

## **Demonic 2003**

### **Chapter 2003 Inspectionn**

Noah retreated and expanded the dark world to make sure that no drop of the black liquid ever came near him again. The dark matter filled the area and helped King Elbas' inscription with the suppression of the dragon, but the substance coming out of its mouth continued to cause problems.

The dark matter evaporated when the black liquid expanded among Noah's technique. Waves of ambition instantly empowered his mind and enhanced his inspection of that substance. He wanted to understand how that material could appear harmless while containing such immense destructive power, but his study failed to give answers.

King Elbas and Sepunia reached Noah inside the dark world in an instant. The latter had even allowed them to see its insides on purpose because he needed their help.

The two experts had seen everything that had happened with the black liquid, but they shared Noah's confusion. Still, King Elbas didn't hesitate to take out a series of flasks from his figure to see if they could succeed where the dark matter was failing.

Twelve flasks with different shapes and inscriptions flew through the dark world and reached the tiny waterfall that the dragon was releasing. King Elbas and Noah didn't even need to talk to coordinate that approach. The latter took care of moving the items, while the former made sure that the golden lines on them adapted to the unique features of that substance.

The approach soon led to failure. King Elbas tried his best, but his items melted in less than a second. He didn't even have the time to test different meanings for his inscriptions before the flasks vanished.

"What is that?" King Elbas asked.

The liquid carried a strange aura that seemed able to attract the experts' attention, but the reason for that feature was impossible to study. Noah, King Elbas, and Sepunia were using their mental waves to inspect the substance, but their thoughts also melted before gathering valuable information.

'Why do I even trust it?' Noah wondered as he let the black hole perform a complete check of his body.

Everything was fine inside Noah. Only the black liquid was to blame for his unreliable sensations, which made it even more interesting. Noah and King Elbas couldn't wait to get their hands on that material, but it seemed that the task would be far from easy.

"Hand me something for my mind," Noah ordered as he performed a grabbing motion with his remaining hand.

"You should drop this habit," King Elbas snorted while taking out a pill in the middle tier.

"And you can avoid complaining sooner or later," Noah responded before taking the pill and throwing it above him.

The ethereal blackness quickly unleashed its energy. Noah's mind reached a level of power that would leave even liquid stage cultivators stunned. The world seemed to open in his eyes and reveal its truth, but he kept his focus on the black liquid.

The dark matter synchronized with Noah's mental state and worked as an extension of his mind to gather information about the black liquid. Strange images and feelings filled his vision as he moved his eyes to the dragon. The strange substance and the creature had a connection that Noah struggled to describe. It was deep but also forced.

The empowered state vanished and tried to make Noah fall into the usual mental coma. He wanted to oppose it, but the drawbacks inevitably won. He was getting stronger, but his existence still couldn't handle that level of power.

The dark world melted King Elbas' pill and sent its nutrients toward Noah. He suddenly woke up and activated his ambition again to empower his mind. Everything learnt during the superior state slowly transformed into orders for the dark matter that did its best to follow them.

King Elbas and Sepunia were dying to know what Noah had learnt, but they remained silent for the time being. The ability was draining the dragon's immense stamina, and the black liquid falling into the dark world disappeared to destroy the dark matter. Noah had to hurry if he wanted to seize a sample of that material.

Noah worked at full speed. His mind studied everything and came up with a container capable of surviving the black liquid's destructiveness. The dark matter churned and condensed before creating something that his companions inspected in confusion. They saw a chunk of his higher energy transforming into a large jar that radiated an aura similar to Heaven and Earth.

The jar flew toward the tiny waterfall created by the dragon, but its structure started to melt. Noah cursed in his mind before modifying the item while it fought against the threatening substance. The aura that reminded everyone of Heaven and Earth intensified, but the container continued to suffer from the destructive effects.

"Elbas!" Noah shouted, and King Elbas didn't hesitate to step forward.

The two didn't need words there either. King Elbas took a series of glowing orbs that radiated an aura almost identical to the sky and threw them toward the jar. Noah used the dark world to dissolve those items into waves of energy that flowed inside his creation. His container turned dark-grey before radiating a clear light that tried to copy Heaven and Earth's whiteness.

