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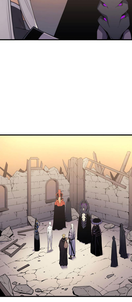
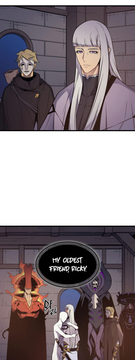
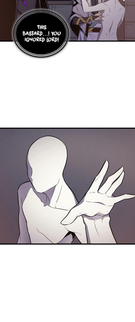
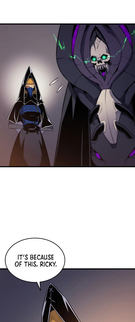


IT'S BEEN A WHILE.


MY OLDEST FRIEND RICKY.

RICKY IS...
LORD'S OLDEST FRIEND?


WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY NO LONGER HAVING TO FEAR GOD'S PUNISHMENT, NOSTOVA?
THE BASTARD... I'D YOU IGNORED LORD!



IT'S BECAUSE OF THIS, RICKY.
IT'S A METALLIC MATERIAL CALLED ILLUNINUM.

ILLUNINUM? IT'S MY FIRST TIME HEARING OF THIS.
THAT'S UNAVOIDABLE, SINCE WE WERE THE FIRST TO DISCOVER AND NAME IT.

?
YES. RIGHT NOW, IT SHOULD SEEM LIKE A METAL WITH NO SPECIAL FEATURES.
BUT LOOK CLOSELY.

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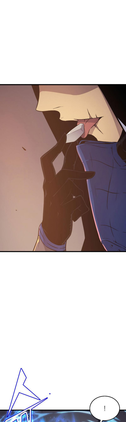

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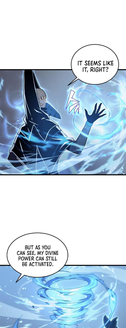

YOUR DIVINE POWER DISAPPEARED...?

KUKU....

IT SEEMS LIKE IT, RIGHT?

BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, MY DIVINE POWER CAN STILL BE ACTIVATED.

THIS IS THE POWER OF ILLUNIUM.
TO BE HONEST, WHEN I INITIALLY DEVELOPED THIS, IT WAS TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND MY DIVINE POWER.
IT WAS ANNOYING TO CONSTANTLY BE TRAILED BY THE CIRCLE MEMBERS.
BUT THEN, WHETHER IT WAS CONSIDERED A FAILURE OR A SUCCESS, I ACCIDENTALLY...
CREATED A MATERIAL THAT COULD PERFECTLY HIDE DIVINE POWER WHILE STILL ACTIVE!? FREEZE!

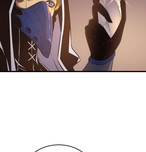
IF YOU EAT THIS, YOU CAN TEMPORARILY CIRCUMVENT GOD'S RULES.

THUS,

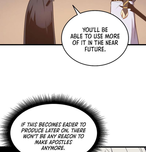
NO MATTER HOW MANY LIVES WE END, WE WILL NOT RECEIVE GOD'S PUNISHMENT.

BUT THIS IS STILL IN THE EXPERIMENTAL PHASE, SO THERE'S LIMITED QUANTITY.
I PLAN ON MAKING A LIQUID FORM IN THE FUTURE, SO IT'LL BE EASIER TO CONSUME.
RIGHT NOW, THE PRODUCTION PROCESS IS TRICKY AND IT'S DIFFICULT TO ACQUIRE THE MATERIALS.

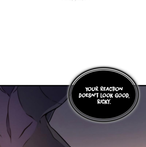
SO USE IT FRUGALLY.

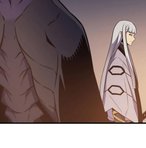

JUST TEAR OFF BITS AND PIECES OF IT TO EAT.
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO USE MORE OF IT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

IF THIS BECOMES EASIER TO PRODUCE LATER ON, THERE WON'T BE ANY REASON TO MAKE APOSTLE ANYMORE.
THINGS ARE GOING WRONG.

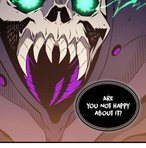

YOUR SHADOW DOESN'T LOOK GOOD, RICKY.

WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO KILL THOSE PESKY BUGS AS MUCH AS WE PLEASE.
ARE YOU NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT?


HARDLY.

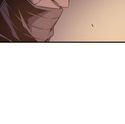


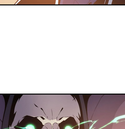
AS EXPECTED, YOU CHANGED, RICKY.
SOMETHING ABOUT YOU BECAME STRANGE AFTER YOU DESTROYED SCOLLUM 4000 YEARS AGO.


