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BOOOOMMM!!!

The gigantic beam of red energy reached Lucifer and Jonathan at the same time; the explosion was so strong it could have easily taken down half of the entire city outside in mere seconds!

Yet, a brilliant shield made of light protected them both, Jonathan having barely managed to conjure a mighty barrier of Divine Celestial Light.

"Hey, Lucifer! We almost got roasted! Are you okay?" Jonathan asked, trying to make the grumpy dragon talk a bit at least.

"I'm fine..." Lucifer muttered, looking into the skies with even more anger. "I see what's going on... I blew up his former body, but he... he already had taken over Violet's body, isn't it?"

"Who's Violet?" Jonathan asked. "Ah...!"

Jonathan looked into the skies, the gigantic, monstrous head which seemed to have been stitched together from several pieces slowly started to move, its long neck belonging to the huge chimeric dragon's body hiding in the shadows, slowly revealing itself.

Six arms, three tails, a gigantically long neck, a monstrous head with a single, oversized red eye. Several spikes over its body and black and purple scales.

Despite how monstrous it was, this was a Dragon Lucifer knew!

"Gyahahaha! Did you thought that blowing up my weak and feeble former body would do a thing?!" Laughed the dragon with his monstrous head. "I had long ago decided to leave behind my body and move into this new one! Isn't it incredible?! The body of a Dragon possess incredible untapped

potential, but what do you think happens once you transplant several other parts into it?! Especially many Demonite hearts?! They can hold many of them after all! GYAHAAAAHA!"

TRUM! TRUM! TRUM! TRUM...!

He huge draconic abomination slowly started moving towards them, as huge as a hundred meters... Jonathan quickly realized without Lucifer having to explain at all what was happening.

"I-Is this...?" Jonathan asked. "Was it one of your friends?"

"..." Lucifer remained in silence, battling against his sorrow to see the body of a former friend torn to pieces and merged into an abomination. "It is..."

Violet, a black and purple-scaled dragon that Lucifer knew quite well. She was one of Crystal's relatives, something like a cousin of her, that sometimes would come to visit them in their early days, before becoming a member of their large dragon family.

She was known for being brave and strong, but also funny. Her positiveness always shone brightly among the gloomy dragons, bringing them together and always attracting the attention of many.

After the War where he died, he didn't knew what could have happened to her at all... But now, he quickly realized that her fate was worse than death.

"Did she somehow get into Goldsand and was captured? Or... died? No, her body looks too alive, it is not as decayed as Undead bodies..." Lucifer gritted his teeth, feeling even more anger! "Is her soul still there somehow?!"

His eyes flashed brightly, trying to find Violet's soul within her body. Perhaps she was still trapped there... somehow.

Yet he couldn't find anything other than the monstrous soul of the one that had stolen her body... The bastard laughing maniacally right now.

He didn't even know his name but he wanted to crush him to death already.

Yet crushing him to death meant crushing Violet's body...

He was able to confront Crystal back then because Maria and everyone else was with him! Yet now, only Jonathan, someone he hates is here.

Can he really muster the strength to... destroy the body of a family member?

"I'm surprised, are you too scared to act now, Majin~?" Laughed the old man within Violet's body.
"Don't worry! If you're so scared. I'll do this quickly! I'll devour your soul like I ate this poor weakened dragons soul when we found them!"

"WHAT?!" Lucifer roared furiously, glaring at the old man. "What... WHAT DID YOU SAID YOU DID?!"

"I ate her soul! She was so weakened after having taken a beating from so many desert monsters that ruled the dunes... She was very tasty! Oooh, how I enjoyed her screams!" Laughed the old man.

With each word, Lucifer only grew more furious! Jonathan felt scared, stepping back, without even knowing what to say anymore.

"Y-YOU... YOU FUCKING BASTARD!!!"

TRUUMMM...!

An explosion of black lightning broke through Jonathan's barrier of light, as Lucifer transformed into his powerful Divine Dragon King of Abyssal Death Flames: Nidhogg appearance!

"You're a dragon?!" The vampire muttered, seconds before Lucifer rushed forwards, his gigantic claws reaching towards his opponent!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Lucifer unleashed three mighty blows, explosions of Abyssal Death Flames covering his foe's entire body. The gigantic aberration moved faster than its huge size could make someone guess, swiftly stepping back with its six legs, as its overly long arms, modified to be like this, swung against Lucifer rapidly!

"Hahahahahaha! So you're a dragon too!" The old man laughed, the claws of his body grew ten times larger, resembling blades more than claws!

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

Lucifer was instinctively holding back his full strength even as he fought, he didn't wanted to damage the body of Violet anymore, he blocked the attacks with his claws while trying to burn his opponent's soul!

"SHUT UP!"

Lucifer was pissed off beyond belief, if not completely furious. His wrathful roar came with an eruption of Abyssal Flames all around his opponent, enormous towers of flames covering him!

"I'LL RIP APART YOUR DAMN SOUL FROM HER BODY!" He roared. "[Scythe of Death]! [Reaper of Souls]!"

He conjured two of his Skills at once, materializing a gigantic scythe made of abyssal death flames as he swung them towards his opponent, attempting to target his soul!

SLAAASH!

However!

"You think you can reach my soul so easily?!"

Three gigantic tails clashed against Lucifer, two sneaking from behind, piercing his back and scales, the third piercing his chest, lifting him off the ground!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"UURRGHH?!"

Lucifer vomited a mouthful of blood as he was caught off-

guard, venom suddenly rushing inside the wounds!

"Hahahah! What's wrong?! I can't believe I'm going to get a second dragon in my collection!" Laughed the damned vampire.

"That's enough, you despicable villain!" Jonathan roared. "[Divine Starlight Blade Arts]: [Starshine Slash]!"

Jonathan rushed forwards, resembling a flashing light of celestial starlight, swinging his sword at lightning speed, three slashing blows sliced the tails off, freeing Lucifer!

SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH!

"T-That magic...! The Hero of Light?!"

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BAAAMMM!!

Lucifer fell into the ground, feeling pathetic that he was caught off guard in such a way! His wounds were still not regenerating either, infected with not just Miasma, but Corrupted Spiritual Energy, something different than the miasma which he could tolerate and absorb, which seemed to be burning him from the inside.

"Uurgh...!" He slowly stood up, gasping that thing overpowered me...?! What am I even doing?! Maria would be so disappointed of me..."

"Lucifer! You have to snap out of it!" Said Jonathan. "I know it hurts... I really do! I also had to slay my friends, the children I helped grow into proper heroes, because they became so monstrous I could no longer recognize them anymore... If that dragon used to be your friend, it is no longer one! It has become cursed; it has been turned into a puppet... You have to free her!"

"Y-You...!" Lucifer felt surprised by Jonathan's words, as they hit all the right nails.

He felt frustrated that he was so right, especially on experience, as Jonathan wasn't talking this out of his ass, he had experienced something just as terrible...

"Kuhuhuhu...!" The old man laughed, its entire body quickly beginning to rush towards the two. "I see! The reason why you're acting so weakly is because you knew this dragon before?! HAHAAHAA! PATHETIC!"

Its giant blade-like claws reached Jonathan, as the hero of light encompassed his entire body on his Divine Light and constantly clashed against the attacks with his mighty Divine Sword!

