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Chapter 891 Belphegor Overwhelmed

As Partner and Emeraldine destroyed the Voidlings, they quickly leaped into the skies once more, Emeraldine flying towards Belphegor while Partner used her Vampiric Blood Bats to get to him!

"Oi bastard, your shitty summons didn't even last a second!" Partner mocked his magic. "What was that speech about having eaten all those hearts? I bet you just shat them out in the toilet instead!"

"Y-YOU DARE…?!" Belphegor grew furiously insane. "[Abyssal Void Magic]: [Endless Devouring Void]! I wanted to give you a show, but if you're so desperate to die, then DIE!"

TRUUUMMM…!

An enormous mass of pure Void emerged on his hands, as it flew directly towards Partner, suddenly attempting to devour her completely into the nothingness of the Void!

"Ungh…?! This…!" Partner gritted her teeth as she realized the lethality of such a spell!

"PARTNER!" Emeraldine panicked, firing countless arrows towards Belphegor to make him stop. "[Divine Spirit Arrows of Yggdrasil]!"

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Hahahaha! Useless!" Belphegor mocked her, a veil of pure void was covering his body, protecting him from all damage! "With my [Void Veil], any attack sent to me will simply be negated and absorbed! Do you understand how hopeless you are in this situation now?!"

"Hopeless my ass…"

However, Partner's voice echoed amidst the voice trying to consume everything, her giant Crimson Bone Claws piercing through the void with countless strikes, as her two spears shone with her Divinity and her Blood Energy, dozens of skills activated together to give her a tremendous boost to her stats.

Her [Blood Boost] Skill activated, boosting her Stats by consuming Blood Energy through her body, the [Divinity Drain] Skill began to drain Divinity from the Void Spell itself, weakening it, the [Vampiric Blood Aura] and [Bloodshed Enhancement] Skills further enhanced her Attack Power through the roof as she consumed Blood Energy, and lastly, [Demonic Veil] generated a protective veil made from her newly acquired resource, Demonic Energy!

"RAAAHHH!!!" Partner roared, her two spears overflowing with her Demonic and Blood Energy, as she activated several older skills that had evolved a lot since she was a mere skeleton! "[Combo Piercing Spear Attack]! [Consecutive Thrusts]! [Abyssal Vampiric Spear Thrust]!"

Each Skill further boosted her strength to insane levels, even if they weren't Arts, they were Skills, leveling up over time, each activation meant an explosion of instant power!

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

"You're alive after taking my sure-kill spell?!" Belphegor gasped in disbelief. "T-This has never happened before! I've killed so many S Ranks with it! What is that Vampiress?! Just what is SHE- UGH?!"

Not only Partner broke out of the Void by simply brute forcing her way out of it, but she also reached the bastard of Belphegor in a mere instant, her two spears piercing his Void Veil, covering it on cracks!

"Y-YOU DAMN WOMAN! [Void Demon's Arms]!"

Belphegor roared furiously, two enormous arms made of Void emerged from his Aura, trying to stop Partner's relentless charge!

However, countless spirit wood roots kept growing around them out of nowhere, and so around his Void Veil, weakening them both, making it easier for Partner to destroy them!

"[Demonic Blood Spear Arts]: [Void-Piercing Crimson Spear]!"

FLUOSH!

Partner channeled all her power into the tip of her two spears, fusing them together into a gigantic crimson one, and piercing Belphegor's defenses completely and shattering them all apart!

Crack, CRACK…!

CLAAASH!

"I-IMPOSSIBLE!"

Belphegor agonized as the explosion burned his skin, quickly falling apart from the skies into the ground!

BAAAMMM!!!

"GUH…!"

Belphegor barely stood back up, vomiting blood as he looked into the skies, his Void Energy beginning to gather around him once more, trying to shape into an armor to protect him.

Emeraldine and Partner were coming, descending right towards him as he couldn't even recover properly from his wounds yet!lights

"Y-You damn monsters…!" [Abyssal Void Magic]: [Space Tearing Void Claws]!"

Suddenly two gigantic demonic claws were summoned above him, made out of concentrated Void Energy, blocking both Emeraldine and Partner's attacks!

CLAAASH! CLAAASH!

The attack was so potent it began to tear apart the Void Domain itself, slowly generating cracks everywhere… The face of Belphegor distorted in utter frustration and anger.

"I won't let you live after offending me so much!" He cried. "You will die by my hands-"

"[Crimson Burst]" As Partner said that the two claws, sprayed with blood, exploded.

BOOM!!! BOOM!!!

"W-Wha…?!"

Belphegor was shocked by the sudden destruction of his strong spell, a split of a second before Emeraldine's strongest arrow were to be formed!

