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Chapter 975 Slipstream

Once the toxic gaseous planet had been transformed into pure energy and absorbed, Michael reached the Late rank of Tier-7. He felt much stronger than before, but that was evident. Every bit of progress would elevate his combat prowess drastically and allow the God Curses to unleash more of their Divinity without fearing that their power output would kill Michael by accident.

Michael was unsure if reaching Late Tier-7 was within his expectations because the planet he'd absorbed had been massive and infused with several times the amount of mana other planets contained. Still, his progress was much faster than the norm. It took his Energy Vortex only a few months and constant use of the Soullife Arts, Unlimited Enhancement, to complete. Taking that into consideration, as well as the lack of punishment or the aftermath from the Galaxy or the Supreme Human Alliance, Michael devoured a few more planets. Jormungandr might have told Michael how much better it would be to save up more of his Divinity to fight the Primal, but Michael's counter was simple.

"If I can advance to Tier-8 before we encounter a Primal, Fenrir and Hel can unleash more of their Divinity through me without having me killed. Each of my Soultraits will be several times stronger than they're right now, and your Serpent Seals will push Primordial Vessel to another level. My physical prowess alone will be enough to push me close to the norms of a Tier-9 Demi-God. Adding my Divinities, Soullife Arts, Perfect Soul Techniques, Aethyr, the Nature Heart, and the versatility of my Soultrait Symbols into account, I should have a much better chance dealing with a Primal once I advance to Tier-8."

Jormungandr wanted to say something, but Michael didn't let him. This time, Michael wanted things to go his way.

"I know using your Divinity drains you more and it will attract the Supreme Human Alliance's attention more and more, but you have to take into consideration that the Supreme Human Alliance didn't move yet and that it had been 'a while' since Fenrir exposed his Divinity. If the Primal had realized what was going on, they would have already made their move. I think the Primal will take a little longer, which means that, as long as the Supreme Human Alliance doesn't react, we can continue like this.

And, to be fair, I want to know how the Supreme Human Alliance responds. I haven't heard about a Hyuman God yet, and I want to see if I can crush their Tier-9 Demi Gods if I go all out after advancing to Tier-8..."

Fenrir and Hel approved of Michael's plan mostly because they would be able to unleash more of their power through Michael and the Beast Halo Soultrait once he advanced to Tier-8. Still, it was also a fact that Michael could provide more energy to replenish the used-up Divinity and produce his Divinity if they continued using Jormungandr's Divinity. Michael could start using the Divinity on his own once the seed blossoms, and it would be easy to use Insert and put some of his Divinity into Jormungandr. Jormungandr's Divinity usage was more of an investment. It was slightly risky but not too much to be considered a gamble, which should be fine.

The World Serpent agreed at the end of the day. That was how Michael ended up with more swallowed planets stored in Swallow Domain, which was the storage space of Jormungandr, the

world-devouring serpent. The planets were uninhabitable from the get-go, but they were the most energy-dense spread across the Novix Galaxy and should thus be worth quite a lot to the Supreme Human Alliance. After all, the planets had generated enough energy for their planetary systems, awakening all planets in the planetary system before the excessive energy spread further.

There was no surplus energy anymore since Jormungandr devoured the energy-densest planets, which Permute transformed into even more – beautifully glimmering – highly compressed, pure energy. Michael wished for a grand reaction from the Supreme Human Alliance as he continued using the Soullife Arts Unlimited Enhancement on the Energy Vortex to progress rapidly. Two years passed in the blink of an eye, and Michael reached the Peak of Tier-7. His Energy Vortex required only a tiny push to cross the threshold to Tier-8, but that was no problem. Half of the energy created from using Permute on the planets was still stored in Jormungandr. The World Serpent used a quarter to replenish his Divinity, while the other portion was again divided into three parts.

One part was required to push Michael to Tier-8 in the following weeks, the other portion was something he required to recreate Origin Liquid – he was still experimenting with that – and empower his Divinity Seed. The Divinity Seed of the World Serpent had yet to blossom, but it was, by far, the most nourished. The last third was his emergency savings. Michael could tap into it at any point, applying Permute to transform it into whatever he needed in case of an emergency.

Besides swallowing planets and waiting for a response from the Supreme Human Alliance, Michael killed many stupid enemies. They deployed a few Divine Lifeforms and entire armies of Higher Lifeforms, but none of them was aimed at him. The forces had been stationed near him whenever he did something, and he killed them.

Two years was enough to accumulate 'a few' Soultrait Symbols and SoulStar Fragments. In fact, Michael had more than enough reserves even after pushing Death Call, Seer, and Cosmic Stride to 9-Star. Death Call and Seer didn't evolve upon advancing to 9-Star, but Cosmic Stride evolved to Slipstream. In Michael's opinion, the name was a little weird, but its power was terrifying – for his enemies, at least.

Michael could silently slip through space, teleporting to every location he was in since he upgraded the Soultrait to 9-Star. That weren't many places, at first, but by traveling through the Novix Galaxy and invading some places of the Genox Galaxy before traveling to the Nest and various other places, Michael expanded the range of his Slipstream teleportations drastically.

Once Death Call reached 9-Star, Michael traveled through the galaxies and changed his movement. He remembered all places with Slipstream and traveled with the Compass Relic through galaxies. That consumed a tremendous amount of energy, but Michael was fine with that. He could use the Death Authority from Hel and chose to do so as much as possible to form the Death Divinity Seed as quickly as possible.

Playing with Death was...fun, to a certain degree, at least. The Death Authority was difficult to control, but Michael had Hel, the Goddess of Death and Empress of all Undead. She taught Michael a lot and showed him what he could do in the future. Hel killed the Hyumans of an entire planet as an example. She transformed the entire planet into a dead star, which pushed Michael to the 8th Tier before he could react. He was at the 8th Tier, granting Hel more leeway to use her Divinity. Thus, the inhabitants of the dead star were all transformed into Undead, torn apart and weaved together... transforming massive Undead Titans with the dying star that she'd removed from the dying planet before it transformed into a dead star. The Undead Titans were stronger than normal Divine

Lifeforms. They regenerated almost all damages and could barely be killed if someone with powerful holy powers – of a Demi God's level or Divinities were used. The Undead Titans were stored away and released into one of the inner Galaxies of the Supreme Human Alliance, where they wreaked havoc. Every death strengthened the Undead Titans...and Michael's Death Divinity Seed.

It grew at a ridiculous pace, enticing Hel, who was excited. After all, her Divinity Seed was bound to be the first to blossom as long as the Undead Titans continued wreaking havoc.