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Chapter 721 The Heroes Appear

As the Undead defended the ruined city against the armies of frost monsters, three figures remained afar from the battle, glancing from the distance as things happened. They were not Frost Generals, but humans. However, despite being merely humans, they emanated a powerful aura of divine power, as they have received the divine protection of their gods.

A tall and blonde man wearing shiny white armor with a stoic face and blue eyes glanced at the scene emotionlessly, although deep inside his mind, he seemed slightly troubled about what was happening. Although he didn't mind killing Undead, he knew that the city inside had normal people. If the Undead were protecting these people, then weren't they not bad?

"Is this really okay? What we are doing... Is this truly the will of the gods?" He wondered, feeling doubtful.

"Oi, oi, are you beginning to doubt the church now, Jonathan? You should feel happy you've been forgiven from having loved that witch." Sighed a brown-haired man wearing black armor and holding a purple sword. His smile seemed cocky and conceited. "Now it's the perfect time for you to redeem yourself."

"Tch... Maria... She wasn't a witch, Julio." Sighed Jonathan, gripping his fists.

"If she wasn't a witch, then why has she came back from the dead as a monstrous ghost?" Sighed the third person in there, a gorgeous-looking woman with long purple hair and red eyes, wearing purple and red clothes. "Witches are despicable female magicians that have made pacts with the Demons and the Evil God, they're monsters. Another proof is that she now has become a monster."

"That's..." Jonathan muttered. "Maybe that ghost isn't her... or maybe..."

"You're still going on with this, Jonathan?" Sighed Julio, glancing at the woman, Anastasia. "You've been mostly saved because of your Title as a Hero, if it wasn't because of that, you would be long dead. The

church is giving you an opportunity, TAKE THAT OPPORTUNITY!" Julio roared angrily, slamming Jonathan's chest with his hand.

"...Very well." Jonathan sighed, his face still seemed pained and guilty. Which only made Julio and Anastasia smile at his suffering.

"As three of the Heroes of the Empire of Light, we simply cannot settle for anything lower. It is already a shame we have to team up with a group of savages obeying an insane frost woman." Sighed Anastasia. "But that was also the will of the gods, so let us join together with them. Once we slay the common enemy, it will be easy to infiltrate and kill the Frost Queen later."

"Yeah, the Gods are watching over us and giving us all sorts of opportunities, it would be very stupid not to take them, Jonathan." Julio sighed, glancing at him with a smile one last time.

His purple sword began overflowing with magical prowess, as darkness and divinity merged together, generating a powerful aura around him. They didn't called him the Night Hero for nothing, one of the only Heroes in the Continent capable of wielding Darkness as his main element.

Jonathan sighed, as his golden sword started shining brightly. He had to move on. He couldn't simply... stay guilty all this time. For his family back home, his mother, his father, his siblings. He had to do this, even if it hurt him. Even if the one leading these monsters and people could possibly be... his lover's ghost. He knew Maria wasn't here yet, but he still felt like he was betraying her.

"Maria's already dead, Jonathan, move on~" Anastasia giggled, caressing his chin, her dazzling eyes shone brightly, looking at him with an enamored look. "There are many other women out there interested in you, me included~"

"Anastasia... This is not the time for this." Jonathan, however, rejected her advances, gently moving her aside. "If... we are doing this, let's do it quickly." His aura exuded the power of light itself, shining brighter than the sunny skies.

Jonathan and Julio's auras contrasted with each other, generating a black and golden world around them. Anastasia sighed angrily, stepping back and readying her magic while raising her golden staff.

"Don't hesitate, Jonny!" Laughed Julio, rushing first.

"..." Jonathan sighed, rushing after him.

FLAAAAASH!

Two heroes with immense power stepped into the battlefield. Hundreds of skeletons and zombies noticed them, rushing towards them. I think you should take a look at

"[Abyssal Feast]!" Laughed Julio, unleashing countless slashing attacks with his giant sword, which emanated powerful, destructive black shockwaves everywhere.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLAAAAASH!

Dozens of Undead died on the spot, being completely turned into ashes in mere seconds. Julio continued slaying them easily while laughing.

"Hahahaha! Keep them coming! I am earning so much EXP! They're so weak but they give too much, don't they?!" Laughed Julio, slashing apart Undead mercilessly one after the other, and then slowly making his way into the city walls, where a giant metal slime undead protected it.

"Heh, I'll rip you apart in no time." He laughed, swinging his blade against Mercury with all his strength.

SLAAAAASSHHHH!!!!

TRUUUMMMM...!

Mercury received the attack head on, as he was quickly sliced apart by the enormous slashing blow! However, his body swiftly regenerated and stuck back together...

"Huh?! That wasn't enough...?!" Julio furiously said, quickly noticing he was surrounded by many Undead once more. "Tch... Oi Jonathan, are you doing your job or not?!"

Jonathan was nearby, slaying as many Undead as he found. However, he still seemed sluggish. Julio knew that if he were to use all his strength, he could easily slay all Undead here, but he was purposely doing it slowly.

"I am doing what I can." Jonathan sighed.

"You clearly aren't you fucking bitch!" Julio furiously said, kicking a skeleton warrior and shattering it into pieces.

CRAASH!

"Move your ass and kill that thing! Its defense and regeneration are too high and I want to save my energies once we get inside the city." Julio smiled wickedly.

"A giant metallic slime undead?" Wondered Jonathan. "I suppose my light could purify it..."

Jonathan stepped forwards, unleashing a bright aura from his body and imbuing it into his sword through a special Light Sword Art.

"[Sunlight Blade]!"

FLAAAAAAAASSSHHHH!!!

Chapter 722 Internal Conflicts

A bright slash of sunlight was unleashed from Jonathan's sword, piercing through Mercury's body. Unlike Julio's attack, Jonathan's blow made Mercury scream in agony, as his body started evaporating slowly. However, due to his sheer size and total health points, he wasn't going to go down with that mere attack.

"G-GUUUHHH!"

Mercury grew angered, as hundreds of magic circles emerged around him. Fireballs, Arrows Made of Ice, Lightning Strikes, and more magical attacks started falling everywhere. Mercury was no mere metal slime, as he was made using the corpses and cores of hundreds of other elemental slimes, granting him insane defenses, regeneration, and powerful all-rounding elemental magic coverage.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM BOOOM!

The magical attacks were easily reflected by the Heroes, but they also reached the Frost Monster army cooperating with them, blasting them into pieces one by one. Mercury had simply not attacked because he was saving his strength, but he was quickly moved into a corner.

"That dam slime is much stronger than I thought." Jonathan said.

"You're lying, that thing would go down easily if you did as I said! Why are you holding back?!" Julio furiously said. "You fucking bastard, do you want me to kill you or something?!"

"Julio, I...!" Jonathan tried to negotiate, but Julio was very irritable today.

"Shut the fuck up and do as I said!" Julio roared. "You're no longer our leader, I AM! If you don't do as I say..." Julio's eyes suddenly began glowing with a red light, as a strange power surged from his chest. "I'm going to fucking crush you."

"Julio..." Jonathan felt something strange. "(Was Julio always like this? I don't ever remember him speaking like this to me... He used to be such a cooperative and cheerful young man.)"

While he had been imprisoned for many years after Maria's death, he had not seen his former comrades in a long time. Something had surely changed in that time. The heroes have become unrecognizable for Jonathan.