"[Divine Spirit Fusion]!" She said, her two Spirits combining together to generate a gigantic arrow combined with her endless source of Yggdrasil's wood! "[Divine Spirit Yggdrasil's Cannon]!"

TRUUUMMM…!

The arrow reached Belphegor like a relentless beam of pure blinding light, piercing through all his barriers, and then reaching his chest!

CLAAASH!

"UUAAARRGGHHH…!" As he gave an agonizing scream while his body was beginning to burn to ashes by the blinding light, a weakness he still had as a Vampire, his body started to slowly melt! "[V-Void Embodiment]…!!!"

His body turned into pure Void Energy, escaping from the lethal blow as he started flying away as a cloud of pure darkness!

"You're not going anywhere, bastard." Partner appeared right in front of him. "[Chains of Lust]!"

FLUOSH!

Chains made of Demonic Energy chained Belphegor in an instant. These Chains were her newest Skill after evolving into a Lilith, giving her the ability to grow stronger the more the target had strong emotions, it didn't even had to be lust!

"UURRGGHH…! M-My void body is being chained?! Unbelievable!" Belphegor screamed in frustration. "DIE! DIE ALL OF YOU! [Absolute Void]!"

TRUUMM…!

His body unleashed an endless shockwave of pure Void, attempting to consume everything surrounding him in that very instant!

"Don't you think you can escape my arrow! [Spirit Arrow Command]!" Emeraldine roared.

"Just die already!" Partner roared. "[Demonic Blood Spear Arts]: [Crimson Oblivion]!"

However, the arrow that he had escaped suddenly moved back towards him, piercing his void body, and destroying the ever-

expanding void shockwave at the same time as Partner's spears pierced the vey core of his exposed soul!

The very combination of attacks generated a tremendous explosion of power, consuming Belphegor, his soul, and all his Void Magic!

TRUUMM…!

"T-This can't be…! T-This is… I am… the second in command…!" Belphegor screamed in agony. "STOP…! STOOOOP…!"

BOOOMMM!

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BOOOMMM!!!

Partner and Emeraldine's combined attacks managed to utterly destroy Belphegor, his soul and body being torn to shreds and dissipated everywhere on a huge, void explosion.

As the entire Void itself trembled by the explosion, Partner quickly fell into the ground, as Emeraldine helped her stand up.

"W-We did it!" Partner said. "Phew… That bastard was… quite something."

"Y-Yeah, I didn't thought he would even transform several times." Emeraldine admitted. "His magic above all, was very dangerous… If he was truly the Belphegor I've heard about, we've defeated a monster that has lived for thousands of years tormenting people."

"Well, that's nice and all but I am beginning to wonder what the heck is going on in here." Partner stretched her arms. "Should we break through somewhere? Maybe if we break the Void?"

"I guess we could try, seeing how that man was able to manipulate the Void, this magic barrier might have been erected by him, if we broke his magic, maybe we can do the same with this." Emeraldine analyzed the components. "For now-"

TRUUUMMM…!

However, a huge rumbling sound shook the surroundings, as the two girls looked into the skies with stupefied expressions, the void itself was beginning to twist wildly, countless cracks spreading across the entire domain.

Crack, crack… CRACK!

"Looks like that problem is resolving itself now." Partner nodded, crossing her arms. "I'm a genius, aren't I?"

"I wouldn't go as far as saying you're a genius, you didn't do anything!" Emeraldine sighed. "Though, doesn't this feels strange…?"

Emeraldine felt an ominous feeling as the void surrounding the two started to rumble and shatter, revealing several holes that led to a completely white space.

However, as the two flew into the skies and tried to sneak out, the void itself, which seemed to be constantly melting… moved on its own.

"GRAAAHHH!!!"

A monstrous, ethereal shriek echoed from within it, the two realized a bit too late what was happening, as countless crimson eyes opened across the entire Void Domain.

Tentacles emerged from within them as well, slowly creeping towards the pair, their eyes filled with disbelief!

"YOUUUUU…!"

"Wait, he's not dead?!" Partner was shaken.

"Belphegor?!" Emeraldine was even more shaken. "You…?! Did you became this Domain?! What the..?!"

"GRAAHAHAHAH!"

Belphegor laughed as his tentacles attacked Emeraldine and Partner with several powerful strikes, throwing the two of them into the floor!

BAAAMMM!!!

"Did you thought you could get rid of someone as almighty as myself?!" Laughed Belphegor, his laughter echoing all across the Void.

His form was constantly changing and shapeshifting, he had become the complete Dimensional Domain that was composed of Void!

"The moment you broke me into pieces, I was able to luckily combine into this Domain!" Laughed Belphegor. "I will not die until I get rid of the enemies of Master Maleficus! I am an immortal Sorcerer! The Void King himself!"

Not only above the dark, void skies, but also below them, the endless darkness moved on its own. Belphegor had made of the entire pseudo dimensional domain his whole body.