RICKY WAS THE ONE WHO DESTROYED SCOLLUM?!

AS FOR SWORD KING LUCID...
PERISHED AS HIS MOTHERLAND, ICOLLIUM, GOT ANNIHILATED.
THE ONE WHO KILLED LUCID...
WAS RICKY?
4000 YEARS HAVE PASSED, NOZDOG.
IN MY EYES, YOU, WHO HAVE NOT CHANGED AT ALL SINCE THEN, ARE MORE STRANGE.
STOP YOUR NONSENSE!
THE CONCEPT OF CHANGE DOES NOT EXIST FOR PERFECT BEINGS (LIKE US)
THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I BELIEVE.
WE ARE NOT PERFECT BEINGS.
YOU BASTARD...!
RICKY...!
KUKU....
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
HYDRA IS DEAD.

WHAT? WHEN?!
I DON'T KNOW EITHER. IT HASN'T BEEN LONG SINCE I FOUND OUT AS WELL.





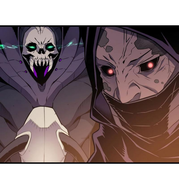
SHIT...
HE'S COMPLETELY UNDER SUSPICION.

NOZEDOG.
AMANTA.

WHAT ARE WE DOING AMONGST OURSELVES?

S-SORRY, LORD...!
WE WERE TOO HASTY.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE DOING THIS BECAUSE WE'RE ALL BECOMING DEPENDENT.
DOESN'T MATTER.

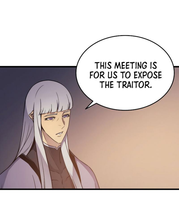


HE CAN SAY WHATEVER HE WANTS WITHOUT ANY REPRIMANDS.
BECAUSE FOR LORD, RICKY IS LIKE HIS OWN BROTHER.

A MASS OF SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS THAT WAS THE FIRST TO DIVERGE FROM THE ENORMOUS MASS OF ENERGY CALLED THE SAND OF THE WORLD, LORD.
AND THE EXISTENCE THAT CAME RIGHT AFTER HIM, RICKY.

BUT EVEN WHEN RICKY STARTED TO SLACK OFF ON HIS MISSION TO RULE LUMINOBLE AND SPENT HIS TIME SECLUDED IN A CABIN INSIDE OF A FOREST,
LORD DIDN'T REPRIMAND HIM AT ALL.
IT'S TRUE HE TREATS US COMPLETELY DIFFERENTLY THAN HOW HE TREATS RICKY. SO WHETHER IT'S BIG OR SMALL, WE ALL HAVE SOME RESENTMENT TOWARDS RICKY.

LET'S JUST GET TO THE MAIN POINT ALREADY, LORD.

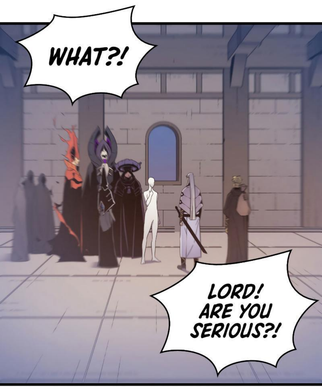

THIS MEETING IS FOR US TO EXPOSE THE TRAITOR.

AND THOSE TWO.
HAVE SUSPICIONS THAT I AM THAT TRAITOR.

HAHA... DON'T BET IT UPSET YOU TOO MUCH, RICKY.

WELL, THAT'S RIGHT.
THERE ARE STILL SOME DEMIGODS WHO HAVE YET TO ARRIVE.
BUT IT'S A BIT BORING TO JUST WAIT, RIGHT?

SHOULD WE USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY THE TRUTH GAME?
TRUTH... GAME?
LET'S REVEAL EACH OTHER'S APOSTLES.
WHAT?!
LORD... WHAT IS HE PLANNING?
REVEALING EACH OTHER'S APOSTLES?
IN A SITUATION WHERE THEY ARE SUSPECTING ONE ANOTHER.
IT'S PRACTICALLY SUICIDE TO EXPOSE THEIR APOSTLES, WHICH ARE THEIR ONE AND ONLY WEAKNESS....
NO... BEFORE THAT, IF I REVEAL MY IDENTITY HERE, IT'LL BE MORE DIFFICULT TO ACT IN THE FUTURE.
WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING NOW, RICKY...?
HOW ARE YOU SO RELAXED?
HA... LORD, IS THIS THE TIME TO BE JOKING AROUND?
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A TRAITOR AMONG US, BUT IF THERE IS EVEN THE POSSIBILITY~
ALRIGHT, LET'S DO IT LIKE THIS, THEN.



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