From Julio becoming a furious berserk that hated him and constantly insulted him, to Anastasia, who used to be such a nice and gentle priest becoming a mischievous woman that tried to seduce him and control him with her magic out of nowhere... He had never taught them to be this way.

The church itself must have somehow twisted them into this.

But why?

RUMBLE!

Suddenly, behind them, phantasmal energy fused with countless skeletons they had defeated, transforming into a massive skeletal chimeric monster. At the distance, they noticed some specialized Skeleton Wizards utilizing their magic to combine the skeletons and create stronger ones.

"GRUOOOOOHHHHH!"

More and more began appearing everywhere, as Julio smiled, his eyes glowing redder with bloodlust.

"Good! I'll kill these bastards, so you make sure to crush the slime now, Jonathan..." Julio said. "If you dare hesitate again... I'm going to kill you. I swear it."

"..." Jonathan remained in silence as Julio flew off into the skies, encompassed on shadows and that strange power Jonathan felt before, he moved across the skies like a blur of black color, slashing and crushing the giant skeletons into pieces one after the other.

CRAASH! CRAAASH! CRAAAASH!

Jonathan sighed, looking into the giant metal slime, Mercury. Imbuing light into his sword and preparing an even stronger attack as countless magic projectiles constantly fell over him, which dealt no damage.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOOM!

"Forgive me, Maria..."I think you should take a look at

Jonathan sighed, his eyes feeling the guilt more than ever. His light shone the brightest, channeling the power of the divine protection of the gods into his own body.

"[Heaven's Fall]"

FLAAAAAASSSHHHH!!!

His sword swung only once, as a gigantic slash made of pure, heavenly light was unleashed. The light covered the skies and fell over Mercury like the judgement of the gods themselves.

TRUUUUUUUMMMMMM...!

"GUUUUUUHHHH...!"

Mercury cried in agony as he slowly started to dissipate, evaporating quickly, his entire body reduced in size constantly until he could no longer protect the city, blazing flames and light impacting him, making him fall in the middle of the town.

BAAAAAAMMMM!!!

παΠdαsNovel.com Jonathan saw the scene, sighing. The God-given powers he possessed, his levels, his high stats, his skills. Once he used them to fight true evil, to lead a cause. Until he realized such cause was fake. Until he realized these things were led by manipulative people that wanted the world to be their way. When he learned that they used Maria's family as a scapegoat, blaming them of sins they did not commit to steal their riches.

If it wasn't because his very family was within their territory, if it wasn't because they had threatened him to take his family down, to kill them if he didn't commit to the cause... If only he wasn't constrained by these shackles...

"Hahahaha! I knew you could do it! You're not the leader of our group for nothing, Jonny~" Laughed Julio from afar, slowly making his way towards the city. "Now leave the rest to me! I know it is painful, so stay here. I'll finish things quickly for you~"

"W-Wait!" Jonathan tried to stop Julio, but he ignored him and continued rushing into the city.

Anastasia, who had been dealing with the other third of the Undead army stepped in, caressing his head gently with a smile.

"Jonathan, let it go already." She sighed. "Why do you feel this guilt? You were not like this. Don't you remember how you led us to our cause? How you always heroically showed us your resolve?"

"Anastasia, this is different, this..." Jonathan muttered. Anastasia giggled, touching his chin once more as her red eyes shone brightly, dazzlingly.

"Calm down and let us do the rest... Your job here is to just slay undead, something you always did. What's so wrong about it, huh?" Anastasia giggled, her enamored eyes slowly trying to charm him.

However, Jonathan moved her aside once more.

"No, Anastasia... I cannot see you this way." Jonathan sighed. "You were my young disciple. I'm sorry."

Anastasia gritted her teeth angrily.

"Tch... Why do you still love a dead woman, Jonathan?!" She cried, her aura beginning to surge rapidly.

The same strange and dark power that Julio now held was also within her heart.

"They promised me you would become mine..." She muttered.

Jonathan ignored her, walking towards the city to stop Julio's rampage.

Chapter 723 Darkbound's Growth!

CLAAASH! CLAAASH! CLAAAASH!

The furious White Werewolf, Claw, attacked Darkbound back with wrathful and rapid attacks. His claws were as hard as metal and his kicks shattered his limbs one by one.

Despite being as strong as he was, Darkbound simply stood no chance against such a strong S Rank being such as Claw, and his army of Warrior and Knight Skeletons were being devastated by Claw's army of Werewolves and Beasts his tribe controlled.

BAAAM!

Darkbound barely resisted a powerful kick into his chest, falling into the snow-covered floor. His Magic Core slightly began to shatter with each hit, and his hard black armor began to tear down slowly...

"Hahahaha! What's wrong, skelly? Are you already tired? You seem like you're tearing down!" Claw laughed. "See boys? This is the problem with useless Undead. They're weak, lifeless, and stupid. They crumble apart instantly. They're pathetic. And the worst part is that they don't even leave some good meat to enjoy afterwards..."

Claw slowly walked towards Darkbound, as the two of them suddenly noticed a loud light explosions encompassing the city.

BOOOOOOOOMMMM!!!

"G-Graaaah!!" Darkbound panicked, looking like Mercury evaporated against a power the metal slime couldn't defend against. "Groooaaggh... M-mer... mercury..."

"Oooh! It seems those bastard humans are doing their job now!" Laughed Claw. "Looks like the city you're trying to defend so hard is about to get destroyed. This is so sad."

"GRRRRROOOOHHHH!"

The furious Darkbound unleashed the rest of his phantom and magical power, swinging his shattered sword against Claw!

CLAAAAAASSSHHHH!!!!

"Oi, oi, what are you doing? Let me enjoy the moment your tiny little place gets ravaged..." Claw laughed, having easily stopped Darkbound's attack with one of his legs, and then shattering his sword completely.

Crack, crack... CRASH!

"G-Groooohh..." Darkbound saw his precious sword shatter into pieces. The hundreds of souls that composed his own screamed in disappointment, fury, anger, sadness, and many other emotions.

"Useless walking pile of bones." Claw smiled, licking his lips. "You're going to die just like what you are, a worthless thing nobody cares about!"

He quickly started crushing Darkbound's entire body with his legs, shattering his legs, arms, his torso, and his skull, which quickly broke apart into tiny bony bits.

CRASH! CRASH! CRAASH!

"OOOOHHH..."

The souls cried, agonizing not over their own death, but the rampage the city was going to go through.

Claw raised his torso, tearing apart his armor and seeing his magic crystal stuck inside his ribcage. The werewolf smiled looking at the magic crystal with a bit of hunger.

"I see, so this is your core, huh? It is a decent snack; I give you that." Claw laughed, grabbing the crystal, and tearing it apart from the bones.

The souls screamed in agony as the wolf opened his big jaws, about to swallow them all.

The memories of being raised, and given a new chance began emerging one by one through Darkbound's mind.

How he was used to become an enemy of that city, how he was defeated, and then risen back again.

How Maria always treated him nicely.

The children in the city climbing him while he remained still, watching over the gates.

The nice people that treated him well despite him not being able to talk or being a terrifying undead.

"OOOOHHH! GRUOOOHHHHH!!!"

Leaving them behind... it pained him more than his own death.

However, in his last seconds... a vision.

A beautiful pale lady with red eyes and long gray hair.