Flashes of light and slashes of celestial energies clashed against corrupted spiritual energies and miasmic energies fused together with venom and draconic powers!

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

"Lucifer! Are you going to let this bastard trash talk you?!" Jonathan roared. "We have to teach him a fucking lesson!"

"GYAHAAAAHA! For being a hero, you're sure slow!" The Vampire possessing the dragon's body laughed.

His power was actually overwhelming Jonathan, and this was because of his unique Miasmic Ability... or well, Corrupted Divine Spirit Ability [Draining Spirit Venom]!

"Any contact with the venom produced from my claws will drain your health and mana!" Laughed the old man internally. "Keep struggling all you want, the more time passes, the stronger I'll grow and the weaker you'll get! And with this tough body, I can resist almost anything!"

"Ugh...!" Jonathan muttered. "Why am I growing so weak?! That venom shouldn't affect me either yet it feels like... The venom! It's strange, it's draining our energy! If Lucifer stays there for too long, all his power's going to get drained!"

"RAAAAAHHHH!"

But before Jonathan could tell Lucifer about it, the draconic abomination rushed towards him, slamming his small body with its gigantic one and throwing him into the ground!

BAAAMMM!!!

"Ugh...!"

Jonathan barely survived hundreds of tons crushing over his body as he quickly stood back up and grew two angelic wings, flying away from the beast, although its tails quickly started chasing him!

"Shit! It is chasing me?!" Jonathan thought. "The tails move too fast and...!"

CLAAASH!!

The three tails reached Jonathan... or not!

"Lucifer!"

The mighty Death Dragon appeared in front of the Hero of Sunlight, protecting him from the three tails, his body constantly growing stronger even as his health and mana were being drained...

"I don't need a bastard like you to tell what to do, did you heard me?!" Lucifer roared, furious... but at the same time, Jonathan felt a sense of camaraderie with him.

"Hahaha, alright!" Laughed Jonathan, smiling as his wounds slowly started to heal with his magic.

"Working together won't make a difference, vermin!"

The vampire laughed, pointing the gigantic, oversized eyeball he had implanted on the stitched back up together head of Violet, charging energies and unleashing another Beam of pure Blood Energy!

"[Demonic Dragon Eye Crimson Blast]!"

TRUUUMMM...!

The gigantic crimson attack reached Lucifer and Jonathan at the same time, yet Lucifer quickly opened his jaws, gathering energies within and unleashing a breath attack of his own!

"[Divine Abyssal Death Flame Breath]!"

TRUUUMMM...!

Both beams clashed against one another amidst the horizon of the Void Plane, making the entire Realm tremble, its foundations weakening rapidly!

BOOOMMM!!!

However, Lucifer's beam reigned supreme, reaching the gigantic eye and... splattering it into pieces!

CRAAASH!

"That damn eye doesn't belong to Violet, you filthy freak!"

"GRYYYYAAAGGHH!"

The Vampire had connected all his senses into the dragon body, the agonizing pain of having the only eye it had splatter into pieces was terrifying!

"M-My precious eye...! YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!"

The aberrant dragon suddenly grew a pair of monstrous wings, made up of many other monster wings stitched together, and flew towards Lucifer and Jonathan!

Attacking with both blade-like claws and spear-tipped tails, the monstrous aberration's size alone made for a terrifying enemy!

Lucifer and Jonathan clashed against him together, despite the fear Lucifer felt before, he had to get this done with as soon as possible!

Jonathan as well, tried to stand by his side, but he was growing constantly weaker, unlike Lucifer who had tremendous vitality, he still only had the vitality of a human that had grown to reach S Rank.

The difference between an S Rank Dragon and an S Rank Human's Vitality were like heaven and earth!

"That hero is growing weaker... If I can absorb his soul, I'll become much stronger!" Thought the Vampire, opening his jaws and releasing a gigantic tentacle made of many tongues stitched together, capturing Jonathan!

"URGH...! W-What...?!" Jonathan screamed, suddenly being dragged into the dragon's jaws!

"STOP!"

Lucifer was already feeling tired himself, but mustering strength, he slashed the tongue and freed Jonathan in time.

But that little time was all his opponent needed, as his six arms hit Lucifer's whole body, all the long blade-like claws piercing through his scales as well!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

Violet was a strong Dragon at the level of S++ Rank, her claws alone, even in this state, were tremendously sharp, capable of piercing through Lucifer's scales if reinforced with corrupted spiritual energy!

"D-Dammit!" Lucifer muttered in agony, blood splattering everywhere.

"GAHAHAHA! I GOTCHA!"

Unexpectedly, Lucifer and Jonathan were losing! And it was all because Lucifer held back too much before, helping his enemy get the upper hand!

Crack, crack...! CRACK!

However, above them, the void shattered.

And from within...

"Huh? Lucifer?!"

"M-Maria...?!"

Lucifer's "angel" appeared.

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Crack, crack... CRACK!

The figure of a beautiful ghostly maiden emerged amidst the Void in the skies, as Lucifer and Jonathan were struggling to fight their overwhelming foe!

"The Void is breaking?! That's impossible! What is our leader doing?!" The Vampire muttered, looking at the skies on disbelief!

"M-Maria?!" Lucifer and Jonathan muttered at the same time.

"Lucifer! Jonathan!" Maria couldn't help but panic as she saw the two of them almost dying! "YOU!"

Her attention quickly landed on the bastard torturing her two handsome men. She could already imagine the reason why they were losing.

"A Dragon body...?!" She thought. "Don't tell me it is one of Lucifer's relatives again?! These damn motherfuckers!"

She easily guessed her dragon husband had many difficulties fighting yet another corrupted body of a member of his family. After such a tragic ending to most of the dragons in the continent of Midgard, seeing them wander around, turned into abominations, was heart breaking.

Naturally, and because despite how much he hid it, Lucifer was a very emotional man, he would have been so emotionally hurt he wouldn't have been able to fight properly...

"For being a dragon you sure are emotionally fragile, but honestly, I can't blame you." Maria thought, quickly rushing down towards the gigantic dragon. "Prepare yourself, jackass! [Qliphoth Tree Magic]: [Abyssal Life Draining Roots]!"

Maria conjured all her available Spells in the Qliphoth Tree Magic Skill, unleashing several effects at once that surprised her foe tremendously!

CRAAASH!

"URGH?!"

Suddenly, his entire body began to be covered almost completely out of black and gray-colored roots piercing through flesh and bones, draining all the life force he drained from Lucifer and Jonathan!

"G-GET THIS OFF MY BODY!"

He immediately panicked, letting go of dragon and the hero and flying back into the ground, suddenly falling over his own head as he tripped on the ground by Maria's own roots which she grew all over the ground in just a split of a second!

BAAAAMMM!!!

"GRAAAGH...!"

"[Decaying Spores of Death]!"

However, that wasn't all, millions of tiny black spores started covering his body, weakening his life force even further while draining the strength out of his soul!

"COUGH... UGH?! Why is this mighty body coughing?!"

The Vampire couldn't simply understand what was happening! Qliphoth Tree Magic was incredibly strange on how it worked, as it seemed almost like Nature Magic, yet it was totally different.

"Well, you caught a cold, bitch."

As Maria mocked him, he quickly lost his patience!

"JUST WHO ARE YOU?!"

