

## GOD'S EYES

### Chapter 71 - Class 75

Because Jason didn't have a soulbond he could ride, he had to order a shuttle.

There were two different kinds of lanes inside Juro-City and Cyro-City, Jason saw.

One kind was used by mana-operated vehicles like cars, trucks, motorcycles and they had a strict speed limit inside the city, while the other line was used by soulbonds as a means of transportation, even flying beasts could be used inside these lanes.

These beast lanes didn't have a speed limit because beasts had faster reflexes and could avoid each other much easier and so on and the width of the lanes was much larger than the one of the mechanical vehicle lanes.

While Greg could ride on Taurus, Malia mounted her Nightmare-horse and their speed was extremely fast on their leveled surrounding.

Most people inside higher graded cities would use their soulbonds as a means of transportation and it was much faster than riding a shuttle.

However, Jason didn't have the pleasure to ride a soulbond yet, and he had to be satisfied with a simple shuttle.

The drive took more than 45 minutes until Jason stood in front of a gigantic fenced yard with a size of hundreds or maybe thousands of soccer fields.

In the middle of the whole plot was a gigantic modern battleground arena with a height of more than 40 meters including 6 floors which was probably used for the students to fight against each other without getting obstructed.

Each grade had around 15.000 students and each year would have a compound building for themselves.

Jason couldn't imagine being in the same year with 15.000 students being taught at the same time and apparently, he was wrong.

When Jason entered the school grounds he had to verify his Identification.

After that, he got notified which class he was in

[Year-1 Class 75 Rank:225]

Jason concluded that the new students were divided into 75 classes with around 200+- students and he thought that the classes were probably ranked after their strength but he could also be wrong with his assumption.

That meant Jason was probably the weakest while more than 15.000 students were stronger than him.

Rather than being scared, Jason felt more motivated after coming to his conclusion.

The world was vast and Jason was the weakest at the moment!

Wasn't it exciting? He was overwhelmed by the amount of pressure he gave himself.

Jason walked in the direction of his building with the help of the GPS while thinking about his future.

He entered the building and only a few minutes were left before it was time for the first lesson to start.

Right at 8:00 he entered his classroom that looked completely different compared to the middle school classes.

Initially, Jason thought he would be in a common classroom like he was in middle school but Jason saw that the classroom was layered with many metallic shimmering tables and holographic screens of the newest technology inside them.

This was how Jason thought university auditoriums would look like.

Looking around the large room Jason saw all kinds of youths, both male and female while the more astonishing aspects were the wide variations of people.

All kinds of hair colors, frames, sizes, mana cores ranks, and modified mana could be seen by Jason.

Apparently, Jason was the last, and when the front door close to the podium opened, everyone scampered to their tables, they were numbered.

Jason looked around and saw an empty seat in the last row at the corner with his number written down.

He sat down and greeted his neighbor who responded to him with a slightly shy 'good morning'.

A young man wearing glasses came inside with short golden hair, stylish clothes, and perfect body proportions.

He looked like he was in his twenties but that didn't mean he was inexperienced.

While the girls admired his handsome looks, the boys looked envious at him while whispering about his build.

The young man stood behind the podium and before he said something a huge wave of mana was released in order to suppress everyone inside the classroom, while nobody could react according to the unexpected attack.

It was a surprise attack and nobody expected something like that as an introduction.

Meanwhile, Jason scanned the teacher with his mana eyes and he was barely able to release a small mana membrane around himself which was immediately destroyed when he noticed mana violent mana fluctuations around his teacher.

Except for Jason nobody was able to react fast enough.

"My name is Till Greil and I'm the headteacher of Class Nr. 75 for this year.

Right now if you were attacked by a mana wave with the intention to kill someone, everyone except Rank 225 died.

Rank 225 you would be heavily injured but still alive. Congratulations....well... being heavily injured is almost as fatal as being dead so EVERYONE failed! "

Till Greil was decisive and ready to smash everyone with his words as they were enhanced with mana.

Everyone looked at him with teary eyes because there was still mana around suppressing everyone pushing them onto the table in front of them.

Some were even close to faint but fortunately before that happened, Till Greil released them.

If they weren't pressed on the table, they would have probably collapsed.

"Stand UP! Greeting!" Till shouted

While everyone was dumbfounded, they supported their bodies with their arms by pushing themselves from the table with all their might in order to stand up.

After 5 minutes everyone was standing, while Jason's back was drenched in sweat.

If he hadn't defended himself from the mana wave, Jason didn't know if he would be able to stand right now and looking at the innocently smiling teacher, he shivered in fright.

Then everyone greeted their teacher respectfully and afterward, they stayed quiet with a straight back.

"The first thing I want to say is that you guys are hilarious...more than 50 of you used the back doors to enter this school and you think you're able to survive with this puny strength of yours? Well, dream on...and for the others... Aren't you all embarrassed to enter the weakest class in the sixth affiliated school?...I'll only say this one time...I won't be nice to any of you and I expect each one of you to give 200% of your energy to rise in rank and defeat the other classes in one month when the class battles start!"

While he said that everyone looked a little bit confused..what is next month?

"Oh.. well... I forgot to tell you guys something.. As you might know, the resources schools have is limited... To put my explanation simple. The higher our class is ranked the better the provided resources are with the exception of the solo rankings, which are not important at the moment.

Our class gets the lowest resources and we are probably worse off than some b-grade school with the provided equipment... aren't you guys ashamed? If everyone works hard and strives for more strength we might be able to get more resources soon!!

Next month is the first quarterly class battle. If we can defeat the 74. Class, we will change our class with them and thus also the resources.

Our name will be 74 and theirs 75 if we defeat them...

After that, we could continue until we are defeated.

Each class has a single life to challenge classes but can also be challenged by each class."

These class battles can be made up of soulbonds battles, knowledge tests, solo fights, group fights, class sieges, wild zone battles, and so on, so we have to work hard in the future.

But the first-class battle will only be consistent with solo battles without one's soulbond, as such we will focus on that.

If anyone doesn't want to achieve more with our class, I'll throw you into class 74 or somewhere else, because I don't need cowards...But be aware...If I throw someone in class 74, who knows if you're able to get any resources next month..."

Jason was astonished because his teacher was really competitive, even if their class was the worst one...Maybe this was some kind of spirit for him to motivate the worst class or maybe something else but Jason didn't care about it at all, as his teacher's fighting spirit was definitely something good.

He liked his teacher's motivational speech and he had to restrain himself from jumping up to applaud him.

Jason also wanted to get stronger by all means and thus he was happy to have a nice teacher

"I don't care about your rankings if you are rich or from the slums... the only thing that matters to me is hard work and the fighting spirit we need to defeat the higher classes...I don't accept lazy people!

Well....that was it, but before we start the lessons, let's begin with an introduction..Nr.1 please begin"

Everyone introduced themselves with their name, mana core rank, affinity rank, and age while a whole hour passed until it was Jason's turn.

Listening to the others, Jason found out that his class was almost equally split with physical soul beasts and elemental abilities.

But everyone had one thing in common. Their mana core ranks were at least at the 1st Adept-rank, even for the shy boy who sat next to him.

It was kinda weird that everyone was such a low rank and he remembered the time when he read the school information, that most students were at higher ranks and only a few thousand were below the required mana core rank.

`Was it because their other abilities were especially strong or did they enter through the back door like him?`

"Hello, my name is Jason Stella and I'm 14 years old, I don't have any ability and I'm a 5th Novice rank close to the 6th"

When Jason woke up today, he noticed that it was already mid-August and his birthday had already passed unknowingly... He had never celebrated it since his mother died and thus, Jason didn't care about his birthday.

Everyone listened to Jason and it was extremely difficult for them to hold in their laughter when they heard that Jason was only at the 5th-Novice rank...

When the first one couldn't hold it anymore a whole wave started and everyone was laughing except his teacher.

Jason didn't care about it and looked calmly at his teacher who returned his gaze.

With a finger snap enhanced with mana, everyone turned immediately silent and they felt as if their heart was getting heavier and heavier.

"Don't laugh at your classmates" their teacher calmly said but the only thought in their mind was

`SCARY!!`

"Do you have mana eyes?" Till Greil straightforwardly asked without caring about etiquette, as it was rude to ask about someone else's traits and Jason was hesitating for a second before he gave the obvious answer everyone could conclude with a few information

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Chapter 72 - Starting Classes

His eyes were pretty obvious because of their color and the golden luster around them. It wasn't that much of a challenge to conclude that his eyes weren't normal.

"Yes" and with the single word which came out of Jason`s mouth, the class began to murmur among themselves which their teacher dispersed with another finger snap but now without mana.

The students were already scared about him snapping and they turned immediately silent

Straits were already extremely rare and probably only roughly 1 in 1 million had one.

Traits could be inherited with a certain possibility and the ratio of trait holders increased slowly but mana eyes among these trait holders were especially rare.

"Stage?" He asked calmly

"What?" Jason was confused... What did his teacher want to know? Jason didn't know

"I asked you what stage your mana eyes are?" Mr. Greil was extremely impatient and turned slightly louder while asking

"Eh...I don't know?" Jason replied hesitantly

"OHH MY DEAR LORD!!" Mr. Greil wanted to curse but he had to remain at least a little bit of an image.

Calming down, he explained it slowly

"To put it extremely simply.

Traits are divided into different stages.

The higher the stage the greater are the trait's overall effect.



When you did your special trait test to get your remark you should have been tested about your eyesight, visible mana particles, other special abilities, and so on.

Just tell me the stage, the doctor told you"

Till Greil was impatient and he didn't notice his extremely rude behavior which made Jason uncomfortable.

Jason didn't know his mana eyes stage and even if he did, he wouldn't tell it to anyone except his closest friends and new family.

The only certain thing Jason knew about his eyes, was that they were special and he could see something nobody else could

"I don't know the stage because I'm from a low-grade city without the required high technology and the equipment wasn't able to tell me anything" Jason believed it was useless to lie right now and it wouldn't be that much of a hassle, to tell the truth, because he was sure the tests provided in small cities would be many times worse than the ones in the higher graded cities.

Mr. Greil listened to Jason and thought for a moment before he checked out Jason's profile.

'C-grade city? That means at least stage 2...even if his mana core rank is bad, his eyesight, motion vision, and observance during combat should be quite good with the ability to read the mana flow of his opponents...'

He concluded this information and thought Jason could be quite good but one thing that bothered him was Jason's low mana core rank even if he didn't want to admit it.

