

Demonic 2031

Chapter 2031 Favor

Axia found herself sucked away from the sky. An immense pulling force that she couldn't oppose led her inside a huge dark area that didn't seem to have borders or limits. She couldn't sense the end of that blackness even after she expanded her consciousness.

The liquid stage cultivator didn't panic. She knew exactly what had happened to her, but the recent breakthroughs made her unclear about her situation.

Shafu had eaten her, sending her inside its separate space. Axia knew that Noah had created the dragon to transport immense regions and packs to the black landmass, so she didn't worry about her situation. In theory, her surroundings were only a different environment, but her instincts told her that Noah decided to put her there for a specific reason.

"Come out already!" Axia shouted. "You won't be able to take me by surprise even if you have prepared this environment for our battle."

"You are right," Noah announced as his figure materialized among the blackness of the separate space. "Shafu isn't strong enough to create something capable of blocking your senses, but he isn't alone."

Snore, Night, and Duanlong materialized next to Noah as he raised the Cursed Sword and the sword-shaped roots above his head. He seemed ready to launch another powerful offensive, but Axia didn't fear it. She had already confirmed that she could survive it.

However, the dark world suddenly expanded from Noah's figure and fused with the blackness around him. Shafu's separate space and Noah's technique mixed to create a stronger version of both of them. Axia saw her consciousness shrinking and her body growing sluggish as her surroundings applied an unfathomable pressure to her world.

Axia finally understood the reason behind her faint worry, and she immediately turned to escape that situation. Yet, a massive pulling force suddenly fell on her body and slowed her down, allowing Noah to reach her in an instant.

The cultivator clapped her hands to release her invisible energy, but her dense current missed Noah and gave him the chance to slash his blades downward. Axia quickly discharged a shockwave that slammed on the massive slash flying toward her, but her attack was far weaker than usual, and Noah's blow ended up piercing it before falling on her figure.

Axia saw her body falling apart, but her world intervened to salvage part of her figure. She lost her legs and pieces of her torso, but her hands remained safe. Yet, she felt Noah's destruction invading the insides of her existence and preparing itself to blow up.

Axia used the second right after the exchange to resume her escape, but the pulling force hindered her again and made her unable to dodge the beam that flew in her direction. She had to turn and clap her hands to launch an attack, but her energy suddenly abandoned her body and left her defenseless against Snore's ability.

The cultivator couldn't salvage her body anymore. Her figure vanished and cracks spread on her world as many black lines expanded on its surface. Axia wanted to rebuild herself and resume her escape, but Night arrived on her and launched multiple black lines that opened deep cuts in her core.

Axa's world leaked energy that Noah didn't hesitate to absorb, but the process didn't slow down his offensive. He landed on her invisible mass of energy and stabbed the sword-shaped roots inside one of the cracks before activating the parasite's innate ability.

The parasite grew as purple liquid left its fabric. Flowers appeared and wilted as they left seeds that generated multiple branches right inside that powerful world. Axia was strong enough to suppress the plant's abilities, but Noah didn't let it fight on its own.

A high-pitched noise spread inside the blackness, and the properties of that unique environment enhanced the sound's power, forcing Axia to lose control of part of her world. The Cursed Sword then descended and forced the entirety of its bloodlust to fall on the liquid stage cultivator.

Dark-red shades spread from the vast cut opened by the Cursed Sword. The bloodlust acted as a poison that made Axia unable to think clearly and handle the dark-purple liquid filling her very existence. The cultivator tried to muster the entirety of her control to stabilize her condition, but a massive amount of her energy suddenly disappeared and left her defenseless against Night.

Axia almost forgot how she had ended up in that terrible situation. She was the weapon master. Her world had countless meanings, and many of them had the power to counter Noah's companions.

Nevertheless, Noah's companions were almost as strong as liquid stage cultivators in their current state, and their offensive showed no flaws. They wouldn't be able to handle Axia's attacks on their own, but the special environment and their teamwork gave birth to a barrage of abilities that left the cultivator no chance to react.

Axia felt overwhelmed by the incredible abilities that damaged her world. She couldn't move, summon energy, or even attempt to escape in that situation. Noah had an answer to everything she tried to launch, and understanding dawned upon her mind.

Axia wasn't weaker than Noah. Her power actually surpassed his even after his companions reached the ninth rank, but she lost in terms of purity.

Noah's existence had fewer aspects, but they were far stronger than Axia's individual true meanings. She could fuse them to create attacks capable of expressing countless features, but those many powers lost against the joint offensive of Noah's companions now that they could deploy their might to the fullest.

The situation would have been different in the sky. Axia would have been able to stand her ground against that incredible offensive, but Shafu's insides advantaged Noah in ways that she didn't predict. Her abilities had become too weak after the separate space fused with the dark world, while her opponent had only grown stronger there.

Noah was fighting against time due to the massive amount of ambition deployed during the battle, but Axia knew that he wouldn't show any opening. Noah was ruthless, especially toward himself. He would never risk giving his opponent a chance in the hope of weakening his drawbacks. He would deploy the

entirety of his power until he turned Axia into a lifeless mass of energy and deal with the consequences of his reckless actions later.

Axia could make it hard for Noah. Her death was inevitable, but she could worsen his condition before the arrival of the drawbacks. Duanlong absorbed her energy before she could summon any attack, but she could still decide to detonate herself. The dragon wouldn't be able to seize all the fuel in her world in time to stop the explosion.

However, Axia wasn't one of the ordinary cultivators in Heaven and Earth's system. She had managed to escape the rulers' complete control for countless years, and she felt no attachment toward them. She had joined the sky out of necessity, but she remained independent in her mind.

Axia found no reason to do Heaven and Earth a favor. She even blamed them a little for her defeat. Of course, she was only trying to justify herself now that death drew close, but that ended up benefitting Noah. The mighty privileged cultivator let herself die without causing any problem.

Chapter 2032 Reinforcements

Noah closed his eyes to savor the moment. Axia's silent death filled the separate space with an energy that he didn't hesitate to absorb, but his focus was on the growth of his potential.

The energy gained after the battle couldn't compare to the increase in his potential. Noah sensed his ambition grow significantly as another face appeared on the dark energy radiated by his existence. He could feel his dantian expanding even if his companions' pressure still pressed on its edges. He experienced a wave of power like never before, and the feeling was almost intoxicating.

'Maybe I can do it now,' Noah thought before snapping back to reality and sending a simple order through the mental connection.

Shafu's immense figure had almost filled the entirety of the empty chunk of the sky created by the battle, but it suddenly disappeared. Noah appeared in its place, and his expression didn't flicker when the whiteness fell on him again. His mind remained immersed in the incredible sensations caused by his recent victory, but that mental state didn't prevent him from studying his surroundings.

King Elbas was fighting against one of the liquid stage cultivators, while Sepunia and the dragon were handling the other expert. They both seemed to have the upper hand over their enemies, but they interrupted their battles when they noticed that Noah had reappeared. Surprise and delight even seeped into their expressions when they saw that Axia didn't come with him.

The two liquid stage cultivators remained speechless. They understood that it was already too late. Noah had won against a privileged expert. He was only one step away from seizing the battle prowess that only worlds at the peak of the cultivation journey could wield.

The event allowed King Elbas, Sepunia, and the dragon to take their opponents by surprise, but the cultivators seemed to have lost the will to fight. The two experts ran away and hid inside the sky, where they continued their retreat.