He rushed towards her, once more tripping on several roots before noticing a huge tornado made out of Abyssal Winds, Black Lightning, and... composed of millions of black, sharp leaves!

"[Dark Leaves of Soul Tearing]!"

FLUOOSH!!!

The enormous tornado of combined elements consumed half his entire body, cutting through... his very soul!

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

"GRYYYYAAAAHHHH...! M-MY SOUL...!" Cried the abomination. "H-How can you target it?! I set... many barriers!"

"Your barriers suck, that's why." Maria laughed.

"SILENCE!!!"

In frustration and anger, the aberration finally reached Maria, clashing against her tiny body with his six gigantic claws!

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

"MARIA!"

Lucifer panicked, running towards her, Jonathan barely could stand up, but followed him closely.

"Don't worry honey, there's nothing to worry about." Maria smiled back at Lucifer; her entire body was covered on a mighty armor made of black bark! "[Netherworld's Bark Armor]! This is my strongest defensive armor spell so far! Pretty tough, huh? It is tough because it takes into consideration all my Mana and Magic Stats for its defense. And I've got... millions of that."

"I-Impossible...!" The Vampire, so full of himself after having almost defeated Lucifer and Jonathan, was being humiliated by a ghost lady that just appeared out of nowhere! "J-JUST DIE ALREADY!"

His attacks suddenly became faster, as his soul imbued itself into his arms to attack faster, his aberrant jaws opening and closing, trying to bite through Maria as she clashed against him with her weapons and... a new power!

"[Incarnation of Qliphoth]!"

TRUUUMMM...!

The Tree growing within her Soul Scape began to harness its powers into her body, her entire body started growing larger and larger, roots and branches became one with her, turning her into an aberrant, withered tree titaness!

Ding!

[You have activated the [Incarnation of Qliphoth: Lv1] Skill!]

[The power of the Demonic Tree of Death has been channeled into your body, enhancing Darkness, Poison, and Death Magic Power by +500% for 5 Minutes.]

[The power of several Titan-related Skills have activated at the same time, further enhancing your transformation!]

[You've temporarily transformed into [Tree Titan Goddess of Death: Aiag]!]

[All Stats have increased by +300%! The effects of [Incarnation of Qliphoth] have been tripled!]

[Both of your Weapons have fused into [Divine Demonic Swords of Death Wood: Decadence]!]

"Prepare yourself!"

Maria smiled maniacally, swinging both of her Death Wood Swords, unleashing a barrage of Death, Poison, and Darkness elements that constantly overwhelmed her foe, cutting through his soul even further!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"UUUAAGGGHH...!" He cried. "I-I cannot resist her strength! What is she?! JUST WHAT ARE YOU?!"

As he was having his soul sliced apart, suddenly, he felt an even more terrifying presence somewhat behind him! His senses quickly looking at it even without eyes.

"You bastard... DON'T FORGET ABOUT ME!" Roared a mighty dragon. "[Nidhogg Embodiment]! [Death Dragon's Body]! [Destruction Personified]!"

It was Lucifer, whose entire body had suddenly become a gigantic manifestation of pure darkness, phantom, flames, and death in the shape of a titanic dragon! By fusing the effects of three of his Skills, a strange, yet almost godly form was achieved! His gigantic fist clashing against his foe's soul!

"I'll CRUSH your fucking SOUL!!!"

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

"I-It's you?! YOU DAMN- ARRGGHHH...!"

With Maria's attacks, their foe had no chance, overwhelmed, and crushed to bits, his soul completely shattered into pieces, exploding at the same time as his vessel fell from the skies, generating an even larger tremor around!

CRAAASH!

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The bastard who had taken over Violet's body had his soul destroyed, and both Maria and Lucifer quickly landed on the floor, exhausted.

"Hahhh..."

"Ugh..."

The two quickly sighed in relief, as Lucifer and Maria went back to their former appearances quite quickly.

"We did it!" Maria said. "Well done! I know you did your best."

"Hahh... I don't need that pity of yours." Lucifer sighed. "But... thanks for coming to help."

"Don't be so prideful!" Giggled Maria. "Now... What do we do with this?"

The two felt awkward as they saw the corpse of their foe, and the lying soul fragments everywhere... Jonathan quickly made their way to them.

"Hahh... H-He's gone, good... Ugh.."

He quickly fell into the floor.

"Jonathan!" Maria panicked, opening her inventory, and taking several Elixirs. "Here, drink! Drink!"

"Ugh... Glugh, glugh..." Jonathan was stuffed with Elixirs Maria and Emeraldine had created, quickly healing him before he were to fully collapse. "Hahh... T-Thank you Maria, you're truly an angel."

"Hahaha..." Maria giggled a bit, feeling embarrassed. "Thanks for helping Lucifer!"

"No problem. He is my comrade, even if he's a bit grumpy sometimes." Jonathan smiled gently back at Lucifer.

That pure smile filled with light made Lucifer recoil...

"Anyways..." Lucifer sighed. "This body is... well, it is from Crystal's cousin, Violet. Maria, is it possible for you to... gather her soul back from the fragments of that bastard? He said that he ate her soul and..."

"Hmm..." Maria started to think. "Yeah, when souls are eaten by another, there's a possibility the other soul still remains within the other, but very deluded... I think I can do something if I filter it."

"Filter it?" Asked Lucifer. "Well, whatever you can do, please... If there's any chance..."

"Sure, leave it to me." Maria nodded.

She quickly gathered all the Soul Fragments and... ate them.

"CHOMP..."

Lucifer and Jonathan panicked immediately as they saw Maria munch on the fragments, her cheeks looking like the full cheeks of a hamster!

"W-What are you doing?!" Lucifer screamed.

"Maria?" Jonathan asked in disbelief.

"GULP..." She swallowed the soul after that, making them even more horrified. "Geez! Calm down a bit! My entire body is like the filter! Just trust me."

Maria slowly started wiggling her entire body, as she started concentrating on the soul fragments she devoured, beginning to divide what was there at an almost molecular level of precision.

"There's a lot of this disgusting guy's soul and memories, I'm going to just delete everything belonging to him and his rotten personality... But the power and substance, let's keep that..." Maria nodded. "There

are other monsters too, but they don't have any intelligence- Ah! Several sparks of thoughts appeared, she's there... fragmented, but she's there!"

Although it seemed slow to her, in real life she was doing this at an incredibly fast speed, in a couple of minutes, the soul was completely reformed, as she quickly opened a hole in her chest and let it move outside!

FLUOSH!

"It's done!" She celebrated. "Now... I'll have to repair the body a bit, no?"

Maria used her abilities to quickly rearrange the dragon's body and shape, taking the excess chimeric parts and refining their shape and form to look more like the original appearance.

She remolded the entire face and healed it to almost the same as before, but lacking eyes, she could add some monster eyes, but because Lucifer wanted Violet restored with little changes, she decided to think about it later.

"Phew, it's done." Maria sighed, three minutes after beginning. "Let's give it a shot, and quickly, we have to find Nyx and everyone else!"

"Right, sorry for being so selfish, thinking about this instead of our daughter..." Lucifer apologized.

"It's fine, she must have been an important family member to you." Maria smiled. "Alright...! Soul Infusion!"

The body still had a lot of life force, so with that and the soul infused into it, Maria attempted to revive the corpse instead of making an Undead.

