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Chapter 979 Void Ingots

"Why should we accept his offer? Surrendering hundreds of our Divine Lifeforms will weaken our defenses drastically. After our actions against the Nest – whether they were intentional or not – we cannot afford to trust the Nest. They are out for revenge and will attack us sooner or later!" One of the Altors Union's heads declared, but most shook their heads.

"Do you really think that this man would have helped us if he planned to attack us? If you haven't noticed already, this Curse User is also a Hyuman or member of the human race. The Supreme Human Alliance is most definitely his priority, which he has shown us several times already. You know what he's done to help the Altors Union. The Novix Galaxy is one of the few strategic points we must claim. Our disadvantages in the Novix Galaxy have been solved by that young man even if some of us do not like it...and let's be honest, we're not faring well against the SHA. If not for this Curse User, we would already be dead."

Many men and women cursed, but nobody rejected the speaker's words. His comments were true.

"I'm still wondering where his offer comes from. Obviously, he needs Divine Lifeforms on his side, but offering 2,000 Soultrait Symbols while stating that he wouldn't force them to do something they didn't want...is weird. If we allow 100 Divine Lifeforms to join this Curse User, he must give everyone 20 Soultrait Symbols. Would he really do that? Is it possible for a Soul to contain this many Soultrait Symbols in the first place?" A third Elder remarked while a fourth added the crucial question.

"Where are the 2,000 Soultrait Symbols from, in the first place? The Curse User is a Divine Lifeform, and I do not remember him from the old days. He is weaker than Selena but seems stronger than most Nest Elders, given how easily he can use his Curses. And since his Curses have Divinities and they're given enough access to channel their Divinities through him, we can only assume that he has two God Curses and a close bond with them. That Curse User...he can become the next Nest Leader if he wants to. No, if he has the means to procure more Soultrait Symbols, he can become much more than that..."

The Elders and Heads of the Altors Union weren't clear on what to do about Michael's offer. Still, they invited him to hold a meeting. Michael wasn't particularly pleased about meeting with the Altors Union's powerhouses, but he'd expected something like this to happen. Some of his Soultraits had already been exposed, though not their full power, so Michael chose to use Slipstream with low output to travel through the Altors Union. He refrained from using the Compass Relic too often to imprint the coordinates and locations of various places into Slipstream. If necessary, he could teleport to the other places later on.

A week passed before he reached a massive island hovering through a planetary system with only two planets. Michael wasn't too impressed with the planets, but their enormous mana density. The entire planetary system was overflowing with pure energy. It was probably the planetary system with the most energy Michael ever had. Only the primal root of the Untamed Jungle had a higher amount of compressed energy than this planetary system, and the primal root fused with a Primordial Energy Vein of a former Primal Region.

Michael revealed his presence with a simple use of his Power and Authority. The World Serpent's Divinity Seed blossomed not long ago, and Michael played around with it, experimenting with the power he'd acquired through the Power Divinity.

A group of Divine Lifeforms, all at the 8th Tier, appeared next to Michael shortly after his arrival. They bowed respectfully and gestured to him to follow.

"The Heads are waiting for you, Your Excellency," Michael raised an eyebrow but followed after a moment.

They landed on the flying island, constructed from metal he'd never seen before. Though he hadn't seen it before, some Hyumans had their fair share of encounters with the materials used to construct the flying island.

"Void Ingot? How many—...." Michael shut his mouth and frowned deeply. Void Ingot couldn't be harvested by normal means. In the first place, Michael had only snippets of knowledge about Void Ingot from the Hyumans' Memory Orbs. Only a few Hyumans, the strongest of them, knew about Void Ingots and how dangerous it was to harvest them.

But then again, Void Ingots were also incredibly useful. They generated energy - void of impurities - and spread it into the surroundings. But at the same time, they required 'sacrifices'. Michael was sure the sacrifices didn't include blood and death sacrifices because he would have heard about that from the Hyumans and Selena, but he knew Void Ingots were a taboo of the Supreme Human Alliance as they were too dangerous.

For the Supreme Human Alliance to consider something too dangerous...it had to be truly dangerous. 'Why do they have this?'

[I don't know. Void Ingots are not something anyone would want nearby...except if they're lone hunters and do not care about everyone around them.] Hel said.

'You know what Void Ingots can do?'

[Of course.]

Michael entered the massive mansion erected in the center of the flying island, yet his focus was on Hel.

'How about you tell me something about it then? Cause I do not wish to walk into a trap.'

[Don't worry. Void Ingots cannot harm you. You won't be long enough in its presence to be affected. Either way, you wanted to know what Void Ingots do, right? The sacrifices the Hyumans talked about are 'potential' sacrifices. The presence of Void Ingots is incredibly thin and stretches very far. Since you didn't notice it, you can tell how 'thin' its presence is. Either way, Void Ingots drain the potential of Normies and weaker awakened. The stronger you are, the higher your resistance to it. Nonetheless, Void Ingots drain the potential to awaken from Normies and drastically decrease the potential of Lesser Lifeforms. In exchange, Void Ingots generate a tremendous amount of neutral energy, which can be consumed and annexed immediately – strengthening Divine Lifeforms quickly – and if you gather enough Void Ingots on a single spot, they might eventually form Planetary Seeds, Divine Seeds, and other objects that can only be formed and created by Gods]

Michael's frown deepened. 'Doesn't that mean the Altors Union is crippling itself? If they continue like this, they won't have a younger generation of Awakened anymore. For what? To replicate whatever a God can do with Void Ingots?'

[I don't know their plan, but Void Ingot can also be reserved, thus granting others potential from the potency fragments they've stolen before.]

That was news to Michael. It might not be great for the younger generation of the Altors Union because it sounded like the Altors Union wanted to choose whom to grant the potential to manifest a War Rune and whom to deprive their hereditary right." That didn't affect Michael, but it posed a big question.

Was he willing to give the Altors Union more power after what he saw?