King Elbas, Sepunia, and the dragon wanted to chase them, but they didn't have time to waste. They were still in the middle of the sky, and their escape route had long since crumbled. However, the empty

area created by their battle was immense and gave them the chance to resume their escape without meeting hindrances.

Noah and the others regrouped and shot downward without needing orders. They instinctively resumed their escape and launched attacks once the white surfaces of the sky appeared on their path. None of them dared to hold back or retrieve their empowerments in that situation. Even Noah continued to release his ambition to keep his companions at their peak.

Night had to retreat inside the separate space due to the injuries suffered during the battle, and Shafu's immense size would only slow down the escape, so it also avoided coming out. The parasite consumed too much energy, so Noah forced it to return inside his chest, but the Cursed Sword, Snore, and Duanlong remained among the whiteness as they helped open paths through the sky.

Duanlong limited itself to absorbing all the energy that the destruction of the sky released into the environment, and Noah held back from relying on the Cursed Sword too often. Instead, Snore revealed the incredible power obtained after the breakthrough by carving immense tunnels with destructive beams. A single attack of the snake could allow the group to fly without stopping for a long time.

The whiteness around the group intensified, but their defenses kept them safe. Their powerful attacks also destroyed the sky quickly, so the stormy regions grew close as they continued to advance. The experts would soon get out of that dangerous environment, but Heaven and Earth eventually decided to shatter their hopes.

The sky flashed with blinding light, and a series of figures appeared in the experts' vision once the glow dimmed. Crackling avatars and cultivators stood in a battle formation on the group's path, and their powerful auras forced the escape to an end.

Noah and the others couldn't help but show dark expression in front of the sheer number of assets sent by Heaven and Earth on the scene. Most avatars and cultivators were in the gaseous stage and lower tier, but they had stronger experts leading them. Some were also familiar faces.

The dozens of crackling avatars and cultivators had a series of liquid stage experts in their lead. Most of them had borrowed their power from Heaven and Earth, but a few clearly expressed their privileged state.

Dinia was among the three privileged cultivators that had appeared on the scene, but his shocking presence didn't manage to claim his opponents' attention. There was someone far more powerful among that army, and Noah and the others couldn't help but fix their gazes on him.

Caesar stood behind the army, and his solid stage cultivation level was impossible to miss even among those many auras. Still, his behavior was odd. He had his legs crossed, and a hand supported his chin as he inspected the area. He almost appeared annoyed to be in that situation.

"Don't mind me," Caesar shouted when he noticed that his four opponents had focused on him. "Heaven and Earth have sent me here to oversee the situation, but I have no intention to intervene. Just ignore me and do your thing."

Noah and King Elbas exchanged a meaningful glance. They didn't know how much they could trust Caesar, but the cultivator had always been relatively reliable, even if in his odd way. Sepunia also

nodded when the two experts looked toward her to ask for her opinion. She seemed to trust Caesar's words.

The promise didn't change the situation too much. Noah and the others still had a powerful army before them, and they had barely overcome their previous fight. Noah knew that he couldn't handle three privileged cultivators in the liquid stage on his own. He wasn't even sure his ambition would last long enough to defeat one of them.

The group instinctively turned to return deep into the sky, but the array of attacks that flew in their direction revealed how escaping was impossible. Nothing hit the experts directly, but the shockwaves released by those abilities managed to reach them. Noah and the others inevitably slowed down to disperse that power, but that gave enough time for three figures to appear in front of them.

"Did you really think that you could escape my perfect self?" Dinia shouted as a cold smile appeared on his face.

The other two privileged cultivators were at his sides. The trio had surpassed the group and had blocked their path toward the deeper parts of the sky. Noah and the others found themselves in a trap that they couldn't avoid.

"How could you predict this outcome?" Dinia asked as white inscriptions began to shine on his figure. "This is the sky, and you aren't strong enough to face it."

Noah sensed a series of gazes falling on him. King Elbas, Sepunia, and the dragon looked at him, hoping that he had a plan ready. Instead, Dinia and the other experts on Heaven and Earth's sides had clearly decided to focus their offensive on him.

Winning was impossible unless something changed, but Noah felt no fear. The sky and Axia had already given him what he needed. Everything else would depend on his potential.

Dinia's eyes flickered when he sensed the ambition radiated by Noah's figure disappearing. Snore and the other companions also went back inside the separate space. The fiendish armor wasn't an exception. Noah remained among the whiteness barehanded and defenseless.

However, an even stronger wave of ambition soon surged and spread inside his aura. Noah's cultivation level rose slowly. His dantian had already touched the limits of the eighth rank, but it crossed them now... He had finally accumulated enough potential to push his center of power to the next level.

Chapter 2033 Breakthrough

Noah's dantian seemed to shrink on its own. The muscles around the organ remained still, and no evident energy flow happened to create that event. However, he could sense the potential accumulated throughout millennia of battles and defying acts vanishing to fuel that breakthrough.

Ethereal faces appeared on the dantian's edges as it shrunk to condense the energy in its insides. Noah's organ drank the fuel he used to push his level beyond its normal limits to evolve and meet his insane standards. His incomplete world seemed to tremble as it dictated rules that he didn't know to have set.

The ethereal blackness knew what Noah wanted. He had created it for that exact reason. His incomplete world was aware of his desires and goals, so it checked the amount of potential filling his dantian to see

whether it had to accept that breakthrough. The imperfect world couldn't say anything about the matter. Noah had done his math correctly, so the evolution continued.

It had taken a while and deep improvements, but Noah was finally there. His darkness transformed into a gas so dense it seemed to have liquid properties. Moreover, the dark light it radiated made his dantian and his body ecstatic. The pure ambition that his existence carried brought a new wave of improvements to everything he had.

Caesar's annoyed face crumbled when he sensed the intense ambition that seeped inside the whiteness and flew in every direction. His eyes shone in excitement as he realized what was happening. He could almost smell the breakthrough from his position.

Dinia and the other cultivators also understood what was happening. It was impossible to ignore the black currents that left Noah's body and darkened the bright area by tainting Heaven and Earth's whiteness. The rulers' glow seemed unable to stop the advance of that dense power. Noah's new ambition was violent but also gentle. It forced everything to evolve against its will, but it made sure to generate a flawless process.

Noah didn't deploy the dark world, but the scene gave that idea to the audience. The light had lost access to his surroundings. He had created a black spherical area that continued to expand as more energy fell prey to his forceful influence.

Everything had to evolve because Noah existed. The whiteness of the sky found itself unable to oppose that process. Its laws would typically try to fend off his influence, and they even had the power to do that, but they couldn't find the desire to defend themselves. Those true meanings and matter couldn't refuse the ambition, and they didn't know why.

The crackling avatars soon fell prey to that influence too. Noah's darkness had yet to reach them, but they couldn't oppose the captivating energy that filled his surroundings. The puppet experienced the deep desire to immerse themselves in his ambition and evolve since their very structure wanted to go through that process.

Noah's darkness wasn't only giving everything around him the chance to improve. It was awakening in those laws the same desire that had existed inside him since his first meeting with a dragon. The world experienced his ambition and let him affect it.

Dinia and the others could sense the captivating sensations that Noah's ambition was sending into the whiteness, and some of them even gave in to them. Yet, the strongest among those experts remained focused on the issue and knew that they had to interrupt the breakthrough.