'Is his mana sensitivity bad even if he can see the mana flow? I doubt it... Maybe he is lazy?..No that can't be true...his theoretical exam results were full marks...OH! his control over mana could be lacking... That should be it!'

Everyone was silent and carefully looking at their teacher in front of them.

"Now that everyone has introduced themselves... we can finally start... To start the lesson we should look at the cultivation process or mana gathering process overall and how one can improve the speed in ranking up without harming one's body....

There are multiple important characteristics, which are important to rank up fast.

→ Focus

→ Stamina/Endurance

→ Ambition

→ Mana control

→ Mana sensitivity

These characteristics can be combined into two sections also called innate talent and trainable talent.

While trainable talents are Stamina/Endurance, mana control, and focus, innate talents is the ambition to strive for more and one's mana sensitivity.

It is debatable for some people if ambition is an innate talent but in my opinion, it is, because the more ambitious you are, the better you want to be and it is extremely difficult to change one's own ambition.

If your ambition is only strong enough to survive on Astrix and build up a family with children, it makes you strive for less power than one who wants to take revenge on some big families or even the capability to enter and survive on Canir.

While ambition is debatable, whether to call it trainable or innate talent, mana sensitivity isn't, because every human is born with a certain degree of sensitivity and it is almost impossible to improve.

There are a few drastic exceptions humanity tried like blinding someone to force the body into a state where it has to rely on its senses for dozens of years.

Another way to improve one's mana sensitivity would be high-graded magical treasures with the ability to improve the body's senses but these treasures are rare to find even on Canir.

These items are rarely sold if found and mostly used for oneself or given to a family member with bad mana sensitivity to increase the aptitude in mana gathering.

I don't think anyone of you would sell such a treasure, right? Wouldn't that be a huge waste?

To come back to the main topic. Trainable talents can be increased by making efforts and this is what we want to do for now.

I want everyone to maximize one's mana gathering and circling speed to cultivate faster.

Right now our class is the worst in mana core rank and exam results but that doesn't mean we are bad.

Everyone entered this school, while millions of kids couldn't enter it.

Even those who are older than any of you gave it a try and some might have used the chance while being a year older than the others but still... everyone that sits here right now, overshadowed millions of students!!!..keep that in mind!!

We want to strive for more and keep going...Cultivate hard and reach the higher ranks to protect your loved ones and annihilate the foreign races!!"

Everyone began to clap, even Jason, but he wondered why his teacher was emitting a fog of mana with killing intent inside it, surrounding his teacher as if he wanted to massacre the foreign races right at this moment if he could.

Jason shuddered as goosebumps spread all over his skin, before he continued to clap, which was somehow similar to group pressure.

`At least he is ambitious to make us stronger`

The detailed explanations about how to train one's focus, endurance/stamina, and mana control took more than two hours and it seemed like their teacher was still not completely done when the bell to initiate a short break began.

Mr.Greil said that they have ten minutes break to think about the injected knowledge as he left the room for the time being.

While internalizing the new information in his mind, the other students stormed into smaller and bigger groups to gossip about their teacher or some students.

Jason was one of the most talked topics, with his almost non-existent mana core rank compared to theirs and his unique mana eyes.

Some even talked about his good looks but this was only the minority because the guys were envious and prevented the girls from talking about that.

He was immediately an outcast but Jason didn't even notice that while he realized many facts he didn't know.

Jason noted down that he had to employ his newfound knowledge as soon as he came home and without noticing, their teacher was already back.

Unbeknownst to Jason, he was made an outcast and had even ignored a few students that called him because of ulterior reasons, like being an errand boy for them, unconsciously.

This made these youths angry and they wanted to teach Jason a lesson, when the teacher came inside

"Tch!! What bad timing" one of the youths in the first row exclaimed"

He looked like a tough guy with more muscles in his head than brain mass but this youth was still a 5th Adept- rank.

His mana core rank was above the average requirement to enter the affiliated school but his theoretical exam was devastating, causing him to end up in this class and that only with the help of his parents.

In this class, many students had a decent mana core rank but they somehow ended up in the worst class.

Either their exam results were extremely bad or their temper brought in minus points from the examinee, which was quite common.

Or maybe their soul-awakening was not good enough for the better-affiliated schools or even the main school.

Considering that even a 2.5-star rating was the worst to get accepted under normal circumstances, it wouldn't be difficult to end up in Class 75.

Brute force was everything some students knew but that was something they were proficient in.

Jason was still unaware of everything and only when he sensed the familiar mana fluctuations of his teacher, he lost focus on his thoughts and looked up.

Now was the first time Jason looked directly into his teacher's mana core and it was shocking...

`Ohhh my god!! So much mana liquid?!?!`

His Aunt and Uncle were not even close to the quantity of mana liquid inside his teacher.

`Is he a Grandmagus?...or maybe even the rank above???? I believe the old man had similar vibes, even if his mana fluctuations were suppressed...Even if he is a Grandmagus, why should he degrade his status to teach a class at the 6th affiliated school of the Vanguard school? He could even apply for one of the higher positions inside this school or even the whole Astrix island?? .....Weird...`

Before Jason could continue his train of thoughts, Mr. Greil continued his lesson but now he was talking about the various kinds of herbs, fruits, trees one could find everywhere including their characteristics, rarity, how to pick, and so on.

This lesson only took an hour and everyone received three book files send onto their quantum bracelets.

'How to find magical herbs, Healing herbs, and magic plants, Journey into the woods'

"Your homework is to finish these books by next week. We will write a test about them."

While everyone was flabbergasted while looking at the large files inside their quantum bracelet and back to their teacher, he continued talking.

"We have still more than enough time left. Today is a special day for everyone. You got to know each other at least slightly but the most important thing is that everyone should know the combat prowess of each other.

I'll give everyone four hours time to reach the most perfect combat form and after the time is up, we will have spars to renew our intern class ranks" The teacher finished and the class roared in fighting spirit

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Chapter 73 - Scaredy

Almost nobody was satisfied with their own class-ranking, even the top because they wanted to enter the higher classes.

Thinking about fighting each other in their own class was satisfying for them as they were itchy to release their tension.

"Because everyone's mana consumption will be huge. I'll limit the battles to two. Everyone can choose one opponent while the same goes for inquiries.

This is to prevent a group from fighting a single individual a few times in succession.

Please choose your opponent now...first comes, first serves.`

In front of everyone appeared a holographic screen with a name list.

While everyone was astonished, Jason immediately scanned through the list as he picked one name, after a moment.

He didn't want to compete against the top ranks of his class right now.

It was still way too early for now, as such he picked number 224, who sat next to him with a mana core rank of a 1st Adept.

There was nothing special about this youth and Jason thought that this would be the most likely opponent for him to beat.

It was the most rational way for him to get out of this competition without getting beaten up too harshly.

While he hoped that the boy next to him also picked him, a certain name with the corresponding number appeared next to Jason's name...

`Nr.4 Leo Heart Mana core: 5th- Adept`

Jason's eyes widened and he was about to jump up, thinking it might be a mistake, when he saw a muscular boy looking at him with a sly smile, causing him to frown.

Bullying?? Ok... let's play this game then...

Calming down everyone with a finger snap, Till Greil started, a timer in order to let everyone increase their combat capabilities to their limit.

The time would be count down in four hours and it was an extremely long time to prepare for a fight.

Jason knew that he was picked on by some musclebrain who wanted to mess with him and he jumped up from his chair to rush out of the classroom, drawing a lot of attention on him.

"HAHAHA, does he think he can run away? If he doesn't even dare to spar with his classmates, why is he even coming to this school" Leo Heart said while laughing heartily.

The small group that gathered around him like hyenas was cackling, calling Jason "Coward", "Idiot", "Scaredy-cat", "Mud-head" and much more.

Even Mr. Greil was confused about the sudden sprint Jason put off.

He was about to become disappointed about the black-haired boy, thinking he might give up on the spar due to a small hurdle when his released mana sensed something in particular.

"Disperse" the teacher just said, when he vanished from their sight.

Mr. Greil followed Jason, who seemed to follow something until he entered the forest within the school grounds, that belonged to the third-grade students.

Normally Jason wouldn't be allowed to enter it but with Mr.Greil around, there wasn't anyone obstructing him.

Entering the forest, Jason followed solely where his eyes lead him to. as he rushed through the forest for almost ten minutes straight until he saw a small blue shining lake surrounded by lush trees.



Above the lake was a thick exotic-looking stone arch, where dense and thick mana streamed through.

Even Cyro City's mana was at least 6 times denser compared to Artes city, but the whole lake in front of him looked like it had double the density.

As if that wasn't enough, Jason noticed a few things on top of the stone arch, that attracted his attention.

The stone arch's top was at least 30 meters in height and it looked massive, when Jason stood in front of it.

However due to his curiosity, he decided to climb it up, even if it would take some time.

Almost 30 minutes later, Jason somehow ended up at the top of the arch and the amount of mana he sensed there was even more than than at the bottom.

Jason was happy to have climbed up the stone arch, as the mana density satisfied his demand.

The closer he came to the thing that attracted his attention, the denser the amount of mana became, when he squeezed himself through some bushes.

He entered a small biotop with many kinds of fruits that smelled aromatic with mana radiating from them.

Through his many eyes, Jason could even see colors emanating these fruits!

And not only black, but also some faint light-gray colors could be seen, shocking him extremely.

Unbeknownst to himself, he turned extremely greedy, only to collect his thoughts after a moment.

`Can I just harvest these fruits or do they belong to someone?` Jason thought as he was tempted to just pick them up, before running away.

Thinking for a moment he considered that his mana fluctuations could be found here, turning him into the main-suspect, which wouldn't be helpful.

He would be kicked out of the school in the best case scenarios, so Jason used the quantum bracelet to write to his teacher..

`I found some magical fruits on top of a stone arch... Can I pick them up or not?` He asked straightforward without writing anything else.

"You may pick one..." A voice behind him suddenly said and Jason turned around slightly frightened, only to see his teacher with an odd expression.

Jason was shocked to see his teacher behind him, but he only nodded his head as he looked at the fruits in front of him.

Scanning through all of them, Jason picked the fruit with the thickest light-gray color.

This was also the best fruit present and Mr.Greil noticed that with a deep frown.

"Ughh....This will be annoying to explain..` Mr.Greil lamented in his mind before he vanished again.

