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Chapter 2331 Nadia's Immortal Tribulation

Rumble!!!~

Heavenly tribulation lightning began gathering amidst the clouds. They were like a sea of serpents, gathering at the center to amalgamate into one entity, bringing forth an extreme retributive might as they targeted a single entity while still causing any other creature to feel a hint of reverence, perhaps even forcefully so.

Even under the threatening and destructive pressure, the black-robed woman in the valley kept a calm yet sharp gaze as she looked at the skies. Her deathly aura only grew in response to the provocation, causing the clouds to thunder even more.

"..."

Davis's expression became slightly unsightly, while Evelynn and Eldia's expressions also changed.

Even though they expected it, they still couldn't help but churn with anger. This was also a Destructive Immortal Heavenly Tribulation!

Eldia had just faced a Destructive Immortal Heavenly Tribulation, so she knew how its aura felt more deeply than Evelynn. It could be said that she went against the heavens, plundering its might, and so was justified that she received a penalty from the heavens, but what did Nadia do wrong?

They refused to believe that everyone got a Destructive Immortal Heavenly Tribulation because of a socalled karmic burden because of Davis. After all, karmic burden was different than a Destructive Immortal Heavenly Tribulation.

Only Divergents and individuals like Eldia, who plundered from the heavens, would face them.

If their reasoning was correct, then for what reason did Nadia receive a Destructive Immortal Heavenly Tribulation?

Nonetheless, since Eldia faced this kind of tribulation, she knew at a glance that Nadia's tribulation was stronger than what she went through.

Bang!~

The condensed one-meter-tall heavenly lightning strike fell.

It zig-zagged into motion and plunged onto Nadia, hitting her body as she stood just like that. However, if one saw her closely, one would see that a swipe of her hand took care of the heavenly lightning strike, causing it to be dispersed.

However, even though they saw Nadia's ease, their expressions didn't turn normal because it was as they expected. The heavenly tribulation's first strike was more powerful than Eldia's by a slight margin.

Still, Davis was more worried because he knew something else that Evelynn and Eldia didn't know.

Ripp!~

Nadia shot through the skies, ripping apart the second heavenly tribulation strike that sought to destroy her with her hands. Her hands were covered in pitch-black energy while they also spiraled around her arms and legs, making her invulnerable to heavenly lightning as they devoured- no, extinguished its remnant aura before they could even get near her.

Her purplish-golden eyes turned bloodshot. She was like a leaping cougar, intending to reach the skies.

"Nadia, return!"

Abruptly, Nadia became frozen stiff in the air before clenching her teeth, controlling herself.

Just now, she had become incredibly angered against the heavens, her mind becoming clouded with rage. She didn't know why but it made her feel the reason lay with her instincts or inherited memories rather than having to do with the fact that this heavenly tribulation treated her unfairly.

If it wasn't for Davis's voice calming her, she really might've gone ahead to the skies to face the heavenly tribulation, where it was even more dangerous.

People have tried to do so but only found themselves barraged by the sea of lightning, leading to a slow death while thinking that it was better to fight unconcentrated strands of heavenly lightning instead of concentrated bolts of heavenly lightning. Moreover, it was considered 'angering the heavens'. Therefore, no one dared to fight at its level.

Remaining underneath the skies was displaying basic respect. It was the superior being, while the tribulation-taker remained the lesser being. To appear to its altitude meant immense disrespect and could cause a normal heavenly tribulation to turn aggressive and deadly as a Destructive Immortal Tribulation. As for angering a Destructive Immortal Tribulation, Davis could guess what would happen.

It would turn into an Annihilating Heavenly Tribulation, something that's received by the most notorious type of Divergents, the Anarchic Divergents. It was even more powerful and violent than a Destructive Heavenly Tribulation.

Or, it might bring down those heavenly wind blades for all he knew. The only thing that he was feeling relief over was at least; there was no Heavenly Flame Tribulation descending to burn Nadia.

Bang!~

Heavenly lightning struck Nadia, its prowess hovering between the mid and peak of the Level One Immortal Stage. Its terrifying might crackled over her, trying to suppress her will, but with the death energy swirling around her body, she extinguished them without any suspense.

Bang!~ *Bang!~* *Bang!~*

Every three seconds, a bolt of heavenly lightning repeatedly struck. Each time, it just kept on increasing its prowess, widening the gap by a minor realm in a level. The sixth strike's prowess was already equal to Eldia's eighth strike, perhaps even stronger.

This made Davis and the others solemn as they knew that Nadia's immortal tribulation would undoubtedly cross to the point of being six levels higher!

This was irrefutably a tribulation where even humans with a Supreme Immortal Rune, Crest, and Sigil wouldn't survive!

Rumble!~

Heavenly lightning gathered towards the center, directly above Nadia. The dark clouds thunderously roared, using the three-second period to accumulate its heavenly lightning and condense them into a concentrated bolt of heavenly punishment.

This seventh strike already seemed to start looking like a serpent as it radiated the feeling of danger, causing Nadia to frown.

Her figure became encased by a deathly veil before it gradually spread, revealing what was within as two dark yet beautiful wings unfurled.

A dark purple-furred wolf with dark-black stripes resembling countless obscure runes hovered in the air while her pitch-black horn radiated an air of death. The visage of death covered her body as many strands of death energy flew around her like otherworldly dragonflies, eerily lighting up her surroundings. Her three tails flailed wavily, reaching with an intense speed as they struck out the plunging heavenly lightning bolt.

Bang!~

Nadia's three tails instantly caused the heavenly lightning to be extinguished while her tail flailed around, looking unharmed, receiving no damage whatsoever.

Looking at this scene, Evelynn and Eldia visibly sighed in relief. Although Eldia wished that she had not lost to Nadia in terms of whose heavenly tribulation was stronger, she didn't wish for Nadia to lose so that she could be the better protector. They always fought over Davis, after all.

But now, she was worried that Nadia's heavenly tribulation was too strong and hence, wished for her to win badly. Fortunately, it seemed like she still had the situation under control.

Just Nadia's body, covered in death energy stemming from her body and soul, was this strong, capable of reaching six levels higher. They were worried for nothing.

However, there was still someone who possessed a long face. It was Davis. He was also shocked over Nadia's capability as he hadn't thought that her prowess could reach six levels above. Was it because she wasn't divided into her doppelgangers as she still had three lovely, fluffy, yet frightening tails and hence, retained a vast amount of prowess?

He didn't know as Nadia was slowly regaining her inherited memories, coming to know more about her own body bit by bit while developing her own skills as he told her not to only rely on her body's natural abilities.

If she didn't tell him, he wouldn't know, so this came off as a pleasant surprise. However, he also saw that her energy usage was heightened, concentrating all that energy gathered around her on her tail as she unleashed it. It couldn't be simple for her to release an attack that reaches six levels higher.

Nonetheless, he couldn't help but ruminate over the intensity of Nadia's heavenly tribulation.

King-Tier Magical Beasts would face a heavenly tribulation that's equal to their innate prowess, which meant two levels higher. In the same way, Emperor-Tier Magical Beasts faced a heavenly tribulation that's four levels higher!

However, Nadia's heavenly tribulation's first strike itself was almost at the peak of the eighth level on the Ninth Stage and the second strike exceeded the eighth level, entering the ninth level of the Ninth Stage, which is Level One Immortal Stage.

Now, the seventh strike had reached Level Two Immortal Stage, making it so that this heavenly tribulation was six levels higher and could reach its peak at the ninth strike!

Obviously, the Destructive Immortal Heavenly Tribulation added a level higher to the difficulty, and if so, how strong was the karmic burden stemming from him to Nadia?

Davis became uneasy, pondering if the heavens had noticed how Nadia became a Nether Springs Death Wolf for it to be this unyielding!

Bzzz!~

However, Eldia's brows suddenly frowned at this moment. She looked towards the west, her expression turning into one of excitement.

"Two Vacuous Beasts from the west. Hehe!~ It's finally time to put my powers to the test!"

Chapter 2332 Heavenly Tribulation Factor

"Eldia, remain here."

Just as Eldia was about to fly into the distance, Davis stopped her, causing her to cry out in protest.

"But, we can't let those Vacuous Beasts disturb Nadia at the final moment. They're powerful... at Level Four Immortal Stage and Level Five Immortal Stage...!"

Eldia reasoned, but Davis shook his head.

"Don't leave the heavenly tribulation zone. I assume that we're already being investigated- no, it's better to assume that we're being tracked, so don't leave any hint of heavenly lightning aura outside the heavenly tribulation zone. That would easily point to me and anyone else who could use heavenly lightning but considering that I've been a hot topic that even a random Blue Luan Immortal from nowhere appeared and almost recognized me, I'd be instantly found even if the suspicion is over a spirit that could use heavenly lightning."

Some people had seen Eldia through the projection, but they couldn't truly confirm if she was a spirit, human, fey, or magical beast. Perhaps, they couldn't even confirm her gender, but if they found out that there was some kind of spirit that had just undergone a heavenly tribulation and was capable of using heavenly lightning to boot, they would easily pinpoint her back to him.

"I know it's frustrating, but we have to remain low-key as long as we can."