FLAAASH!

And it seemed to have worked, somehow!

"GRRRHHH..."

The gigantic, purple-scaled dragoness slowly started to move, lacking sight, it seemed confused. And when it tried to speak, it could only release dry groans that couldn't be understood.

"Violet! Violet, are you okay?"

Lucifer asked the dragoness, but the creature could not even remember his voice, suddenly swinging its dragon claws against him angrily.

CRAAASH!

"Ugh...!"

Lucifer was forced to step back, looking at Violet's violent onslaught, she didn't seem the same as before, going on a furious animalistic rampage.

"GROOOAARRR!"

"Is she okay?!" Asked Jonathan.

"Not at all. Well, she revived so she's not an undead, but she must be in a very traumatic state. Sorry Lucifer..." Maria said. "We can't do much other than let her rest."

"It's fine..." Lucifer sighed. "It's better than her being dead... At the very least, we've saved her from becoming the vessel of a monster."

"Yeah, I'll put her to sleep for now." Maria nodded, quickly waving her hand. "[Sleeping Mist]"

She released a mist mixing phantasmal and illusion elemental magic, which filled Violet's nostrils and quickly made her fall asleep, it was especially effective against those that weren't good in the head and incapable of resisting the sleeping effects too well.

After placing her in her Shadow Realm, she quickly got ready, giving some food to her husband and former fiancée, and quickly preparing herself to move on.

"Alright, the fight itself created a disturbance over the northwest." Said Maria, pointing at the distance. "If we get there and breakthrough the Void Wall, we can move to a different zone."

"I'll bring you there, leap over my back." Lucifer turned back into his dragon form. "You too." He glared at Jonathan.

"Thanks." Jonathan had not tried to get up his back because he thought it was rude, but if he was given permission by Lucifer himself, he happily obliged.

"Hoh?" Maria smiled teasingly. "Have you two become a bit closer? Are you bros now? Is bromance blooming?" She giggled.

"Shut up!" Lucifer roared angrily.

"Hahaha." Jonathan only laughed slightly nervously.

"I guess they still got a long way to go..." Maria thought, smiling.

FLASH!

The trio flew across the void, as Maria and Lucifer shattered the walls, reaching somewhere else!

CRAAASH!

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"W-Where are we? Who is he?!" Silva cried.

Catarina couldn't blame her, out of nowhere they were pulled out of the Inn and sent into a black void, where only the two of them were.

Nobody else could be found, and the only thing aside from the two of them there was... an intimidating, tall, and muscular behemoth, with three glowing eyes.

It was over ten meters of height, with incredibly muscular arms above all, and each eye glowed with a different color, red, blue, and yellow.

Catarina felt naturally nervous about the whole thing, Silva wasn't someone that had much experience on battle yet, and she herself wasn't an S Rank like the others.

"Calm down, Silva." Catarina glanced at the giant in front of them. "Whoever they are and whatever they want from us, they mean business if they trapped us here so seamlessly, without even Maria realizing..." Her fists started glowing with her aura.

Her sharp red eyes glanced at the giant in front of her. Even after dying and then having been reborn as a Zombie Vampire, she had gone through her fair share of incredible challenges.

And after Maria let her go anywhere she wanted and have her own life, she had battled all matter of thugs, bandits, and monsters... but nothing like this man in here.

His very presence exuded an incredibly strong pressure, something that only beings within the realm of S Rank could achieve!

"B-But he's scaring me..." Silva cried, hiding behind Catarina.

"I know, dear. But if you're always scared of any stranger trying to harm you, you'll never survive in this harsh world." Catarina said, smiling back at her. "Stay behind me, Blackie will protect you. Right Blackie?"

"WOOF!"

FLUOSH!

The Shadow Zombie Wolf emerged from within Catarina's shadows, quickly standing in front of Silva to protect her, his shadows emerging like many tentacles surrounding her to intercept any attack.

However, as ready as they were, the man in front of them seemed... unnervingly calm. Even though they couldn't even see his damn face because he was wearing a plague doctor mask, he was... seemingly happy to see them so energetic.

"He reeks like a Vampire... But I've never seen such a bizarre one, his aura also reeks like countless of monsters! Just what are these guys?!" Catarina thought, gritting her teeth. "Oi! Are you even going to say something?! If you stay quiet, I'm going to beat the shit out of you now..."

"Oooohhh..." The tall man groaned, his groan seemed to be filled with an unnerving excitement, making Catarina and Silva even more disgusted. "Such wonderful specimens! You will make a great part of my collection! Especially you, I've never seen such a stable Undead before, and a Vampire Zombie at that! You might be the key for our investigation to finally make a breakthrough." He laughed.

"Breakthrough...?" Catarina asked, with disgust. "What are you even talking about- Huh?!"

However, the man didn't wait for her to finish her words, his cloak covering the rest of his body being thrown away, as he revealed the rest of his strange, disgusting body.

While Maria's creations always looked seamless and perfect, without stitching marks, or other body parts that didn't fit in them, this man's entire body seemed like the opposite.

Born from the imperfection of his skills, his body looked of multiple colors, many body parts stuck together. His two arms were gigantic because they belonged to Giant Ogres of two different kinds, one arm was red and the other gray.

His torso was muscular and big, covered on black hair like a Gorilla Monster of some kind, while his legs seemed smaller for the rest of his body size, but nimble and athletic, like those of some sort of cheetah monster.

And in the middle of his chest, there was some strange blue crystal, glowing with a mysterious, corrupted spiritual energy much more complex than mere Demonite Cores.

"W-What with that body?!" Catarina asked. "DISGUSTING!"

"Disgusting you said...?" The tall Vampire glared at her. "Y-You... YOU DARE SAY MY BEAUTIFUL BODY IS DISGUSTING?!"

Suddenly, his calm demeanor changed, as he started to go completely insane...

"TAKE THAT BACK! [Bestial Lightning]!"

FLAAASH!

His three glowing eyes shone brightly; his gigantic body rushed towards Catarina at lightning speed. His cheetah-like legs moving at an amazing speed!

"His yellow eye is shining, and lightning is beginning to emerge from his legs!" Catarina thought, analyzing the situation within a split of a second through her battle-hardened instincts. "I-Is this how is power works?"

BAAAMMM!!!

The Vampire slammed Catarina with all his strength using his two gigantic arms and the rest of the weight of his body, throwing her away like a ragdoll!

"Ugh...! I couldn't evade in time...!" Catarina muttered. "Good thing this body barely feels pain but..."

CLAAASH!

She ended landing on the floor, rolling over it, her Aura had encompassed her entire body. If she hadn't activated that, she would be perhaps in an even worse situation than before.

"BIG SIS!"

Silva cried, looking at Catarina land rather terribly on the ground, her scream quickly bringing the attention of the huge Vampire, as he glared at her with furious eyes.

"Do you also think my body is ugly and disgusting?" He asked. "After I've refined it so much to gain the strength of so many beings I always admired? My body is perfect! It contains all the best parts of every one of these creatures! I'LL SMASH YOU INTO PIECES!"

With a monstrous, bestial roar, the Vampire rushed towards Silva while running on all fours, his red eye suddenly glowing brightly this time, as his arms started blazing with flames!

"BURN! [Beastly Inferno]!"

FLUOSH!