Jason didn't noticed him vanishing, because he took out his perennial neoxid box, where the holy white bacuri fruit was already inside.

Squeezing in the "Siphon-agnus-castus flower" he picked up, the whole box was completely filled.

Now, he was somewhat worried, that the magical effect of both plants might reduce like that, as they were squeezed slightly within the boxk, but this had to wait for now.

Even if they were squeezed together, their effect wouldn't decrease by much.

Jason had still 3 ? hours left and he still had to run to the arena.

As such 3 hours would be the limit, Jason could use to strengthen himself.

Sitting down right above the thick mana stream between the flowers, he didn't mind their existence.

Jason took out a few mana stones, which he laid down in front of him in order to supply his mana absorption even more if necessary.

Closing his eyes, he activated his mana sensibility to the limited capabilities.

Jason could feel the whole wildlife around him with his senses alone which was amazing.

It felt like his mana core was screaming for more mana as all his pores opened up, releasing excessive oils, before it began absorbing the mana in his surrounding under Jason's lead.

His control and mana sensitive were exceptional high and the mana streamed into his mana channels, filling them up within seconds.

Jason made huge circles through his mana channels with the foreign mana before he injected it into his mana core.

Asking himself why he even took out the mana stones, Jason felt weird as the mana from his surroundings was vast enough to overwhelm him, when all of his mana channels were flooded by mana.

He almost lost his focus because of the overwhelmed quantity of mana but Jason could fix his focus after a moment, before he greedily circled the mana within him only to inject it into his mana core afterward.

Previously, Jason thought he would need a few days before he would be able to break into the 6th Novice rank, but now he was confident in achieving this in an extremely short amount of time.

Unbeknownst to himself, a translucent mana cocoon surrounded him, as Jason entered a state of complete focus.

The mana in his surrounding was absorbed greedily while seconds...minutes...and a whole hour passed.

Cracks could be heard within the cocoon and Jason opened his golden shining eyes, when he woke up from from his focuse state.

Looking around, he noticed the dense mana cocoon around him as he decided to consolidate his newly advanced 6th Novice mana core immediately. before he would meassure the increasement of strenght.

Mr. Greil's task was to look after all students, however, seeing what Jason did right now, he even forgot that he was a teacher as he stared at the worst student in awe.

`Who was this idiot, thinking that his mana control was bad?? ... Why the hell is he only at the Novice rank?????????`

Till was even more confused than before.. With the abilities he saw, there was no way for Jason to be only at the novice rank... He should be atl least at the expert stage with such capabilities...

One could only see a handsome looking teacher with blond hair standing on a tree, looking dumbfounded at a mana cocoon for two more hours.

\*2 hours later\*

Jason secreted tons of a black smelly liquid as he took off his reeking clothes.

Unfortunately that wasn't enough for him to smell good once again, when Jason remembered that there was a lake below him.

He was 30 meters above it but that wasn't something to care about, as he glanced at the time.

There were 20 minutes left to cleanse himself and arrive at the arena which was definitely not enough for him.

Jumping down the stone arch naked, he was fortunate that nobody saw him.

He landed with a loud smash and his back hurt as he landed in an uncomfortable position.

Rushing out of the water, changing into a new set of clothes and running back to the arena, Jason didn't even notice a small group of third-graders who noticed Jason's whole incident.

"Everyone saw that, right?" A small blue-haired girl asked with red cheeks.

"Yep" A red-haired girl with a voluptuous chest said next to her, smiling weirdly

"Me too me too" A small brown-haired youth said happily, as he jumped around amused.

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Chapter 74 - Crude And Cowardly?

Jason ran with his highest possible speed while scanning through his own body.

Never had Jason thought that he could breakthrough in a single hour and consolidate his mana core with the remaining two hours, which was extremely fast.

The mana around the sea was like a paradise for him and Jason hoped he could come back there sometime in the future.

After entering the 6th Novice rank, his mana core size broke through the 7th rank easily, while his physical strength was at the 6th rank infinite close to the 7th rank.

Artemis was more of a mana beast than a physical contributor for Jason and his mana felt vigorous while swirling inside his body.

When he landed inside the water, Jason entered his soul world for a second in order to look how much his soul energy improved by ranking up.

Apparently, it increased by around 0.2 when he ranked up to the 6th Novice rank, which could be considered slightly above the commonly average.

Arriving at the arena, only ten seconds were left as Jason stood there with wet hair and clothes.

The clothes he put on got wet because Jason didn't waste time to dry himself and clothes.

His classmates began to laugh when they saw him running towards the arena completely wet.

"Yoo...mud-head... Did you fail to drown yourself?"

"Hahaha....Idiot!!"

"Did he fail in running away by swimming for a bit?"

"Does swimming increase one's courage?"

Listening to his classmate's words, he was dumbfounded.

Why should he drown himself? And how can one fail in running away by swimming? Was this student's brain out of mud or was he just simple dumb and clueless.

Jason didn't answer anyone as he stood in front of the teacher, who told him to change into a dry set of clothes after cleaning his body.

Till knew that Jason jumped into the lake in order to clean himself and at the same moment to not waste any time, so he gave him some time to clean and dry himself.

"Let's start the matches. Jason can follow us after he changed into a new set of clothes."

He said in order to change the attention towards the upcoming battles.

When Jason arrived at the designated arena ten minutes later, there were already a few injured youths at the side with broken arms, cuts, and various elemental injuries but nobody seemed to be seriously injured.

Next to the injured youths stood a 3-meter tall whiteish-golden furred wolf with two golden crystals grown on its forehead instead of horns.

The wolf released a calming and purifying energy that could slowly heal the injured youths.

Jason noticed that this wolf was a beast with either the light or holy affinity.

While light abilities were inferior out of both of them but Jason couldn't differentiate the affinities as he had never read either of their mana fluctuations.

Additionally, Jason didn't know what beast it was except its canine race as he had never seen this race within the beatarium.

Looking around the arena, its construction was pretty simple with a few quadratic reinforced stone platforms as the sparring area while the platform could be surrounded by a cubic protection field if needed.

This protection field could absorb all kinds of attacks below the Magus rank hindering them in leaving the combatant area and to prevent injuries among the spectators.

However, for the first spars, this protection field was not activated so the teacher could save the two combatants if needed.

Deflecting adept ranked attacks was not even worth lifting a finger for him.

Releasing some mana was more than enough for Mr.Greil.

Mr. Greil saw Jason and called him onto the platform with his seat neighbor as first spar.

Standing opposite each other, both got into position while Jason scanned his classmate's mana to find out what kind of elemental ability his opponent had, if there was one.

However, Jason was lucky and Nr.224's mana seemed normal, without any transmutation from elemental affinities as a small smile emerged on his face.

His opponent thought it was somewhat weird for a 5th Novice rank to smile while fighting against someone 6 levels above.

He thought Jason was overestimating his own capabilities and made himself ready to fight, entering a common battle stance.

The teacher gave the starting signal and in Jason's hand appeared two small knives, while his opponent used a longsword that looked extremely heavy.

His opponent began to rush at him with a speed that surprised Jason.

Calming down within a millisecond, Jason took one step forward before he changed his direction without delay in order to step backwards with large strides.



Jason was happy on his inside while his smile froze on the outside causing his opponent to feel happy before their real clash even began.

His opponent's speed was fast but not fast enough to overwhelm Jason entirely, as he had to carry a heavy and cumbersome long sword with him, while Jason was almost empty-handed.

This happiness of the longsword wielder vanished extremely fast as Jason, who wore the mechanical knife holder, began to throw knives at him.

The accuracy Jason achieved over the last week, was exceptional, as such it was essential difficult for his opponent to deflect the throwing knives.

First, he focused on his opponent's legs, which his opponent deflected with much difficulty as his longsword was heavy and not smooth to handle, slowing him down by a large degree only to widen the range between both of them.

After throwing the sixth knife, Jason penetrated the longsword wielder's defense and hit his shoulder, inflicting a light injury that would worsen over time as it would be constantly shifted.

Moving to the left and right in order to avoid leaving the combat area, the spectators began to blame him for being a coward, which Jason didn't even notice.

He was too focused on his fight, when his opponent was suddenly only a meter away from him-

With wrath in his eyes, the longsword wielder slashed at him.

Jason was still completely calm and analysed the situation within a moment, as he used a quarter of his mana in order to enhance his legs.

He bend down, only to jump into the tiger's den straight to his opponents side.

The swordwielder's legs were already injured and his reflexes were much slower than Jason's which gave him an excessive advantage.

Before his opponent could do anything, Jason already pierced into both femoral veins, which is between the calves and lower thigh, with his throwing knives, causing his opponent to cry out in pain as he knelt down unconsciously.

Stopping the fight immediately, Jason was sure the fight was obviously over, as Nr. 224 was immediately brought next to the other injured students.

Even though the disparity between both of their ranks was wide, Jason's combat experience and choice of weapon was much better.

Furthermore, Jason focused less on looking great or a prideful tactic.

Surrounded by the light or holy energy, his blood congealed and the wound began to heal slowly.

Looking at his opponent who looked like he was about to cry, Jason didn't know what to think...

'I'm not too cruel, right?' as his facial expression turned unsightly.

It was only now that he realized his other classmates looked at him with disgust as if the fight was sickening to them.

"Scaredy-Cat ... the only thing you can do is running away, HAHHA...even if you beat your opponent, he was only nr 224. Don't think you can do anything"

"Running away and throwing knives....everyone can do that... your nothing special" A subordinate of Leo Heart said.

"That was unfair!! How dare you run away" Some idiot lamented

Jason could only now understand, what they were saying and their stupidity annoyed him extremely, before he turned to Mr.Greil who declared.

"Jason Stella won the fight and is now Rank: 224. Anyone who says he won because he is scared or fights unfairly, can try to fight someone 6 levels above your own rank without using tricks.. I'll be waiting."

Turning to Jason he said

"Your fight was decent. Do you want to continue?"

"I need ten minutes to replenish my mana. After that, I'm ready to fight" Jason honestly replied.

It was way too important to replenish his mana right now.

He was sure that he couldn't beat a 5th Adept rank without giving his all, even then it would be quite difficult

After listening to Jason, the teacher called up other students while he spectated their fight.

Meanwhile he passively replenishing his mana, with mana stones laid next to him to accelerate the process.

This was only possible because he trained for more than two weeks, how to passively do that while watching videos.

It was most likely also thanks to the arduous workout he underwent by Mark, that he was able to persist.

