice, and while she wasn't required to sit and cultivate, considering her strength was strong enough to automatically handle the absorption, she was darn tired from the many rounds they had.

After reaching the Void stage, not only had Klaus become a monster on the battlefield, but he was even more monstrous in bed, and now, Asha and Nadia, who were at the receiving end of his pleasure, could only stare at him with dreamy and lustful eyes.

Klaus came inside Nadia, lasting three good minutes before he pulled out his dick, which was coated in white liquid.

Asha quickly did justice to it, making sure it was cleaned perfectly. Once she was done, she chose to stop there and not pass out if she were to go again.

After the meeting, Klaus made her and Nadia stay, for he planned to assess their strength before entering the dungeon in the morning. He planned on bringing all his ladies and friends for the first exploration.

After letting them rest for a few minutes, Klaus carried them to the bathroom and bathed them. When all that was done, he prepared a fruit salad from the various plants growing inside his soul sea.

Naturally, the ladies were puzzled when they saw this romantic side of Klaus. They wonder where that came from but choose not to complain, considering the focused look in Klaus's eyes as he pampered them.

If only they knew, in his 7th incarnation, thanks to being hated by everyone, his mother taught him how to care for a woman in the hope that one day he would find a wife.

Now remembering all that, Klaus, who felt like he hadn't spent enough time with his wives because they died during the awakening, planned on making sure every second was spent making them ultra happy this time around.

It was one of the many things he had planned to do before the awakening.

After they ate and recovered their strength, Unity took them into the Insect domain, where his Ant army was.

"So, in case you are not aware, I have added two more queens to my insect army. One is a Golden Crystal Ant, and the last is a Blade-wing Butterfly."

"Are they any stronger than the four you already have?" Klaus asked, walking beside Asha and Nadia.

"They are, especially the Blade-wing Butterfly. She is fast and deadly. Aside from her, the Golden Crystal Ant is also incredibly powerful. Though the Obsidian Dark Ants are deadly on the battlefield, the Golden Crystal Ants are both deadly and evil.

The Queen was at the Ascension stage when I found her. It took us 7 hours to subdue her, and since then, she has become a great addition to my Insect X Hive Family.

But the other four have also become much deadlier. I can beat my chest and say that when it comes to combat knowledge and experience, none of the legions can compete with mine."

Klaus and Nadia raised their brows, hearing her bold words.

“Maybe being bold before seeing our secret legions isn’t ideal. Don’t you think?” Klaus laughed, but Asha just shrugged.

“Wait until you see my legion.”

With that confidence oozing like poison, they quickly made their way to the clearing where Asha’s Ant army was waiting for them.

After a few seconds of walking, they arrived at the clearing, and that was when Klaus and Nadia saw the power that Asha commanded.

“I take back my words, but what in the hell?” Klaus was in shock, and so was Nadia.

Standing before him were thousands of insect beasts. They were all in their human form, where their true strength was limited. However, even so, the aura coming from them was something Klaus couldn’t place his finger on.

“Just where did you get this many Insect Beasts?” Nadia asked, unsure if her eyes were deceiving her or if she was seeing the real thing.

“Like I said, when it comes to combat power and experience, I have the biggest army,” Asha said with a slight tease.

“One good thing about insects, or more importantly, the insect queens, is that the moment they reach the Ascension stage and awaken their innate spirit bodies, making insect soldiers become easy and faster, unlike when they were merely at the Transcendent and Ascendent stage.

All six queens under my command are at the Nether stage, and while most of the people out there only reached the Nether stage a few days ago, my insect queens reached it a month ago, with the weakest sitting at level 5 Nether stage and the strongest at the peak.

This means, aside from their combat strength, they also now have the means to make more than enough soldiers.”

Asha turned to Klaus and smirked. “Thanks to your gluttony, swallowing all the beasts after the battle against the beast race, I only managed to harvest materials from the savage zombies, Lunar Beasts, forbidden zones, and the Badlands.

But even so, every last insect queen has 5,000 soldiers under them. If I had more resources, they would have made more.”

Klaus smiled and scratched the back of his neck. “Sorry about that.”

“No need to apologise. After all, it was all thanks to your blood that I managed to raise this many soldiers.

However, until there is a unit out there that has a legion of 30,000 insects with 20,000 Peak Chaos stage and 10,000 Ascension stage warriors, then I believe my legion is the best in the world.”

Asha raised her head and laughed, causing Klaus to shake his head weakly, knowing he had lost the bet.