She resembled Maria a lot, yet it wasn't exactly her. I think you should take a look at

But at the same time, he could feel Maria within her, as if both were the same.

"Do not fear, my child. For those that endlessly strive for greatness shall receive my blessings."

Her darkness embraced him.

Ding!

[You've received [Hel's Divine Protection]!]

[Due to the accumulated power reacting to [Hel's Divine Protection], Evolution has begun!]

FLUOOOOOSH!!!

"Ungh?!"

Claw was suddenly thrown away as an explosion of darkness erupted from Darkbound's Magic Crystal! He fell into the floor, glaring at the crystal floating in midair overflowing with new power.

"W-What kind of bullshit is this?!" Claw roared in shock

TRUUUUUUUUUMMMM...!

Suddenly, the darkness materialized into new, black metallic bones. A giant, five-meter-tall skeleton made of pure black metal emerged, his ribs encompassing his core tightly, while armor made of

shadows and phantom materialized around his body, a long red cape, a horned black helmet, and then... a giant black longsword.

However, he also felt several of Maria's familiars flying into his body, merging with him and giving him even more additional power. It seemed that Maria had finally arrived in time as well.

Ding!

[You have evolved into a [Legendary Abyssal Skeleton Hero (S- Rank)]]

[All your stats have increased!]

[You learned new Skills and Titles.]

[Due to the grace of [Hel's Divine Protection], a new body, armor, and weapon have been created.]

Darkbound has been reborn.

"W-What?! You evolved, damn skeleton?!" Asked Claw in shock. "H-How come...?!"

"I am not simply a skeleton. My name is Darkbound. The name my liege has given to me." Darkbound finally spoke, with a loud and firm voice. "Claw, leader of the Werewolf tribe, if you strive to harm my people, I have no other option than to defeat you."

"Y-You can speak now?! As if you could even compare to me, dipshit!" Roared Claw, rushing forwards.

CLAAAAAASH!

His sharp kicks and slashing attacks were easily reflected by Darkbound with his new, enhanced strength and his powerful new Black Longsword.

CRAAASH!

"Unnggh?!" Claw groaned, stepping back as he saw his own claws slowly beginning to shatter into tiny pieces. "Y-Youuu...!"

Darkbound didn't wait for him to say another word, jumping towards Claw with his immense new physical strength and then clashing against him from above, using all of his enormous heavy body weight against him.

CLAAAAAAAAASSHHH!!!

"Unnggh...! Agh! You're so damn heavy now!" Claw groaned. "Have you evolved into an S Rank monster?! T-That's impossible!!!"

Claw roared furiously, unleashing a powerful Aura of Frost and Winds, impacting Darkbound and pushing him away.

BAAM!

Darkbound fell into the ground, but quickly stood up yet again. His bones, now made of incredibly hard black metal had yet to even gain a single scratch or crack.

"I'll show you the difference in strength between you and me...!" Claw roared, his entire body exuding a large quantity of divine power, as he finally decided to use his true strength.

Chapter 724 Kuro Protects His Home

"Gaao..." Kuro slowly stood up once more, his body was tattered and falling into pieces, but he still could move. The sound of Mercury being destroyed woke him up.

He saw Darkbound having recently evolved, fighting a powerful S Rank Frost General all by himself while his army stopped the general's own army.

Meanwhile, Lancelot was protecting the city's north area, fighting with the Abyssal Ant Undead against a near endless army of Frost Monsters.

He seemed rather tired, and one of his arms was missing. Maria had left several Familiars here, and they were all busy helping every Undead, and summoning some more.

However, they were unable to stop Jonathan's attack, completely destroying Mercury and opening the way for Julio to enter and rampage the interior.

"Maao..." Kuro slowly stood up, with a missing leg and his wings destroyed, he noticed Raven's head was missing too, although the bird's soul was still within him. "Grrhhh..."

Although he planned to go fight Julio even if it meant dying, he was unable to. He quickly realized dozens of A Rank Monsters were surrounding him from all sides. Giant Glacial Wolves, Frost Wyverns, Ice Snakes, and more.

"GAAAO!"

"GRRRH!"

"SHAAAH!"

Kuro wasn't a cowardly beast. As he saw them all surrounding him, he simply decided to attack them first. He leaped faster than all of them could react, reaching the head of a Giant Glacial Wolf and biting their neck.

CRAAASH!

"AWOOO!"

The Giant Glacial Wolf screamed, struggling to take Kuro out, but Kuro kept biting and tearing apart his neck while eating the flesh and drinking the blood.

FLUOSH!

Suddenly, his wounds started being repaired automatically through his Flesh Devouring Skill, which allowed Undead to recover their bodies by ingesting blood and flesh.

However, Kuro was a smart boy, he quickly slashed the wolf's chest and then tore apart its ribcage, eating the magic crystal inside.

CRUNCH!

Gulping it down seconds before the rest of the beasts leaped towards him, the ferocious beasts gained a large quantity of Mana, which he promptly utilized to evade the monsters attacks one by one, jumping over his next prey.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"GAAO!!!"

He quickly reached the head of an Ice Snake of over six meters of height, biting the eyes and then summoning a dozen Darkness Spears to pierce through the entire monster's body.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

"SHYAAAAHHH!!!"

The Ice Snake cried in agony, suddenly falling into the floor with a loud thud, as Kuro stood over the giant beast's corpse. The other monsters glaring at him warily...

"GROOOAAARRR!"

He roared back at them, as the beasts eyes glowed redder, jumping at him savagely! Kuro reacted rapidly, clashing against them, fighting fiercely, tearing them down! His body was constantly being torn apart as well, but he constantly regenerated it back. Experience Points continued flowing, his level raised, his Skills developed... amidst the chaos of trying to get into the city, he had to face hundreds of beasts.

And Maria's familiars did not ignore him, granting him buffs while raising the leftovers he left. In just a couple of minutes, Kuro led his own army of Undead Beasts! Frost Monsters of all types raised once more as Undead and charged against the living ones. Kuro's tenacity slowly started to tip the scales of this entire battle.

And a certain god did not overlook his actions. Even if he was not a canine, he was still a Beast, and that was enough for Hel's brother.

Ding!

[Your great performance has not been ignored by the Gods.]

[You've acquired the [Fenrir's Divine Protection]!] I think you should take a look at

[Your Stats have increased!]

[Your Skills have evolved!]

He had yet to evolve himself, but a sudden burst of beast-like power surged across his body, a hint of divinity that a chimeric undead such as himself never expected to get!

Kuro could not understand these words anyways, he was a beast that didn't know how to read. However, he could understand the beast-like roars of Fenrir, which were like speech to him.

["Fight and tear apart your enemies!"]

["Bite! Scratch! Tear down!"]

["Protect your pack, Kuro!"]

"GRAAAAOOOOOO!!!"

Kuro's wings regrew anew, even though Raven's head had yet to emerge once more. Raven's spirit lived within him, and decided to simply leave it all to him now.

He flew into the skies, and quickly landed right in front of the city gates, stopping Julio seconds before he were to reach the city!

CLAAAAASH!

pandasnovel.com "ROOOAAAAAARRRR!"

Kuro roared furiously, defending his home. Julio looked at him in surprise. The beast exuded a powerful aura of someone that has been blessed by a god as well, just like him!

"W-What kind of bullshit is this? A damn Undead blessed by a god?!" Julio asked in fury. "Get the hell outta my way, fucker!!!"