Furthermore, the foundational guide about replenishing mana passively helped Jason a lot in order to basically understand what he had to do.

He fixed the flaws he made when he learned how to passively replenish mana without relying on a guide and was able to replenish his mana passively after that.

A few fights passed and his teacher noticed Jason spectating all fights without doing anything when he emanated a string of mana.

Mr. Greil instantly noticed that Jason absorbed the mana in his surroundings in order to replenish his mana pool as he nodded his head in approval.

It was a decent feat to be able to focus on the battle while replenishing ones mana.

If he also knew that Jason learned to do that within a few weeks, partially without following a guide, Mr. Greil would probably be delighted and shocked at the same time.

Ten minutes passed, when Jason's mana pool was completely filled while Leo Heart already nagged the teacher to let them fight now, impatiently.

"Ughh... how annoying!! Up with both of you... don't kill each other.."

Mr. Greil noticed that Leo was somehow a little bit bothered with Jason, even if he wasn't sure why but he wanted to know how far above Jason was able to fight.

Jason stood opposite Leo with a distance of around 50 meters as spiked gauntlets appeared around his hands, causing Jason to curse inwardly.

The choice of weapon was definitely a disadvantage for him.

Looking at Leo's mana core, he noticed that the mana was slightly transmuted into a thin brownish color, indicating to Jason that he had an earth affinity.

Jason was honest when he thought about his chances to win.

`Ahh I don't want to` he wailed, when the starting sound was initiated.

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 75 - Quickly Over

Jason had never fought against anyone with an affinity except the wind bull but that wasn't a real fight if one had to be honest.

Leo shouted arrogantly "HAHA... it's better to be my errand boy than pissing me of... don't you think so, little maiden?"

Jason was astonished that he was called maiden.. I know I'm handsome but bro... I'm a boy..or maybe I'm also beautiful? Ahh, nevermind that!!`

If he was honest, Jason was extremely narcissistic since he awoke his eyes.

However, previously he wasn't confident in his own body which was now different.

Jason thought he was extremely good-looking but beautiful?

The fight started and Jason was taken off guard, as he was still thinking about his handsomeness.

This caused him to be unaware of the earth spikes that suddenly shot out of the platform, surrounding him as they pierced into his calves without giving him the chance to react.

Crying out in pain, he couldn't even break out of the earth spikes when Leo Heart appeared above him, with a devilish smile on his face as mana encased his gauntlet, causing them to shine brightly.

Mr.Greil was about to end the battle when he saw something particular in Jason's eyes that caused him to hesitate for a second

`F\*\*K... don't die little one!`

He was a moment too late to save Jason as he saw Jason's eyes piercing into Leo's eyes which were fierce and full of anger before they suddenly turned blank.

Leo collapsed on the ground, laying there as if he was knocked out by Jason, without him doing anything and the whole combat arena turned silent.

Nobody knew what happened and one could only see Jason struggling to stay firmly on the ground while blood began to ooze out of his eyes like a small stream.

\*Seconds before\*

Leo didn't want to kill Jason and he was sure of the fact that their teacher would prevent him in killing Jason, so he just attacked with all the anger he had stored inside him.

Even if it wasn't accumulated from Jason, he needed a punching bag right now and in front of him was the perfect victim.

Jason noticed that something was off when the teacher didn't stop the attack as Leo's mana enhanced gauntlets were only some distance away from him.

Using his fully stored mana and the amount accumulated within his eyes, he released the whole vast amount of mana at once through his eyes, while staring at Leo.

Leo gazed into Jason's eyes that seemed to tell him he was an ant in front of him when Jason's eyes turned gigantic enveloping his whole existence.

While they grew in size, Leo's senses were completely sealed off as he felt like he was falling into a eerie and frightful darkness that seemed to be unlimited behind the golden luster of Jason's eyes.

It seemed as if he was imprisoned within the abyss and it was extremely frightening.

This short moment felt like an eternity to Leo as he suddenly shuttered when he saw something particular gazing at him.

He began to sweat heavily and he was forced to stumble backward with heavy steps before his eyes turned wet with fear spreading through his whole body.

Suddenly the abyss in his mind vanished, releasing Leo back into reality when his brain registered the eternity that passed inside his mind within a millisecond.

It couldn't handle the shock and Leo collapsed in front of Jason on the ground.

Jason didn't know what exactly happened to Leo but he knew what his eyes were able to do, at least to a certain degree because the same happened when he was sparring with Greg.

One time Jason was so annoyed by Greg, that he used up a small amount of mana inside his eyes while fighting with Greg.

Suddenly Greg's moves were somewhat slowed down and restricted.

After a second, Greg was freed but that wasn't the main fact.

When that happened, Greg looked at Jason with shock when he told him that Jason's eyes enveloped him somehow, welcoming him to an uncanny darkness, like an abyss.

Greg didn't want to experiment with this ability with him ever again, because the abyss, they named it, was too eerie.

Jason wanted to test this ability with his whole amount of mana but there was no one to test it at.

Now while fighting with Leo, he couldn't think of a different way out of the sudden incident, and he was forced to use the [abyssal effect], he names it to end the whole battle before it even began.

Jason was still standing but only due to the support of the earth spikes inside his calves.

Otherwise, he would also collapse on the ground, as his mind felt sluggish.

Mr. Greil shattered the earth spikes immediately and transported both of them close to his soulbond wolf that radiated the white light with its healing characteristics.

Not only was their teacher shocked about what happened, but the whole class was also completely silent.

It took everyone a few minutes to digest the whole battle before some of them gossiped with each other.

Nobody asked a question, but everyone had the same one in their mind

`What happened?`

Looking at their teacher, they noticed a similar confused expression telling them, that not even he knew what was going on.

As such they remained silent, waiting for their teacher to do something.

Once he checked Jason's injuries and Leo's mind, he declared the outcome of the battle.

"This battle was a tie. Next one please"

Normally Jason would have won this fight as he was still standing when Leo was already unconscious lying on the bottom but this would mean Jason's rank would change to the 4th, while Leo's would decrease to the 224th.



After changing the ranking like this, Jason would be probably tormented and bullied once he as a teacher wasn't there, which he wanted to avoid.

In the end, he decided to declare the fight as a tie.

Jason was just too weak right now, even if his combat prowess seemed to be extremely strong for a new advanced 6th Novice rank.

The fights continued but not many rankings changed and the whole class ranking battle ended with only a few slightly injured youths, while Jason lost his consciousness.

Leo was also unconscious and the two of them seemed to have sustained the most serious injuries compared to the rest.

Leo's mind seemed to work fine and only sleep would be required to heal his psyche, while Mr. Greil thought the same about Jason's case.

Because of that, they were both brought to the infirmary..

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It was already afternoon when Jason woke up in an unknown room.

Trying to stand up, he was astonished to notice, that his calves weren't hurting or even numb.

Next to his bed was another bed and Leo was sleeping on it with a stupid facial expression.

If Jason was honest to himself, he didn't know what to think about Leo.

`Did he really want to kill me or was it an accident? Why didn't Mr.Greil save me?`

These thoughts ran through his head when the infirmary door opened with Mr.Greil walking inside, with a nurse following behind him.

They noticed that Jason was already awake and standing firmly as Mr.Greil came closer.

"Jason, I think I've to apologize. I hesitated for a slight moment to save you, when I saw your eyes shining and it ended up in a mess because of me...

Luckily nobody is heavily injured and I hope you won't hold a grudge." He said sincerely.

Jason noticed his genuity and accepted the apology.

He didn't hold a grudge because everything ended up somewhat fine, without him getting severely injured.

Even if he would hold a grudge, to whom should he complain? His teacher was extremely strong and had probably an extremely high authority within Astrix.

After accepting the apology, Jason decided to go home, as he had nothing to do within the school anymore.

He even forgot to change his clothes when he called a shuttle as Jason was running around with his Jeans that were ripped at the calves.

It was probably looking extremely funny, except for the bloodstains, one could see.

When the shuttle arrived, he entered it and went inside the soul world in order to practice the Heaven's Hell technique diligently.

Because of his breakthrough in his mana core rank, his soul energy reached 6.7 and Jason was happily leading around the shapeless energy, injecting it inside the soul world core within 25 minutes.

The shuttle arrived right when Jason finished his practice and he decided to practice the Heaven's Hell technique everytime within the Shuttle, as it was a tranquil place while the timing seemed to fit perfectly.

Entering the small house, he was now living with the Fler's, Gabriella was the first one to see him as she greeted him with a smile.

"Hello Jason, why are you so late... how was your d-dAYYYY?" The last words were almost shrieked when she saw how Jason looked like.

He wasn't wearing his uniform, because they were stained by impurities and right now, Jason's lower body looked like he had survived a massacre.

The part below high tights was almost completely littered with blood and Gabriella noticed the holes inside his pants.

She hurriedly ran over to him in order to inspect him for Injuries, when Jason told her that there was a small class ranking battle.

"SMALL? You look like you went to the warzones?!?!?" She shouted and Jason was grateful for her worry but she was extremely loud, attracting the attention of the other family members who got curious about the dispute.

When they saw Jason's look, Greg and Malia immediately hurried over to inspect him neatly, before they noticed that he was fine.

Jason was embarrassed about getting touched by multiple hands like that as he asked all of them if they could sit down to let him explain everything.

As such they sat down before Jason began talking about the things that happened over the whole day, beginning with the lessons and his breakthrough.

"WHAT!! You already broke into the 6th Novice rank!?!!" Greg cried out and Malia urged him to consolidate his mana core before ranking up, when Jason continued explaining, that he already consolidated his mana core after his breakthrough.

"WHAT?!?!?" Now it was Malia to cry out loud and she looked as shocked as everyone else.

Even if the 6th Novice rank was nothing special, especially for his age but consolidating his mana core within two hours was more than a little bit fast...

He finished the reproduction about the day neatly when he saw Gabriella and Malia fuming with anger

"What kind of teacher is that, to neglect his student on the first day!!! I should call the principal and complain about him" Gabriella said and she was already opening her quantum bracelet when Jason calmed her down.

Greg was quiet and feeling a little bit weird when he heard about Jason releasing his whole mana pool inside his eyes to activate the [Abyssal effect].

Being reminded about this, caused him to shutter in fright as he tried to change his thoughts.

Jason wanted to go upside to wash his clothes when he was reminded about his Holy white baruci fruit which used up to much space as he turned to the Fler's that were like a family to him.