Dinia and the other two privileged cultivators launched attacks toward Noah, but they soon discovered that the dark area around him wasn't like the dark world. It had appeared after he experienced the transformation caused by the ambition, so it was far stronger compared to its previous state.

The three privileged cultivators still destroyed giant chunks of that area, but the darkness continued to expand and taint more whiteness. It even affected the energy released after the impact of the experts' abilities. Nothing could survive its influence unless someone with enough power opposed the process.

Noah sensed a good part of the darkness generated after the breakthrough flowing inside the ethereal blackness. The incomplete world often sent it back since it didn't meet its standards, but the potential in its structure ended up improving it during the process.

That made the dantian fall into a cycle of improvements that generated flares of darkness that spread in the environment. The enhanced energy forced the organ to grow further, which made it release a stronger fuel in the area.

The process continued until the incomplete world felt that the darkness produced by the dantian met the insane standards set by Noah. The ethereal blackness accepted the energy at that point and fused it with the fuel created by his mind, generating something stronger than both of them.

The ethereal darkness then sent part of its fuel toward Noah's mind and dantian. The two centers of power experienced another series of improvements before stabilizing at a higher level. His ambition finally reached its intended level, and the breakthrough ended.

Noah felt his existence brimming with power. He had never experienced something similar. He felt whole like never before, but he also sensed that something was missing, even if part of it was about to come.

King Elbas left the dark area in a hurry while dragging Sepunia and the dragon through golden ropes that didn't give them the chance to go back inside the darkness. The creature appeared lost in its desire to experience the improvements provided by Noah's ambition, and Sepunia also was in a daze. Her bright smile revealed pure ecstasy as she felt her world improving by merely standing near her leader.

King Elbas wanted to remain near Noah, but he had managed to stay calm enough to recall what would follow that breakthrough. Caesar also had decided to retreat a little, and his gesture made his companions remember what was about to arrive.

Noah's dantian stabilized as the breakthrough ended, and the darkness in its insides started to flow toward the black hole. The connection between the two centers of power was incredibly tight, and the new energy inevitably caused a transformation that didn't come from the ambition's effects.

The breakthrough gave a new starting point to the black hole. The new darkness had to transform into higher energy, but the event ended up destabilizing the fourth center of power.

The black hole went silent for a mere instant before expanding past the edges of the area affected by the ambition. Raging waves of dark matter began to rotate around Noah's figure to create a pulling force that made entire chunks of the sky crumble even if those surfaces were far away.

The whiteness seemed to retreat due to the sheer pressure radiated by the black hole as it continued to feed on Noah's darkness to find a new stability. It forced the dantian to produce fuel non-stop to reach the harmony that it had lost after the breakthrough. Still, the process didn't seem about to end anytime soon.

Noah felt unable to keep up with the needs of his black hole. The center of power wanted too much darkness, but his dantian had just improved. It simply couldn't refill its insides as quickly as the mass of higher energy needed.

The black hole risked dispersing or devouring Noah as it continued to accumulate power without finding stability, so he decided to go all-out... The ethereal blackness sent its fuel to the dantian, and a pillar made of the dark energy that represented his ambition suddenly shot out of him.

Chapter 2034 Weight

It wasn't wise to activate the ethereal blackness for a center of power that had just advanced, especially after the fuel inside the incomplete world improved. Noah didn't even know what drawbacks it could cause to the dantian, but he didn't have another solution. The black hole needed more darkness, so he would provide it.

The ethereal blackness was an insane pool of potential. Noah guessed that it had to power to push his dantian directly to the limits of the gaseous stage, if not more, but he didn't care about temporary improvements now. He needed more darkness for the black hole, and that was exactly what he told the incomplete world to do.

Noah's dantian started producing darkness like crazy while his figure created a black pillar that disrupted the whiteness even further. The sky transformed as energy leaked out of that mass of power. Black currents grew from the structure as if they were the branches of a tree that didn't know when to stop.

The branches soon transformed into small clouds that expanded on their own, but the higher energy eventually enveloped them. The black hole expanded beyond reason and forced everyone to retreat again. Only Caesar slowed down his retreat to make sure to have the best view of the event.

The black hole resembled a dense ocean with every intention to take the next step in its evolution. It expanded until it simply didn't anymore. Its currents also stopped flowing, but darkness continued to fill its insides. The structure wanted more energy, but it didn't use it to increase its size.

A change happened when the black hole shrunk slightly. The event caused a chain reaction that generated a passive pulling force. The massive structure began to cave in, creating currents in its surroundings.

Entire chunks of the sky crumbled due to the pulling force generated by the event. Some cultivators even found themselves captured in those waves. The breakthrough was a calamity for those who didn't have enough power to oppose it. It killed and destroyed without caring about its surroundings, and Noah's companions also risked falling prey to that might. Luckily for them, King Elbas had promptly created suitable items that could fend off those effects.

Noah barely thought after activating the ethereal blackness. The empowerment lasted longer than he expected, but a deep sense of weakness filled his very existence when it ended. Noah felt as if his ambition wanted to fall apart together with the various aspects that depended on it. He actually feared that he could lose some of his newest features due to those drawbacks.

Nevertheless, his breakthroughs had destroyed so much of his surroundings that the environment brimmed with energy that he could steal. He had even forced most of it to improve while his dantian advanced, so he ended up absorbing a massive amount of top-tier fuel that fought against the drawbacks and quickly awakened his ambition.

The black hole continued to shrink while Noah dealt with the drawbacks. It never stopped absorbing energy, but it quickly gained features that felt final when he inspected them.

Large masses of dark matter gave birth to proper chunks that carried metallic properties. They even shone with a light that seemed able to match the whiteness in terms of passive pressure. That feature only intensified as more areas solidified while the center of power shrunk.

The event was so violent that some chunks shattered and returned liquid, but they didn't remain in that state for too long. The density of the black hole increased and reached unfathomable levels. The shrinking process even stopped creating currents at some point, but the sheer pressure generated by the center of power made the light in the environment bend. Part of the laws around Noah directly shattered when they experienced that force.

The black hole shrunk until Noah became visible. Still, his chest remained hidden since the center of power struggled to return inside his figure. Yet, the process continued as more darkness entered its structure and completed the breakthrough.

The black hole had been a rotating mass of dark matter contained by stable walls in the past, but nothing moved in its insides now. The higher energy turned solid and became a crystal that occupied the center of Noah's chest.

The center of power felt so heavy that Noah found it hard to keep his back straight. He bent forward, but that only worsened his condition. His body seemed unable to handle the weight of the black crystal. He felt the faint instinct to open his chest and take it out, but he suppressed that desire since the organ finally started to work.

The black crystal trembled, and Noah shook with it. The reaction of his tissues informed the organ about their state so that it could decide how to proceed.

The fourth center of power trembled again to send its energy toward the ethereal blackness. The incomplete world obviously didn't accept it right away, and it threw it back after improving it a little. The black crystal then tried again to meet that structure's standards, and the cycle continued until the organ experienced a thorough strengthening.

Noah's dantian and mind experienced another round of improvements after the new dark matter joined the ethereal blackness and fused with the fuel in its insides. He bathed in that sensation of power, but his organs didn't let the long event end there.

The black crystal shook, and dark matter immediately filled the entirety of Noah's body. It even came out before taking the form of a crystal-like fiendish armor that started to work on his fabric.