FLAAAASH!

He rushed towards Kuro, swinging his sword furiously against him!

CLAAAASSSSHHHH!!!

However, Kuro intercepted the attack with his own black claws, and then connected another hit by kicking Julio with his back legs by twisting his body unnaturally, something only Undead can accomplish!

CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

"Unnggh...?!" Julio was forced to step back, only to see Kuro's jaws opening wide, his black lion-like head suddenly generating a powerful aura of darkness concentrated into his jaws, and then unleashing a deadly beam!

FLUOOOSH!

"That's...!"

BOOOOOOOOMMMM!!!

Julio barely intercepted the attack using his powerful Magic Sword, holding into the gigantic beam that Kuro unleashed with all his might.

"Heh, you bastard! Do you truly think you can actually win against me, a Hero?!" Laughed Julio. "You're just some random, lost kitty! [Darkness Absorption]!"

FLAAASH!

Julio's sword quickly absorbed Kuro's attack, suddenly beginning to glow with an even more sinister power... This was one of the abilities of the Hero of the Night, the power to absorb the Darkness Element, giving him completely immunity to it!

"GRRRRHHHH..." Kuro was left surprised, but he did not yield.

"Did you see that, kitty?" Asked Julio. "All of your attacks will be useless... Now, shall we enjoy this?"

CLAAAASH!

Chapter 725 The Overwhelming Power Of The Hero Of Darkness

In the interior of the former Demon King's City, the small population that composed Maria's village had managed to evacuate underground, with Mercury's sacrifice giving them enough time for evacuations. Maria's familiars swiftly closed the gates leading underground, while all Goblins, and former Slaves trembled in fear of what was happening outside.

"M-Maria... Maria is not here...!"

"Nobody is here but the Undead..."

"We're all going to die!"

It wasn't really their fault. They had been growing stronger on their own as well, but to face ridiculously strong enemies that people around the world doesn't normally face is not something they were training for, but merely to hunt or defend themselves from common monsters.

This wasn't something they had prepared for... simply because it wasn't something normal people even prepared for. This was all a scheme of Odin and the Gods to crush Maria's family and all those she cared for.

Nonetheless, the Undead were fighting bravely, even with only a few of Maria's Familiars around, they were doing their everything to protect their family, these people which they had grown so attached to... to simply say that without Maria they had no hope was an insult to them.

"Enough!" The former chief of the Goblins said, the Elder of the village. "Maria is fighting as well, with the Dwarves! Her allies are there too but that doesn't mean we are defenseless. If it wasn't for the sacrifices of the many Undead friends we have, we wouldn't even be alive right now!"

"E-Elder..."

"The Undead..."

"But..."

"No buts! We've all been training and growing stronger but... to simply compare with those monsters is insane. This is not something we normal people should had prepared for." Sighed the Elder.

"Nonetheless, to say that without Maria we have no hope is as if you were insulting these Undead Friends sacrifices and efforts! Kuro, Mercury, Lancelot, Darkbound, all of them are working hard to protect us... The least you can all do is to hope for them!"

"That's right..." Sighed the Goblin Chief. "If we can't even fight to protect ourselves against such ridiculously stronger foes, at the very least we have to hope, to pray... As Maria said, if we pray for them, our power can be directed to them! It is something that she called Mana Conversion through Prayers."

"M-Mana Conversion.."

"But that's... can we do it?"

"I-I don't know... I am so scared... After having escaped being a slave, I thought I could finally rest as long as I did my best to support the village..."

"I know you're scared but..." The Goblin Chief sighed. "We need to put some weight ourselves! Even if we can't fight directly... A-At the very least!"

However, the people seemed really afraid. With hearts filled with fear, the power of Prayers and Mana Conversion could not be summoned. The Elder and the Chief were saying the truth but at the end, the people didn't seem to respect them enough.

Somebody needed to slap them in the face and wake them up a bit from their daze...

"W-What are you fearing so much about, you dumb idiots?!" Suddenly, a little young rabbit-kin girl stood up. "Are you seriously just going to give up?! Don't be useless and give them your Mana!"

"B-Bellerine!" Syllis tried to stop his little sister, but she was really annoyed.

"Yeah! Yeah! Don't be ungrateful! We've been given so much, and you're afraid now or something?!" Gofumin said angrily. "Don't be stingy!"

The people quickly became pissed... Much like how it happened in the dwarven city, it seemed as if little kids were much better at convincing adults through provocation than with grown adults' speeches.

"Y-You damn brat! I am not a coward!"

"Okay I'll do it! FINE!"

"Just shut it!"

"Tch, don't talk to your elders like that, young girl!" I think you should take a look at

παΠdasNovel.com FLUOOOOSH!

A wave of Mana surged from these people, as a magic circle some of Maria's Familiars had inscribed below activated. It seemed it was all ready. Although it wasn't near as much Mana as in the Dwarven Country... surely, it could be of some help.

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With the force of Fenrir flowing across his body, Kuro clashed against Julio with everything he had. His claws imbued with the power of the Beast King himself unleashed countless slashing blows, forcing Julio to step back several times despite his greater strength. His heavy armor was easily slowing him down while Kuro was incredibly nimble and fast, capable of evading his sword attacks.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"Agh, you're pissing me off..." Julio said, his eyes glowing redder. "I guess I'll have to go a bit more serious. [Night Shackles]"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Dozens of magic circles emerged around Julio, as they conjured chains made of darkness, and then they quickly reached Kuro, attempting to catch him constantly!

CRASH! CRASH! CRAAASH!

"GRAAAO!"

Kuro evaded them barely. But the more that fell into the ground, the more crowded the battlefield became and the harder it was for him to move around freely!

FLUOSH!

And just from within his own shadows, Julio emerged, swinging his sword several times mercilessly, stabbing the beast with monstrous strength of someone equal to an S Rank!

"[Endless Abyssal Suffering]!"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLAAAASH!

"ROAAAAARRRGH...!"

BAAAAAMMM!!!

Kuro fell into the floor, leaving an enormous crater and vomiting blood. The entire landscape was slowly being shaped by their battle. Kuro had been playing around with Julio using his swift movements, but he quickly realized the Hero was simply the one playing around.

"[Darkest Moon]"

TRUUUUUUMMMMM...!

A gigantic sphere of darkness overflowing with black light emerged on top of Julio's index finger, so big it could blow up the entire city behind Kuro.

"I am tired already. I'll just blow you up and your stupid city and be done with it. I've got some women back home waiting for me." Julio smiled. "Die."

FLUOOOOOOOSSSHH!!!

The enormous sphere of darkness, as big as a hundred meters, fell towards Kuro and the city behind him.

Chapter 726 The Master Arrives!

The giant cat's face was filled with horror, as he quickly overcharged his entire body with all the power he could unleash, channeling the soul of Fenrir himself.

"GROOOOOAAAAARRRRRRR!!!"

FLAAAASH!

His dark aura merged with the divine powers of Fenrir's divine protection, turning gray and then golden, shaping into a ferocious, roaring wolf!

"AWOOOOOOOO!"

A gigantic beam of darkness and light emerged from Kuro's jaws, impacting Julio's Darkest Moon and then slowly beginning to overwhelm it with his own energies!

CRAAAAAAAAASSHHHHHH!!!!

RUMBLE!

The entire skies started to tremble. However, unexpectedly, Darkest Moon suddenly began to dissipate into nothingness in midair, and was incapable of impacting the city.