"Can I loan some credits from someone, please? I want to contract another soulbond" Jason innocently said while everyone looked a little bit confused

"Huhh???"

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 76 - Apology?

Jason was lying on his bed, looking at his bank account with a faint smile.

[1.000.000 Credits]

The Fler's were uncertain what to think about Jason when he told them that he wanted to form another contract while Artemis was evolving.

She would evolve into a higher species with a much higher demand for soul energy than before and now Jason wanted to bind another beast?

Wasn't he desperately accumulating soul energy in order to maintain a secure soulbond with Artemis?

Nevertheless, Gabriella gave him the Credits.

Seeing Jason's determined and ambitious expression, right after he came back home from school, looking like he was beaten into a pulp, something must have happened to change his mind.

Jason pondered for a long time if he should just contract a lot of soulbonds in order to receive the shared strength of hundreds of beasts while accumulating soul energy for a single beast with high potential, but it felt wrong.

His soul world would probably be able to do that because the information humanity had about soul-awakenings and soul worlds was, that one needed to have a two meters diameter soul world to hold at least an unblemished ranked beast.

Some humans had a smaller soul world and could still hold at least a wild-ranked beast while Jason's soul world was vast, able to handle a huge quantity of beasts.

But that wasn't what he wanted as he would rather focus on quality instead of quantity.

However, after today's fight, he finally noticed that his plan was naive.

It was important for him to use all means to reach the strength of his classmates that were stronger than him in a head-on fight, by all means.

Furthermore, Jason wanted to experiment with the Holy white bacuri fruit he obtained in Jiro-City, which was another reason for him to pick another soulbond.

Previously Jason was anxious about picking another soulbond because he was uncertain about Artemis growing speed but even so Jason estimated that she would probably need more than one month to finish her evolution.

In the meantime, Jason was confident to reach at least an innate soul energy of around ten with his rapid soul energy reproduction speed.

Right now his soul energy was already around 6.7 units large, while 4 were used up by Artemis at the moment.

His innate soul energy, after deducting Artemis shared soul energy from his soul world amplification, would be around 5.4 right now.

Today's fight changed his train of thoughts completely as he wanted to grow his soul energy as soon as possible to avoid getting beaten up.

Since he awakened his eyes and finished the soul-awakening, Jason was never as close to death's doors as today... If he hadn't used his eyes [Abyss-Effect], he would be either heavily injured or maybe even dead.

He wanted to use the holy white bacuri fruit for a non-potential beast to test out his purity theory.

As such he made an appointment to enter Cyro-city's Beast Pagoda first floor.

Before Jason thought, he would have to wait at least a few weeks to enter the Beast Pagoda, but somehow the first floor of the beast pagoda had many free dates left which were completely different from the second, third, and following floors, that had a long queue.

Thinking for a moment, Jason realized why this was the case.

In his old hometown, there were all kinds of beasts below the magical beast rank on the same floor, while this wasn't the case for Cryo-city.

Here, every rank had its own floor and Jason obviously selected the wild beast floor which not many people in Cryo-city used for a soulbond.

In Cryo-city it would be shameful to form a contract with a non-potential wild beast and the Beast Pagoda itself did not have strong wild beasts with a high-potential.

Even if they had, these beasts would be immediately sold to some big families with unfortunate soul-awakenings, where their soul energy was just too weak to contract higher-ranked beasts.

Jason decided to select the appointment for tomorrow after school and he immediately notified the others with a short message, that they wouldn't worry about him like today where he came back late.

After that, Jason was still not tired and he opened one of the books he received today, which was about magical herbs and plants.

It was relatively interesting and only after a few hours passed, Jason became tired.

He decided to go to sleep, not without forgetting to become excited about going to school and picking his second soulbond.

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Jason woke up a little bit later than normal and it was already 6 am.

The first thing he did were his morning exercises before he washed up and going down to eat breakfast.

Gabriella was placing the last dishes on the table when Jason arrived and it looked like Malia and Greg were either sleeping or washing up.

They talked a little bit with each other but his Aunt didn't ask him, what kind of beast he wanted to pick, which Jason found weird, as she should be curious about it.

This was exactly the case and she wanted to know more about Jason's sudden decision to pick another soulbond like, 'Why now and not later?' or 'how' this sudden change happened, but she didn't want to ruin the atmosphere.

Jason wasn't sure what he would answer if she asked about what kind of beast he wanted to bind as he himself was unsure about that.

Minutes passed and the siblings went down almost at the same time, greeting everyone heartily before they began eating breakfast as Mark arrived as the last one.

Breakfast was the only meal everyone ate together and the mood was relaxing for the mind.

Nobody asked Jason any questions even if they were curious and instead of asking him anything, Jason was curious about Greg's first day in school.

Apparently, Greg was in class 23 out of 50 and that was solely because of his soul-awakening.

Greg's ranking was in the middle area within his class, thanks to the high physical amplification he received from his soul world, which frustrated him, but there wasn't anything he could do about it.

He could only train hard in order to increase his ranking over time and Greg knew that his determination was more than enough to allow him that.

His mana core rank was only at the 3rd Adept and almost all of his classmates were at the 7th Adept rank, which shocked even Malia.

In her junior year, she was in class 5 with her 3 star soul-awakening while her mana core was 8th Adept and now everyone in class 23 should be almost at the same mana core rank as her? Wasn't that too exaggerated? And if that was true, what about the classes above? Were there already 14-year-old experts?



Malia was shocked about such talent because it would be extremely strenuous for 14-year old students to enter the expert rank as she herself only reached this rank when she was 14 years and three months old which was already considered extremely fast.

She wouldn't brag about her mana gathering and absorbing talent in public but she was extremely confident in it, thus it was much more shocking to her than anyone else.

Jason was more astonished that Greg was ranked in the middle area of his class because mana core rank was the worst in class, even though his combat prowess was exceptional in combination with the physical boost because of the reinforced horned bull.

Normally, Greg shouldn't have such a high ranking and Jason wondered if either Greg's talent towards martial arts were superior or if the classmates were just below average in fighting against humans.

After eating breakfast, it was already 7:20 am and Jason changed into his second school uniform as his first set was still smelling awful.

He sent it to a special cleaning company before the shuttle arrived that would bring him to school.

It shuttle arrived at school when Jason finished practicing the Heaven's Hell technique and there were a still few minutes left before school would start when he entered his classroom.

Upon seeing Jason, everyone was silent causing him to hesitant slightly as over 200 pairs of eyes stared at him with question marks in their eyes and doubtful expressions.

When he sat down, he saw Leo Heart walking up to him with a straight back, when Jason noticed that there wasn't any anger or arrogance in his eyes left, as Leo cleared his throat

"Hey, Jason...I think I have to apologize to you about yesterday...I was too impulsive and It wasn't my intention to seriously injure or kill you. I thought the teacher would stop our fight before something happened but apparently, that wasn't the case.

I don't what you did to me yesterday, but after I woke up, I could clearly think about many things while being reminded of the endless darkness I saw.

Sorry again and let's not hate each other, okay?"

Leo turned around and sat down on his seat when their classmates looked at Leo in shock.

Some of them were in the same middle-school as he was and it was extremely shocking to see him saying sorry. And this to the second last rank with a mana core of the 5th Novice rank??

Unbelievable?!?!?

Wait!! 5th Novice rank... some students released mana treads and scanned Jason's core because they noticed something different

6th Novice rank!! He broke through?? When?

Unbeknownst to them, Jason broke into the 6th Novice rank before the class ranking battles even began.

But for Jason, it was relatively shocking to see that Leo was completely fine after he activated the [Abyss effect] of his eyes with his highest capabilities.

`Leo was completely fine and he even fixed his bad attitude because of it? Weird...` he thought as it was weird.

Jason asked himself once again, what exactly his eyes were as normal mana eyes couldn't do things as his could do.

But before he could continue the train of thoughts, Mr.Greil walked inside for today's theoretical lessons were taught.

Theoretical lessons were the most annoying thing for some muscle brains who only wanted to learn martial art techniques as they demonstrated their unwillingness.

But Mr.Greil didn't mind their attitude, as long as they didn't interrupt the lessons with their noises.

Time passed uncontrollably and it was already 4 pm when school was over.

Jason learned many new things and his mind was like a sponge absorbing all information provided without distinguishing between important and useless information.

On his lunch break, Jason practiced the Heaven's Hell technique.

Somehow he began talking to a few people in his class, about school lessons. as Jason's knowledge was distinct, while even Leo came to them.

He wasn't sure what exactly happened but after being an outcast for a single day, Jason was surrounded by his classmates.

If he knew that his eyes were partially responsible for this scenario as people felt comfortable around him, many more questions would torment his mind.

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 77 - Cyro

Jason sat inside the shuttle on the way to the Beast Pagoda with excitement gleaming in his eyes.

It felt as if hours passed and time seemed to have stopped when Jason finally arrived at his destination, only 25 minutes later.

The beast pagoda was much grander than the one he was previously, and the Pagoda itself had seven layers, while two were used for hatching.

As for the other five layers, beasts of all kinds of ranks inhabited them.

While Jason was fascinated about the mana fluctuations he could feel and see all around, he walked slowly towards the large gate that was opened right after he stepped in front of it.

There was an attendant waiting for him looking extremely happy seeing Jason, which wondered him slightly.

What Jason didn't know was, that this young attendant was responsible only for the first floor in his first few years and it has been some time since there was someone making an appointment for the first layer.

The innate talent for soul-awakenings for most youths in Cyro-city was at least a soul energy of 11+ units which was enough to bind an awakened beast.

Furthermore, even if one's soul energy was less, one would rather practice the Heaven's Hell technique for a few months in order to reach the threshold to venture directly to the Beast Pagoda's second floor or form a soulbond with a potential beast caught by beast merchants as their service was faster and more reliable than the Beast Pagoda's

Jason walked through the opened gate and the attendant ran up to him.

"Hello, Sir. I presume Mr. Stella, right?"

The attendant greeted and asked hopefully.

Jason answered with a nod as the attendant's eyes lightened up.

"Follow me please, Mr.Stella"

The manor was large and more than 10 minutes passed until they reached the first floor with wild-ranked beasts inside.

During these 10 minutes, the attendant asked various questions that were important for a soulbond, and Jason answered them as well as he was able to.

One of the questions for example was what type of beast Jason wanted to form a soulbond with and what rank the beast should be at.