The flames emerged almost endlessly, shaping into countless of beasts of all kinds, rushing towards Silva, trying to burn her to ashes!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

However, Blackie quickly grabbed the panicked girl and began running away within his shadows, barely escaping the bombardment of explosions, as the tall vampire kept chasing them!

"You will NOT get away easily! My precious SUBJECTS!"

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Blackie kept running away from the endless explosions of flames. The conjuration of blazing beasts that the Vampire summoned were strange as well, they weren't just fire, they shaped as beasts that kept chasing him before exploding when they were right next to the wolf.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

However, the void itself proved to be much better for Blackie than the outside world, with darkness everywhere and an easy time making all the shadows the wolf could have ever wanted, hiding from the explosions through the shadows became a possibility.

Nonetheless, the Vampire's attacks continued almost endlessly, becoming more and more accurate with each explosion. Silva didn't know what to do, she was confused and afraid as well, and Blackie could only drag her away for now, without much offensive power against those flames.

"Catarina! Big sis!"

Silva started crying for help. Although she had fought before and helped, she was always behind others, giving them support with her magic.

She had only taken lives with Catarina's support, but being left alone as she was being chased by a bloodthirsty Vampire wasn't something she was trained for.

"R-Run faster, Blackie! Faster...!"

Her little hands glowed with darkness and miasma, imbuing its powers into the shadow zombie wolf, and suddenly enhancing his stats and power!

"AWOOOO!"

Blackie suddenly gave a loud howl, his entire body growing three times as large out of nowhere. Silva's powers were those of Miasmic Enhancement.

They were mostly dangerous against almost any living being, except monsters, undead, and chimeras like her.

However, it seemed that with enough intent, its powers could even temporarily evolve monsters... Something she had never considered before!

Ding!

[You have used [Miasmic Enhancement] over [Shadow Zombie Wolf: Blackie (B Rank)]]

[The powerful Miasmic Energies are compatible with the recipient! Blackie has absorbed them into his body, undergoing a temporarily evolution!]

[The [Shadow Zombie Wolf: Blackie (B Rank)] has temporarily evolved into [Abyssal Undead Shadow Wolf: Blackie (A Rank)]! All of his Stats have increased!]

[Blackie has temporarily developed the [Abyss Manipulation] Skill!]

[Estimated Duration: 10 Minutes.]

"ROOOAARR!"

The Shadow Zombie Wolf roared furiously, leaping against the Vampire and over the flames, his jaws opening to unleash a devastating beam of darkness!

TRUUUMMM...!

"UGH?!"

The Vampire covered his face with his huge arms, as he was thrown away several meters from the impact of the beam of darkness alone!

CLAAASH!

"W-What was that?! A mere black dog became such a strong being?" The Vampire slowly stood up, almost unscathed. "THAT GIRL! What powers does she has! Show me... SHOW ME YOUR POWERS!"

With a maniacal laughter, the Vampire ran directly towards Blackie and Silva!

"GRRHHH... ROAARR!"

However, Blackie, now powered up, wasn't going to let him get any closer! With a furious roar, the shadows surrounding him shapeshifted, taking the form of giant tentacles surrounding the man's entire body.

"You seem strong, but you're still nothing against me!" Laughed the Vampire, his blue eye glowed brightly. "[Bestial Frost]!"

BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM!

With his gigantic fists, he punched all the shadow tentacles, freezing them and then shattering them into pieces one after another!

"H-He can control so many elements..." Silva panicked. "C-Catarina... Big sis! Where is she?!"

"IT'S USELESS!"

The Vampire reached them in a split of a second, as Blackie was quickly diving back into the shadows, only for a wall of flame beasts to appear around him, stopping him from escaping!

"Did you thought I would let you escape, my precious specimens?!" Laughed the Vampire. "You're mine... I'll preserve you encased on ice, so I can better analyze you later on! Freeze to death!"

His hands overflowed with freezing blue energies, reaching the two!

"[Blood Demon Battle Arts]: [Heaven Tearing Crimson Fist]!"

TRUUUMMM...!

However, before that could ever happen, a gigantic fist made of blood crimson energies reached the Vampire from above, it was Catarina!

"BIG SIS!"

"W-What...?!"

BAAAMMM!

The enormous attack engulfed the Vampire on an explosion of blood energy, his skin began slowly tearing apart and burning, crimson flames covering him completely!

"AAARRGGHH...!"

The Vampire screamed, stepping back while panicking, as Catarina landed right over his face, kicking him away with a tremendous, blazing strength!

"Get the HELL away from my kid, you DAMN BASTARD!" Catarina roared. "[Blood Demon Battle Arts]: [Mountain-

Splitting Kick]!"

CRAAASH!

The kick sent him flying, while unleashing a huge shockwave of pure power across the entire void, shaking its pillars.

The flames kept burning the Vampire as well, flames that no Vampire could conjure, Crimson Flames born from Catarina's own traumas before her conversion into a Vampire.

This power she held within her that had developed after becoming a Zombie, similar to her two friends that shared a similar fate, who became Fire Ghosts.

Instead of turning into a Fire Ghost, Catarina evolved this internal flame burning her past, this infernal flame that took away everything from her into her own unique strength, born the moment she reached the heights she could thanks to her transformation!

"Big sis, you're alright!" Silva celebrated, running towards her, and admiring her appearance change. "You transformed again!"

"Yeah, it's the only way I can even fight against that monster..." Catarina said, gasping for air.

Her entire body suddenly gained countless red markings resembling flames, as her eyes glowed bright red, and two red horns grew on her forehead.

Her aura of power became even stronger, overflowing, like an infernal flame that spread around and consumed everything... Her long red hair waved before her growth of strength, as her muscles began to become stronger, her entire bulk changed.

Ding!

[You have activated the [Blood Demon Battle Physique] Skill! You have undergone a [Blood Battle Demon Transformation]!]

[All Stats have increased by +200%, with an additional +5% every time you lose 1% of your Health. You cannot use Magic, as your Mana is being constantly drained.]

[All Physical Fighting Technique-related Skills and Techniques have their power boosted by +350%!]

[Estimated Duration: 10 Minutes.]

It was the same transformation from before, but improved, and even better!

"Hahaha... The more you fight... the more I want you in my collection..."

The Vampire slowly started to stand back up.

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Catarina had undergone an amazing transformation once more, giving her enough strength to temporarily overwhelm her foe.

And this transformation, of course, was...

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[All Physical Fighting Technique-related Skills and Techniques have their power boosted by +350%!]

[Estimated Duration: 10 Minutes.]

It was her transformation from before, but even better now, with even higher buffs and double its duration! This was the result of her trainings ever since that fight where she used this form, something she kept a secret from everyone except Silva.

This was because she felt that even with it, she struggled too much. She had to refine it, to improve it. And with Silva's Miasmic Enhancement Ability, she found a way to constantly transform and push herself to her limits.

Slowly, over these last few days, she grew her transformation the limits of its capacity!

But this was a power that she didn't just desire to protect herself, it was a power she wanted to use to protect those that mattered to her.

This little girl she rescued back then, and the dog that had accompanied her since the beginning of her journey.

To her, they were her precious family, perhaps more than even Maria's group.

"Now, you two stand behind me. We'll take him down together." She said, her fists blazing with crimson flames.