"G-Graaahhh..." Kuro felt his entire soul tearing down due to the enormous force he had to unleash, his legs suddenly broke and he fell into the snow, looking at Julio's surprised face.

"Oh, you're pretty strong." Julio laughed. "Well, that's a pity. Did that really got you tired? [Darkest Moon]"

FLUOOOOSH!

However, just like that, another Darkest Moon appeared. And then another, and another, and another... filling the entire sky with enormous black spheres of darkness. A level of magical power only comparable with Maria.

Meanwhile, Kuro noticed how his army of Undead were all incinerated by gigantic fireballs and meteors falling from the sky, conjured by Anastasia in the back, her eyes glowing redder with anticipation.

"Julio, stop playing around and destroy everything already." She sighed, crossing her arms. "You know what? I'll help too. [Overpowering Sun]"

FLUOOOOSH!

A gigantic sphere of flames emerged in the skies, as it slowly started moving towards the city. Her laughter started spreading across the battlefield.

"Kahahahaha! Look, your shitty town's about to be burned to a crisp!" Claw laughed, still fighting against Darkbound.

Darkbound had grown very strong and could probably stop the Heroes... only in one against one fights. Already being on his limits against an S Rank as an S- Rank, every time he tried to go help Kuro and the rest, he was once more stopped by Claw, who threw him back into the ground.

He was very durable, but he simply couldn't be in all places at the same time. Which only filled him with more and more frustration...

"GRUOOOHHHHH! MOVE ASIDE!"

Darkbound roared, suddenly unleashing a gigantic amount of Dark and Phantom Power coming from his sword, channeling the divinity of Hel herself and swinging his sword against Claw when he least expected it!

"[Abyssal Fall]!!!"

SLAAAAAAAAAASSSHHHHHH!!!

"Unnnnggh?! T-This power... You're channeling divintyyyyy?! GRUAAAAGGGGHH....!" Claw was incapable of intercepting the attack in time, as his entire chest was sliced apart and he was thrown into the snow.

TRUUUUUUMMMMMMM...!

The attack continued through the skies, reaching the Overpowering Sun from Anastasia and then all of the Darkest Moons from Julio, blasting them all in the skies, generating loud, chaotic explosions everywhere.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOOM! BOOOOOM!

"I won't let you destroy my home...! Not until my liege comes back!!!" Darkbound roared, quickly leaping towards Anastasia, and clashing against her!

CLAAASSSHHH!!!

A pink colored barrier easily protected her from harm, as she looked at the furious skeleton with a bored expression.

"Your struggles are futile. [Flare Explosion]"

BOOOOOOOMMMMM!!!!

"GRUUAAGH...!"

Darkbound was suddenly engulfed in an enormous blazing explosion, being blown away from Anastasia's side in mere seconds.

BAAAM!

"Unnggh..." Darkbound fell into the floor, slowly standing up only to be greeted by Claw who had a really nasty wound on his chest.

"You're going to pay for that, bitch." Claw roared, his aura suddenly surging, resembling a ferocious wolf as several gigantic aura claws made out of his own developing divinity fell over Darkbound, constantly slashing, crushing, and tearing him apart!! think you should take a look at

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRAAASH!

"Unngh! Agh! No... NOT YET!!!" Darkbound roared, unleashing a gigantic aura of power all around him and throwing Claw away.

BAAAAAMMM!!!

Darkbound rushed towards Julio once more, who was about to destroy Kuro with his sword.

"KUROOO!!!"

Julio smiled back at Darkbound as Anastasia and Claw attacked Darkbound from behind, with flames and gigantic claws made of aura.

"Seems like your efforts will be for nothing~"

CLAAASH!

The sword pierced through Kuro's chest, cracking his magic crystal.

Crack... crack...

"Gryyyaaaggh! Raaaarrrrggh!"

Kuro screamed in agony as his soul was beginning to shatter apart alongside his magic crystal.

"NO...! STOP!" Darkbound cried, as gigantic meteors fell over him after he was slashed by Claw's wrathful attacks.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOOMMM!!!

"Why don't you stay quiet for a little while?" Anastasia sighed.

"Well done, Anastasia." Laughed Julio, piercing deeper into Kuro's magic crystal.

"Gryyyaaarrrrgghh!"

"Just kill that thing already." Anastasia sighed. "You're so disgusting sometimes."

"What's wrong with seeing it suffer a little bit? It makes you appreciate the life you're taking..." Julio laughed, his eyes growing redder.

"Oh yeah? Then don't mind me if I make you suffer before killing you."

TRUUUUUMMMM...!

A gigantic palm emerged from the skies, made entirely out of moonlight!

"H-Huh?"

Julio was left flabbergasted, before the palm fell from the skies, impacting the ground, shattering it and generating an enormous hole deep underground where Julio was pushed.

BAAAAAAAMMMMM!!!

"UUUAAAGGGH...!"

Not only that, the powerful Divine Moonlight that made this palm burned his skin alive and started slowly shattering his soul apart.

CRAAAAASSSHHHHHH!!!

Once the palm disappeared, the entire ground shattered even more, the bedrock started cracking apart, generating countless cracks in the shape of spiderwebs.

And Julio was left there, half-dead, his armor was shattered into pieces. His bones were broken, his skin burned, his eyes were bleeding, he could barely breathe...

"H-Hahhh... W-Wha... Ungh...! W-Wha...?!"

He was still wondering who it was. What even attacked him, and from where?!

"W-What was that?!" Anastasia panicked. For a moment, she felt as if the presence of a god had appeared amidst the skies.

The figure of a woman made of pink and purple light emerged amidst the skies. Alongside another made of a swarm of insects, and then another made of darkness, and lastly, one made of poison.

They all shared the same beautiful appearance, but were much different from one another as they were the same person, Maria.

"That's what you get for hurting my Kuro."

Chapter 727 Fusion Is The Way!

"That's what you get for hurting my Kuro." Maria said with a furious glare, descending from the skies and embracing her black chimera cat with her Moonlight. "Kuro, hang in there... [Spirit Fusion]!"

FLAAAAASH!

Suddenly, Anastasia and Claw panicked after seeing that! This woman... this group of ghostly apparitions were not normal. The power they held was utterly incredible! If they didn't do something soon...

"Kill... KILL HER!" Julio cried, slowly crawling out of the crater he was.

His voice was heard loud and clear as he groaned while trying to heal his wounds by drinking an Elixir. Anastasia and Claw panicked, quickly unleashing their magic and attacks against Kuro!

"I won't let you!!! [Overpowering Sun]!!!"

"[Divine Wolf Spirit's Claws]!!!"

Three gigantic suns made of blazing flames descended towards Kuro, alongside enormous claws made of golden spiritual beast aura!

However...

CLAAASH! CLAAAASH! CLAAAASH!

Darkbound flew into the skies, clashing against the blazing flame spheres and throwing them into the skies, while shielding Kuro against the gigantic claws using a shield made of darkness.

CRAAAAASH!

"I won't let you hurt my friend!" He roared.

"Wait, this bastard's still moving?!" Claw asked furiously.

"He is... being possessed by something else now... Those women that appeared!" Anastasia cried.
"Jonathan! Where are you?!" As she looked for Jonathan, Maria's Abyssal Body had already fused with Darkbound through Spirit Fusion, giving him brand new powers and regenerating his body.