Roar!!~

Eldia heavily nodded and asked no more.

She turned around, creating a flurry of heavenly lightning between her palms, forming a web-like structure as it enlarged while she had her gaze locked on the Level Four Immortal Stage Vacuous Beast, having neared her in an instant.

Perhaps because she was unleashing heavenly lightning, it was extremely attracted to her, its bloodthirsty eyes seemingly wanting to devour her while its kirin's jaws hung agape. Her lithe fingers waved, springing forth a barrier made up of heavenly lightning, except it also seemed to be a sieve.

Eldia waved her hand, causing the heavenly lightning sieve to rush forward and enlarge unexpectedly. Without even defending itself, the Vacuous Beast rushed past it, turning into countless meat past as it transformed into a sea of rotten blood and plunged.

In that collision, it seemed that its blood core was also destroyed, causing its blood core to disappear instantly.

Davis was fairly surprised. Seems like him telling her to develop some skills had some impact as this was not how Eldia usually used her powers.

Boom!~

At the same time, the eighth strike fell as an eight-meter tall heavenly lightning serpent plunged and was about to devour Nadia.

Nadia's gaze instantly turned sharp, her purplish-golden eyes surging out with death energy as they gathered to the center of her forehead, slithering to the tip of her pitch-black horn. It directly pulled out a concentrated sphere of death energy that blasted above, piercing through the bolt of heavenly lightning while not even making a sound.

Rumble!!!~

It surged forth and pierced through the downward swelling dome of the dark clouds, causing a thunderous roar to resound.

"Hmph!~"

A dragon began slowly appearing underneath the rumbling clouds, causing Nadia to harrumph in disdain.

At this time, the Level Five Immortal Vacuous Beast ridiculously and brainlessly met the same fate as its predecessor, getting sieved by Eldia's heavenly lightning as it spurted into a mountain of toxic blood. None of them splashed on Eldia as she maintained her distance, returning to Davis and Evelynn when she suddenly froze.

She inclined her head to the skies and saw the heavenly lightning dragon looking at her. It had locked her in place. However, its eyes flashed with contempt only for a moment before its gaze fell on Davis, doing the same thing. It was almost like it was recording their aura, leaving her and Davis feeling uncomfortable.

Just what kind of existence was this heavenly lightning dragon that supposedly looked like it possessed a will?

The heavenly lightning dragon didn't deign to give an answer, returning its gaze to Nadia leisurely. It was long past the three-second mark, after all.

Boom!~

With an explosive speed, it descended!

"Amber Fur Nourishment~"

Nadia's dark purple fur abruptly shone with a deathly light, almost as though it was reflecting the sun setting on the horizon. She raised her sharp and deadly claws that were seething with death energy, her small frame pouncing at the heavenly lightning dragon in a close encounter.

Davis and the other's hearts skipped a beat.

Rippp!~

Nadia ripped through the heavenly lightning dragon as though it was nothing.

The heavenly lightning dragon's prowess had reached the peak of Level Two Immortal Stage, but she still pierced through like it was nothing!

Nadia elegantly landed on the ground, causing Evelynn and Eldia to become overjoyed. With Nadia turning into an immortal, they would finally gain an apex existence that will cause them to remain unafraid of Immortal Stage Cultivators!

The first thing Evelynn deemed was to feed Nadia plenty of immortal crystals and nutrients so that she could quickly reach Level Four or Mid Immortal Beast Stage and become capable of even battling an Immortal King!

Their worries could finally be put to rest. However, they couldn't help but suddenly feel strange.

Boom!~

The wind swelled, and the dark clouds kept brewing with heavenly lightning, bringing down a thick tenmeter tall serpent of heavenly lightning.

Bang!~

Nadia waved her two claws, ripping through the bolt of heavenly lightning, feeling that it was easier to defeat than the heavenly lightning dragon.

However...

"What!?" Eldia screamed out loud, her body shaking in disbelief.

A tenth strike? Wasn't that the tenth strike!? Just how was it possible!?

Evelynn was also stunned, but she directly turned to look at Davis for answers before the latter opened his mouth.

"There... there it is... the reason why no one knows about Nadia's species name." Worry seethed in his voice.

"Because they were wiped out by heavenly tribulations...?"

"I think so." Davis nodded as it was something said by Nadia through recalling her vague inherited memories, "Apparently, it's called the Eighteen Strikes Punitive Tribulation, a heavenly tribulation factor that's unique to a particular species of a particular attribute and anything mildly related to its nature."

"Eighteen strikes...?"

"To receive this kind of heavenly tribulation... even if you could match its prowess momentarily, you wouldn't survive this kind of onslaught..."

Eldia and Evelynn stared at Davis in pure shock before understanding the gist of it. It was no wonder they hadn't seen Dark-Attributed Wolves at the Emperor Rank or Immortal Rank in the Grand Beginnings Continent and even here!

In the First Haven World, only the Light-Attributed and other attributed Wolves seemed to have proliferated a lot since it was the Starlight Jade Wolf Clan that seemed overbearing! Otherwise, when Everlight's ancestor came to recruit Nadia, they would've heard about a Dark-Attributed Immortal Wolf Clan already.

After all, why should Nadia go to a Light-Attributed Immortal Wolf Clan when her nature was just the opposite?

Nonetheless, why? Why would a Dark or Death-Attributed Wolf receive special care from the heavenly tribulation?

Wasn't it just like the dragons and phoenixes that received the heavenly tribulation factors of an Overbearing Heavenly Tribulation and a Heart Demon Tribulation, respectively?

Were dark or death-attributed wolves the descendants of a Paragon Magical Beast!?

The more they thought, the more they believed it to be the case!

However, their gazes couldn't help but become anxious. Would Nadia be able to survive eight more strikes that were at the same level as the ninth strike or more powerful!?

Chapter 2333 Three Mutations

Boom!~

Just as Davis and the others were apprehensive for Nadia, the eleventh strike fell.

It didn't look like a serpent anymore. Instead, it transformed into two heavenly swords falling like dual Damocles as they rushed straight towards Nadia. The heavenly lightning blades crackled with extreme pressure while Nadia's eyes churned with shock.

These were two attacks on the same level as the tenth strike!

"Hmph!~"

Nadia harrumphed, her death energy surging behind her tail as she struck them.

Rip!~

Two tails slammed against a heavenly lightning sword, and another tail severed the other heavenly lightning sword. However, the latter survived, piercing through her forehead.

"...!"

Davis and the others became alarmed. However, the heavenly lightning sword was unable to pierce through her head. Instead, her pitch-black horn practically shattered the heavenly lightning sword. The will of the heavens was unable to remain against her deathly will.

"How strong...!"

They couldn't believe Nadia's bodily prowess at this moment, capable of withstanding a might that was essentially at the peak of Level Two Immortal Stage.

Seeing this scene, Davis instantly couldn't help but possess a hint of doubt, pondering if the increase in her body prowess had something to do with one of her past bloodlines.

The Amber Fur Nourishment Technique Nadia used, Davis had never seen that before. However, he could tell that her fur had transformed into something harder than metal at Level Two Immortal Stage by absorbing the rays of the sunset.

Was this a technique related to her Sunset Mountain Wolf Bloodline?

Nadia was originally a Sunset Mountain Wolf and mutated from it, turning into a Twin-Tailed Dusk Wolf, Dark-Winged Twilight Wolf, and all the way up to this terrifying being which is known as the Nether Springs Death Wolf. However, each mutation didn't cause her to lose the traits of her previous bloodline but intricately added to her subsequent bloodlines, allowing her to use all those techniques.

Even then, he hadn't seen her use this technique before. Heck, she even had a name for it?

Davis couldn't help but wonder if this was a species technique. However, the species technique the Sunset Mountain Wolf Species used was ridiculous and almost useless in battle, which was to make the beings around it cry. However, if this was another species technique of the Sunset Mountain Wolf Species, then...

'It is said that Emperor-Tier Magical Beasts have two or more species techniques that they could use... could it be...?'

Davis's sapphire pupils shook.

If that was the case, then Nadia was essentially a multiple mutated Emperor-Tier being who possessed eight or more Species Techniques of four species belonging to the Sunset Mountain Wolf, Twin-Tailed Dusk Wolf, Dark-Winged Twilight Wolf, and the Nether Springs Death Wolf!

Was this the reason that the heavenly tribulation was extra mad at her and not because her bloodline shouldn't exist, or did it find Fallen Heaven's presence in its changes?

'Are the multiple mutations the reason for inviting a Destructive Heavenly Tribulation...?'

Davis finally felt like he had found a possible answer to his question. His karmic burden could infect them, but that's different than receiving a Destructive Heavenly Tribulation. The latter had to do with

the individual, not with whom they interacted. Therefore, it was not possible for someone to receive a Destructive Heavenly Tribulation just for being close to him.

Arriving at this conclusion, Davis inwardly sighed, thinking that all his loved ones wouldn't have to face a Destructive Heavenly Tribulation. He could help them as he was fond of them, but how could he implicate them as their man?

Such a future didn't sit well with him.

Boom!~

The twelfth tribulation strike plunged, and that terrifying bolt of concentrated heavenly lightning split into three!