"O-Okay!" Silva nodded, tightly grasping the tiny dagger she was given back then. "I-I'll fight too... M-Maybe!"

"Don't sweat over it, kid." Catarina smiled. "Blackie, you know what to do!"

"GRAWR!" Blackie groaned, nodding.

"Hahaha... The more the fight... the more I want you in my collection..."

The Vampire slowly started to stand back up, his burned body slowly beginning to overflow with three different elements, lightning, flames, and ice, his three eyes glowing brightly.

"I think there might be a way to take away his elemental powers, if we can get through his mask and destroy his eyes..." Catarina shared her plan. "I'll distract him, you guys aim for the eyes once I give you an opening, alright?"

"G-Got it!" Silva nodded.

"WOOF!" Blackie agreed.

"No matter what stupid plans you have, they are not going to work, my small specimens..." The Vampire's elements started to merge together. "[Bestial Elemental Merge: Attack Form]"

FLUOSH!

Lightning, Flames, and Frost became one as several gigantic beasts made of these combined elements emerged, in the shape of lions, tigers, birds, and even orcs!

All beasts ran forward, attacking Catarina and trying to get to Silva and Blackie.

However, Blackie grabbed Silva and quickly disappeared using his shadows, meanwhile, Catarina started punching the beasts as she made her way towards the giant Vampire.

"The more the merrier for me!" Catarina smiled defiantly. "[Blood Demon Battle Arts]: [Crimson Asura's Wrath]!"

Her Aura divided into six enormous and muscular arms as her two fists landed on the nearby tiger-like beast, an explosion of strikes befell the aberrant beast as if they were falling meteors.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"Gryyyaargghh...!"

The other beasts also took the hits, being blown away and then glowing brightly, exploding into large explosions of many elements, trying to burn her, electrocute her, and freeze her with them!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

"Tch, not good!"

Catarina quickly evaded the explosions as she continued rushing forward, the beasts suddenly appearing around her, their giant jaws opening and trying to bite her arms apart!

CLAASH! CLAASH!

Both jaws were barely stopped by her fists, as she gritted her teeth, unleashing explosions of crimson flames from them as she punched their heads off!

"[Blood Demon Battle Arts]: [Demonic Explosive Crimson's Fists]!"

BOOOOMMM! BOOOOMMM!

Both beasts were blown up to bits, as Catarina charged towards the Vampire Giant in front of her! His enormous arms pummeling down towards her to greet her with a barrage of explosive elemental fists!

"You're not enough to even defeat me, pathetic little zombie!" Laughed the Vampire. "[Bestial Elemental Merge: Weapon Form]!"

Suddenly, the beasts made out of his elements gathered around his arms, generating giant elemental gauntlets! Strikes with them generated explosions of fire, lightning, and ice!

"[Blood Demon Battle Arts]: [Meteoric Crimson Blood Flare Fists]!"

Catarina greeted his devastating punching blows with her own, enormously strong fist attacks, both of their fists clashing against one another generated huge explosions of many elements!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

However, Catarina seemed to be on the losing side, constantly pushed back with each blow, even with the bonus stats she was gaining every time 1% of her HP went down, it wasn't enough!

"You're far too small to even compare to my perfect body..." Laughed the man with his glowing eyes. "You can't possibly hope to defeat me, give up already, you're nothing but a material I must harvest at all costs!"

"I'm so fucking tired of everyone always calling me a material, or something to be used and discarded..." Catarina roared. "I've lived my whole fucking life being a slave to other's whims, and now that I'm finally dead and free, I won't let you take away this freedom from me! "[Blood Demon Battle Arts]: [Blood Demon's Infernal Charge]!"

FLUOSH!

Her entire body was covered on Crimson Blood Flames, as she charged into the Vampire with all her might, her two fists reaching him with an explosion of flames, consuming his entire body!

CRAAASH!

"UURRGGH?! AAAARRGGH...!"

The Vampire gave an agonizing shriek as he was pushed into the ground, completely overwhelmed by the powerful slamming attack!

"NOW!"

In that moment, from the shadows right above them, Blackie and Silva appeared, the two attacking the man's mask and shattering it!

"W-What are you- ARRRGHHH!"

And Silva's knife piercing right through his colorful eyes, one after another, making sure to destroy them with all she had!

"M-MY EYESSSS...!"

His elemental aura suddenly disappeared; Catarina was right this whole time!

"You're done, you piss drinking bastard! GO TO HELL!"

Catarina's Aura erupted with an endless inferno of flames, engulfing the Vampire into hundreds of punches, pulverizing his whole body!

"RAAAHHHH!!!"

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

"GRYYYYAAAAEEEEGGHH...!"

Incapable of fighting back, his very soul was destroyed!

BOOOMMM!!!

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The Giant Vampire exploded into flames, his very soul shattered as Catarina's fists were overflowing with even more power, Silva's Miasmic Boost enhancing her strength even further without her realizing it!

BOOOM!

"No...! My... precious perfect body... defiled?!"

The vampires' last thoughts passed through his mind before he were to perish completely, his huge body falling into pieces as the arms and legs couldn't even stand stuck to his torso anymore...

BAAAM!

"Hahhh..."

Catarina's transformation quickly ended, as she sighed in relief, she was already pushing herself to her ultimate limits. This transformation was her only way to reach the Realm of S Rank, as she had yet to evolve further.

"We did it big sis!"

Silva happily said, running towards Catarina and hugging her tightly from behind, her little warm arms embraced Catarina's cold back, making her smile faintly.

"I'm a zombie, you know? You're hugging an undead." Laughed Catarina. "Don't you get even a bit disgusted?"

"I don't care! Big sis is big sis!" Silva smiled adorably.

"Heh, you did well." Catarina smiled, patting the girl's fluffy hair, and caressing her big sheep-like horns. "You did well too, good boy." She also caressed Blackie as he went back to his normal form.

"Yeah, good boy!" Silva said, patting the wolf too.

"Awooo!" Little Blackie enjoyed two pettings! Today was sure his day.

"Now, I wonder where the heck this guy came from." Catarina analyzed him after checking she gained a lot of levels. "Wait, he was actually S Rank?! Damn, make sense why he was so damn tough... I can't believe we beat an S Rank all on our own, though he was nothing compared to that skeleton guy Maria and everyone else fought, he was sure much stronger."

"Yeah, but we did it!" Silva celebrated. "I hit max level... I wonder what will happen to me- Ugh?!"

Suddenly, her entire body started twisting, and making the sound of bones cracking and flesh tearing apart! Catarina panicked as the little Silva fell into the floor, crying in agony as she was evolving.

"Ouch, it hurts... Uwaaagghh...!"

"C-Calm down, Silva, you're evolving! Breathe calmly, stay strong! It will end soon! The first time is always agonizing..."

Catarina stood by her side until the girl's evolution was finally done.

Her appearance suddenly changed a bit, it felt as if she had aged a year or two, looking much taller.

And by looks, she didn't look any different, though she gained a tiny black horn on her forehead now.

"Hahhh... Ugh... My body hurts all over big sis... But I feel somewhat... tougher?"

"You've evolved finally... What's your rank?"

"Hmm... C?"

"Not bad! You've gotten much stronger than before! Nice!"

"I-Is that so?"

As the two talked about that, Catarina started growing uneasy about this whole thing, beginning to wonder what was exactly happening.