Hundreds of thousands of spear-headed tentacles appeared everywhere, as Partner and Emeraldine began fighting desperately for survival, surrounded from all sides!

RUMBLE!

While this happened, the entire structure that maintained all the Domains started shaking. Mostly all Domains had been destroyed one way or another, even if some were still standing, they had suffered damage and were left with large holes.

The black crystal rotating in the middle of all this chaos was beginning to rotate faster and faster, attempting to maintain everything in order, it slowly started gaining countless cracks…

"Tsk…" The old man right in front of the black crystal clicked his tongue in frustration. "Everything is going downhill; nothing is working as intended! This was a perfect plan, to trap all of you bastards separately and kill you one by one! Our men were strong, all of them S Rank! Yet… yet you even managed to get right in front of me?! Bullshit… This is impossible! This plan was devised by me and approved by lord Maleficus! I had no FLAWS!"

As the old man kept groaning frustratedly, his aura kept growing larger, an endless sea of pure darkness, started exuding from his body. his small and thin hands melding into this ethereal and liquid essence of pure chaos and miasma!

Massive yellow eyes started popping out of the liquid body he was melting into, the ones confronting him weren't just a couple, they were five powerful fighters that got this far…

"It's doing something weird…" Silva pointed at the old man. "What is he trying to do?!"

"He's transforming like the others, but… it's weird. His presence is becoming so unsettling…" Catarina muttered, gritting her teeth. "W-What is this presence?!"

"It feels like something similar to a Fragment of the Evil God." Tear said. "A true fragment, not a secretion of it…"

"A True Fragment…" Takeshi muttered. "No… it is not like that, it's different…"

"Whatever it is, we have to kill it and destroy that crystal he's protecting so eagerly!" Said Laura, her hands summoning huge black and purple fireballs.

"Try as hard as you can…" The old man spoke, his robe being left behind as his entire body had undergone a complete transformation, becoming an enormous black slime with countless tentacle and huge, bubbly yellow eyes. A long jaw spread all across his body. "Your attempts will only be futile! Weaklings, come and die by my hand! Your souls and power will become our Great Lord's sacrifices! His resurrection is close! And all of you sinners will PAY!"

"You're spouting a lot of fucking nonsense for someone in the range of my ice magic!" Tear roared.

"Let's go, Laura!" Takeshi said, his oceanic domain spreading.

"Alright!" Laura nodded, a gigantic explosion chaos demon appeared behind her, with even more arms than before, and looking tremendously threatening.

"I guess there's no helping it… Silva, can you lend us a hand?" Catarina asked.

"Okay!" Silva nodded, imbuing her powers into Catarina, Blackie, and Takeshi and Laura, enhancing their stats and abilities even further!

FLUOSH!

"You seem so eager to die…!" The abomination laughed. "I'll gladly make your wish come true!"

Chapter 893 Agonizing Battle

"[Winter's Wrath]!" Tear roared, rushing towards her opponent almost fearlessly, her aura of pure ice started spreading faster and faster, generating a powerful wave of pure freezing air!

FLUOSH!

It quickly generated an almighty blizzard, beginning to freeze all her surroundings as it quickly reached her opponent, the old man, now having turned into a slimy aberration, noticed his body beginning to freeze!

"This is… Divine Ice Magic…!" He muttered, his countless eyes opening wide.

"And that's not all!" Tear roared.

She quickly raised her hands, generating several spears made of ice, and firing them against the evil magician one after another, each one was as huge as thirty meters of height!

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

Their impacts generated explosions of pure frost, spreading a freezing energy over his body, his slimy body froze into black pieces, which started falling from his body.

It looked as if he was crumbling apart!

"Hmmm… Quite annoying indeed…"

The old man kept fighting back against the ice by constantly expanding his body and leaving behind the frozen pieces. Tear was surprised he could endlessly grow like this.

But even then, he was still weakened thanks to her magic!

"Now, while I have him!" Tear roared, as Takeshi and Laura made their way towards the aberration.

"Alright, it's time!"

Takeshi quickly summoned his Fishing Rod once more, which overflowed with magical energy. He quickly imbued it with his mana, changing the shape of the metallic thread and its hook!

"[Divine Fishing Rod Transformation: Eight-Headed Orochi]!"

This was one of his new techniques, after having spent so much time pondering what his fishing rod was truly capable of, he realized he didn't even need to keep it at its core form.

And that as long as it was the thread and the hook, he could change its shape by imbuing it with Mana and concentrating into its shape.

Like liquid metal, its form changed, it even create new mass!

"SHAAAAHH!"

The Fishing Rod quickly transformed, becoming eight gigantic snake heads, each one as large as ten meters, their jaws huge enough to swallow entire buildings!