Nadia leaped and struck the three heavenly lightning swords with her three dark tails.

The heavenly lightning swords didn't shatter, and just when everyone thought it would strike her body, her wings became enveloped in death energy as she shot past them while slashing through the heavenly lightning sword in the center, coming out of it in one piece.

She recognized that these three attacks had the same prowess as the ninth strike but didn't have the overbearing will that the heavenly lightning dragon possessed. Her eyes that were curved into a pair of crescents became normal, understanding how her immortal tribulation worked.

"So the prowess didn't increase, but the number of times she is hit in a single strike keeps increasing one by one?" Evelynn couldn't help but ask Davis for his input, causing him to nod.

"I think so. However, I'm afraid that Nadia wouldn't have enough energy to defend against them all..."

Indeed, Nadia had already spent over fifty percent of her energy in both body and soul at this point since each one of her attacks was concentrated to the extreme to bring out a prowess capable of being six levels higher.

In particular, the Amber Fur Nourishment Species Technique of an Emperor-Tier Sunset Mountain Wolf took twenty percent of her body energy but allowed her body to become almost invulnerable to the heavenly lightning strikes.

However, Nadia didn't become complacent as she knew that there was a time limit for this technique. But the time limit didn't matter to her as a heavenly tribulation would well be over in a minute, even if it were eighteen strikes. What mattered was the capacity of its strengthening that could hold up against the attacks of the heavenly lightning swords.

If the technique ran out of juice to defend, it would naturally become undone, leaving her vulnerable, and even a single heavenly lightning sword could severely wound her.

To recast again is not possible in a short time as it was a species technique, coming with a cooldown period.

Bang!~

The thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth strikes fell, each countered by Nadia, even though the number of heavenly lightning swords only kept increasing by one every time it plunged. The sixteenth strike, in particular, had six heavenly lightning swords that almost got through Nadia's defenses, but she successfully extinguished them.

However, Davis's expression was somber because...

Nadia was already panting, her lungs swelling and contracting as she took deep breaths. He was afraid that she was already nearing her limit.

Chapter 2334 Eighteenth Strike

"Twenty-one heavenly lightning swords, each with the prowess of the peak of Level Two Immortal Stage..."

Evelynn's eyes shook, her fists clenched as her lips quivered, "How can one face a tribulation like this!? Do the heavens not have eyes!?"

Rumble!~

The dark clouds roared in anger, but with Evelynn outside the heavenly tribulation zone, it was unable to do anything. It was unknown if it would do anything to an unrelated person. Nonetheless, its rumbling could be heard throughout the region, causing Davis's brows to squint into tiny slits.

There was the danger that someone could notice an immortal tribulation transpiring this prolonged, but it was the least of his concern at this moment.

The way he saw it, Nadia's life was at stake. She was exhausted in the soul while her body's capacity was unknown. To extinguish twenty-one heavenly lightning swords, including the heavenly lightning dragon that could be said to be the very first strike before the twenty-one heavenly lightning swords, she had expended a significant amount of energy and stamina.

An area of effect attack was useless against them, or else Nadia would've already unleashed such an attack since she specialized in slaughter due to her nature. She had to release concentrated offense or else the heavenly lightning swords would destroy her, but each of the heavenly lightning swords was practically their own entity and had Nadia dash around in order to match them.

Nadia's speed was matchless. Dodging the heavenly lightning swords by rushing past them was the only way to avoid them. However, how many could she dodge as she took care of the other heavenly lightning swords? Her focus was spent, and her mental state was at an all-time low.

She was one of the very few magical beasts who could also use her soul, but even that wasn't enough in this immortal tribulation, causing Davis to be immensely angered at the heavens. He wanted to forsake everything and step inside to save her, but logic told him that if he stepped inside, then Nadia, including him, would turn to dust.

If even Nadia's immortal tribulation was this difficult, he could only imagine the one he was going to face, giving him unbelievable shivers, and yet, he still wanted to barge in to save her.

"Nadia, don't give up!"

Davis shouted atop his lungs, causing Nadia to turn to look at him before she widely smiled.

"Don't worry, master. This immortal tribulation is easy peasy~"

"..."

For a moment, Davis couldn't reply, wondering where she had learned these cute words. Was it Fiora? Nonetheless, her words couldn't help but have a calming effect on him, surprisingly making him see more clearly as he looked at her confident body posture as well as the gaze in her gleaming eyes.

'This... her gaze... she's waiting for the eighteenth strike...?'

He quickly realized that she was saving as much energy as she could to battle against the last tribulation strike and so would have to save up and use her energy up to the precisely needed limit as possible, causing her to additionally use more focus.

'So that's why she is tired...'

Davis's expression turned optimistic. He was glad that he taught her strategic warfare during their spars. Combined with her battle instincts, she was definitely a genius in assassination and bombardment, but he didn't expect her to be a genius in frontal assault as well.

It was no wonder she took down the twenty-one heavenly lightning swords without having a single scratch on her beautiful dark purple fur.

Rumble!~

The sea of heavenly lightning amalgamated in droves, turning into a heavenly lightning sword, and as soon as it plunged, it turned into seven swords as they crashed down on Nadia.

Countless motes of dark light abruptly emerged from Nadia. They gave off a deathly air as a pitch-black fog spread from them, and each of these dark motes was interconnected to Nadia's pitch-black horn, forming a star diagram.

'Repulsive Deathfall Stream~'

Her dark wings flapped, sending an intense wave of death energy upwards when the seven heavenly lightning swords crashed down.

The heavenly lightning swords pierced through the cloud of death, causing Davis and the others to narrow their brows. However, the heavenly lightning swords didn't seem to reach Nadia but had completely disappeared within, silently and eerily, as though they had never existed before.

Rumble!~

The dark tribulation clouds were already preparing for the seventeenth strike as a sea of heavenly lightning gathered underneath.

Nadia remained still. She didn't do anything as the star diagram still appeared to be glowing from her pitch-black horn. Exactly three seconds later, eight heavenly lightning swords pierced through the dark clouds.

The pitch-black curtain was like a dome of death, not giving entry to any, and if something forcefully entered, it extinguished into a lifeless state as though it didn't deserve to exist.

It had Evelynn and Eldia completely speechless as Davis was in awe over Nadia's species technique. He knew that this was definitely a species technique it's prowess had reached seven levels higher! Moreover, he had never seen this species technique before, so he felt that this must be a species technique from her current bloodline, the Nether Springs Death Wolf.

For the death energy to possess extreme defensive prowess- no, walking into it was completely a death trap that he couldn't help but want to learn.

However, the time came.

Rumble!!!~

Underneath the dark tribulation clouds, there was an eighteen-meter tall lightning dragon. Its big eyes viewed them with innate arrogance that could shatter a person's will with just a look. But the thing was, it didn't look at Davis nor Eldia. It completely had its eyes on Nadia and the dome of death that was hiding her.

Boom!~

Without wasting time, it shot down, bringing with it an extraordinary destructive might that had Davis's heart skipping a beat, making him wonder if he could withstand it without his chaotic body as it had reached seven levels higher!

"Aooo!~*

The heavenly lightning dragon roared and abruptly changed directions. Instead of piercing through the dome of death, it circumvented as it went around it!

The technique truly lived up to its technique's name, the Repulsive Deathfall Stream, to even cause a heavenly lightning dragon to avoid it!

However, with the heavenly lightning dragon dodging like that, everyone's expression changed.

Nadia was casting this current technique at the moment, and if so, wasn't she vulnerable at the moment!?

As they expected, the heavenly lightning dragon evaded the dome of death and circled around to appear in her line of sight. But contrary to their further predictions, Nadia's wolf lips curved into a mocking smile. She flew above and actually retreated into the dome of death.

The heavenly lightning dragon seemed to have suddenly stopped for a moment, its sharp eyes flickering with rage as though it was highly provoked.

Aooo!~

A huge pressure descended on the area as it roared out loud, shooting towards the dome of death as though it no longer cared.

But the moment it pierced through the dark veil, its heavenly lightning body began disintegrating. Its body was chipped layer by layer. More than chipping, it was as though it was peeled off. Each instance it stayed inside the dome of death would lead to its demise.

However, it quickly reached Nadia, slashing its heavenly claws at her.

Puchi!~

Nadia's right wing became torn off as blood spurted from her but simultaneously, her three tails slammed into the heavenly lightning dragon, causing it to roar in pain.

Boom!~

The explosion of its heavenly lightning might cause the star diagram to shatter and the Repulsive Deathfall Stream to collapse!

Nadia spat out a mouthful of blood. Her purple-golden eyes flashed in response, knowing that the culmination of Repulsive Deathfall Stream and her tail slam filled with death energy using Amber Fur Nourishment wasn't enough to defeat this dragon with a dense egotistic will.

A pitch-black light shone in her eyes as they gathered onto her horn, churning into an unseen, concentrated mass of the deathly sphere. The moment it appeared, it disappeared.

The next thing Nadia saw, the heavenly lightning dragon started to disintegrate from its head all the way to its tail.

Her immortal tribulation's eighteenth strike was defeated, but Nadia abruptly lost her balance and plunged to the surface.

Whoosh!~

But before she could lose altitude, a black-robed figure appeared and caught her.