This question was what Jason was unsure about.

Right now, he had chosen a certain direction his soulbond should be, but he wasn't sure what kind of species Cyro-City's Beast Pagoda had and if Jason was able to form a contract with it.

Right now he wanted to test the purity theory much more than anything else.

To be safe and test the theory with the Holy white baruci fruit as safe as possible, Jason wanted to form a contract with a beast that possessed a high endurance.

Unfortunately, Jason's innate soul energy only allowed him to bind a beast below the four-star wild rank which hindered his plan to a certain degree.

But forming a contract with a one-star wild beast was also not safe as Jason wasn't sure if such a weak beast would be able to endure the torment energy of the Holy white bacuri fruit, which would most likely cleanse his new soulbond's body.

Even for humans eating this fruit was dangerous because it would forcibly wash out a certain mass of impurities and how could Jason know if a one-star wild beast could survive that?

He was also unsure if a three-star wild beast could survive that, as Jason was unaware of how potent the holy white bacuri fruit's cleansing effect was.

As such he had to pick a beast with high endurance and certain survivabilities in order to get through the cleansing.

In the end, Jason's range of beasts he could choose became less with each criterion in his mind.

He decided to restrict his selection to three-star wild beasts with his survivability and endurance.

Telling the attendant the criteria Jason needed, the attendant wasn't sure what to think of Jason, as the criterion named were somewhat familiar, causing him to be overly careful with his next words.

"I don't want to suspect any ill-intention from you, but purchasing a beast in the beast pagoda is solely intended for soulbonds and not to experiment with them"

Jason wanted to experiment with this beast but he didn't want to harm or kill it as the most important fact was, that he wanted to form a soulbond with this beast.

Killing or crippling it would decrease his combat prowess in the end, if his soul wouldn't be damaged in the process as the worst-case scenario.

"You don't have to worry about that. I can form a soulbond contract with the beast I choose in front of your eyes if that lessens your worries"

Upon hearing his client saying this the attendant sighed in relief.

He wasn't working in the Beast Pagoda for a long time, but he had already seen many crazy people on the first floor trying to purchase wild beasts with ill-intensions.

Hearing Jason saying that he would bind the beast in front of him, caused his slowly accumulating worries to vanish into thin air as nobody would hurt one's own soul by killing or crippling the peculiar soulbond.

Well, that was at least what the attendant thought.

If he knew that Jason wanted to test feeding the soulbond a magical fruit that would cleanse one's impurities forcibly, he would directly kick Jason out of the Beast Pagoda and blacklist him for his whole life.

There were already many people trying something like that and the results were devastating, which Jason didn't know.

But these tests were neither seriously done or safely carried out.

The magical fruits purchased were much more potent than the one Jason owned and god knows how the scientists tested this theory with the beasts.

In Jason's opinion, most experiments would probably feed the cleansing ingredient in the beast's growth phase or maybe they were too weak in order to withstand the potent magical fruits.

Jason had done a lot of research about the holy bacuri fruit and it was not only the worst magical cleansing fruit but his, in particular, was the weakest among the weakest that Jason found good.

With a good soulbond, it should definitely be possible for a beast with high endurance and survivability to get through the cleansing process without receiving any injuries, while he would help out in every possible way.

When he reached the wild beast floor, Jason immediately activated his mana eyes effect to scan through all kinds of beast potentials and mana purity, only to be disappointed.

If there were some treasures, Jason would rather pick such beasts instead of experimenting with his second soulbond but not a single beast had a color radiating from it, which left Jason a little bit dejected.

Now Jason was almost forced to experiment with his second soulbond but after thinking for a moment, he was still doing fine.

If the worst situation occurred, Jason would just feed his soulbond with some small parts of the fruit instead of the whole fruit which would decrease its magical effect by a large margin.

Nevertheless, this would be better than killing his soulbond, wouldn't it?

There was also the possibility that the cleansing effect was rejected by beasts, which Jason wasn't sure if it was possible.

Even so, it was definitely worth a try with a small piece of the fruit as an appetizer to test out the theory.

As long as the amount was small enough, a high endurable beast shouldn't die.

Some time passed and Jason was slowly walking through the corridors, looking at each type of beast, leaving him disappointed

There was not a single beast that met his requirements and more than two hours passed without him finding a decent beast.

The Attendant became slightly nervous because the criteria Jason named were rather rare for wild beasts.

Searching through the beast catalog, he couldn't find a suitable beast either, when Jason suddenly asked

"Where is the beast inside this enclosure?"

Jason was about to continue his search when he saw an empty enclosure with a holographic picture showing the beast that attracted his attention.

Upon seeing the holographic picture, the attendants' eyes brightened up and his mood soared even higher than Jason's when he quickly looked at the information about the particular beast.

"Apparently the beast is giving birth, right now."



The attendant reported and Jason's eyes lit up.

Previously he wanted to form a soulbond with an adult three-star wild beast and tame it if necessary, but raising up a newborn would be even better as he could easily tame it, while the soul connection between them would be much stronger without any worries about disobedience.

Jason was in such a good mood that he ran up to the attendant, asking.

"Once the offsprings are born, can I immediately form a contract with one?"

The attendant, surprised about Jason's sudden eagerness, didn't know what to say one had to wait a few days normally before one was allowed to contract a beast.

If the beast he wanted to form a contract thought of Jason as his mother, it would be much easier to form an extremely deep connection with each other which was what everyone wanted.

Thinking for a moment, the attendant remembered, that there was no law forbidding a beast to be sold directly after it was born.

It was only seen a little bit immoral.

As such the attendant called his superior to ask for permission.

Upon seeing the attendant's expression and hearing the superior shouting at him, Jason felt a little bit apologetic.

The superior didn't care about the life of wild-ranked beasts and gumed in anger, having to answer to such an idiotic question.

Even if Jason felt sorry for the attendant, he was still happy to have his request approved.

Maybe he would be able to change his plan with a newborn beast as his second soulbond, as he could feed it the cleansing holy white baruci fruit.

If he divided it into marginal parts in addition to the innate characteristics from his future soulbond it should be possible.

But for now, it could wait, as there was something more important.

Now it was time for Jason to pick up his new partner!

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 78 - Second Soulbond

A few minutes passed until Jason arrived at the floor where beasts gave birth or laid their eggs.

He was impatient right now, and it took him another 10 minutes until they reached their final destination.

In his mind, it took an eternity until he reached the breeding grounds of his future newborn soulbond as he activated his mana eyes.

Jason saw that there was no color radiating from the beasts but he had already accepted that fact.

There was already a rough plan constructing in his mind and he adjusted it to the soulbond he picked while the theory about purity was the main point Jason wanted to use.

If the theory wouldn't work, Jason had to make preparations and his mind rattled while thinking carefully about the options he had when he came closer and closer to the small newborn beasts.

The attendant next to him noticed Jason's impatience and said

"Sir if you want to make a basic potential test to figure out which beast is the best to choose from, you have to wait at least 24 hours"

"No, it's fine!" Jason said with a resolute voice.

He already saw that the potential or core purity was around the same and Jason couldn't detect any differences.

As such testing the potential and waiting for a whole day would be a waste of time and lessen the effect of the soulbond between each other.

The attendant knew that forming a bond as soon as possible would be the best for their soulbond, but not even caring about the potential of your future companion was odd.

Forming a soulbond with the chance of having the potential to reach higher ranks would be more important in his opinion

But it was not his choice and the attendant told Jason to decide which one he wanted to pick.

The beast mother was exhausted and sedated so she wouldn't be able to do anything

Even if she was awake, the attendant would prevent it from doing anything to Jason.

Jason came closer to the newborn beasts and there were dozens of one centimeter long scorpions with a soft yellowish green exoskeleton in front of him.

Right now they looked extremely weak and would probably even be killed by a small wind current but it was said that these Miniature Parascors in front of him had a potent, paralyzing poison that could even numb beasts at the same rank.

Their strength was weak and the only strong characteristics of this kind of beast was its exceptional hard and durable exoskeleton with the lethal poison.

Jason chose the miniature Parascors as his second soulbond because of multiple reasons which included it being a three-star wild beast, its strong exoskeleton, and as a most important reason for Jason the scorpion's natural occurrence of molting while growing up.

This molting could change Jason's plan to a certain extent because he wanted to give his soulbond some of the holy white bacuri fruit before the molding.

Maybe with this, the cleansing of impurities could be naturally included in the molding.

The possibility for this was slightly higher compared to other beasts without the ability to naturally mold and it was worth a try.

Jason didn't really care about which miniature Parascor to pick as he picked up one of them who sensed his presence.

This particular miniature Parascor came closer with the thought that Jason was his mother in its mind.

Once he had picked up one of the yellow-greenish miniature Parascors he stepped back and looked at the attendant like he was ready to go.

"Can I pay now and form the soulbond contract or is there anything else I have to do?"

The attendant looked at Jason not listening clearly

"Hmm?.. No, I only have to fill the formula which says that one of the miniature Parascors was sold to you, so we can administer everything cleanly..."

The only thing Sir has to do is to pay the fee for the beast which is slightly higher compared to normal beasts because it is rare and the beast gives birth only twice in its life at most. " The attendant explained and looking at Jason's clothes he was sure Jason would be able to pay the price as he was still wearing his school uniform which told the attendant that Jason was a student at the prestigious Vanguard affiliated school.

A holographic screen with a contract appeared in front of Jason and after reading through it he signed it.

Jason had to pay 25.000 credits for the newborn miniature Parascors which was extremely high for a wild beast but apparently, it was extremely rare.

The additional fee for purchasing a newborn beast was also high because the strengthened bond would help out their communication and teamwork.

To Jason, these 25.000 credits weren't too much if his purity theory worked.

With his theory working out, the price for the beast would be negligible compared to the fortune he would need to afford for treasure which would cleanse one's core.

After the transaction was done, the attendant was still determined to see Jason forming his soulbond with the beast to avoid receiving complaints about neglecting his job and they left for a secluded room.

Jason's future soulbond was lying down because it was exhausted to be born less than an hour ago and once he entered the secluded room, he took out one of the knives he normally used to throw and stood there ready to cut the thumb of the hand holding the knife because inside his other hand was the small miniature Parascors.

Before he cut his thumb, Jason entered his soul world and loosened up a thread of his soul which he led it carefully through his body into his thumb.

Cutting his hand, dark red blood with a golden hue could be seen.