"My liege, I am relieved you're back." Darkbound said, floating in midair and guarding the city and Kuro.
"But what is this form?! You've divided yourself!"

"It is a new power I acquired from Hel, Darkbound. It also seems like you can speak and you received her blessings as well, congratulations." Giggled Maria from within his body.

"Yes, milady- However, Mercury and Lancelot...!" Muttered Darkbound.

"Don't worry about it, I already went to support them with my Swarm Body and my Poison Body." Maria said with a confident voice. "It seems we've got... four S Ranks, huh?"

"Indeed, there's the magician woman named Anastasia, the werewolf named Claw, the Night Hero, Julio, and then the Sun Hero, Jonathan! They're all deadly powerful, even Julio is regenerating as we speak!" Darkbound said.

Maria quickly began to calculate their odds of winning. Reinforcements were coming in the form of her Divine Lightning Body, Lucifer, Brunhild, Partner, Emeraldine, and everybody else.

Once everyone arrived, their victory would be assured. But even just a few minutes would be an eternity against these S Rank monsters... Even Darkbound was incapable of stopping them after evolving into an S- Rank Skeleton Hero.

"I see. We cannot take them all by ourselves. Let's separate them." Said Maria. "Darkbound, you take down Claw, you seem the most fitting for that. Kuro and my Moonlight Body will take down Julio, and my other bodies, once they find Lancelot and if Mercury is okay, we'll take down Anastasia, who as a mage seems most prone to running away."

"Very well." Darkbound said. His entire body exuded an abyssal darkness inherited from his combination with Maria's Abyssal Body Ego. He looked much different than before, and the notifications Maria received clearly reflected that.

Ding!

[You have successfully undergone [Divine Spirit Soul Connection] and [Spirit Fusion] with [Legendary Abyssal Skeleton Hero: Darkbound (S- Rank)]!]

[As a result of the fusion, all of your stats have temporarily converged together, additionally, many bonuses increasing these stats even further have been activated!]

[However, due to the instability of this fusion, the limit time has decreased to 4 Minutes]

pandasnovel.com Magical Weapons converged together through divine power, as Darkbound's Black Sword fused with Maria's Soul and one of her many weapons, melding into a brand-new Divine Weapon. I think you should take a look at

Ding!

[The power of the Divine Weapons have reacted to the combined souls, temporarily fusing into the Special Divine Relic [Earth-Shattering Divine Blade: Hekaton]!]

[The power of the Special Divine Relic is reacting to the fused souls magic and divine essences!]

FLUOOOOOSH!

The enormous sword unleashed a gigantic shockwave of power, quickly making Darkbound's presence clear to the S Rank threats.

Claw glanced at Darkbound with a smile, seemingly enjoying this... However, Anastasia was not like the werewolf, afraid, she started stepping back, running away using a Levitation spell.

"I'll leave this to you, beast! I am not good with these things." She said, flying away fearfully. "Jonathan! Where are you?!"

"Oi! You cowardly woman!" Roared Claw furiously. "Tch, these humans cannot be trusted! Well, it's not like I am the only Frost General here..."

"There's another Frost General here?!" Asked Maria, looking around.

However, she couldn't sense him at all.

Until the very last minute.

BOOOOOOOMMMM!!!!

The city suddenly shook with ice spreading rapidly, as gigantic icicles surged from everywhere.

"W-What the...?!" Darkbound muttered. "The city's under attack?!"

Meanwhile, within the city, an Ice Giant man wearing bone armor and holding a giant black axe walked across the city, freezing everything.

"Where are they?! I can't find anybody here!" He roared furiously. His aura clearly exuding the power of yet another S Rank threat, this one being an Ice Giant, the first one Maria had encountered.

Thankfully, the people were all within the underground, and this pea brain that seemed to have traveled stealthily into the city when the fight was happening, was incapable of realizing that... yet.

"Grrrhhh... Men! Find them quickly! It is not befitting of me, the Ice Giant Hero Argus, to stay here like a fool waiting for my prey to come at me!" He roared angrily, as many other Ice Giants, all of them A+ Rank in strength began running around, trying to find where the people was hidden.

FLAAASH!

"Hm?!"

Argus quickly realized a powerful presence reaching closer to him, as he quickly intercepted it with his giant axe!

CLAAAAASH!

It was a humanoid, purple and black colored Abyssal Ant wielding a Divine Spear, glaring at him furiously with red-shot eyes.

"An ant?!" Laughed Argus. "What can an Ant do- Ungh?!"

"This!" Roared Lancelot, unleashing countless piercing blows using his spear, as his aura spread like a swarm of millions of insects, attacking, biting, and poisoning Argus!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

"Tch... You're fast!" Argus smiled, although he seemed almost completely unfazed by the damage.

"And you're tough." Lancelot sighed, the power of Maria's Swarm Body Ego flowing through his body.

Chapter 728 Lancelot Against The Ice Giant Warrior King!

Battles all around the ruined Kingdom of the Demon King continued. With Lancelot stopping Argus from reaching the people hiding underground, to Kuro's new transformation upon fusing with Maria's Moonlight Divine Body Ego, to Darkbound fighting the ferocious Claw, and Anastasia... running away.

Lancelot would have never stood a chance against such a powerful and enormous foe as Argus, who proclaimed himself the Ice Giant Hero. A man who had reached the level of strength comparable to an S Rank Monster thanks to the Frost Queen's magic.

His task was simple, to destroy the city Maria loved so much and kill everyone in there mercilessly. It was like asking him to crush ants, a task that wasn't even complicated, nor even tiring to do, but that was slightly annoying, as ants tend to scatter around quickly.

"Heh! Do you truly think I'll just fight an oversized bug like you?!" Laughed Argus. "My subordinates have been wanting to kill something strong enough for a while, you know? Boys! He's all yours! Gahahaha!"

Argus laughed, stepping back as he ordered his subordinates to fight against Lancelot. They were all A+ Rank Ice Giants wearing magic armor and magic weapons, and all of them seemed mighty enough to serve someone like Argus, their expressions clearly showed that they had gone through rigorous training.

"GAHAHA! KILL HIM THEN!"

"Don't disappoint us, bug!"

"I've never seen something like this before! Is this bug a demon or whatever?"

"Interesting...!"

Twenty A+ Rank Ice Giants surrounded Lancelot, as he still was assimilating the powers through the Spirit Fusion he underwent with Maria's Swarm Body Ego. At his current strength, he would have most likely lost. But right now, things were different.

"Prepare yourself, Lancelot!" Maria said, as she saw her status windows emerging one after the other.

Ding!

[You have successfully undergone [Divine Spirit Soul Connection] and [Spirit Fusion] with [Abyssal Ant Knight: Lancelot (A Rank)]!]

[As a result of the fusion, all of your stats have temporarily converged together, additionally, many bonuses increasing these stats even further have been activated!]

[However, due to the instability of this fusion, the limit time has decreased to 4 Minutes]

Magical Weapons converged together through divine power, as Lancelot's Spear fused with Maria's Soul and one of her many weapons, melding into a brand-new Divine Weapon.

Ding!

[The power of the Divine Weapons have reacted to the combined souls, temporarily fusing into the Special Divine Relic [Heaven Piercing Divine Spear: Sleipnir]!]

[The power of the Special Divine Relic is reacting to the fused souls magic and divine essences!]

FLAAAASH!