"Though, now that we're done with this problem... Where the heck are we?" Wondered Catarina, looking around nervously. "Some sort of Domain? Were we trapped by our enemy? I remember Maria saying something about the Warlocks, maybe they did this?"

"Maybe they wanted revenge because we broke their stone..." Said Silva.

"Ah, right, I completely forgot about that..." Catarina said. "But I doubt it's just that though... They probably wanted that brat of Celes, he was someone very important, I think..."

"How do we get out of here?" Silva asked.

"I-I have no idea... There seems to be a void and invisible walls, but I don't know if I can break them and-"

Crack, crack, CRACK!

"Huh?!"

However, the duo was quickly surprised to find countless cracks spreading across the skies, opening to reveal a huge hole where several people came rushing down!

CRAAASH!

"Wait, what?!"

Catarina instantly noticed it was Laura, Takeshi, and Tear!

"You guys! I'm glad you're fine too!" Laura ran towards them with Tear and Takeshi.

"Silva! Are you alright?" Takeshi asked.

"Looks like you three already slayed one of these freaks as well..." Tear said, looking at the corpse behind Catarina.

"Y-Yeah, he was tougher than anything we've ever fought, but he lacked good regeneration." Said Catarina. "Do you guys know what's going on?"

"Not much, but we're looking for a way out, let's go together for now." Laura recommended. "I can sense the presences of our friends nearby, if we can keep breaking these walls, eventually, we'll find them."

"Is that so?" Catarina wondered. "Alright, Blackie will bring us together. Get bigger!"

"AWOOO!"

Blackie's size suddenly multiplied, becoming over ten meters big, everyone could get over his back! This form took a lot of mana, but the wolf had leveled up a lot by now.

"Then allow me to break the walls for you guys!"

Laura's hands overflowed with several explosive chaotic flames, glowing with black, dark red, and purple colors, as she fired them all towards the void walls in front of them!

FLAASH! FLAASH! FLAASH!

The flames reached the walls, exploding one after another until the void walls could not take anymore, shattering into pieces and opening the way for them to advance!

Crack, crack, CRASH!

And when they went through, it wasn't yet another void domain though...

"W-What is this place?"

They found themselves standing in a completely white space. The entire group started analyzing their surroundings, suddenly finding out something odd.

Above the white skies, there was a huge dark blue crystal rotating slowly and endlessly, emanating black lightning, and keeping several void domains stable...

"We're outside?!" Catarina asked.

"Are we?" Takeshi wondered. "This place looks suspicious as hell..."

"But that crystal over there, I bet it is the core!" Laura said. "I can feel the source of all the void coming from it!"

"If we can shatter it..." Tear said. "We might be able to free everyone else!"

"Really?! Let's do it then!" Silva was ready.

However, Catarina stopped everyone from advancing, as she looked at the single, black cloaked man standing below the rotating crystal.

He quickly glared back at them all, with his glowing red eyes. The aura he exuded was more than just a mere low level S Rank like the trash they've fought.

"So you damn bastards have gotten this far..." He spoke. "Congratulations! You will become the first sacrifices for the Great One."

Partner's clueless eyes glanced around her surroundings, wondering what was happening.

"Huh? What's going on in here?"

Out of nowhere she and Emeraldine were pulled into some strange void, almost devoid of any light. There was only darkness everywhere.

"Don't tell me we were sent somewhere else?! Ah, the kids!" Emeraldine who was right by her side panicked, immediately thinking about the kids. "Who did this?! Are they here?!"

Emeraldine started looking everywhere as her magic conjured several spheres of light, covering her surroundings and illuminating everything.

However, Partner quickly sensed some sort of presence at the distance, her aura, and eyes glowing bright red, as she seemed wary of it.

"There." Partner pointed into the distance, as her Vampiric Senses immediately noticed the presence of something.

Emeraldine panicked, realizing she hadn't even felt him coming. It was as if the void itself just carried him there, teleporting him in that very place.

Even her Spirits seemed uneasy in this place, it was completely devoid of spiritual energy, so they were quite weakened.

"You shouldn't be worrying about the kids right now..." The dark figure that Partner noticed emerged from the shadows.

It resembled a single man cloaked on black robes, holding a small, black crystal staff imbued with a small dark blue jewel. His appearance was much simpler than the monster that they had expected.

"Who are you?! How did you get us in here?!" Emeraldine asked furiously, her aura of light illuminated her surroundings, she quickly grabbed her bow, generating an arrow of light and pointing it at the man. "Answer me!"

"Heh... Hahaha..." The man only laughed, as if delighted by their struggle to understand what was happening.

BOOOM!

Suddenly, a beam of crimson red energy clashed against a nearby wall, but the wall, invisible and made of void, was unscathed!

"I can't even break from this?!" Partner had tried shooting a beam into the shadows, but it was simply absorbed into the void, it was as if there was no ceiling to begin with. "Just what is this?! Are you guys... Wait, the Warlocks! Are you the Warlock bastards?!"

"Hehehe, I don't think that matters right now, foolish ones. But yes, I am a member of the Warlocks of the Underworld, we've decided to take matters into our own hands after our Great Leader, Lord Maleficus, told us about you disrupting our peaceful town. The Saintess Emilia is very angry too, I'm sure she will be delighted to learn you were all killed and quietly taken away." The old man laughed.

"Warlocks!" Emeraldine said. "I knew it must have been you!"

"Hey, I literally said that!" Partner sighed. "Anyways, Warlock or not, you're going to get stomped. You should had never come to the two of us, we're pretty strong, actually."

"Yeah, bad choice." Emeraldine said, her aura overflowing with spiritual and divine power, her big wings emerging from her back, spreading to reveal two beautiful golden and green colored butterfly wings.

"Hehehe, you're the foolish ones to underestimate the one second in command on this squad. I am not someone you can easily look down into!" Laughed the old man, his body quickly beginning to transform... "I'll rip apart your souls and offer them to our Great Lord!"

His old man's appearance instantly changed, his height grew taller, his muscles became stronger, his pale white skin turned deep black, like charcoal, and his bald head grew a long silvery-white hair, decorated with several sharp black horns.

The black cloak he was wearing dissipated, showing it was just made out of darkness, his staff started overflowing with power, as he started floating in midair.

His muscular yet toned and sleek body grew countless Demonic Runes over his skin, Partner and Emeraldine felt an incredibly potent magical power coming from him...

"After absorbing and assimilating the Hearts of hundreds of Majin, and Elven Magicians, I've managed to perfect this old body and attain a new, almighty form." He laughed. "Admire the appearance of Belphegor, the Second in Command of Lord Maleficus! The Sorcerer King!"

TRUUUMMM...!

His intense magical aura exuded endlessly, and above all, this guy actually announced his name! Whenever that happened, it was usually bad news, they were strong enough to be recognizable.

Ding!

[The [Vampire Duke: Belphegor (S Rank)] has undergone a [Demonic Mana Heart Transformation], turning into his [Demonic Mana Devouring Sorcerer] Form!]

[All of his Stats have increased by +250%, Magic and Mana have increased by +1000%, Magic Spell Power and Mana Recovery Rate have increased by a further +500%!]

[Duration: As long as there's Mana to absorb.]

And his transformation was no joke either!