All six insect queens were at the Nether stage. Linx and Jinx were also at the Nether stage, making eight Nether stage powerhouses under her command.

“I am not done yet,” Asha gestured for Klaus and Nadia to follow her. The queens and the insect soldiers were just smiling when they saw Klaus and Nadia move with shocked expressions on their faces.

After moving a few km, Asha stopped in front of a large field where twelve cocoons, each radiating a powerful aura, stood.

Instinctively, Nadia moved behind Klaus when they appeared before this clearing.

“What is this?” Klaus asked, his expression complex and uncertain.

Asha smiled weakly before answering, "They are my trump card."

"Your trump cards?" Klaus was puzzled, unsure if she even needed any more trump cards. The legion behind them was more than enough to clear many a battlefield, so what then again did she need?

"Believe it or not, but I dreamt of me creating a powerful breed of insect soldiers called the Death Agents. I honestly don't know how powerful they will become, but I know for a fact that they will become the strongest warriors on the battlefield in the upcoming battle."

[Brat, this might be the best time for you to keep an eye on her, for the legend of the Insect X Hive Queen was one that you would love to learn about.]

The senior said, and Klaus nodded. 'I believe she holds the key to surviving the awakening.' Klaus looked at the twelve cocoons and sighed.

'I just hope all this will be worth it in the end.'

Chapter 999: The Puppet Workstation

[58 Days Before the Awakening]

"This is just too unbelievable." Klaus was still in shock, learning that Asha's legion was already this powerful. It was out of his expectation, for he never knew Asha would become this monstrous quickly.

As for Nadia, she merely stood there looking at the 12 cocoons still in the process of creating something monstrous.

She can already see 12 Death Agents causing havoc on the battlefield.

The offset that Asha manages to further raise the strength level of her legion before the awakening would surely make her not only unstoppable but a force that the heavens wouldn't see coming.

“The best part about this is, in the future, if I have more material, I would be able to upgrade them. Aside from that, they are living beings now, so they can cultivate and increase their strength on their own.

Basically, one of these days, if all things go well, I can have thousands of immortal insect beast warriors under my command.” Asha smiled slightly, “Wouldn’t that be awesome?”

Klaus and Nadia couldn’t deny what Asha said.

“This is great, Asha. I am proud of you,” Klaus looked at her tenderly.

“For now, make a list of all their needs and give it to me. I will do my best to make it happen.” Asha nodded, and they started walking back to the legion of 30,000 beasts.

When they got close to them, Klaus used his superior sense to scan every last one of them, and what he saw made him lighten up.

Klaus turned to Asha, “You can bring Linx and Jinx with you for the exploration.” Asha nodded and walked toward her two best friends, who were already at the 5th-level Nether stage.

After a few more seconds, they left and went back to the real world.

“Now, it is time to meet my Puppet Legion, too.” Nadia smiled and opened the Puppet Shop, or as she prefers to call it, the Puppet Workstation.

Klaus and Asha entered the workstation.

“This place never ceases to amaze me,” Klaus said, looking at the futuristic design inside the workstation.

The land is covered in a diamond-like material with the main workstation built using a rare wood found only in worlds that had awakened several thousands of years ago; the Moon Light Death wood.

It was believed that this type of wood originated from the underworld, where death is the vital focus of energy that many cultivate.

It holds some nature of death, and so when at the Death stage in one's cultivation journey, they tend to cultivate inside buildings made using the Moon Light Death wood.

The entire area outside the main workstation has many buildings meant for the puppets that have demon spirits in them. However, as they walked toward the main workstation, Klaus couldn't help but wonder where all her possessed puppets were.

As if reading his mind, Nadia smiled and spoke, "All my puppets are inside the main workstation training."

"I thought as much," Klaus replied, looking around even more.

"This place has changed greatly since the last time I was here," Klaus said, and Nadia nodded.

"You were here when I was merely at the Ascendant stage. Now I am at the Ascension stage, and while you already know this, whenever I level up, even if it's just one level, changes happen here.

Now, I have not only reached three stages since your last visit, but this place has also undergone three major changes and 27 minor changes.

In fact, after showing you all I have, I am sure you will make me the Supreme General in the upcoming battle against the heavens."

This time too, Asha and Klaus raised their brow, looking at the smug look on Nadia's face.

“You two ladies seem to want to take all the spotlights from me. I was supposed to be the dangerous one here, but now, it seems things aren’t going in my favour,” Klaus laughed.

Although his lady’s strength is his, he knew the more strength they have, the more danger they will be in. He didn’t want to see them hurt, but as it stands, he can only support them and do his best in his own way to protect every last one of them.