The black crystal strived to turn Noah into the perfect being, and it had just reached the ninth rank now. Its understanding and standards had changed, so his structure had to improve to appease that desire.

Noah almost cursed in his mind when he sensed the requirements of his body increasing. The other centers of power experienced a similar change, but the black crystal completed the process in no time. It even filled Noah's insides with layers of solid dark matter meant to stabilize his structure.

His body had been on the verge of falling apart after the many breakthroughs. After all, Noah had just multiplied his number of rank 9 assets. His body had needed help, and the black crystal didn't hesitate to

do its best to stabilize everything. That was only a temporary solution, but he knew that he would rely on it until he reached the ninth rank with the entirety of his assets.

Noah opened his eyes when a loud roar came out of his chest. A smile appeared on his face as he stretched his left arm and let a blade materialize in his hand. The Demonic Sword had stepped into the ninth rank right after his dantian advanced, but the black crystal had claimed the entirety of his attention.

'Yes, we'll fight now,' Noah conveyed through the mental connection as solid dark matter seeped out of his figure.

Caesar began to laugh madly as he inspected the scene. Instead, his companions showed strange expressions in front of the appearance of the dark world. Its previous version was a dense sea, but it had transformed into a crystal-like mass of higher energy now, and the experts couldn't help but notice similarities with the sky. Noah's technique resembled a black version of the immense white structure.

Dinia scoffed and began to approach the massive dark world, and many cultivators decided to follow him. However, they had to get ready to defend themselves when a series of rank 9 creatures left the crystal-like structure. An army of six-armed dragons soon appeared around the solid chunk of higher energy and began to roar at their opponents.

Chapter 2035 Noise

The breakthroughs of the dantian and the fourth center of power had finally granted Noah the chance to use most of his techniques. He had always been forced to abandon some of them during his cultivation journey, but everything had changed now. Except for his physical strength, he could deploy the incredible techniques developed and polished after countless years of training.

The workshop expressed a newfound power after the black hole evolved into a black crystal. New dark matter filled the fourth center of power and improved everything connected to that energy. The army of six-armed dragons could show its might by balancing the numerical disadvantage created by the sky, and some of Noah's companions could also go through a similar process.

Snore, Duanlong, Night, and Shafu were independent beings that could evolve without minding Noah's level. They obviously benefited from his improvements, but he had made sure to create room for their personal growth to make their existence flourish.

However, dark matter made most of their fabric, meaning that the current black crystal could further improve their basic level. The different features that the companions had gained after their independent breakthroughs didn't affect the process. Noah knew every inch of their bodies perfectly, so he could apply changes that could elevate their foundation to unfathomable realms.

The expansion of the dark world and the appearance of the six-armed dragons made Dinia and the other experts hesitate. They didn't fear those creatures, especially since they clearly lacked the fake cores required to bring their power to threatening levels. Yet, they couldn't help but fall into a daze in front of the similarities with the sky.

Noah's dark world had almost become a black version of the sky, with six-armed dragons instead of crackling avatars. The quality of his techniques actually seemed to surpass Heaven and Earth since they didn't need to suppress an entire world.

Noah could focus on his surroundings, so his dark world appeared denser and boundless in terms of potential. Moreover, the crackling avatars couldn't even begin to match the complexity of the six-armed dragons. Those beasts surpassed the white puppets without fake cores. Dinia and the others had no idea how strong the technique could be if Noah had access to enough rank 9 materials.

King Elbas, Sepunia, and the dragon inevitably felt happy in front of that scene, even if curses remained in their minds. Noah's breakthroughs had forced them to escape for the whole duration of the process, and they had yet to leave that dangerous situation too.

Instead, Caesar seemed to have gone crazy. He laughed without bothering to hide his happiness in front of the sky or his companions. Noah's power didn't only match his expectations. He had also surpassed them by a huge margin.

Noah could see everything happening around him. He liked seeing the best cultivators in the entire world hesitating in front of his power, but nothing made him happier than the pure might that ran through his very existence.

Noah found it hard to describe how much he had improved during those long breakthroughs. His incomplete world had forced his centers of power to experience countless rounds of enhancements without revealing its true potential. His mind and dantian would show stronger effects after the appearance of the black crystal, and the same went for the latter if he decided to rely on the substance inside his ethereal blackness.

The sheer weight that his assets applied to his body was insane, but the black crystal was keeping him in one piece for now. Noah could sense his muscles, bones, and skin screaming to fall apart, but the new dark matter reinforced his structures and created a temporary solution to the issue. Still, he knew that the last breakthrough had to arrive soon before his fabric shattered under that immense force.

'I need energy,' Noah thought as hunger seeped out of his figure and resonated with the dark world.

Hiding that feeling was impossible at his current level, but he had no intention to mask his desires. Waves of hunger flew out of the dark world and created a dense aura that warned everyone about his plan. The six-armed dragons even echoed those emotions. Dinia and the others couldn't help but take a step back in front of that dense power. They felt that they had awakened an ancient monster who would stop at nothing to eat them.

"Do you plan on helping now?" Dinia asked without moving his eyes from the army of dragons.

"Not at all," Caesar announced. "Everything is going exactly as planned. Can you even imagine a better enemy for Heaven and Earth?"

"You are a madman," Dinia cursed before glancing at the cultivators that had remained in the area.

The avatars had fallen prey to Noah's breakthrough, and the same had happened to the weaker cultivators that Heaven and Earth had teleported on the scene. A few gaseous and liquid stage experts had remained, but Dinia didn't want them to join the imminent battle.

"Go away," Dinia ordered before exchanging nods with the two privileged cultivators at his sides. "You are nothing more than food now."

The cultivators behind Dinia felt slightly offended by those words, but they didn't mind them too much when they inspected the power that Noah was unleashing. Their immortality would normally be at its peak inside the sky, but they knew that Noah could kill them easily at his current level, so a slight relief appeared in their minds when they understood that they could skip that battle.

Instead, Dinia and the other two privileged cultivators stepped forward as resolve appeared on their faces. Noah wasn't even a complete world, but their instincts sent fear to their minds as they got closer to the raging hunger radiated by the dark world. They were mighty experts who had survived Heaven and Earth's study for countless years, but Noah was reminding them what it felt to be mere prey.

"Do you plan on remaining hidden-?" Dinia tried to taunt Noah out of the dark world, but the six-armed dragons shot ahead before he could complete his line.

The army had nothing more than lower tier specimens that lacked fake cores, but the trio didn't dare to underestimate them. Dinia and his companions stretched their arms forward to fill the area with waves of energy that crashed on the dragons, but the exchange ended up causing unwanted reactions.

The dragons couldn't deal with that incredible attack. Even the addition of fake cores wouldn't make them strong enough to deal with three techniques launched by three privileged cultivators in the liquid stage. Yet, those creatures expressed Noah's incomplete world, and they could benefit from his improved aspects to deal with the attack accordingly.

The six-armed beasts decided to self-destruct before the attacks could fall on them. Their explosions created a wave of energy that clashed with the enemy offensive and infected it with their power. Dinia and the others saw black lines expanding like branches inside their techniques before crossing them to send power toward their figures.

The three cultivators quickly dealt with that energy, but their expressions froze when they saw black lines materializing on their figures. They had barely touched Noah's power, but he had already managed to infect them with his destruction.