"Belphegor...?!" And Emeraldine quickly remembered such a name. "What?! That Evil Sorcerer that hundreds of years ago was said to have hunted the most Majin Tribes and Elven Tribes in this continent?! The barbarian that everyone thought was a monster?! You're... that Belphegor of the legends?"

"Legends? I guess I've passed down in history quite nicely." Laughed the demonic vampire. "I have long ago stopped my hunt, as I decided to quietly develop the powers of having eaten the hearts of all these powerful magicians. And now, you're seeing its perfected form! I was born as mana-less human once, pathetic, and weak! Until I decided to carve out the hearts of you damned magicians and devour your mana! This is my special power! [Mana Devour]!"

FLUOSH!

The man pointed his hand towards Partner and Emeraldine, the two quickly found their own Mana being constantly drained away from their very bodies!

Ding!

[The power of the [Miasmic Ability: Mana Devour] has been activated!]

[Any living being within a 500-meter radius of Belphegor will have their Mana drained by 0.50% with every second!]

[Additionally, their Magic Power will decrease by -50%!]

"This guy's insane! What the hell?!" Partner panicked.

"He's draining all our mana so easily...!" Emeraldine muttered. "We'll have to take him down with everything we've got, and quickly! We can't lose too much time in here!"

"I agree." Partner roared. "Let's quickly end this...!"

"It will be over before you can even realize." Belphegor laughed. "I shall feast on your Hearts after I'm done with you! [Abyssal Void Magic]: [Void Rain]!"

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Before the brave Partner and Emeraldine, Belphegor simply laughed, waving his hand as his staff channeled his magical powers and amplified them even further.

"It will be over before you can even realize." Belphegor laughed. "I shall feast on your Hearts after I'm done with you! [Abyssal Void Magic]: [Void Rain]!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Suddenly, hundreds of black dots emerged all around him, they were materializations of the void itself!

"DIE!"

The Void Rain fell down towards the two of them, Emeraldine and Partner quickly started running around, attempting to evade the deadly attacks!

Yet, one managed to get into Partner, because they were literally hundreds!

CLAAASH!

"Urgh?!"

Partner quickly noticed that the Void itself was much more dangerous than she had imagined. A single dot that hit her pierced through her clothes and armor, leaving a deep hole into her very flesh, a piece of her shoulder was gone!

"This power...?! It simply consumed a piece of my body!" Partner thought. "This guy's Void Magic is not something as simple as just explosions, it might manipulate space itself..."

Her wound quickly healed back due to her Vampiric Physique and her super regeneration abilities as a Vampire. However, was Emeraldine the same? She had amazing healing magic, but it was better if she could protect her from harm if possible!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Emeraldine!"

Partner noticed she was holding back the rain of Void Spheres using a barrier of light, but the barrier was already beginning to shatter and disappear, Belphegor's mana devour had the power to destroy complex spells like this as well!

Crack, crack... CRASH!

The barrier shattered into pieces, as Emeraldine desperately summoned several branches and walls of wood, trying a last stand, only for all of them to get filled with countless holes in mere seconds.

"Everything is being destroyed so easily...!" Emeraldine panicked.

"I'm here!" Partner arrived in the last second. "[Black Blood Sea Domain]!"

FLAAASH!

Partner quickly arrived in front of her, as she unleashed her Darkness and Blood Magic, generating a huge wave of Black Blood, the void was simply falling into the water and dissipating!

She shaped this domain into an effective barrier, as Belphegor opened his eyes wide, surprised they found out the weakness of his magic so quickly!

"So liquid masses can't be easily deleted, and due to the mass of the void, it simply ends up deleting a part, but the water itself fills the other deleted area." Said Emeraldine, analyzing it. "Thanks, Partner, I kind of get it now!"

"You do?!" Partner asked in surprise. "O-Oh, yeah, I totally discovered it!" She had actually just done this as a last resort and it ended working better than she could have ever hoped.

"Hmph, well, it's not as if that water of yours can hold back all of this at once though." Belphegor smiled grimly as dozens of magic circles materialized around him. "[Abyssal Void Magic]: [Voidling Summon]!"

TRUUMMM...!

The magic circles opened black holes, where strange and aberrant tentacled abominations, with multiple eyes and black color emerged, made completely out of Void Energy!

"GRUAAAH...!"

"RAAAAH...!"

"GRYEEEEHH...!"

"Devour their souls, my summons!" Belphegor laughed, as dozens of giant aberrations, each one over ten meters of height, flew towards Emeraldine and Partner!lights

"Now he's a damn summoner?!" Partner asked angrily.

"Careful, they seem dangerous, they're all S- Rank monsters!" Emeraldine said, pointing her bow at them.

The Voidling quickly started firing beams of Dark Void against the duo, engulfing the landscape on black explosions that could consume everything.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Emeraldine was quickly grabbed by Partner and princess carried as the Vampiress moved at rapid speed, evading the explosions.

"I'll shoot them down!" Emeraldine roared, quickly imbuing her powers into her bow and her physical arrows, made by Maria through her Skills. "[Divine Spiritual Magic Bow Arts]: [Purifying Light Arrow Rain]!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Hundreds of arrows were divided from a single physical arrow, piercing through the bodies of a handful of Voidlings, quickly making their bodies explode into light one after another!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The attack continued almost endlessly and relentlessly. Emeraldine couldn't concentrate properly if she was running, but by being carried by the fast Partner and her Domain Barrier to protect her, it was somehow possible!

"GRAAAH!"

However, the Voidlings kept coming, rushing towards them even as Emeraldine killed many, with beams of void and their slimy tentacles approaching!

"You're not getting any closer, you bastards!" However, Partner was there and even if she held Emeraldine with her hands, it didn't meant she couldn't fight.

"My Voidlings...!" Belphegor muttered. "[Crimson Bone Claws]!"

FLAAASH!

Suddenly, from within her body, two gigantic bone arms emerged, their hands being incredibly big and sharp claws, the bones themselves were completely crimson red and metallic!

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

With countless slashing attacks, the metallic claws tore apart the tentacles getting closer to them, while Emeraldine's light arrows blocked the void beams in time! The Voidlings started exploding like balloons one after another as they were struck down by both arrows and sharp claws.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Those claws... Did you always have that power?!" Emeraldine asked in surprise.

"I did, but I've reached some sort of breakthrough with it." Partner smiled confidently. "It used to be a Skill I used when I was a mere Skeleton...!"

Indeed, Partner had been evolving this Bone Claw Skill for a while now, and it had reached the point where no normal vampire could ever have such a power within them.

This was Partner's amazing uniqueness. She wasn't exactly born or turned into a vampire; she was a Skeleton that slowly evolved into one.

This meant she still had many of her skeleton skills, now evolved into even greater and bizarre powers.

And her [Crimson Bone Claws] Skill didn't simply extend to two arms...

Much like with Maria and her own Skills, Partner could imitate some of them amazingly well!

"[Crimson Bone Claws]! [Demonic Ghost Fists]!"

Two other Skills from her former skeleton arsenal were activated, two new pairs of crimson skeleton arms surged from her body, as their fists reached the nearby Voidlings, crushing them with countless crimson phantasmal flames-imbued fist attacks!

BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM!

"My Voidlings are getting slain so easily?!" Belphegor was shocked. "That woman, she's not a normal Vampire!"