The jar finally stopped falling apart, but the dragon also put an end to its ability and abandoned itself to its restrictions. Noah didn't care about the creature for now and focused on his item. The container shrunk and closed to seal the liquid in its insides. He had only managed to seize a few drops in the end, but that remained a clear success.

The jar had transformed into a small flask that radiated a pale light after the process. The dark matter sent it to Noah, and he grabbed it to inspect the black drops in its insides. King Elbas and Sepunia peeked at the item from behind his shoulders, but they remained clueless about the situation. They only understood that Heaven and Earth's aura seemed to counter the substance's destructive properties.

"Do you plan to give us an explanation?" King Elbas asked when his patience reached its limits.

"I can't resist keeping you on edge," Noah mocked before wearing a serious expression.

"Is it bad?" Sepunia questioned when she noticed Noah's expression.

"It might be as bad as it can get," Noah sighed before pointing at the flask. "This is the counter to the sky."

"That's impossible," Sepunia promptly declared. "I recall the appearance of that material. It had the form of a dark metal able to destroy the sky with a mere touch."

"Your description sounds awfully similar to this liquid," King Elbas stated. "The only difference is in the target. This substance seems able to destroy everything but things connected to Heaven and Earth."

"They corrupted it," Noah revealed. "They couldn't get rid of the material since something capable of countering their sky had to exist in the world. So, they decided to contain and alter it."

"I bet they altered to counter their opponents," King Elbas guessed. "Still, how could they even work with a material that could melt their whiteness with a single touch?"

"They didn't need to do much after creating the right environment," Noah explained while pointing at the dragon. "Heaven and Earth have used the dragons as the vessels for the corruption. That's why they have different elements. They belonged to different species, but this liquid has changed their core and bodies."

#### **Chapter 2004 Experimentn**

King Elbas had fought with the pack of dragons led by the four upper tier specimens that had inherited the core aspects of the world, and Sepunia had been part of Heaven and Earth's system for a long time. They didn't need to ask why the rulers had chosen those species for the experiment, but they remained amazed about the whole procedure.

Noah didn't manage to understand every detail about the black liquid. He actually knew very little about it, but his hypotheses had compensated for his ignorance.

The restrained specimen was the result of a forced fusion with the metal that the world had naturally generated to counter the sky. The dragons also had a deep connection with that role due to the four upper tier leaders in charge of the army of magical beasts. In theory, the union between the two had to create an even stronger enemy of the rulers, but the latter made sure to turn things in their favor.

"They might have replicated the same process that they had to experience after their defeat," King Elbas guessed while moving his attention between the small flash and the restrained creature. "The dragons naturally carry an echo of the previous natural order, so a corruption would put them on Heaven and Earth's path."

"The black liquid had to fight the sky," Noah added, "But it inevitably fell prey to the transformation after becoming part of the dragons. Heaven and Earth have forced a fusion between two suitable materials before proceeding with the corruption..."

"That sounds overly complicated," Sepunia commented, but her two companions shook their heads.

"It's pretty smart," King Elbas commented.

"Incredibly smart," Noah corrected. "Heaven and Earth couldn't touch the metal in its raw form, but the situation changed once it became part of the dragons. They only needed to create the right environment for the corruption to happen naturally. Incredible."

Noah couldn't help but praise Heaven and Earth. They had developed a method that left him beyond stunned. They had tricked the world again, and no one had noticed it.

"Did we find one of the hidden weapons?" King Elbas asked.

"Definitely," Noah replied. "This experiment probably is still in the testing phase, but I bet that Heaven and Earth have invested a lot in it. They have even picked dragons from different species to avoid attracting unwanted attention."

Realizing how careful Heaven and Earth had been led to an obvious question. The three experts had uncovered the rulers' experiment, but they had to decide what to do with it.

Destroying the island, killing the transformed dragons, and seizing what was left of the metal sounded like a solid plan. However, Noah wanted to do more than obtain a weapon that he would need eventually stop needing.