Nadia lightly smiled at Davis, her aura abruptly beginning to change, causing Davis to let go as he gained some distance. He looked towards the location where the heavenly lightning dragon disintegrated and saw that even its remnant would didn't remain.

For it to have received a swift death that he could not even have the chance to absorb, he could only imagine how strong Nadia's soul attack was and if he was not wrong, it was the species technique she often used as a Dark-Winged Twilight Wolf called the Dark Soul Destruction.

Now that she had become an Emperor-Tier Nether Springs Death Wolf, that concentrated soul attack's prowess became deadlier than ever before!

Chapter 2335 Nether Springs Death Wwolflmmortal

Evelynn possessed a bright smiling face underneath her black veil. The same could be said about Eldia. She was flying around Evelynn, and by this time, it became clear to everyone present here that it was a way to express her happiness.

They both were thrilled with Nadia crossing her immortal tribulation, finally allowing her to step into the Immortal Beast Stage.

However, their expressions froze as they inclined their heads above.

No, they were not looking at the dark clouds because they were already receding, signifying the end of the immortal tribulation. What they were looking at was the projection of a star diagram- no, a mountain-sized dark wolf that covered their entire vision.

It spread its wing far and wide, looking at them with dark purple eyes that shot a pang of fear into their hearts.

Even Davis's body went stiff at this sight. Their vision even blurred as though they could not touch upon its identity.

However, what was even more ridiculous was that Nadia began to grow. Her body enlarged, and her wings stretched.

From the size of a man to the size of a huge beast, she grew to a whooping ninety-meter tall wolf, her body length measuring about a hundred and fifty meters long. Each of her three tails was around sixty meters in length, absolutely capable of crushing an entire palace to smithereens. Furthermore, her massive wings that spanned about the size of her body length beautifully stretched and hid the sunset, turning the area dark as it cast a big shadow on them.

Davis and the others remained dumbfounded, but they were also awestruck while they sensed her terrifying immortal undulations.

The sight they were seeing became etched into their souls, never to forget.

The next moment, the deathly aura surging from Nadia's body began receding while the vague projection that covered her and the entire region disappeared without a trace.

When Davis came to himself, he flinched, "Quick! We have to leave!"

Nadia had just settled in the Immortal Beast Stage, having gained a dantian in her body that supported Essence Gathering Cultivation while her magical beast core inside her head remained the same. Just when she wanted to check for changes, she heard Davis's alerted voice, causing her to come out of her reverie.

Her eyes shot open wide, revealing her huge purplish-golden eyes that saw beyond the mist covering the mountains. Numerous dotted silhouettes could be seen approaching from the distance, their undulations blaring yet still not having reached their location yet; she could sense that they had 'life'.

"Untouchable Dark Disappearance~" Her lips moved as a melodious voice echoed.

At the same time, one of her giant wings that shrouded the area swooped Davis, Evelynn, and Eldia in a gentle embrace as she looked around and then left in a particular direction. However, her three tails waved, causing an intense storm to surge as all the undulations and remnant aura were overthrown by her sheer strength.

Within a minute, a brigade of immortals appeared in this place.

There were eight of them wearing golden robes, while the one in the front was draped in a luxurious crimson robe. It had wonderful golden phoenix stripes, making him appear like an emperor.

Their gaze wandered over the area, but the crimson-robed man's gaze was on the location where the ground was slightly scorched. He then looked above, noticing that there were signs of dark clouds receding while the heavenly tribulation aura still encompassed the area.

Then without any indication, the group of eight behind the crimson-robed man spread out, seemingly searching for clues.

"This is the aura of an Immortal Beast..."

"Boss, an immortal tribulation seemed to have just concluded, but like the strange incident we're looking at, the tribulation-goer seems to have left the location already."

"This... this is a dark-attributed magical beast..? As for its race... judging from the aura, I can't say for sure, but from the huge image we vaguely caught sight of, I think it's not a bit of a stretch to assume that it's a wolf."

"Wolf?" The crimson-robed man raised his brows, his expression becoming curious.

It was one of his men who encountered the appearance of the huge projection in the skies, and he knew what that meant. It meant that a magical beast had a strong connection with its bloodline, able to access all of its powers due to more than ninety-nine percent purity.

His mind went to the Starlight Jade Wolf Clan that had recently made a scene in the Western Ascendance Monument and its ruler, the Starlight Jade Wolf King. However, the Starlight Jade Wolf Clan place was full of light, wind, fire, and water attributed wolves, but they were talking about a dark-attributed wolf. Was this wolf persecuted and discriminated against to make a breakthrough in this nowhere?

In reality, seeing dark-attributed wolves act like nomads wasn't suspicious. Still, he didn't know the specifics but couldn't help but ask, "What of its species?"

"Boss, I've never sensed the aura of an Emperor Rank or Immortal Rank Dark Moonshade Wolf, so I can't identify if this dark-attributed wolf is indeed the Dark Moonshade Wolf." That golden-robed man embarrassedly scratched his head.

"It's not the only dark-attributed wolf there is but fine." The crimson-robed man ruefully shook his head, "I'll deem this ignorance of yours as a given since dark-attributed wolves are rare to encounter."

"Why are they rare to encounter?" Another person couldn't help but ask.

"I know! It's because they are said to encounter an immortal tribulation with eighteen strikes, so their survivability rate is truly low."

"Eighteen strikes immortal tribulation? What!? A unique heavenly tribulation factor? Doesn't that mean that they would be a descendant of a Paragon Magical Beast like us!?"

Shock and disbelief seemed to be prevalent amongst the golden-robed men.

"That's likely the case since the heavens deemed them worthy of a higher-level tribulation."

The crimson-robed man perfunctorily nodded his head, "So what else have you all discovered?"

"Boss, these two Immortal Vacuous Beasts' carcasses radiate a putrid stench and an off-putting aura, not to mention that its toxic blood has erased any amount of remnant aura in the air or on their carcasses, so we're unable to identify what killed them."

"However, since their undulations are at Level Four and Level Five Immortal Stage, I think it's safe to assume that the dark-attributed wolf that underwent its immortal tribulation had just gone through its Mid Immortal Beast Tribulation, causing it to reach Level Four Immortal Beast Stage. Otherwise, I don't think it would've been able to kill these Vacuous Beasts."

The crimson-robed man listened to his subordinates before his chin slightly lowered, seemingly in contemplation.

"A lightning-attributed spirit that had undergone its first Immortal Tribulation and a dark-attributed wolf that seemed to have crossed its Mid Immortal Beast Tribulation. Hmm..."

After a short while, he raised his head as his eyes flashed in a fierce crimson light.

"This can't be a coincidence when two tribulation-takers seemed to go missing in a short period of time just like that. If they're not missing and actually fled using Unobtrusive Spatial Talisman or with the help of some other expert, then it is all the more evident for us to take them more seriously. In the righteous name of our Fire Phoenix Clan, I hereby commence a level one hunt."

"Whoever spots or captures that lightning-attributed spirit and the dark-attributed wolf will be rewarded up to five hundred thousand immortal crystals, and depending on the strength of the adversaries, the rewards will only increase. You can gain many contribution points to exchange resources as well."

"Now spread out."

"Yes!"

The eight golden-robed immortal beings roared and shot forwards in eight directions, releasing Level Nine Immortal Beast Stage undulations while the crimson-robed man calmly returned his gaze to the epicenter of the immortal tribulation, his brows frowning before he turned to look in another direction.

It was the direction Nadia had escaped.

However, he couldn't help but feel a sense of unease while looking in that direction.

Immortal King undulations churned out from his pores, surging below his feet. His figure flickered as he directly shot in that direction, flying with an incredible speed!

In the distance, Nadia flew with her wings gliding amidst the mountain breeze. She was like a fish in a sea, not encountering any resistance.

She flew past the mountains, soaring through the dozens of valleys as she entered a complex terrain. She even passed through a bandit stronghold filled with immortals, but nothing caught her presence as she was completely wrapped in death.

Even a Level Eight Immortal bandit was unable to catch onto her presence.

Davis was utterly awed by Nadia's capability. They had mounted behind her coat of fur around her nape that Eldia even rolled around the fluffy softness of Nadia's body, appearing unworried.

Even Davis and Evelynn looked the same, enjoying the sceneries that disappeared from their gaze quickly.

After all, if any remnant aura remained in the location of the immortal tribulation, they were scattered into the vicinity as they mixed with the aura of the heavenly tribulation. Moreover, the bloodthirsty aura and blood of the Vacuous Beasts left a putrid stench and a pervasive atmosphere, leaving it practically impossible to find exactly what had happened.

They could only hope that those trackers hadn't seen that huge projection that appeared after Nadia transformed into an Immortal Beast.

But at this moment, Nadia abruptly slowed down as she hovered in the air like a feather.

A golden-robed man rushed past them in the distance, his soul sense scanning around. He paused for a moment, squinted his eyes for a second or two before directly descending on that bandit stronghold, and began to wreak havoc, bringing about utter destruction in the righteous name of the Fire Phoenix Clan as scarlet flames swirled and burned mountains into ashes.

"Is that Fire Phoenix Clan's Law Enforcement?"