The experts immediately understood that they couldn't let that battle last too long, but Noah didn't ask for their opinion. The black crystal shook as a series of fiendish figures came out of its surface and showed their devilish grins to their opponents. The iconic high-pitched noise of the cursed sword even resounded among the sky as those creatures began to laugh.

Chapter 2036 Awakening

The sky's whiteness had already stopped shining on the dark world due to the influence that it radiated. Still, the high-pitched noises echoed by the fiendish puppets only highlighted that situation. Noah seemed in the process of taking control of Heaven and Earth's home. He had singlehandedly become a tumor that expanded among that powerful material.

Noah's assets were unique. Heaven and Earth couldn't replicate them even with the help of privileged cultivators who had vast experience in the inscription field. Their incredible features came from his very existence, so no one could hope to match them. Of course, that didn't apply to him.

The dark world could replicate everything. It could take any shape, element, or meaning as long as Noah had enough power and understanding. After the breakthrough, he had finally become able to show its true might, which went far beyond the blueprints that he had created in the past.

The fiendish figures had blades instead of hands. Those weapons carried the destructiveness and violence iconic of the Cursed Sword. They were obviously weaker than the actual asset, but the three privileged cultivators couldn't notice that difference when so many of them expressed that power.

The incredible event didn't stop there. Countless roots that expressed the same corrosiveness as the parasite came out of the dark world and entangled themselves around the fiendish figures to increase their power.

Anger, ambition, and other aspects of Noah's existence also seeped out of the dark world in the shape of waves of energy that fused with the fiendish figures. Those puppets transformed into beacons that radiated Noah's incomplete world with its many features, and there didn't seem to be a limit to their power or numbers. The dark world could simply mass-produce them thanks to the workshop.

Noah didn't need blueprints to create that army. His black crystal had long since memorized every inch of his existence, so it could replicate it perfectly, even if in a weaker form.

The three cultivators could see right through the army of fiendish figures and understand its weaknesses. They were frail, and Noah didn't have much potential left to push their power past the halfway mark of the lower tier. However, they remained disposable assets that he could recreate in no time. Also, their flaws didn't prevent them from spreading his influence throughout the sky and on his opponents.

Dinia and the others had always known that Noah would have turned into a real threat after reaching the ninth rank, but that was too much. Heaven and Earth prided themselves on the immense power they had accumulated throughout eras. Still, Noah seemed able to match it right after stepping into the last stage of the cultivation journey.

Every avatar under the upper tier had just become useless. The same went for the cultivators with borrowed power under the solid stage. A single mission inside the sky had made Noah immune to the vast majority of Heaven and Earth's assets, and he had merely stepped into the ninth rank. That wasn't even the end of his breakthroughs.

It felt insane and unfair that a single incomplete world could contain so much power. Heaven and Earth surpassed Noah in the number of aspects that they could deploy, but they were nowhere near the power that he could make them express.

His current situation was enough to explain how powerful he had become. Noah was an expanding black spot in the immensity of the sky that the whiteness appeared unable to contain, and the audience could only remain stunned at that sight.

Dinia and his two companions knew how bad the situation was, but they didn't despair. They accepted that their opponent had stepped on their realm, but that wasn't enough to make them run away.

The battle would be tough, but they had survived the strongest beings in the world to remain independent. Noah didn't overcome Heaven and Earth, so they could defeat him.

The three privileged cultivators prepared themselves to express the peak of their worlds, but a tremor suddenly ran through the sky and expanded in the white light that it radiated. A lot had crumbled during the battle, so the shining surfaces were far away from Noah's position, but the event managed to reach his technique anyway.

All the fiendish figures standing on the dark world lifted their heads without stopping echoing the high-pitched noises. A series of bright pillars descended from the white surfaces in the distance and fell on the weaker cultivators.

Caesar stopped laughing when he understood what was happening. Curiosity appeared on his expression, while the three privileged cultivators ended up heaving sighs of relief.

The sky continued to tremble and filled the area with deafening noises that resembled a series of roars as the pillars continued to shine. The high-pitched laughs of the fiendish figures began to lose ground, and the clash between the two sounds caught King Elbas, Sepunia, and the dragon in the middle of two forces that they couldn't oppose.

A flare made of that matter quickly shot toward the three experts and made them enter into the safety of the dark world. King Elbas, Sepunia, and the dragon searched for Noah as soon as they entered his technique, but he didn't show himself. His entire focus had to be on the whiteness around him. The roars that had seeped out of the sky had announced Heaven and Earth's awakening.

The pillars dispersed all of a sudden, revealing ten tall figures that shone with a blinding light. Noah only needed a glance to understand the nature of the new threat and its power. Heaven and Earth had deployed the liquid stage versions of the improved cultivators seen inside the separate dimension.

"It was about time," Dinia shouted while inspecting those reinforcements.

"Defying Demon's breakthrough only forced the rulers to awaken," The woman next to Dinia said. "It seems that these experts really have the power to tilt Heaven and Earth's fairness in our favor."

"Was this part of your plan?" The man next to Dinia asked while glancing at Caesar. "I might start to believe that you aren't completely crazy."

"You all lack foresight," Caesar announced, "And you still underestimate Defying Demon if you think that Heaven and Earth's awakening would change something."

The three privileged cultivators turned toward the dark world only to discover that the army of fiendish figures had charged forward. A rain of slashes filled the area with dark-red and dark-purple lights that flew toward the experts, but the improved assets promptly jumped ahead to face those attacks.

Chaos immediately unfolded as the very fabric of space shattered in multiple areas and different shades mixed to fight for the ownership of that area. Destruction spread in every corner of the battlefield, but the improved cultivators managed to keep a piece of the battlefield safe. Parts of their bodies directly exploded during the process, and one of them died, but the others fulfilled their task.

Dinia and his two companions waited for the waves of destruction to disperse before shooting ahead, but they halted their charge when a barrage of giant feathers filled their vision. Their powerful minds became unable to keep track of their surroundings when those weapons exploded and unleashed the peak of Noah's destruction in the area.

Chapter 2037 Fate

Snore had evolved and had developed new attacks after the breakthrough, but its feathers remained its strongest assets. Its structure had also improved after the dark world gained access to a superior form of dark matter, so the power contained in those giant weapons had become unfathomable.

Snore was the expression of the dark world's destructiveness, and its feathers could discharge that massive power in a single attack. Dinia and the others only had the time to deploy everything they had to protect their worlds before falling prey to the raging currents generated by that ability.

The feathers unleashed pure destruction that transformed into a proper storm. Nothing the experts did could put an end to that event. Snore could unleash a catastrophe inside the very sky, and Heaven and Earth didn't have enough power to stop it even after awakening. Everything simply shattered after touching the raging currents that continued to expand on the battlefield.

Caesar remained the only asset capable of avoiding falling prey to Snore's innate ability. He retreated and watched that destruction expanding among the sky, but his eyes flickered when he noticed what Noah was doing. A happy smirk even appeared on his face as he confirmed that everything was going according to his plan.

The cultivators inside the storms couldn't do much. Their energy shattered as soon as it tried to leave their figures, so they limited themselves to defensive abilities. Three more improved experts died in that environment, but the others managed to survive, even if they suffered severe injuries in the process.