Jason didn't waste any time as a thick drop of blood shimmering in a golden hue fell on the Parascor draining it completely in blood.

It felt an uncomfortable feeling before the soul thread invaded the Parascor before the unpleasant feeling vanished.

Jason felt a connection getting built between him and the miniature Parascor while the small fellow in his hand trembled for a second before a small yellow-greenish magic circle appeared, with his new soulbond vanished inside him.

It would probably take a few hours before the soulbond was perfectly established and it was best for contractor and beast to stay as close a possible for this period which was also the instinctive decision the newborn Parascor took.

Seeing that the soulbond was finished, the attendant nodded his head.

Filling out the formula a minute passed and the attendant guided Jason, who sweated slightly due to his soulbond outside without saying an additional word.

It was the second time Jason formed a soulbond and it was still extremely difficult even if it was much easier than the first time.

Jason wondered if he would ever get proficient in moving around his soul threads with time passing.

For others it would be entirely useless because most people only had 2 to 5 soulbonds, but not for Jason.

Jason and the attendant didn't talk with each other and the only thing they said, was goodbye when he left the Beast Pagoda.

The attendant didn't really know what to think about the youth in front of him, because he contracted a three-star wild beast while being a student in one of the best schools on Astrix.

Even if it was only the 6th affiliated Vanguard school, it was still among the top 20 high-schools on Astrix island, including the affiliated schools of the other two out of the big three.

It was extremely uncommon and rather stupid for such a prodigious individual to form a contract with a wild beast without any potential.

To be blunt, a wild-ranked beast was almost everywhere seen as trash or useless to form a contract with and most wild beasts were used as food for stronger bonds.

There were only three apparent reasons to breed wild beast

→Livestock

→Using for errands

→Getting an advantageous mutated wild beast with a high potential in order to sell for a lot of credits.

Jason wouldn't mind if the attendant found him weird but more importantly was that he could get home and some food because he was extremely hungry.

Thinking about food, Jason was pondering what food to purchase for his new soulbond while waiting for the shuttle to arrive in front of the Beast Pagoda.

When the shuttle arrived Jason finished his research about scorpion food and they ate almost everything small enough for them to eat.

Sitting down inside the shuttle, he decided to purchase a batch of grade-1 mana fireflies with a small amount of mana causing them to illuminate the night sky.

They were nutritious and easy for a small beast like a newborn miniature Parascor to eat and digest.

Inside Cyro-City with the dense mana around, the growing phase of his second soulbond would probably take only two months at most while Jason wanted to increase its speed even more so, that the miniature Parascor would reach adulthood before the class battle began.

Thereby he would use mana stones for that and the holy white bacuri fruit in addition.

After deciding roughly what to do in the next few weeks, Jason practices the Heaven's Hell technique inside the shuttle until he arrives at the Fler's house.

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 79 - First Purification

The first week of school passed and Mr. Greil did not teach any martial arts to his students.

Instead, he focused on improving the mana absorbing aptitude of everyone slowly, which brought them many benefits, as almost everyone's speed increased to a certain extent.

Jason was the most astonishing student among the small-batch, as he picked the best spot with the thickest mana flow, every time they were supposed to gather mana, increasing his already astonishing mana absorbing speed even more.

Because he was still unaccustomed to the mana flow inside Cyro-city that was already extremely dense, Jason had some problems to continuously absorb mana.

It was taxing for him, to focus on gathering mana, circling it through his mana channels, and absorbing it into his mana core at the same time for over two hours straight.

While the others were doing it slowly and steadily, Jason was becoming more and more greedy.

He didn't even need to use mana stones in order to increase the mana in his surroundings because he couldn't even handle the mana around him.

Thinking about the first day of school where he broke into the 6th Novice rank, Jason felt extremely motivated and determined.

His mana absorbing speed increased thanks to him moving to an A-grade city with its high-density mana everything and now his full potential was awakening slowly.

Others felt like he was a demon because Jason completely disregarded his surroundings as he absorbed all the mana greedily as if he was the center of the world.



Becoming stronger was his ambition and he couldn't take care of everyone in his surroundings, so they had to either step back or fight him for the spot.

Not a single classmate of his dared to come closer to Jason than 3 meters to absorb mana as the mana around Jason was fully absorbed by him.

As for fighting for the spot, first comes first serves was the rule implemented here, as fighting classmates was strongly forbidden with the exceptions of practical lessons and Class ranking battles.

Even their teacher was astonished to see Jason absorbing the mana in the surrounding so fast and he wondered how a 6th Novice rank could be able to multitask so excessively, without having practiced a technique that improved his mind.

Techniques to improve one's mind and brain were extremely rare and only royalty or higher-ups would be able to practice such technique.

Seeing Jason being able to gather and convert the mana so fast, Mr.Greil was extremely astonished.

He himself could only do something like that when he reached the Expert rank as his mind was continuously refined with each breakthrough.

Till Greil knew that Jason was somehow special but each day passing caused him to be more and more surprised about the young black-haired youth with his golden eyes.

There were also other things Mr.Greil found weird.

Jason came to school on Wednesday with a one-centimeter small yellow-greenish newborn miniature Parascor in his hair which was almost not noticeable, if he wasn't continuously radiating some of his mana.

After asking Jason about that, he just replied it's his soulbond which caused him to be taken aback.

A miniature Parascor was only a three-star wild beast once matured, and completely useless for Jason as he was already much stronger than most three-star wild beast.

The amplification provided by the small three-star wild beast would be negligible.

Mr. Greil concluded that Jason had a combat prowess of a peak five-star wild beast or one of the lowest awakened ranked beasts while being at the 6th Novice rank which was more than astonishing for someone without great backing.

Maybe high nobles or children from the Kingdoms of Canir could do that but on the Archipelago, this was already seen as being a prodigy.

That's why it was even more astonishing for him to comprehend a reason, why Jason wasted precious place from his soul world on a beast without growing potential.

For Till Greil, even evolved beasts were seen as useless because his soul energy was higher than 500 when he had his soul-awakening at the age of 14.

He couldn't even remotely understand Jason's train of thoughts and was somehow disappointed about his promising student wasting his potential.

Even if Jason didn't need mana stones around him in order to absorb mana faster, he did it nevertheless because of a certain reason.

His new soulbond, he named Scorpio, absorbed the pure mana around them greedily in order to strengthen itself, to accelerate the maturing process.

There was a big difference between Artemis and Scorpio, Jason noticed.

Artemis was able to absorb and digest as much mana as she wanted to, even if it should have been harmful to her, while Scorpio could only absorb a marginal amount of the mana stone before he had to stop as it was exhausting harmful to absorb too much of it.

It was the last day of the week when Jason finished the practice of his Heaven's Hell technique.

Looking at Scorpio, he thought it was time for the first experiment.

Scorpio was almost 2 centimeters at that time and it was time for his first molting.

Ordering it to lie down on the table, Jason took out a graded syringe, that was used for magical fruits, nervously.

Putting the syringe down, he took out the grade-2 perennial neoxid box with the two magical treasures inside.

Taking out the Holy white bacuri fruit, he closed the box once again.

Inside the holy white bacuri fruit was a certain juice, Jason wanted Scorpio to drink.

There were multiple reasons for Jason's decision. The most obvious reason was that the two-centimeter-long Scorpio wouldn't be able to gulp down a fist-sized fruit while the second reason for Jason to do so, was that the juice within the fruit shone in the feeblest black he had ever seen, indicating its lower purity effect.

He hoped that it would cause his second soulbond less pain.

Piercing through the outer shell of the holy white bacuri fruit with the syringe, Jason filled the syringe up, before he took out a test tube, where the syringe's content was emptied in.

The Holy white bacuri fruit was now damaged and would decay faster than before.

As such Jason filled the syringe another three times before he had three testing tubes completely filled.

Storing the holy white bacuri fruit and other tools away, only one testing tube was left in Jason's hand while the others were safely packed in a box with soft materials to provide the best protection inside the cooling freezer.

The cooling freezer temperature was perfect for the testing tube to prevent the magical effect from decreasing too much over the next few days.

Jason estimated that it would take less than two months for the holy white bacuri fruit to completely lose its cleansing effect even inside the grade-2 perennial neoxid box.

In his opinion, this was more than enough time Scorpio would most likely require to finish the fruit.

With each day the cleansing effect would lessen and Jason wasn't even sure if the cleansing effect would still be strong enough in two months to cause his miniature Parascor to cleanse his core in the initial phase in order for it to reach the awakened rank.

That was why Jason decided to fasten up the process.

If today's experiment would be successful, he would feed Scorpio with the holy white bacuri juice every day until he was large enough to eat small pieces of the fruit with more nutrition and the magical effect inside.

Even if Scorpio's race was called miniature Parascor, in the end, it was just a very small paralyzing scorpion.

He would grow to a size of 10 centimeters with his initial race characteristics at least.

However, Jason was sure its size wouldn't remain at 10 centimeters at that time when it reached higher ranks.

He was confident about this experiment on the outside but his whole being was worried on the inside when he ordered Scorpio to sit on his open palm.

Picking up the syringe with his other hand, Jason filled it with some holy white bacuri juice before he dropped two drops into his palm, right in front of Scorpio.

Jason didn't dare to order Scorpio to drink the two drops in front of him as soulbonds couldn't decline orders if their soul energy was weaker than their contractors.

He knew that the instincts of beasts were particularly strange, once they saw something which benefited them, as he had seen with Artemis as she picked out the cores of beasts, before eating them without receiving an order from Jason.

Scorpio crawled slowly towards the two drops, sniffing their aroma before he drank them up wholly, without leaving a single tiny bit.

After that, he looked up to Jason greedily.

At first, Jason felt weird, but he could sense that Scorpio asked for more, which made him extremely happy.

Drop after drop was consumed by Scorpio and almost a whole test tube vanished in his tiny body, when Jason suddenly saw his small soulbond writhing in pain, throwing his body around.

His mana eyes witnessed the whole process and his eyes widened with worry and pain due to their shared emotions.

Jason felt suddenly apologetic about doing something so stupid as he fed Scorpio more and more potent holy white bacuri juice.

His worry increased, even more, when Scorpio completely stopped moving after a few minutes of squirming around in pain.

There was not a single mana fluctuation coming out from Scorpio and Jason was extremely worried.

If he couldn't feel that his soulbond was still alive, he would have been devastated, thinking that he had killed Scorpio.