“Why don’t you show us where all this confidence is coming from?”

Nadia nodded with a smile.

A few minutes later, they entered the workstation using a door that acted as a portal. Klaus speculated that if Nadia didn’t grant permission, even if they managed to enter the puppet shop, they wouldn’t be able to enter the workstation.

They appeared on a glass floor overlooking a large training ground where exactly 68 puppets were training.

When Klaus’s eyes landed on them, his expression turned from calm to shocked.

“How...” he asked, immediately looking at Nadia.

“Let me show you.” Nadia waved her hand, and the glass floor twisted. The next second, they were standing before a dark door.

Nadia formed a hand seal, and the door opened, allowing them to enter. At first, Klaus expected to see a room housing something, but they merely entered a strange kind of lift that seemed to be taking them down instead of upward.

This wasn’t strange considering there was nothing upward to go to.

“When I first reached the Chaos stage, this place appeared just like how the Puppet Storage appeared when I reached the Ascendant stage.

This place, on the other hand, is called Demon Spirit Storage. It has the same use as the Puppet Storage, only that this place stores demon spirits.”

“Wait, what?” Klaus looked at Nadia, and for a moment, he allowed his mind to wander elsewhere. He wondered what all this meant, and for a moment, his body shuddered.

“Are you saying the 68 puppets out there came about thanks to the demon spirits inside this storage?”

“That’s exactly what I am saying. Honestly, I don’t know how this was even possible, but when this place appeared after I reached the Chaos stage, I saw a note that read, ‘Defying the heavens to save lives.’ I didn’t know who left it, but I now have a fair idea, and I think you do too.”

Klaus nodded, knowing it had something to do with her past self. All his women had past lives. Asha benefited from her past self, allowing her to create 12 Death Agents and modify her 30,000 insect legion into terrifying warriors.

“So how many demon spirits do you have?”

Right when Klaus asked the question, they arrived at the first level of the Demon Spirit Storage.

“This is the first level. At first, I thought this was the only level. However, I discovered that it was merely the first level, where only Bronze grade demon spirits are kept.”

Nadia waved her hand, and the first level lit up, illuminating the entire space. Klaus’s brow furrowed when he saw over a hundred tube chambers emitting green lights.

Looking closely, he saw that 68 had silver light in them. He deduced that they were empty, considering he already saw 68 puppets on their way here.

“I need further explanation, Nadia. You said this floor houses Bronze-grade demon spirits. What does that even mean?”

Nadia smiled, seeing the interest in Klaus’s eyes. Not only Klaus, but even Asha wanted to know more about these demon spirits.

Chapter 1000: The Puppet Legion

[58 Days Before the Awakening]

“The Bronze grade demon spirits are merely the weakest of demon spirits.” A smug look appeared on Nadia’s face, causing Klaus to raise his brow.

“I know you are already aware my puppets grow with me and can even grow past me.” Klaus nodded.

“The 68 puppets you saw out there are all at the peak of the Ascension stage.”

Klaus didn’t seem too shocked about that. He had already seen the puppets Nadia brought to the meeting and knew they were at the Ascension stage.

Of course, if this were before he saw Asha’s 10,000 Ascension stage insect legions, he would have been shocked by this discovery.

But even so, this wasn’t something he could look down on, for having 68 peak Ascension stage puppets was something his 7th incarnation would have cherished.

So Klaus was pleased. ‘At least now, no matter what happens, knowing she had 68 powerful puppets protecting her, I wouldn’t worry much’

Klaus smiled, but after hearing what Nadia said next, his expression changed to a shocked state yet again.

“All 68 of them were merely Void stage puppets I was planning on putting in the Puppet Upgrading Chamber before I put the demon spirits in them.”

“Run it back and start with the Puppet Upgrading Chamber.” Klaus heard something new, and thus he wanted to know more.

Nadia nodded and continued, “The Puppet Upgrading Chamber is merely to upgrade weak puppets to higher stages. It requires external materials, which I don’t lack, and then time.

Naturally, all my Sovereign stage up to the Ascendant stage puppets were all placed in the Puppet Upgrading Chamber and are currently undergoing the upgrade.”

Klaus nodded. “It will be a shame if weak puppets become useless in the future.”

“Indeed. However, the 68 puppets were a few weeks ago Void stage puppets. However, after putting the Bronze grade demon spirits in them, they became Ascension stage puppet warriors.