It took a while, but the storms eventually dispersed and allowed the whiteness to illuminate the area again. Dinia and the others didn't lower their guards once the light shone on their figures. They prepared themselves for the imminent clash, but they only saw a series of fiendish figures ready to charge ahead. The dark world had disappeared, and the same went for their opponents.

"Caesar!" Dinia shouted when he realized what had happened.

"What?" Caesar chuckled in front of the evident anger of his companion.

"Why did you let him escape?" Dinia complained.

"Let him?" Caesar asked. "He escaped on his own, using the very power that you all feared he would obtain. It's up to you to catch him now."

"Why are you like this?" Dinia questioned. "I know that you have the power to ignore Heaven and Earth's fairness. Why didn't you help us?"

"I often wonder how you all even fail to see this," Caesar sighed. "Heaven and Earth will only turn into an all-devouring monster if we let them continue on their path. They need to evolve past their current state, and that requires a worthy opponent."

"What will become of us once they evolve?" Dinia continued. "Do you want to turn into a mere puppet so badly?"

"You have witnessed how Defying Demon's world works," Caesar chuckled. "He needs to complete his path to teach Heaven and Earth better ways to handle their massive power. The rulers must evolve so that we can evolve with them."

"You are trying to tamper with their world," Dinia stated as understanding dawned upon his mind.

"That among other things," Caesar announced while spreading his arms to bathe in the light that had filled the scene. "Can you sense it? The strings of fate are falling apart. True freedom is about to descend on all of us."

Dinia wanted to question Caesar some more, but the fiendish figures charged ahead and forced his group to repel them.

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Noah had used the chaos created by Snore's feathers to shrink the dark world and escape inside the sky. It wasn't a problem for him to reactivate the properties of the dark metal. He could even replicate them without depleting the actual material. Still, he needed to make Heaven and Earth lose track of his position, which required everything he had.

The rulers had awakened after the chaos unleashed inside the sky, and Noah knew that his body wouldn't be able to endure his full power for long. His dark matter could reinforce his overall structure, but the issue remained. His fabric remained squeezed among numerous forces that it couldn't endure.

Noah knew that he probably had enough power to defeat Dinia and the other privileged cultivators. However, the effort would leave him drained, and he didn't know if his body could last throughout the process. Moreover, his situation didn't change. He was still inside the sky, and everything had worsened after Heaven and Earth's awakening.

Escaping sounded like the only possible solution, but Heaven and Earth had left their dormant state now. Noah wasn't sure whether the dark metal would keep his presence hidden since it still created a black spot among the whiteness of the sky. In theory, the rulers could find his location as long as they studied what they couldn't sense.

Noah didn't actually know if his current power could grant him the chance to escape, but he had a vague idea that he didn't hesitate to test while roaming across the sky. Heaven and Earth had tried to seal a deal with him, so he believed that they would attempt to obtain what they wanted anyway.

The tests didn't take long to prove Noah right. The sky brightened, and teleports lit up whenever he tried to move in a direction that Heaven and Earth disapproved. He kept track of his movements during the escape, so he could understand where the rulers wanted him to go.

The environment of the sky made that process difficult, but Noah didn't need much to understand his direction. He flew forward, avoiding every area that brightened in his presence until he eventually found no more whiteness in front of him. Only the blackness of the void unfolded in his eyes.

'Heaven and Earth are so petty,' Noah laughed in his mind before leaving the sky and recalling the dark world.

King Elbas, Sepunia, and the dragon appeared among the void and glared at Noah, but their anger vanished when they noticed that the sky didn't send anything toward them. They had felt pissed that

Noah didn't give them the chance to leave the dark world, but everything felt obvious now. He had also been out of option.

"Let me guess," King Elbas sighed.

"There is no point guessing," Noah exclaimed while pointing at a slightly darker spot in the distance. "Heaven and Earth have been kind enough to drop us near their problems."

"What is happening?" The dragon asked in its human voice.

"You should have taken that deal," King Elbas mocked.

"It's better like this," Noah announced. "How much energy did you save for the mission?"

"You are too much for me," King Elbas shook his head, "Especially at your current level."

"Don't worry about that," Noah replied while inspecting the faint tremors that ran through his skin. "I don't think your whole existence would satisfy me anyway. I want you to focus on your breakthrough before we visit the monster."

"It would have been easier if you didn't eat the best prisms," King Elbas teased.

"Shut up," Noah chuckled before pointing at Sepunia and the dragon. "You two, do the same. Elbas already has portable training areas that should suit your power. Focus on getting stronger while I protect the area."

King Elbas snorted, but he didn't contradict Noah. Instead, he addressed an issue he had noticed due to his deep knowledge of Noah's power. "How long can you endure with your current body?"

"Don't worry about me," Noah smirked. "Heaven and Earth are awake now. They will start throwing energy at me quite soon."

Chapter 2038 Everything

Everything went silent after King Elbas, Sepunia, and the dragon entered suitable training areas and Noah enveloped them with his dark world. The giant dark crystal hovered close to the sky, but it didn't move while the four experts sorted out and absorbed the resources seized in their mission.

Noah had limited options in his current state. Getting stronger would only worsen the weight that his body would have to endure, but he couldn't stop himself from improving right before facing the monster. His dantian had even reached the ninth rank, so his existence was finally able to deepen its aspects.

In the end, Noah dealt with the four spheres obtained from the dragons and spent a long time immersed in his thoughts to optimize a few techniques and focus on the main problem. He couldn't fight properly in that state. He had to find a temporary solution to his body.

Night, Snore, Duanlong, Shafu, the Cursed Sword, the parasite, the Demonic Sword, his mind, his dantian, and his black crystal had reached the ninth rank, leaving his peak rank 8 body to keep all that power together. Regular hybrids would have already turned into a bloody pulp due to the sheer weight

applied by those entities, and Noah felt on the verge of falling apart too. Still, he could delay that event due to his many assets.

The black crystal compensated for most of the problems that his body was experiencing. Noah relied on his new dark matter and center of power to reinforce his structure, but that wasn't enough since his flesh remained between two powerful forces.

Only the improved unstable substance fused with his innate resilience and the incredible power of the black crystal could lead to faint stability. However, Noah could feel that eventual injuries or collisions could destroy that frail harmony and bring his body on the verge of shattering.

Truth be told, Noah had a plan, but most of its details remained unclear. The non-world was his best bet, but he couldn't absorb it in its current state according to what he had learnt about the monster.

The non-world probably didn't have energy that Noah could absorb, but he had a trump card. His ambition could force that non-existence to evolve and transform into a being that could satisfy his requirements.

In theory, Heaven and Earth had thrown countless laws into the void, so the monster would naturally have enough power to improve Noah's body, but that only if his ambition could force it to transform. Everything would depend on how his incomplete world made that empty creature evolve.

The evolution was obviously unclear since Noah didn't know much about the non-existence. Still, he believed that the monster would need to gain the usual features of the other entities in Heaven and Earth's world to improve. He could be wrong, but his lack of options didn't leave him many choices. The rulers had cornered him, so he had to improvise.

Black vessels made of dark matter took form inside Noah's body and allowed the unstable substance to reach specific parts of his flesh. He could feel the incredible strain that his fabric was enduring in that condition, but the black crystal appeased that feeling. Yet, the tension never fully dispersed. The stress accumulated slowly, and Noah could only calculate the years he had before falling apart.

The three different training areas benefitted from Noah's ambition, but there was a limit to how much the experts inside them could improve.