The metal could destroy the sky, but Noah and his companions would eventually get there too. He wanted to get that material now since it would help a lot with their imminent mission, but he didn't want to rely on it. His existence would eventually overcome the counter's power.

Moreover, the dragons had suffered for countless years because of Heaven and Earth. They were natural allies, and Noah knew how deeply his faction needed them.

The rulers were basically winning on every side, with only the old Heaven and Earth seizing success after success. Noah and his companions were also faring well, but Robert's death had confirmed how they could fall if something unexpected happened.

Adding troops that felt such a deep hatred against the rulers appeared almost mandatory due to the current balance of power between the two sides. Noah could even think about a few approaches that might turn the dragons into priceless assets. After all, those creatures were only a corrupted version of a species wielding the ability to destroy the sky.

In theory, Noah could force the dragons to face the opposite transformation. He wasn't a stranger when it came to experiments on magical beasts and existences. Those creatures could turn into specimens capable of biting entire chunks out of the sky without suffering any drawback.

The doubts inside Noah's mind didn't last too long. Part of him had already sided with one of his options, and he could only give in to his character at that point.

"We are saving them," Noah announced.

"Come on," King Elbas complained. "Killing all of them and obtaining many corpses to study would be far easier."

"The enemy is too strong," Noah explained. "We need everyone crazy enough to stand on our side."

"Can we take at least some corpses?" King Elbas almost pleaded. "I'm not asking for many of them. A few hundred should do the trick."

"The barrier doesn't even contain so many specimens," Sepunia commented.

"That's not my problem," King Elbas uttered while wearing a proud expression.

"Stop speaking nonsense and help me develop a method to revert their transformation," Noah ordered.

"Shouldn't we focus on the liquid?" King Elbas asked while bending toward the flask in Noah's hand.

"This can open the path to the sky, right? We could save many years of research if we managed to use its power."

"We don't need to focus on it because I have already developed a method to revert it," Noah announced.

"Which is?" Sepunia questioned.

"I'll copy Heaven and Earth," Noah revealed as he raised the flask in front of his eyes. "I'll stuff this inside one of their followers and turn their existences on my side. It's the only way to affect something that we can't touch."

Noah was the perfect existence for the task. His ambition could affect laws and turn them into forms of energy that opposed Heaven and Earth. He could perform the opposite transformation without needing to develop any complicated procedure. He only had to capture some cultivators in the rulers' system and become able to suppress them completely.

"Can't you do the same with the dragons?" Sepunia wondered.

"He doesn't care what happens about Heaven and Earth's followers," King Elbas explained. "The same doesn't apply to the dragons. He wants to revert their transformation without risking their lives. I bet the madman would even like to improve their power."

"Exactly," Noah revealed. "Imagine if they became an actual species among the storms. They could tear holes in the sky to feed on its energy."

"I get your point, but why would I help with that?" King Elbas sighed. "I don't have much time. I might risk falling apart before that project is complete. I'd rather focus on finding the metal on my own instead of having to hurry during the last part of the mission."

"I won't go back on my word," Sepunia exclaimed. "I'll be your guide even if you'll have to approach the sky on your own."

"I don't know how comforting that is," King Elbas scoffed.

"Elbas, do you know that Divine Demon likes dragons?" Noah teased.

"Why are you even mentioning him now?" King Elbas rolled his eyes.

"He likes them quite a lot," Noah continued, "Enough to stop teasing you if you were to help save such a rare species."

"You won't trick me, Noah," King Elbas responded.

"It's not really a trick," Noah declared. "Though I wonder what would happen if Divine Demon and all the newborn pigs were to meet. Those creatures had our Foolery as their teacher. Things might be easier if you had an ally."

King Elbas' eyes sharpened. Noah had described a frightening scene. The expert didn't even want to think about being in the middle of that mess.

"I will still die if something goes wrong," King Elbas repeated.

"We'll get the metal first then," Noah announced. "We need to attract the attention of those who handle the prison anyway. It was about time we started another mess."