Only after half an hour passed, Jason noticed mana fluctuations spreading out from Scorpio as he began to flinch violently, forcefully expelling its outer shell which was yellow-greenish with thick black dots on it.

Scorpio was now three centimeters long and Jason noticed that the exoskeleton turned slightly greener from its initial color.

Inspecting its core, which was still at the one-star wild rank, Jason noticed that there was still no color radiating from it.

The only thing Jason noticed was that the mana inside Scorpio was slightly stronger compared to before.

'Did it work or not?' Jason didn't know but it was obvious that Scorpio grew in strength, even if it was still a one-star.

The color of its exoskeleton changed slightly after a single usage of the cleansing juice and it grew in size.

There were small signs of Scorpio abandoning the path predetermined as a weak three-star miniature Parascor, leading it to a prosperous future.

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 80 - First Assignment

Jason looked at Scorpio for a long time with a delighted expression.

Even if it was not completely sure that his second soulbond could reach the awakened rank with the holy white bacuri fruit, there was at least some progress he was able to perceive.

It was enough for him to say that his experiment was a success.

Yet, he was still shocked about the pain transmitted by Scorpio.

Nevertheless, Jason could sense Scorpio's desire to get stronger and break out of its shell in order to reach a higher rank.

Maybe this desire was inspired by Jason who wanted to become stronger by all means without backing down against anyone.

Another reason could have been its innate desire to walk an individual path to the pinnacle without being held down from its racial limits.

Jason wouldn't know but it was definitely something good as he would rather nurture such an attitude than a lazy bun.

Scorpio was only five days old but he already reached the middle realms of a one-star wild beast and Jason asked himself how long it would take it to reach three-stars.

Fortunately, it was not only Scorpio that got stronger over the last five days since it was born but also Jason's strength increased.

Because of the vast efforts he took, Jason was already halfway through towards the 7th Novice rank.

It would probably only take a week until he would be able to break through once again, which was exceptionally fast, adding the common hurdle between the 6th and 7th level.

A day before, his whole body began to ache and Scorpio's share was slowly converted towards Jason.

This indicated that his mana core grew in size, his physique increased slightly while his soul energy also increased.

Scorpio was more of a physical beast than a beast with a high amount of mana or an affinity, except its natural poison.

As such Jason's physique or rather the toughness of his skin, bones, flesh and so were tempered and refined.

While his rank was at the 6th Novice stage, his mana core size which was already at the 7th level was getting closer to the 8th level while his physique reached the 7th level.

Once Scorpio matured, his physique and mana core would be roughly at the same stage because Artemis gave him more mana than a physical enhancement while Scorpio was the complete opposite.

While both his physique and Mana core size were at the 7th level, the biggest change came from his soul energy.

Scorpio was still at the one-star rank and used up one soul energy while it provided ? point, which would increase with his soulbond maturing. As such, Jason's soul energy was constantly increasing thanks to his soulbonds and his own efforts to refine his soul energy daily.

Compared to the time he had only one soul energy, Jason's daily increase in soul energy already surpassed his expectations by a lot due to him practicing the Heaven's Hell technique three times.

From Artemis, he obtains around 1.32 soul energy while Scorpio provides 0.33 right now, and only five days ago, Jason's innate soul energy was around 5.38, altogether 6.7 without considering Scorpio.

But now, Jason's overall soul energy crossed already 7 units or more exactly 7.2 units.

For most soul-awakenings, this would be a bad start but comparing 7.2 to his past, almost non-existent soul energy, it was a vast difference and delighted Jason.

It was Sunday and Greg was at home, looking at the exercises they had to do.

Jason wasn't interested in Greg's homework because he had already done his own homework.



Furthermore, the exercises Greg had to do were not really worth his attention because he knew the answers.

Even though Jason liked to obtain more knowledge, the information provided by his school were not really worth mentioning.

Jason already knew most things as he had already read through most books before.

Scorpio was playing inside Jason's hair while Artemis was still evolving inside his soul world.

Normally Scorpio would also be in the soul world but he was like Artemis and liked being physically close with Jason, which was slightly weird for a Scorpion with a venom-injecting barb, but Jason didn't mind it.

He had already been accidentally stung by Scorpio previously and noticed that he was immune to his poison.

The sting itself wasn't that deep because it was only playing with Jason and didn't hurt much.

Time passed and Jason helped out Greg with his homework only to become a sparring partner with Jason as he wanted to practice the foundational martial arts techniques.

Greg suppressed his strength to one of 6th Novice rank and they began practicing all kinds of basic techniques.

While Jason was nimble and used many different technique sequences, Greg was rather crude and rough as he used his tough physique to crush Jason in the past.

But Jason knew all of that and was using that brute force to practice quick and lethal attacks with a wooden dagger, while Greg could use all kinds of weapons.

And like Leo Heart, Greg used gloves.

Somehow, Jason felt that gloves were popular weapons used by physical fighters.

This however was really good for Jason who wanted to find out his flaws as they fought for 30 minutes until Jason had to give up with many bruises covering his whole body.

Even if Greg suppressed his strength, he was still overwhelmed by his physique and innate battle strength.

Greg learned better martial art techniques, furthermore, he was more proficient in fighting due to his few years more battle experience.

Jason instead only began to see anything slightly over two months ago, which was his real starting point for the real world.

He was able to perceive each of Greg's moves but after some time he wasn't able to evade the attacks anymore, and counterattacking wasn't an option for him at the moment.

He was still not experienced enough but he felt that he was getting closer and closer to Greg at the same rank and level.

If Jason would learn some more techniques instead of the basics all the time, he might be able to evade Greg's fast and lethal Tier-1 first martial art technique.

But during the whole week, Jason went to school, there didn't seem to be any signs of martial art training or new techniques for the students to learn which disappointed him somewhat, even if he was able to improve his mana absorbing speed by a lot.

What was the use of having a high mana core rank when one couldn't use the received strength to the fullest potential?

With this thought, Jason continued with his daily workout just like that, before he continued reading the herb and magical plants books until Jason fully memorized them.

Jason never forgot to practice the Heaven's Hell technique three times a day as it was already imprinted in his bones.

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Entering the classroom the next day, there were already many of his classmates gossiping with each other as Jason heard one of the students saying something about an assignment.

This attracted Jason's curiosity but he couldn't ask anyone, as the front door opened.

Mr. Greil entered the room when he dropped the information everyone was waiting for, immediately after they greeted each other.

"Some of you have already heard the news and the first school-assignment is out. Because I could decide which one to take, there will be some fun for everyone.

Because I know everyone is longing to learn a new and mighty martial arts technique, I'll teach everyone that passes the assignment a martial arts technique for the remaining week.

If someone can't fulfill my demand, there will be no reward and he or she will be punished.

That means the faster one submits the assignment the longer he or she can learn the chosen martial art technique from me.

After this week is over, I'll never explain anything about the chosen technique again, except another assignment I gave out was finished and submitted on time" Mr. Greil said

Somehow this sounded a little bit wishy-washy for everyone and it was difficult to understand their own teacher but the meaning was somewhat understandable.

Submitting the given assignment as fast as possible would give one the chance to learn a new martial art technique from their teacher until this week was over.

`Isn't it the job of our teacher to teach us martial art techniques?!?' That was the thought in almost everyone's mind but the next words struck everyone like a bolt of lightning.

"If someone is wondering, I'm not talking about peak tierless or common tier 1 martial art techniques... You'll be able to choose any technique I learned during my whole life, which includes some tier-3 techniques, special and unique techniques, also called skills by many.

I think that should be encouraging enough, right?"

The whole classroom was silent until a thunderstorm of roars and cheers resounded through the whole room, while Jason was only silently looking at his teacher

`Tier-3 skills?? Who the f\*\*\* are you?? I don't believe you're a normal teacher....`

Tier-3 techniques were considered the treasures from Astrix and they were even considered rare on Canir, causing Jason to suspect his teacher.

`Talking about unique or special techniques?? Please... What are you doing on the Archipelagos.. Shouldn't you be on Canir, leading some sect or staying inside a castle as a prince of one of the kingdoms?`

Jason was more than dumbfounded and he wanted to question his teacher about it but he remained silent.

The other students were all way too happy to hear something like that, to notice anything amiss.

There were always exceptions, as a few smarter youths understood the meaning of a tier-3 technique.

But their teacher wouldn't just give them such a technique and the next sentence instantly soured the mood.

"The first assignment for everyone will be to kill 10 beasts that are two stages above your rank.

My requirements are simple. You have to do it with your own strength without the usage of mana guns, mana-, soul weapons, other instant killing weapons, or something similar I didn't name.

Soulbeats are not allowed for this assignment, so don't use them.

Teaming with other classmates is also forbidden.

You have to hunt these beasts alone!

Other than that you may use everything you want. You can trap beasts or try to assassinate them. I don't care about that.

Another requirement is that you have to record everything with the video braces I'll hand out.

There is a button on the side and once it starts blinking, it will start recording.

The device is already filled with mana and the battery can hold out for more than a week.

For the first assignment, there won't be a punishment but it will never as easy to receive bountiful rewards like today, EVER again.

As such, give your best!"

While video braces came flying to all students with the help of their teacher's mana, everyone's face looked sour.

Defeating ten beasts two stages higher than oneself without a team or one's soulbonds?

Was their teacher kidding them?

Each rank was divided into three stages and the levels 1st to 3rd counted as the beginner stage while 4th to 6th was the intermediate stage and the 7th to 9th was the advanced stage.

That means if one was at the 3rd Adept rank like most students in this class, they would have to defeat a late awakened beast which was a vast difference in strength.

If one could use their soulbond, this wouldn't be considered problematic because most students that were accepted at this school had a late awakened beast as the worst soulbond, without considering Jason's situation.

Leo Heart for example was at the 5th Adept rank and he would have to defeat a low-Evolved beast... how should he do that.

It was definitely a huge challenge but even after getting to know that it was extremely difficult, the benefits one could receive were huge enough to give it a try.

Without further ado, everyone began to rush out of the classroom after Mr.Greil finished his explanations.

Only Jason was left behind in an empty classroom with his teacher.

Mr.Greil noticed Jason looking at him when Jason asked.

"Is it really okay for me to use everything except the weapons described, and a team?"

He had a rough idea of what he should do but he wanted to ask before implementing them in his actions.

"Do as you wish" He only said and Jason recorded it as evidence because he didn't trust his own teacher before he walked out of the school with a faint smile on his face when he entered the online shop.

GOD'S EYES