The dragon was the first to come out, but it quickly let itself go dormant among the dark crystals of the dark world. It had grown a bit after absorbing the prisms seized inside the sky, so it focused on increasing its potential now, and Noah's higher energy was perfect for that process.

Sepunia required a bit more to leave her training area. The expert's world had expanded and improved, but she remained a gaseous stage cultivator. Yet, the seclusion had added a mysterious glow in her eyes that the ambition didn't hesitate to intensify. Noah could even guess that his companion's power was finally going past temporary illusions.

Sepunia also limited herself to meditating while immersed in the crystals of the dark world. She didn't have any project at hand, so she let Noah's ambition increase her potential while the trio waited for King Elbas to come out.

Noah knew that the process would take a while, but he didn't feel in a hurry. King Elbas was aware of his condition, so he would probably try to complete his breakthrough quickly. Also, Noah felt sure that his companion would provide more temporary solutions once he came out.

A dense aura eventually spread among the dark world and forced Noah to recall his technique. That wave of power was so scorching and blinding that he also had to grab his two companions to retreat to safe areas.

The golden aura expanded among the void and shone among the blackness, suppressing the white light from the nearby sky. Such a massive event would usually attract Heaven and Earth's attention, but the rulers remained silent as if they were admiring the gigantic discharge of power.

The void seemed to move away to make room for the golden aura. King Elbas' world was so dense that even the empty blackness couldn't occupy the areas affected by his power.

The golden light expanded for a while before shrinking and revealing King Elbas' figure. The expert had destroyed his training area during his breakthrough, and he seemed busy stabilizing his current power.

Noah and the others waited as King Elbas' light slowly dimmed and allowed them to inspect his physical features. He didn't change at all, but his presence had grown heavier than ever. The expert seemed able to bend the space-time array with the sole weight of his existence. Also, a scorching rank 9 aura flowed out of his body while he kept his eyes closed.

King Elbas slowly opened his eyes, and the event unleashed another wave of dense energy, but he quickly stopped it with a wave of his hand. That power flowed back inside his body before seeping out of his skin and amassing in his palm.

A pill quickly took form as energy flowed in his palm. The drug shone with blinding golden light before darkening and transforming into a peak middle tier item that King Elbas didn't hesitate to throw at Noah.

Noah grabbed the pill and let his ambition flow inside its fabric. The drug improved without stepping into the upper tier, and he ate it once the enhancement ended. A wave of energy immediately filled his flesh, muscles, bones, and organs, reinforcing them with a series of barriers that seemed to suit his structure perfectly.

The pressure caused by his assets and dark matter grew softer after the appearance of the barriers, but they soon started to bend. That was another temporary solution, but Noah felt glad to have it since it would give him some freedom during an eventual battle. The drug had basically boosted his resilience.

"I know what you want to do with the non-world," King Elbas announced after teleporting in front of Noah. "I want a piece of its basic form."

"Do you even know how to contain it?" Noah mocked.

"I can do everything now," King Elbas stated in a calm tone that filled his companions with confidence.

The four didn't waste time questioning each other anymore at that point. They turned toward the darker area of the void in the distance. It was time to face the monster.

Chapter 2039 Darker

Noah and King Elbas weren't strangers to the void. Still, their mission through that harsh environment had happened countless years ago. Their whole existence had transformed in that period, allowing them to inspect their surroundings with new eyes.

The void was still the same, but the space-time array was clearer now. Both Noah and King Elbas could sense laws that they didn't wholly understand mixed with true meanings belonging to Heaven and Earth's system. They were still inside the rulers' range, but the universe had already started to show part of its real face after crossing the sky.

In theory, the monster was impossible to recognize due to its innate emptiness. There was simply nothing to see, but Noah and King Elbas sensed it, and the same went for Sepunia. They could feel the presence of something that didn't exist, and the event naturally created odd reactions in their minds.

Those sensations only intensified when the void began to morph to launch simple attacks toward the group. Noah and King Elbas didn't even need to move their hands to destroy those blows, but their attention inevitably intensified. They could both express deadly sharpness through their auras, but they focused on studying their surroundings instead of vanquishing the threats.

Noah didn't know how to describe what he felt. He could sense that something existed around him, but he could only find non-existence. Even his powerful mind turned out unable to study the monster or its weaker parts. That empty creature belonged to a different system that his very nature made him unable to comprehend.

Noah's mind experienced the world through things that existed, but the monster was the exact opposite. It was a being that his centers of power couldn't even begin to study properly. He would need to turn himself into a non-entity to approach that realm, but that was obviously stupid. He would have to throw away everything gained throughout his life just to inspect a unique creature.

The lack of understanding didn't stop the group from developing countermeasures and plans as their flight continued. Everyone knew about the monster's weakness by then, and the dragon couldn't do much about it. However, Noah had the sharpness in his very being, Sepunia could create suitable illusions, and King Elbas appeared omnipotent in his current state.

King Elbas didn't only give to his aura a sharpness that seemed close to the power expressed by Sword Saint. He also forced the dragon to wear special claws that he had created on the spot. The creature basically gained a second innate ability thanks to those weapons, but the expert had to refill their power constantly.

Noah and King Elbas discussed their approach during the flight. They knew their respective intentions, but they cleared eventual blank spots in their plans with the new features witnessed after reaching the areas occupied by the monster.

King Elbas remained confident that he could contain the non-world, so Noah couldn't make him give up on the matter. Also, the experiments performed during the flight ended up being disappointing. Both experts tested containers and their influence on the pieces of the void affected by the monster, but they didn't lead to the desired results.

King Elbas didn't struggle to contain the non-laws that affected the void. He could create an environment that pretended to imitate their nature, but problems arrived when he tried to stuff more of them inside his items.

The main issue was his lack of control toward the non-laws. King Elbas could even add sharpness to his containers to increase their effects, but he still faced the same problems once he gathered too many samples. That non-energy eventually filled the area inside his items and forced him to create bigger ones.

That wouldn't be a problem if King Elbas only wanted small samples. However, he was after the non-world, which would force him to create something immense. He didn't even know how it would behave. After all, the sharpness wasn't a real weakness. That feature would exist as long as the monster continued to fear the severing from the sky.

The problems for Noah were radically different. He also used his sharp aura to isolate non-laws, but they didn't react as expected in front of his ambition. They appeared somewhat resistant to his existence, even if they eventually gave in to the forced improvements. Yet, they continued to evolve on their opposite path.

The fact that Noah's ambition belonged to a different type of existence didn't seem to affect the event. The non-laws simply became stronger non-laws. Some even tried to attempt the transformation into non-worlds, which failed due to the incompleteness of their path.

Noah needed a massive amount of energy to bring his body to the ninth rank. He required something as strong as the monster to complete that last breakthrough, but the non-laws only failed him. His only hope was that the non-world would react differently to his ambition, but he struggled to find it among that blackness.

Attacks had never stopped flying toward the group during their advance. Noah and the others had long since entered the monster, and the void had always morphed to assault them. However, they knew the empty creatures' weaknesses too deeply to let them affect their power.

The non-laws could annihilate laws, but the weakness to sharpness made them easy to handle. The group didn't meet any problems during their advance, but their search remained difficult. They didn't even know what to look for when trying to find a non-world.

The different depths of blackness were the only clue about the matter. Noah and King Elbas could sense which areas had fallen under the monster's influence through the odd feeling that they sent to their minds. Hence, they instinctively flew toward spots where those sensations intensified, but the travel seemed endless.