This means that, although the Bronze grade demon spirits aren’t much, they can take a mere Void stage puppet to the Ascension stage. And the best part is that whenever I break through, they will also rise by one stage.

However, the downside is, they can only rise by three stages, meaning after this Ascension stage, they can only rise by three stages, and their limit will be reached.”

“So let me get this straight. The Void stage puppets became Ascension stage puppets right off the bat, and now that you are at the Ascension stage, I assume you reached that stage before putting the demon spirits in them.”

Nadia nodded.

“Meaning they grow with you. In other words, the Bronze grade demon spirits grow with you.”

Nadia nodded again. "The moment I reach the Nether stage, Bronze puppet warriors will also reach that stage, and they will all be at the peak even if I am merely at the level 1 Nether stage."

And this was the shock Klaus and Asha were waiting for. But it didn't end there.

"However, if my puppets were to battle and naturally absorb Soul Essence from their kills, then the chances of them breaking through to the Nether stage while I am merely at the Ascension stage are high."

In Asha's case, all of her insects could cultivate normally, and her breakthrough wasn't crucial for their progress. Of course, if Asha were to reach the Demi-God stage, she would have more power to provide powerful resources to upgrade her insects.

Aside from that, she could even get more Queens. However, her becoming a Demi-God wouldn't make her insects also Demi-Gods.

But in Nadia's case, although her Bronze grade puppets only had three more stages to rise, the moment she advanced to the next stage, they would also advance.

"The greed in me can't help but ask. If the Bronze puppets were to use up the three stages ahead of them, can they continue to grow on their own?"

Nadia smiled and shook her head before answering, "No. They will stagnate at the third stage forever."

[She is telling the truth, brat. This was something I learned from that person years ago. However, there is a cure, or at least that was what your blood is meant to do.]

'You think my blood can break that limit?' Klaus asked, and the senior answered, though his answer was experimental.

"How about my blood? Can it have any effect on them?" Klaus asked, and Nadia raised her brow.

“I haven’t considered it yet, but there is no harm in trying. But before that, we have to go to the second level, where the Silver grade demon spirits are.”

“Nadia, I have to say, your potential as a Puppet Queen is terrifying. But I still have more powerful warriors than you. Also, while your puppets grow with you, until you reach the Nether stage, you will only have 68 Ascension stage puppet demons.” Asha didn’t want to lose, so she made sure Nadia understood that.

Nadia smiled and shook her head, “For now, maybe. But wait until you meet my trump card.”

“Even so, the moment my Death Agents come out of their cocoon, your puppets will look like bugs before them.”

Nadia shrugged but didn’t reply to Asha. She knew that showing is better than saying. Asha had already shown her force, and now, it was her turn to shine.

Klaus stood behind, looking at his two wives with a smile on his face. Though the rivalry was harmless, he couldn’t help but wonder what would become of them when they someday became gods.

‘Would they have thousands of gods as their subordinates?’ Klaus swallowed his words, not wanting to look too far into the future.

Nadia still had over a hundred Bronze demon spirits yet to possess her puppets, but Klaus knew that using them would depend on Nadia’s soul strength. So, using just 68 might be the limit she had set for herself.

Though the Puppet Demons don’t need too much of her soul, having 68 Ascension stage puppet demons isn’t exactly child’s play.

A few seconds later, they arrived at the second level, where again, there were hundreds of tubes housing demon spirits. Twenty-six were empty, meaning Nadia had used them.

However, aside from the 26 empty tubes, there was another empty one with a white light instead of silver. Klaus didn't say anything because he knew Nadia would reveal everything soon enough.

Nadia looked at Asha, showing a smug expression, "You probably are wondering, if there are 27 empty tube chambers, does that mean Nadia has 27 Nether stage Demon Puppet warriors?"

Nadia laughed, "The answer is yes, and they all are at the peak of the Nether stage."

Asha looked at Nadia and smirked, "You are too annoying." Knowing she would lose when it came to the overall strength of warriors, she merely stopped paying attention to Nadia.

Klaus brushed her hair with his hand and kissed her forehead, "No need to look defeated, Asha. As the saying goes, there is strength in numbers. You have the numbers, so take that win and let Nadia take hers."

Asha stared into Klaus's eyes for a few seconds and nodded. She turned to Nadia, "Fine. It is your win, but you should know that because of your win this time, I will do everything in my power to surpass you soon."

"I look forward to that, but until you can defy the heavens and create Angel Insects, defeating my demon puppets is but a pipe dream... and oh, I also have an Angel Puppet."

"Say what now...?"