A powerful and wondrous-looking spear emerged, made of darkness which materialized into a divine weapon. It started overflowing with the power of chaos, the abyss, and the swarms that composed Maria's form, which were made up of her very soul.

"I am ready, milady!" Lancelot said, fully knowing he had to end this in less than four minutes or he would be in big trouble otherwise.

"RAAAHHHH!!!"

Dozens of Ice Giants rushed towards Lancelot. Their enormous hammers and clubs attempting to crush him into the ground constantly with each blow!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

However, Lancelot wielded the powers given to him better than Maria had predicted, as he evaded the sluggish yet overwhelming attacks with his amazing agility and flight speed, he swarmed the bodies of the Ice Giants with millions of bugs made out of his own soul.

BBBZZZZTTT!

"Uaagggh...! B-Bugs?!"

"My flesh! Uuaaggh...!"

"Shit! They aren't freezing either?!"

The Ice Giants were instantly swarmed. Three of them were overwhelmed and slowly eaten alive as the swarm multiplied constantly, while Lancelot leaped over the air and then fell down with his spear pointing into the head of another Ice Giant. I think you should take a look at

CLAAAAAASSHHH!!!

The head of the ice giant was easily pierced through, as the giant died on the spot, falling into the floor with its head bleeding all over the floor.

BAAAM!

"RAAAARGH! YOUUU!"

Three more Ice Giants leaped to fight, only for their legs to be pierced countless times by Sleipnir and left with countless hole-shaped wounds, which the Swarm quickly took advantage of and started devouring viciously.

BBBZZZZTTTT!

"AAGGGH...!"

"DAMNED INSECT...!"

"RAAAAGH!"

παΠδαςNovel.com The Ice Giants grew madder, unleashing countless icicle spikes against Lancelot which he sliced down into hundreds of ice cubes using Sleipnir, as he unleashed more of the power of Maria's Swarm, bringing forth gigantic insectoid jaws and mandibles, alongside scorpion-like claws, tearing apart the Ice Giants arms and legs while piercing their heads with Sleipnir's tip.

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAAASH!

"Argus! Confront me, coward!" Lancelot roared, having taken down every Ice Giant in just half a minute. Argus was left perplexed, but a smile surged on his face as he watched Lancelot approaching.

"Hahaha... Coward?! Me?! I was merely giving my subordinates a chance... But I can see they were just goods for nothing!" Argus laughed, raising his giant axe and intercepting every blow from Lancelot.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! CLAAASH!

"HAAAH!" Argus roared, unleashing his Magic from his free palm as a Blizzard was instantly conjured, blowing Lancelot away!

FLUOOOOOSH!

"Unnggh...!" Lancelot noticed that his entire body was beginning to freeze. His legs suddenly shattered into pieces and fell due to having been frozen solid.

"[Undead Restoration]!"

FLAAASH!

However, Maria's magic was there to back him up, as his legs regenerated instantly by fusing with the swarm and materializing back, even stronger than before.

"Hoh, regeneration, isn't it?" Argus laughed, reaching Lancelot as he jumped into the skies with utmost ease despite his tremendous size.

He swung his gigantic axe and slashed at Lancelot with everything he had, Lancelot used Sleipnir to defend himself from the clash, being pushed down into the ground once more, and shattering the floor below him.

CLAAAAAASH!

"Aaakhh...!" Lancelot mandibles cracked, as he vomited a mouthful of green blood. But it was far from over for him, he was also an Undead after all, damage like this wouldn't stop him.

"Milady, please, give me more strength..." Lancelot said.

"But your soul can't take it all...!" Maria said.

"It doesn't matter! I must defeat him, at all costs!" Lancelot roared.

"...Very well." Maria agreed.

FLUOOOOSH!

Chapter 729 The Ant Knight's Willpower

The power of the Swarm Body Ego completely fused with Lancelot's weak and smaller soul. Its powers so strong that it completely overwhelmed it. The fusion was painful, as it made Lancelot's very soul struggle to keep itself from shattering into pieces.

Maria had not completely fused with him because of this, as Lancelot had a smaller soul compared to most of her other Undead, mostly because he was fairly new into the group, and unlike Kuro, Darkbound, or Mercury, whose souls were composed of hundreds of smaller souls, he was just a single soul.

However, it wasn't as if Maria couldn't do it. She quickly brought upon dozens of souls that were floating around, the souls of the very Ice Giants they defeated, as she raised them as Undead while merging a dozen other souls into Lancelot's own soul, strengthening it. A+ Rank beings' souls were surely strong.

FLUOOOOSH!

The Swarm Body Soul fused into his body, strengthening it much more. His appearance finally beginning to change as Lancelot's arms, legs, and torso grew three times their original size. His black and purple exoskeleton changed color to a dark green and black color, with several sharp spikes growing over his body.

His abdomen turned into a long scorpion-like stinger with a sharp spear-like end. And his wings turned larger and stronger, like those of beetles. His six arms grew sharp claws, and his face turned slightly more humanoid, although his bug-like eyes remained, slightly more narrowed while his mandibles seemed sharper.

Argus noticed Lancelot's transformation, as he smiled at the challenge presented to him. He quickly rushed towards the insect, imbuing more Mana and Divine Power into his Axe and muscles, enhancing his physical strength greatly.

"Come at me, insect!" Laughed Argus, swinging his axe down like a giant guillotine about to slash through Lancelot's body.

C L A A A A S H!

However, Lancelot this time managed to intercept the attack, moving Sleipnir at an incredible speed and using the divine spear to pierce through Argus' hands and arms, leaving countless wounds!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Although Argus had overwhelming strength, he couldn't be as fast as Lancelot, not in a million years. Argus gritted his teeth as he continued attacking with all his might, unleashing icicle spears everywhere and blizzards, but Lancelot evaded them or unleashed his own swarms to stop them.

"Unnggh...! W-What the...?!" Argus felt surprised. Lancelot had suddenly turned into a completely different being now. He furiously unleashed the power of the Ice Giants, axe attacks, kicks, ice magic, and punches started raining down upon Lancelot like giant meteors.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"KRIEEEEEH!"

Lancelot roared furiously, unleashing countless blows back. He barely had 50 seconds before his transformation were to end, he was going all out, even as his entire body was being torn apart and regenerated constantly.

"GRAAAAGGH! You damn INSECT! H-How come you're this strong?! UUAAGGH...!"

BAAAAAAMMM!!!

Argus fell into the floor, his gigantic body making the ground around him shake furiously. His Divine Power had been almost exhausted as he unleashed so many attacks he could have destroyed an entire mountain by himself... yet Lancelot evaded or intercepted them, even as his arms and legs were torn apart, he merely grew new ones.

"KRIEEEEEH! DIE!"

Lancelot fell down from the skies, his spear about to pierce Argus' chest! The Ice Giant Hero grew desperate as the ring in one of his hands suddenly began glowing brightly, a special Divine Artifact given to him by the Frost Queen activated.

pandasnovel.com "[Uller's Mighty Ring]!"

FLAAASH!

The ring suddenly imbued into Argus the power of an Ancient Titan, Uller! His strength exploded up to ten times its original values, as his body size suddenly became twice as big. His fists reached Lancelot and then...!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!! think you should take a look at

"Unnggh?!"

Lancelot was being overwhelmed! Countless fists started tearing down and freezing his entire body constantly. His constant regeneration was almost incapable of keeping up with the damage dealt!