Noah and the others had lived for many years. They could handle long travels, even when they happened inside the void. The lack of external energy was a minor issue for existences at their level, but the constant pressure radiated by their surroundings eventually started to annoy them.

The monster's weakness was the very feature that attracted it to the experts who opposed Heaven and Earth. That empty creature felt envy toward them since they could fight the rulers without fear.

The exploration reached the point when the group had to cut through the void affected by the non-laws to advance. The monster wasn't dense, but it didn't leave any path free of its influence. Still, sharpness-based attacks worked perfectly in that situation and allowed the experts to continue their exploration toward blacker areas.

Noah, King Elbas, and Sepunia could endure the dangerous feelings constantly radiated by their surroundings since they had access to sharp attacks on their own. Yet, the dragon ended up suffering more than its companions in that situation. It was simply outside its natural environment, in areas where it couldn't even absorb energy or defend itself without King Elbas' claws.

Luckily for the creature, the blackness affected by the monster seemed to disperse at some point. A mass of nothingness replaced it and filled the experts' senses. They felt fear even if the area in front of them was empty. Something told them that their whole existence would disappear if they dared to enter that darker zone.

Chapter 2040 Probing

It felt unreal to be in front of such a massive threat. The odd nature of the blackness stopped being the main issue since the experts realized how a simple touch could destroy their entire journeys.

Noah and the others didn't need to question themselves. They knew that they had found the non-world. Nothing else could be so dangerous for their beings without even existing.

The very nature of the non-world put normal worlds in danger. That empty mass of power could annihilate opposite versions of itself, which meant that no cultivators or hybrids could resist it during regular clashes. Even King Elbas didn't know whether items that didn't rely on sharpness could be effective against that power.

'Countless years of accumulation just to end up in front of something capable of countering me so deeply,' Noah thought as a sigh escaped his mouth.

Noah knew that the non-world didn't counter only him. That peculiar power was an enemy to everything that existed, which was the very reason why he had initially planned to unleash it on Heaven and Earth. The amount of damage that something like that could inflict on the rulers was massive, and he would even be there to reap eventual benefits.

Nevertheless, seeing something so powerful with his eyes forced him to put his plans on hold. Noah wanted to do everything in his power to learn from the non-world instead of simply finding ways to throw it toward his enemies. There was so much potential in that empty form of energy, and it hurt him to be unable to approach it properly.

"It hurts, doesn't it?" King Elbas commented while approaching the mass of empty power carefully.

"Did you just read my mind?" Noah joked.

"It doesn't take much to understand what you think," King Elbas continued as he timidly raised his hand, "Especially in front of this."

"So," Noah voiced while inspecting King Elbas' actions, "Can you contain it?"

King Elbas' couldn't focus too much on Noah since he didn't understand where the non-world began. It felt hard to inspect the edges of that power since it almost matched his mind's prowess. Even his final existence couldn't completely overcome the opposite nature of the monster.

King Elbas continued to push his hand forward until a small piece of his finger started to vanish. His world did its best to oppose the opposite properties of that empty power, but it eventually gave in, forcing him to retract his arm.

"How is it?" Noah asked.

"It tried to shrink my world as a whole," King Elbas explained after a quick inspection of his injury. "Instead, the non-world didn't change at all. It might contain more non-energy than we thought."

"It must," Noah replied. "We would have seen a change otherwise. Your world isn't exactly normal."

"You can say that I'm amazing," King Elbas scoffed.

"How is the injury?" Noah asked, completely disregarding his companion's last line.

"A normal cultivator would need to spend centuries in seclusion to fix this damage," King Elbas announced before fixing his finger. "I'm not like them."

The arrogant statements didn't make Noah ignore the core of the issue. The non-world had enough power to inflict severe injuries to worlds, and its dangerousness surpassed what the experts had initially predicted. Affecting its structure appeared impossible unless they changed its nature.

"Someone needs to attack it," Noah eventually exclaimed.

"You are the brute," King Elbas stated.

"Dragon, throw yourself inside the non-world," Noah casually ordered.

"He is joking, right?" The dragon asked while moving its reptilian eyes among its companions, hoping to find someone nodding at it.

"He is joking," Sepunia giggled while covering her mouth.

"Elbas, come on," Noah sighed. "I know that you have disposable puppets ready. Try to hurt the non-world."

"You'll be lost without me," King Elbas sighed, but no one heard his statement since Noah, Sepunia, and the dragon had already begun to retreat.

King Elbas snorted, but worry appeared in his eyes when he gazed at the non-world again. He eventually decided to reach his companions and set a series of defenses that relied on sharp meanings. Noah and Sepunia helped while the dragon prepared its claws in case the attack triggered unwanted reactions.

Once the defenses were ready, King Elbas took out a simple humanoid puppet from his figure. The weapon was in the middle tier of the ninth rank, and it had blades instead of hands. Noah couldn't help but feel that his companion had taken inspiration from his fiendish armor to create that item, but he remained silent to avoid wasting more time.

The puppet flew forward and crossed its blades in front of its chest before releasing a sharp attack. A cross-shaped cut appeared among that blackness and revealed part of the real void, but everything immediately began to tremble.

Every area of the void affected by the monster shook without releasing shockwaves. Odd feelings filled Noah and King Elbas's minds, but nothing flew toward them. They only sensed that something dangerous had started to awaken.

The tremors were unclear, but Noah could sense that they changed their rhythm as the monster summoned the entirety of the void affected by its non-laws. The blackness seemed to condense around the non-world, and a strange growl resounded after the process ended.

Of course, the growl didn't actually release sounds, but Noah and King Elbas could hear them anyway. They were slowly growing used to dealing with non-energy, but that only told them how impossible a complete understanding was.

The monster condensed until it took an uneven, spherical form with multiple thick branches flowing over its surface. They resembled flares that couldn't get too far from the main structure, but no actual attacks shot out of it.

Noah and the others didn't suffer any damage during the event, but the puppet had disappeared. The non-laws that had crossed it during that gathering had turned it into nothingness.

"You are helpless," King Elbas cursed as three pairs of eyes fell on his figure.

King Elbas took out another puppet that could release sharp attacks and launched it toward the monster. The weapon crossed its blades and launched a powerful slash that dug deep marks inside the darker area, but a flare suddenly shot out of that spherical empty creature.

The puppet was a rank 9 item, so a simple flare wasn't enough to turn it into nothingness, but the monster seemed to have an endless number of non-laws at its disposal. The attack continued to engulf the disposable weapon until it disappeared without leaving any trace.

"We can survive the initial attacks then," Noah announced.

"And I had to waste two middle tier puppets to prove this," King Elbas voiced in an annoyed tone.

"I can replicate similar events with my illusions," Sepunia suggested.

"I think we know enough already," Noah stated before turning toward King Elbas. "Do you still want part of the non-world in its raw form?"

"That's impossible to contain," King Elbas admitted. "I would need to be near the peak of the ninth rank to create such a huge container. Besides, your ambition can only improve the non-world."

"Perfect," Noah uttered before expanding his dark world and filling it with his ambition.

The technique only lasted a few seconds since a series of white figures suddenly pierced it and expanded their auras to announce their presence. Noah and the others didn't need to unfold their minds to understand that one of the newcomers was Dinia.