Looking at those words etched onto that golden-robed man's back and arm, Davis's lips couldn't help but twitch.

How had they attracted such a response from the get-go?

A Level Nine Immortal Beast was sent to investigate them? Wasn't this overkill? Or was their Prefecture's security tightened after the events of the calamitous Vacuous Beasts?

However, if he thought a Level Nine Immortal Beast was overkill, he didn't expect the next misfortune to drop in, causing his jaws to drop as intense pressure descended on the region.

Whoosh!~

A crimson-robed man appeared in the air, his sleeves fluttering in the wind as he seemed like an emperor. His gaze was on the bandit stronghold that the golden-robed immortal was wreaking havoc in. However, his gaze stayed only there for a moment before he panned his gaze.

"Lightning spirit and the dark-attributed wolf. I'll give you three seconds to show your faces, so don't waste my time."

Bzzz!~

Waves and waves of Immortal King Beast's undulations surged out of him, causing Davis and the others to hold their breaths.

Chapter 2336 In A Spot

"One..."

A warning of a timer rang out from the crimson-robed man, his grave voice resounding through the area as it caused Davis to clench his teeth in alarm.

This crimson-robed man had somehow followed them here, looking around as he obviously searched for them. However, it seemed like he didn't know where they were, or he was acting and intended to look at them at the last second, having full rights to end their lives since they didn't voluntarily come out.

Davis was put in a spot.

If he was some heavenly genius, he would've shown himself, but the fact remained that he was something beyond a heavenly genius from what he had heard so far. If he revealed himself and disagreed with the strong's terms, he really wouldn't have a body to be buried.

It wouldn't go like the time when he was captured by an Elder of the Tripartite Alliance when he was younger.

As for the others, there was no need to stay.

Davis's brows frowned heavily when his pupils moved, looking at Nadia.

At this point, she was absolutely still, seemingly not even blinking her big eyes. He knew because such big eyes would invoke a breeze when her eyelids closed and opened. The breeze around them also seemed as though they didn't encounter an obstacle but whooshed smoothly like she was some cliff that parted a valley.

Nonetheless, seeing Nadia not move, he remained silent.

"Two..."

Boom!~

The crimson-robed man uttered when a resounding explosion occurred a few kilometers away from the bandit stronghold. Within the smoke arising from that particular mountain, a figure shot away, seemingly fleeing from the scene.

The golden-robed immortal who was just taking care of them also hurriedly chased after him.

However, the crimson-robed immortal raised his hand.

"The Haise Gravediggers Gang really have the nerve to set up their branch operations in my Southwest Fire Phoenix Prefecture. Although we're weaker here, I don't think most would have the gall to provoke us..."

Waving his hand, a wave of oppressive scarlet energy manifested.

Like a meteor, a huge fireball appeared in the distance and crashed down on the fleeing Level Eight Immortal, causing him to instantly turn into ashes. There was literally no suspense, not even a scream; throes of death from that fleeing bandit leader as he was burned alive.

Davis and the others looked at this scene. Maybe at this moment, their life and death didn't have any suspense as well.

"Three..."

The crimson-robed man's shoulders drooped while his hand that was half-raised churned with a scarlet wave of energy.

"Alright. Don't blame me for being ruthless."

A wave of bright scarlet light gleamed over Davis and the others, the intense heat causing them to become choked. In the face of the Fire Phoenix Immortal King's scarlet flames, they became shaken, wanting to reveal themselves in order for the crimson-robed man to stop.

However, glancing at the unmoving Davis and Nadia, Evelynn and Eldia stayed their hands to the best of their ability, sweat beginning to form on their foreheads under immense pressure.

Boom!~

A sea of scarlet flame abruptly descended, engulfing a vast piece of land. The scorching scarlet flames became set ablaze. Whatever flora remained on this vast patch of land became instantly incinerated. The mountains turned into ashes and the few curved lines of rivers dried up.

Ssssh!~

Even the burning bandit stronghold was caught up in it, completely having turned into ashes.

Within a second, the area was turned into a withered, scorched land. The mind-boggling thing was the level of the land seemed to have decreased by tens of meters, meaning an entire layer of the surface was burned by those scarlet flames just like that. It even targeted the underground as there were crevices of scorching flames still emitting fumes, although it was unknown if that was lava rising from the dormant volcanoes.

"..."

At the altitude of twenty kilometers above the scorched surface, Davis and the others looked at the destruction that transpired. Their faces couldn't help but have an intense sense of relief written over them, Evelynn even breathing out heavily as she could no longer take the extreme pressure.

Even Davis and Eldia appeared the same.

Fortunately, Nadia had slowly raised her altitude when the golden-robed immortal beast arrived.

By the time that the crimson-robed immortal king beast showed up and alerted them with a warning, it gave them ample time to ascend kilometers despite moving slowly because Nadia's size was massive!

If people checked for someone hiding, they would usually check over blind spots and not the clear skies. Nadia had used that to her advantage without him even telling her. Her instincts as an Emperor-Tier Dark-Winged Twilight Wolf that was still in her were really terrifying when it came to hiding, making her a genius in assassination skills.

At this moment, a golden-robed immortal rose from the sea of scarlet flames, seemingly uninjured, but he knew it was due to the leeway the crimson-robed man granted him.

"Boss, are they here?" Once he neared the crimson-robed man, he couldn't help but ask.

"I thought that way as my intuition made me believe there's something leading along this pathway. I can't wrap my finger around it as it's vague, almost as though it's just air flowing in a set pathway as they are carried by the wind, but in my years as a Law Enforcement Vice Elder of the Southwest Fire Phoenix Prefecture, I felt the need to check it out." The crimson-robed man shook his head as he continued.

"Guess I was mistaken. They must've used an Unobtrusive Spatial Talisman as we initially suspected."

"Yes." The golden-robed man respectfully answered.

In the skies, Davis and the others were still able to hear their conversation as the wind carried it to them, not to mention that they were rather loud, not bothering to hide their voices.

Evidently, death remained almost impossible to sense when it was used for concealment. It was like chasing a vacuum. Even if they could feel the disparity or disturbance, one wouldn't even be able to decide if that vacuum existed or not unless they checked it out for themselves, but with Nadia staying still or moving very slowly while being concealed, it became clear that spotting them was not even possible for a Level One Immortal King Beast with sharp instincts.

The crimson-robed man then smiled, "Perhaps, my intuition was a trail leading to this bandit stronghold. They're worth around a few million Immortal Crystals, and the credit is all yours."

"Boss, how can I take it all for myself?" The golden-robed man scratched his head.

"You found them and killed them, so you should. I was just helping you subdue their leader." The crimson-robed man waved his hand, "Also, tell the environment guardians to plant trees here and restore the flora, and I didn't think there were so many unused lands. Look at that. Those bandits even occupied an Immortal Crystal Mine that we haven't found."

He gestured towards the bandit stronghold that no longer existed, but now, there was an Immortal Crystal Mine that seemed to have a core, although it held no fragments, probably in the spatial ring of that dead Level Nine Immortal bandit.

However, the golden-robed man shook his head.

"I don't think so, boss. I checked it with the Immortal Crystal Mine List, and it was registered. However, that Immortal Crystal Mine is almost depleted, so our Fire Phoenix Clan didn't see the need to waste resources to allocate it and instead left it as an opportunity to the people of our prefecture."

"I see. As expected of our ruler, tyrannical yet magnanimous. Even those dragon rulers don't easily dare to face him in battle."

The crimson-robed man possessed a prideful smile on his face. In a prefecture, every Immortal Crystal Mine belonged to the ruler. Even if it didn't belong to them but was owned by a local power, they were still heavily taxed, but their ruler left a few Immortal Crystal Mines for others to enjoy and grow.

If that isn't magnanimous, then what is?

"Alright, I'll leave it to you all to pursue those suspicious immortals. Don't take this matter lightly. Immortals wouldn't disappear just like that after their immortal tribulations. Most likely, this matter is related to that Blue Luan Immortal who killed the Thirty-Fourth Fire Phoenix City's City Lord, as we

guessed, or there must be something looming behind the background that we haven't figured out yet, so move with caution. Even if you find the danger is within the realm of your capability, report to me immediately."

"Yes!~"

The golden-robed man deeply bowed before he shot towards the distance, moving in the direction that Nadia would've continued to travel.

The crimson-robed man also left towards the south, seemingly returning to where he came from.

Chapter 2337 Still Wolf

Davis and the others stared at the leaving silhouettes.

Once the Law Enforcement Vice Elder left, it was like a mountain that had been taken off their shoulders.

"Woah, so efficient. I wish to have a Law Enforcement like this for my big family in the future..."

Davis couldn't help but lightly chuckle, plopping his butt on Nadia's soft and fluffy coat of fur.

Eldia still hovered, but her body was shaky while Evelynn also plopped like him, seemingly having gone limp. The only one who didn't seem affected by the Immortal King Beast pressure emanated by the Law Enforcement Vice Elder was Nadia.

She appeared to heave a sigh of relief as she took a deep breath before a wide smug appeared on her face. After all, the fact that she escaped from the senses of an Immortal King Beast left her feeling immense pride.