"[Divine Blizzard Axe]!" Argus swung his axe twice, unleashing an x-shaped slash made of divine power and ice energy, clashing against Lancelot.

CRAAAAAASSSHHHH!!!

"AAAGGGH...!"

Lancelot's entire body ended being sliced in two, as he fell down into the floor, covering the entire floor with his guts and blood.

BAAAAAM!

"Hahhh... Hahahah..." Argus started laughing, standing up barely. His entire body was covered in the many wounds that Lancelot had inflicted upon him. "I-It is my victory..."

Seeing the insect's body being sliced in two halves, there was absolutely no way for him to remain alive... Well, the thing is, Lancelot was never alive.

His soul and body were sliced in two, but so what? As long as he had enough supplied Mana from Maria, he stood back up again as two. From their wounds, abyssal dark auras emerged, as their other halves grew a chimeric body made up of many insectoid parts.

"It is not over... NOT YET!" Lancelot roared, with barely 20 seconds left, his two halves leaped towards Argus, catching him off guard!

"W-What?! You're still alive- AAAGGGH...!"

Argus was sluggish and tired, and Lancelot used this opportunity to attack him from front and behind. Sleipnir pierced through his chest and unleashed an explosive impact of black flames, while from the back, the other half of Lancelot aimed for the Ice Giant's head.

CLAAAAAASH!

"U-unngh...! Y-You damn insect!" Argus was about to crush Lancelot, but the other half behind him suddenly began glowing brightly, turning completely red as his very soul started flaring like flames...

BOOOOOOOOMMMMM!!!!

"AAAGGGGHH!"

Argus entire head was blown to bits as he screamed in agony, by sacrificing a piece of his body and soul, Lancelot managed to defeat the undefeatable Ice Giant, as his enormous body fell over the ground.

BAAAAM!

This time, to never stand back up again.

FLASH!

The transformation ended as well, as the fusion between Maria's Ego and Lancelot ended, Lancelot's wounded body and soul fell over the floor.

"Lancelot!" Maria cried, quickly beginning to heal his soul and body.

Chapter 730 The Passing Of A Brave Knight

Maria desperately tried to heal Lancelot, and although his body was constantly regaining flesh and arms, they suddenly started turning into ashes.

His soul... wasn't any better. The enormous pressure he forced upon himself by assimilating Maria's powers ended breaking it apart too much. Maria tried to stitch more souls together to maintain his own, but the roots of his soul were far gone.

No matter how hard she tried, his soul started to break apart into tiny pieces, dissipating. Maria grew desperate, trying to do everything she could to heal her loyal Ant Knight.

The pressure he suffered was too much for his soul. His big eyes looked at Maria tenderly. It seemed as if he was happy to know she worried so much about him, a mere servant not unlike any other.

"It... was an honor... to serve you, milady..." He sighed.

Lancelot started to remember his short life. Since he was born without purpose or mind to serve the Ant Queen, to after he was defeated and reborn as an undead, serving Maria.

He gained consciousness, speech, emotions, and it was this time when he finally started to comprehend life as it was.

"N-No... You're an undead! You can't...!" Maria tried everything she could, but as an Ego Body, her powers were still limited.

"Thank you... for everything, milady... For giving me a chance to exist, for giving me a chance to become me... For... giving me..." Lancelot sighed, caressing her face with his claws, before his arm fell into the floor.

"A chance... to have a family..."

Lancelot smiled faintly, as his entire body fell into ashes, and his soul dissipated into particles of light. He disappeared without leaving trace.

"No..."

Maria couldn't believe it. Despite having won, despite having done their everything... Lancelot died. He sacrificed his very soul to save the people of this small village.

She felt despair, she realized even right now, she wouldn't be able to always win, even after a victory. His sacrifice... was one that hurt her the most.

A soul she was not able to save...

Perhaps for other people Undead were monsters, emotionless creatures, or just the tools that Necromancers used.

But for Maria, Undead were her friends, that kept her from being lonely, that accompanied her, that grew and learned about the world at her side, especially those that were special, that developed personalities and thoughts, such as Lancelot.

Losing Lancelot was like losing her own child. Maria felt regret for having allowed him to fuse with her total powers. But she knew it was his resolve, it wasn't something she could ignore.

The Abyssal Ants slowly gathered around their fallen leader, groaning sorrowfully.

"I'm sorry, everyone..." She sighed.

Maria stood back up, glancing at the door of the ruined city, an army of Frost Monsters were quickly approaching.

"You'll pay for what you've done." Maria glanced into the skies.

She knew the one that orchestrated everything, the one that forced Skadi to incentivize the Frost Queen to act.

"Odin."

However, as Maria's Swarm Body Ego was about to step into to fight for the kingdom, she suddenly saw a... flabbergasting sight.

Hundreds of giant black spiders marched towards the army of thousands of Frost Monsters, clashing against them and beginning to easily overwhelm them.

Behind the Black Spider Army, there was a little girl with white hair and red eyes, wearing a white dress made of spiderweb.

"Mama! I'm here!"

"A-Arachne?!"

An unexpected helper had finally arrived, and this one held the power of a Calamity.

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(Some Minutes Ago)

FLAAAASH!

Kuro's weakened, and slightly destroyed body was quickly regenerated in a second as the Divine Moonlight Body Ego of Maria merged with him. His entire body changing even more as it was not only fueled by Maria's temporary fusion but the Divine Protection of Fenrir he had received.

Ding!

[You have successfully undergone [Divine Spirit Soul Connection] and [Spirit Fusion] with [Abyssal Black Winged Lion Chimera (A Rank)]!]

[As a result of the fusion, all of your stats have temporarily converged together, additionally, many bonuses increasing these stats even further have been activated!]

[However, due to the instability of this fusion, the limit time has decreased to 4 Minutes]

Kuro had no weapons, but his own claws merged with Maria's variety of weapons within her Inventory, as they became golden and silver colored, gaining the properties of a Divine Weapon!

Ding!

[The power of the Divine Weapons have reacted to the combined souls, temporarily fusing into the Special Divine Relic [Divinity-Tearing Claws of Calamity: Cerberus]]

[The power of the Special Divine Relic is reacting to the fused souls magic and divine essences!]

"GROOOOAAARRRR!"

Kuro roared ferociously; his transformation was impressive. His black fur turned silver with stripes made of gold color. A crown of golden horns grew over his head, which supported a large purple-colored jewel glowing with the power of moonlight itself.

His wings grew in size and became shinier and silver-colored, resplendent. His tail became longer, gaining a sharp spear-like end instead of the snake head it possessed. And his claws became metallic, with several divine runic inscriptions, holding the power of a divine relic.

"Hah... Hahaha..." Julio had just managed to crawl out of the crater he was left behind by Maria's Ego, his entire body overflowing with tremendous quantities of darkness and malicious, abyssal energy. His chest in specific, was emanating a red light. "To think this damn cat would try to hold me back... But I can sense her power within you. Maria, are you hiding behind your little familiar?"

"Hiding? Far from it, Hero." Maria said across Kuro's body. "Are you one of the pitiful slaves of the Empire of Light, by any chance?"

"Slave?! I am the Hero of Darkness, not a slave!" Julio said furiously. "We have come here to slay your people, but I guess it'll make things easier if you come at me. You've killed many nobles already; you have to pay for your crimes!"