"Fortunately, that crimson-robed man didn't turn into a Fire Phoenix. Otherwise, I would've found it hard to remain concealed amidst his intensifying undulations."

Only she knew how close to the limit she was from breaking the concealment that once the Fire Phoenix Immortal King started releasing his energy, she was inwardly sweating, afraid that she might lose focus and cause the concealment to collapse.

If that happened, they would all be toast within seconds if that Fire Phoenix Immortal King Beast refused to stay his hand.

"That Untouchable Dark Disappearance you uttered... is that a species technique?"

"Yes, master." Nadia proudly transmitted to them as her voice would be booming loud, "As my inherited memories became clearer, I found that I have nine species techniques with me. Without the Untouchable Dark Disappearance that belonged to my Dark-Winged Twilight Wolf Bloodline, we would've been found out. My normal concealment could in no way work against an Immortal King Beast's senses."

Davis nodded, understanding the gist, but he also couldn't help but feel excited. His Nadia retained all the powers of her previous bloodlines, and what's more, they were all incorporated into her nature which is death. This was the wonder of bloodline mutation.

However, they were considered deviants within the magical beast race and often discriminated against. Like deviants, variants were also discriminated against, but that was just how magical beasts moved out. Anything that is their species but did not look like them was an insult to them, to the bloodline they prided themselves upon.

To desecrate it was a sin and unless those variants were not strong enough, they would be easily discriminated against.

Nonetheless, he wondered how different Nadia was from a true Nether Springs Death Wolf.

Did it have three tails? Did it have wings? Did it have a pitch-black horn?

Perhaps that's why no one recognized Nadia, including Myria.

Still, Nadia was just too much of a monster with her current arsenal, able to cross an entire realm in concealment, although her battle prowess was still unknown, needing to be checked. However, he saw that she was still inexperienced as he saw her continue onward.

"Nadia, don't move. If I'm not wrong, that Vice Elder will return here within a few minutes, according to my guesses stemming from experience..."

"...!?"

Nadia froze in mid-air.

Evelynn and Eldia were also alarmed. That Immortal King would return?

Meanwhile, Davis stared at the ruins of the bandit stronghold below. He squinted his eyes as he activated the colorless tendril of Fallen Heaven. However, he couldn't see much karmic sin in the air, causing him to become disinterested.

The amount of karmic sin there was truly low for him to risk revealing himself.

Just as they stayed silent, it wasn't even five minutes before a sneaky figure appeared from the southern direction.

It was that crimson-robed man who had just left in that direction.

Although that crimson-robed figure had his undulations in check, his leaping silhouette that moved from tree to tree while hiding himself was plain for them to see because they had the altitude advantage.

"..."

He slowly neared them. However, the moment he stepped on a tree that was scorched, its branches withered, and the branch broke, causing him to lose his balance and fall.

Instantly, his undulations surged, causing him to freeze in mid-air as he saved himself from plunging to the ground. After that, he no longer bothered to suppress his undulations and flew into the air, his expression becoming unsightly.

"Fire Phoenixes don't have concealment techniques...?" Eldia's lips twitched.

"Eldia, don't laugh..."

Although Davis said that, even he was holding back his laughter while Evelynn had already folded into a fetal position as she trembled, doing her best not to laugh out loud.

Looking at an Immortal King sneak around to find them was more comical than they imagined but noticing him fall and accidentally unleash his undulations was beyond comical. It could be seen that he was not used to suppressing his cultivation to sneak around.

On the other hand, only Nadia didn't laugh. For one reason, she couldn't laugh or risk dispelling the concealment. Another reason was if she had flown away, then that would've left a trail again, allowing that Immortal King to once again follow them. By that time, even if he couldn't detect them, he would've confirmed his suspicion that something fishy was going on in this area.

Fortunately, Davis had warned her, causing her to inwardly heave a sigh of relief.

"We wait for an hour." Controlling his laughter, Davis warned them.

The next few minutes were thrilling as the Immortal King surveyed the landscape and even the skies. Fortunately, he didn't come closer but shook his head and left.

In these fifteen minutes, Davis and the others only uttered a few sentences as the atmosphere was stifling but now that the Immortal King had left, they relaxed.

"Nadia, can you hold on a bit more?"

"Of course, master. I can hold this extreme concealed state as long as my energy lasts, which means I can last for two or three days."

Nadia confidently answered as she had already investigated her capability while remaining still for all these minutes.

"Awesome."

Davis's brows raised in joy, realizing that this was a passive species technique of the Emperor-Tier Dark-Winged Twilight Wolf. Moreover, since Nadia had just become an immortal beast and hadn't fully gained control of her undulations, making it difficult for her to conceal herself, this species technique of hers was only bound to be more powerful and energy-efficient in the future.

Even as a Level One Immortal Beast, she could deceive the senses of Immortal King Beast as long as she stayed still or moved very slowly. This was a matter worthy of celebration and praise.

"Well, all that's left is to wait until for some more time. We don't know if he will appear again."

Evelynn and the others nodded. They began waiting, passing their time in silence.

Quickly, Eldia became bored and started to roll around Nadia's fur, feeling that it was a luxury. Because Nadia had her death energy concealed inside her body, her fur wasn't particularly hurtful to them either.

Davis and Evelynn laughed as they watched the simpleton spirit. It wasn't long before Evelynn closed in on him, sitting beside him as she laid her head on his shoulder. He subconsciously reached out and began caressing her silky hair.

"Evelynn, I must say-"

"I know." Evelynn quickly answered, "It's unsafe to cross my immortal tribulation today."

Davis wryly smiled, "I apologize for being unable to provide you a safe place to-"

"No!" She raised her head and quickly turned to look at him.

"If I didn't have you, I wouldn't even have made it to this level, much less look for a place to undergo my immortal tribulation. Please don't apologize when there's nothing to apologize for. Besides, I just made up my mind not to undergo tribulation due to other reasons."

"I was about to say cite those reasons to convince you..." Davis nodded his head.

"Well, I'm already convinced after witnessing Eldia and Nadia's tribulation."

"Yup, it is far-fetched for the current you to cross your heavenly tribulation."

"I agree." Evelynn's lips curved into an ironical smile, "Even with my karmic virtue, to think that my heavenly tribulation is eight levels higher."

....

Davis didn't know what to say as he couldn't help but find this matter ridiculous.

There were various factors that made Evelynn's tribulation nine levels higher, and he felt that it was utterly ridiculous beyond comparison!

One, Evelynn had peaked all three of her cultivation systems, causing her heavenly tribulation's prowess to become a level higher.

Two, because she absorbed Misteltae's blood that had gone through a heavenly tribulation but failed, she was inflicted with her heavenly tribulation's prowess becoming one more level higher.

Third, she absorbed the blood of an immortal beast, causing her immortal tribulation's prowess to become two more levels higher. This applied to both humans and feys. Furthermore, since that immortal beast was an Emperor-Tier Immortal Beast, it added four more levels to the difficulty.

And last but not least, his karmic burden flowing down to her added one more level to the difficulty.

This made it so that her immortal tribulation was practically nine levels higher in prowess!

However, due to his act of bestowing her with bright-gold karmic virtue, her tribulation's prowess should decrease by a level in theory.

However, the immortal tribulation was still eight levels higher!

Even if he bestowed her with a purplish-gold karmic virtue, her tribulation's prowess should still be seven levels higher!

It would be on the same level as Nadia faced, even though it would not be an aggressive Destructive Immortal Tribulation. After all, the last three strikes would definitely reach seven levels higher in prowess, and it was unknown if Evelynn could endure those strikes!

Chapter 2338 Other Plans

Originally, Davis thought Evelynn would be reasonably able to face her ridiculous immortal tribulation because of her Earth Dragon's defense, but after witnessing Eldia and Nadia's Immortal Tribulations, he knew that his karmic burden flowing to them screwed up the difficulty by one level higher.

Consequently, Evelynn would be unfit to face her immortal tribulation or risk a higher chance of death.

"Sigh, I shouldn't have absorbed Misteltae's blood." Evelynn gently sighed.

That failed immortal tribulation blood had added a needless burden to her tribulation.

"No, without that, you wouldn't have had fate with the Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid Empress." Davis quickly shook his head, "It was I who implicated you with my karmic burden."

"Absolutely not. You just feel too responsible for yourself. It is I who should lament my weakness."

Evelynn also vehemently shook her head, "My prowess should be able to reach seven levels higher if I went all out using all three of my cultivation systems for the duration of the heavenly tribulation, but there's a minute problem. I don't think hexes are particularly effective against heavenly tribulation lightning..."

Davis became slightly assured as he heard about her prowess but still couldn't help but wryly nod. This was one of the reasons why he didn't let Evelynn go ahead with her heavenly tribulation.

Hexes were a do-or-die kind of attack. If they worked, they would instantly activate fully and cause massive damage, but if they crumbled upon touch, they would literally have no damage. If a bolt of heavenly lightning managed to get past her Collapse Hex, then she would literally be struck to death as she could not easily form a defense of that level.

The only defensive technique worthy of seven levels higher she had was the Earth Dragon's species technique: Earth Invulnerability. It would last until the immortal tribulation ended but would it be able to endure the strike's prowess, especially when there would be three strikes on the seventh level, the last ninth strike reaching the peak of the seventh level?

This was only the case after he imbued her with more karmic virtue until her karmic virtue reached the hue of purplish gold.

It was practically suicide to let her face her immortal tribulation at this moment, causing Davis to want to find a solution.

"Forget it. I imagined that I could cross it even if it were seven levels higher, but since it is known to have become eight levels higher and tribulation-related formations are only practically used to counter the last strike or hide karmic sin, I can only delay it until I can reach that level one day."

Evelynn expressed as she lightly smiled, but Davis was still immersed in his thoughts. He wasn't worried about causing Evelynn's immortal tribulation's prowess as he could eventually decrease it by two levels as long as he could obtain the purplish-gold karmic sin.

What he was worried about was her chances to defend against the last three strikes. Thinking about it, he suddenly turned to look at her.

"Evelynn, since you're an Emperor-Tier Fey, have you got any inherited memories?"

Evelynn wryly shook her head, "I don't think so. Most of the things in there are vague and incoherent. Perhaps, it would only become coherent and readable once I step into the Immortal Stage."

"I see."

Davis felt that it was a pity. Otherwise, she would have more techniques to use against her immortal tribulation like Nadia did. If Nadia lacked those nine species techniques, she would've wasted more energy and consequently exhausted herself to death under those eighteen strikes.

"Even if I did gain inherited memories, I don't think I can acquire Earth Dragon's Emperor-Tier Species Techniques. My blood has tipped towards the Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid side after all. There's a massive imbalance between the spider blood and the dragon blood. Perhaps, as I make more breakthroughs in the future, the spider blood within me will become more consolidated while the dragon blood will become completely suppressed."

Evelynn made an educated guess, causing Davis to look at her. He blinked thrice before he couldn't help but articulate.

"What if I brought you an Emperor-Tier Earth Dragon Blood Essence?"

"Then..." Evelynn still had her smile, but her expression suddenly froze, turning to look at Davis with wide eyes, "Wait... that's not possible... Even Isabella doesn't have Emperor-Tier Blood... Are you thinking of invading the Earth Dragon Clan!?"

She hurriedly latched onto his shoulders, her expression looking agitated and worried because if Davis put forth a suggestion, she knew he definitely wasn't kidding about it.

"You can't... you shouldn't..."

She looked into his eyes, trying to find an answer, while Davis still looked indifferent, although he was particularly enjoying her worry for him. The next second, he beamed.

"I'm not suicidal, and I can't wait till I reach the Immortal Emperor Stage to conquer the Earth Dragon Clan here. What's more, there's definitely not an Emperor-Tier Earth Dragon out there, or the dragon race would be feared to the extreme."

"Then ... ?"

"We create one."

"...!?" Evelynn became stunned.

Seeing that Evelynn had become stupefied, Davis felt that he had gotten ahead of himself.

"Alright, I admit that I'm exaggerating a bit. Even if I could not obtain an Emperor-Tier Earth Dragon Immortal Blood Essence, I should at least be able to obtain King-Tier Earth Dragon Immortal Blood Essence. You know Myria transformed an Obsidian Crystal Turtle into a King-Tier Magical Beast, right? I'm going to ask her how she did that and gain pointers so that we can turn an Earth Dragon into one and collect blood essence from it."

"The blood essence can help you strengthen your body, giving you more of a chance to face your tribulation."

Davis pursed his lips, appearing none the wiser, while Evelynn had her mouth agape, her sexy eyes blinking to his heart-racing statements. However, after she digested what he said, she still shook her head.

"Even if Myria has such pointers, it's going to cost heavily. I don't think you should-"

"What? You're going to stop me from providing for my loving wife? You think you're capable?"

Davis raised his brows, appearing stern, while Evelynn also stared at him, pursing her lips in speechlessness while her shapely nose also turned red from being moved. Her gaze lowered, appearing to avoid his stern yet caring gaze.

At this moment, she found herself unable to think properly, causing her to clench her teeth before she said nothing and just fell into his embrace.

"You're always overbearing.."

"Don't you like it?"

"..." Evelynn couldn't help but smile as she felt him caress her head softly, "I love it."

Although she wanted to advise against it simply because she didn't want him to become indebted to someone, especially some other woman, because of her, the way he treated her left her swooning for his love instead, wanting to be pampered more.

Even though he also took care of others with love, the feeling that all he did was for her and all she did was for him became more and more cemented inside her heart and even her mentality, making her feel extremely fortunate.

Davis gently embraced his wife, thinking about her wellbeing.

But in reality, he also had another plan.

His senses fell on the other shelter inside his soul sea, one that housed a light-attributed wolf that was currently undergoing a mutation. Looking at Everlight's transformation that seemed to be proceeding safely, he was tempted to try with other magical beasts.

His other plan was to have an Earth Dragon form a Transitory Beast Taming Pact with him and see if Fallen Heaven could transform it into an Emperor-Tier Magical Beast.

Therefore, the Earth Dragon that most deserved his augmentation was... Mira Ruth, Isabella's magical beast pet.

However, Fallen Heaven had the powers of death, life, and karma.

If an Earth Dragon made a pact with him, what would an earth-attributed magical beast mutate into?

He felt like he was missing the point, not to mention that there could be many complications. After all, Nadia turned into a descendant of a Paragon Magical Beast, so what would Everlight become?

Another death attributed wolf? Or a life-attributed wolf like he expected before? But a life-attributed didn't seem to be a descendant of a Paragon Magical Beast from what he could guess. Otherwise, light-attributed wolves would also be descendants of a Paragon Magical Beast.

He felt confused, not knowing what to think of this matter as he had no idea what an Earth Dragon would transform into.

'Mhm, I shouldn't endanger Mira's life. I should try selecting an earth-attributed magical beast guinea pig before forming a pact with Mira to test Fallen Heaven's influence. However, this method is currently a waste of time since if Mira changed from an Earth Dragon to something else, her blood would essentially be useless to Evelynn.'

After all, Evelynn's blood had mutated into a mix of Earth Dragon and Three-Eyed Chromatic Hex Arachnid. If another type of blood is introduced unless it is directly related to Earth Dragon and not a distant unachievable bloodline that could only be reached through Fallen Heaven's miraculous powers, Evelynn will become unhealthy or ill rather than have her power increase.

He felt like he should still stick to the method of learning magical beast tier-increasing knowledge from Myria and try to turn an Earth Dragon into an Emperor-Tier Earth Dragon so that he could realistically end up having a King-Tier Earth Dragon.

'The only complication is... will Isabella allow me to get blood essence from Mira? Would Mira agree to give her blood essence? If Mira really did turn into a higher-tier magical beast, then Isabella should also benefit. If Isabella doesn't accept, then I wonder if I can borrow the other Earth Dragon Eggs she possesses...'

Davis felt that he should talk to Isabella about it after returning. For now, he simply held Evelynn, taking in her warmth and fervor towards him.

Sometime later, noticing that the Vice Elder of the Fire Phoenix Clan Law Enforcement finally left as he never appeared, they didn't deign to stay any longer, returning in the direction of the Thirty-Fourth Fire Phoenix City.

Chapter 2339 Small Threat?

More than halfway through their return journey, Nadia stopped in a secluded valley as Davis said for her to stop.

"Alright, we should be at a safe distance to walk to the Thirty-Fourth Fire Phoenix City."

Davis, Evelynn, and Eldia alighted from Nadia as they landed on the dirt ground.

"Eldia, return to my soul sea. Don't wreak havoc, or I'll die."

"Master, I won't do something like that..."

Looking at Davis chuckle, Eldia pouted before she transformed into a black-silver ray of light and entered Davis's soul sea.

Davis shook, feeling an immense pressure sink onto his entire being. His soul felt a bit overwhelmed as though he couldn't suffice such an entity in him, but this feeling only lingered for a moment before disappearing.

'... I see. The soul couldn't host a being that's a stage higher. If at all the soul still needs to host such a being, then the soul should have the consent of that being...'

Davis imagined it was the same with Lereza as he had felt the same before. Without Lereza consenting, how could he be able to house an Immortal King Grade Palace even if he is able to bind it? Lereza was the anchor that allowed his soul to host the Immortal King Palace, and in the same way, Eldia allowed him to host her.

Perhaps, his life had been within Lereza's hands all this time, but since he was also the master of the Nine-Treasured Immortal Ordeal Palace, he doubted that she could make such a move.

Nonetheless, he couldn't help but become excited a bit.

After all, with Eldia's immortal presence in his soul, he would practically never run out of essence energy to use. Moreover, with the Prismatic Intramural Soul-Spirit Pact, if he borrowed her strength, then his Essence Gathering Cultivation's prowess would drastically increase.

Perhaps, his heavenly lightning would become as strong as using the combination of heavenly lightning and heavenly flames because of Eldia's support. This way, he didn't need to show that he was capable of handling both heavenly lightning and heavenly flames, although it could only be for a short time until he caught up to Eldia.

Suddenly, he raised his head to look at his first wife.

"Evelynn, can you sense Eldia?"

Evelynn narrowed her brows, "I think so. Her immortal undulations are trickling from your soul sea..."

"I see. Move back and tell me from what kind of distance you can sense Eldia's presence in me." Davis instructed, causing Evelynn to retreat.

Before long, they determined that she could vaguely sense Eldia's undulations as long as she was within a hundred meters of him, causing Davis to be stumped.

If that was the case, wasn't he a walking target? Wouldn't immortals be able to better sense Eldia's peculiar undulations and find out that he was the Emperor of Death?

"Master, I'll learn to control my undulations..."

Eldia's voice resounded out in an apologetic tone, causing Davis to reply.

"It's alright, Eldia. It would take some time to learn to control your undulations, especially after a major breakthrough, so in the meantime, I'll have Nadia work cover you with her concealment technique."

Davis smiled, but he suddenly saw Evelynn raise her two hands and place them on her agape mouth. She appeared to be shocked, causing Davis to blink before he turned around.

Nadia's massive figure seemed to have disappeared into thin air, nowhere to be seen.

Where did she go?

However, he suddenly felt something prod his leg, causing him to flinch lightly and look down, only to see a dark purple-furred baby wolf.

"Na- Nadia...?"

Davis became dumbfounded, staring at the baby wolf in shock.

Had Nadia turned into an infant!?

However, Nadia hopped onto his robe and climbed all the way to his shoulder easily, retracting her tiny wings into a fold behind her body, and comfortably sat on his broad shoulder. She stuck out her small tongue and licked Davis's cheek with some fondness, causing Davis to erupt out of his reverie as he gasped.

"Nadia... can you understand me?"

His expression remained astounded as he asked.

"Master, it seems that I can change my size..." Nadia nudged her face against his as a cute voice resounded out.

Davis felt her soft, fluffy fur rub against him. Instantly, his jaw dropped before a person abruptly kidnapped Nadia.

"Nadia, you're so cute!"

Evelynn screamed as she hugged Nadia into her embrace. Nadia felt stuffed into Evelynn's bosoms. However, she finally understood why her master liked them so much, feeling at ease as warmth encased her body before she raised her head and licked Evelynn's face with affection.

"Aha~ Ah... Nadia... enough... my disguise would be wiped out if you keep licking..."

Evelynn seemed overjoyed as she kept giggling like a fairy.

Davis also rubbed his face, noticing that his disguise had slightly been worn off. However, looking at his first wife, who was crestfallen a bit due to her ridiculous immortal tribulation, smiling brightly, he couldn't help but smile widely.

Restoring his disguise, he grabbed Nadia from Evelynn and took her into his embrace, caressing her head as he treated her gently.

"Well, now my smol Nadia can also be a pet..."

Nadia's three tails were completely active as they shook back and forth, displaying her happiness. Before, she loved being embraced by the neck and rubbed into being spoiled, but now that she could become small, she found that it was more addicting to be cuddled to death.

Her joyful and satisfied whimpering sounds put big smiles on their faces before Davis sent her back to this soul sea.

There, Nadia concealed her undulations well and also caused Eldia's undulations to be hidden.

She was practically a gem when it came to hiding. Without Fallen Heaven's death energy, he could not possibly hope to match her, although her current accomplishments were also due to Fallen Heaven.

In any case, having done the preparations to return to the Thirty-Fourth Fire Phoenix City, they left on foot.

They were only one city away from the Thirty-Fourth Fire Phoenix City when Davis's expression abruptly became excited.

He took out a messaging talisman and activated it, causing a man's voice to resound.

"Little monster, I come bearing with the news you want."

Davis's lips curved as he replied.

"Tell me what you learned, Mival Silverwind."

Chapter 2340 Knowing One's Foes

"The thing is..."

Mival Silverwind started explaining, going straight to the point through the Quarter-Century Million Kilometer Messaging Talisman.

In the Western Ascendance Monument, Davis learned that many powers were present. More than a hundred, all of them waiting for the Emperor of Death, with different intentions.

Which power likely seemed to be challenging him? Which power likely seemed to be hostile to him? Which power wanted to recruit him?

Although their intents could only be vaguely identified, and Mival Silverwind tried his best to explain the intricacies involved between many powers who targeted him for various reasons, Davis got the gist of it and etched them in his heart.

He wouldn't be showing much mercy to those who were openly hostile to him, intending to exterminate them if he had the chance.

Mival Silverwind ended up explaining for half an hour before he finally exhausted his energy while using the Quarter-Century Million Kilometer Messaging Talisman. It seemed that it took an enormous amount of energy to convey through distances, especially when there were so many obstacles like formations, undulations, and phenomena that disrupted the spatial canvas of the First Haven World.

Nonetheless, he said all he had to say, imbuing Davis with the required information.

Davis was honestly taken aback to learn that the Starlight Jade Wolf King wanted to support him, even revealing the Cyan Soul Rat Clan's hypocrisy of wanting to nip the bud before it could grow by threatening their King-Tier Magical Beast- no, the King-Tier Immortal Beast.

After all, the King-Tier Cyan Soul Rat seemed to have already become an Immortal Beast, causing the Cyan Soul Rat Clan to become joyful yet also cunning in their strategy to bide time, just like him.

"I should've wiped out those Cyan Soul Rats when I had the chance, but it's fine. They've been so generous enough to give me a reason to massacre their entire clan..."

Evelynn blinked at Davis's wicked expression.

"Yes. It is said that the meat of Cyan Soul Rat is good for soul tempering. However, I assume that some vermin clan wouldn't be enough for a monster like you who sneaked in without anyone realizing it. Ahahaha!"

Mival Silverwind laughed out loud before he continued, "Alright, I've told you what you need to know, so don't forget this little brother in the future."

"Of course." Davis also chuckled, "If I don't treat you better, then who will?"

"Aye, about that..."

Mival Silverwind then summarized his experiences in the Viridian Lightning Fox Clan, causing Davis to understand that they obtained a backer because of Zanna, who now went by the name of Anna.

"That's good. Now you can aim higher with the strength and backing of the Viridian Lightning Fox Clan. Just don't open your mouth about me, and before someone could recognize you, I would've already stepped into the realm of the giants."

"Hopefully, yes." Mival Silverwind answered, "I wish you good luck."

The Quarter-Century Million Kilometer Messaging Talisman lost its luster before Davis waved his hand and kept it back inside his spatial ring.

"Can I also take part in the killing?"

"No."

Davis didn't even hesitate to answer Evelynn's question, causing her to narrow her brows. However, before she could say anything, he turned to look at her.

"Not because you're a mortal, but as my wife, you should not make a move unless you need to."

Evelynn's agape mouth closed before she nodded to his statement, agreeing with it.

"So, what have you planned for the Cyan Soul Rat Immortal Clan?" She eagerly asked.

Ever since she heard that those Cyan Soul Rats targeted Davis, she was pissed off beyond compare, possessing a cold expression behind her veil.

"Well, I'm not going to target them without becoming an immortal first. That's suicidal even for me."

Davis smiled back.

He wasn't going to take back his words.

The Cyan Soul Rats were practically his priority targets on his path to soul consumption and improvement. However, possessing inadequate cultivation, he had no choice but to target appropriate

opponents who were within his abilities and not the Cyan Soul Rat Clan that had Immortal Kings to quickly take him out of the game.

"Then...?" Evelynn inclined her head, "Are you going to target the others who ascended and sold you out? If you did that, then-"

"I know."

"It's time that I stumbled upon a Dead End."

"...?"

Evelynn blinked at Davis's mysterious smile, but then, she suddenly understood, causing her to smile widely.

"I won't disturb you then. Have fun~"

"Sure, but before that, let's sort out the things back in the manor."

Davis smiled more before the two of them left the area.

It took them half a day to reach the Thirty-Fourth Fire Phoenix City by foot, and by that time, it was early morning.

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Entering through the gates without receiving much suspicion, Davis and Evelynn looked around, noticing that there was a change in wanted posters and the group of people gathering in front of it every few minutes.

Bounty Hunters.

Such a profession did exist, and they mainly hunted bandits and other sources of misfits and malignant tumors to earn. A huge board accommodated the information that the Haise Gravedigger Gang was annihilated in this region, causing a storm to erupt.

However, there was also something more significant than that was widely spoken about.

[Anyone who has information on a lightning spirit that has recently entered the Immortal Stage and a dark-attributed wolf that had entered the Mid Immortal Beast Stage will be handsomely rewarded by the city officials.]

Below those words were the numbers [1,000 - 100,000].

Obviously, the handsome reward meant a thousand to ten thousand immortal crystals depending on the usefulness of the information, causing countless people to gossip about the exorbitant reward for just providing some information.

It kicked up even more of a storm than the City Lord dying to a Blue Luan Immortal as some even spread rumors that this matter could be related to it!

Davis and Evelynn only stopped for a moment before they continued on. Taking a ride, they quickly arrived before their street, alighted, and walked to Klade's estate. The two guards, the twin brothers of

Founder Alstreim's wife, didn't stop them this time and let them go inside without even asking a question.

In fact, they acted like they didn't even know them.

"Brother Davis, you're back!"

Once Davis and Evelynn were inside, Jerius Alstreim, the first grandson of Founder Alstreim, greeted them as he rushed towards them.