CRAASH! CRAASH! CRAASH!

Their gigantic jaws started biting through their foe's body, tearing apart his frozen pieces and trying to weaken him as much as possible!

"Now! [Chaotic Explosion Flare Fists]!"

Laura commanded her giant Demonic Manifestation, her fists unleashing countless explosions of pure and crimson flames as her Explosion Demon pummeled the miasmic aberration with countless strikes!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

The gigantic monster kept taking damage as it squinted its countless eyes, suddenly, hundreds of magic circles emerged in the split of a second.

"My turn…! [Miasmic Chaos Plague]!"

BBBBZZZTTTT…!

Suddenly, from the magic circles, countless tiny slimy creatures emerged, flying everywhere and swarming Tear, Takeshi, and Laura's attacks!

CRUNCH! CRUNCH! CRUNCH!

In mere seconds, they started devouring magic itself, their spells weakening severely as they were left utterly speechless!

"W-What?! My ice magic is being eaten?!" Tear was speechless when she realized her freezing magic was not working anymore, her icicle spears disappearing one after another.

"My fishing rod!" Takeshi was shaken when he saw the eight snake heads of his fishing rod suddenly being devoured! "I didn't knew it could break… This has never happened before!"lights

"My explosions are being negated?!" Laura was also surprised, even more, her demon which flew to protect her in front of her was suddenly devoured completely! "No!"

The swarms then merged back with their foe's body, recovering all the flesh he had lost!

"Hahahah… HAHAHAHA! It's all USELESS!"

The slime-like monster laughed, as his body suddenly changed form again, from within, giant tridents made of pure chaotic energies emerged one after another…

"Die! [Abyssal Chaos Tridents]!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Without being able to protect themselves with magic as the swarms kept eating it, the tridents reached them in a single second, clashing against their armors!

"NO!"

Catarina rushed forwards, her palms moving at an incredibly rapid speed, several fists attacked landed on the tridents like explosive meteors, exploding with crimson flames!

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

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Each trident exploded into pieces, as Catarina's arms were being constantly sliced and torn apart. She didn't felt pain because she was an Undead, but she knew that she was pushing her own body to her limits!

"Blackie, take them away!" Catarina screamed desperately.

"WOOF!"

Blackie quickly conjured several shadows and dragged everyone down to safety, moving away quickly as Catarina was left taking all the attacks!

"C-Catarina!!!" Takeshi panicked.

"KUAHAHAHA! What a noble sacrifice! I'll make sure to tear you to shreds now that you've given me the opportunity, you traitorous vampire zombie!"

The aberration was overjoyed, more and more projectiles kept coming out of his body at an incredibly fast speed, in mere seconds, Catarina found herself surrounded by thousands of them!

She only had two fists, and even with her Aura Manifestation, that was only about another two pairs!

"RAAAAHHH!"

Her eyes overflowed with crimson flames, as she constantly punched all the projectiles at once, making them shatter into pieces as they came!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

"S-Shit…! I can't… keep going anymore!"

However, Catarina quickly lost the strength of her body, having fully spent most of her Mana, the projectiles started piercing her completely. Her two arms were torn into shreds and her legs as well, followed by her chest being pierced dozens of times. Catarina's eyes glanced one last time at Silva, before her head was blown to bits, her brains splattering over the floor.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"Noooo!!!"

Silva screamed in agony as she saw Catarina, her big sister, being torn to pieces. Tears flowed from her eyes as the laughter of the abomination that took her down echoed in the background…

"KUAHAHAHAHA! USELESS! PATHETIC WEAKLING! NOW…! ALL OF YOU ARE NEXT!"

Without even giving them any time to process what had just happened, the aberration quickly pounced towards all of them, his gigantic body taking the shape of several spears, piercing the ground constantly, Blackie barely managing to help them move away, the swarms were far away enough, so their magic was quickly conjured in quick succession.

Projectiles made of frost, explosions of chaotic flames, and oceanic currents constantly clashed against his body, dealing almost no damage!

"DIE!"

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

Chapter 894 Nyx's Rage

Crack, crack…!

CRAAASH!

The void of one of the domains shattered into pieces, as a gigantic black dragon emerged from within it, carrying over her back a large group of children, accompanied by an adult woman.

It was Nyx, Fabian and his friends, and Celes and his mother.

"Eh?! Where are we now?!" Nyx wondered, looking around her surroundings. "This entire area's completely white?! And we can clearly see the other domains, they look like black bubbles!"

"T-That's right!" Fabian nodded. "This is weird… Maybe we reached the end of it? Wait, perhaps this place is the core of the whole domain or something."

"If that's right, then that means we should look for what's keeping everything working." Nia said, Celes's mother. "Celes, dear, can you sense something? I remember that you were able to sense the bad energies."

"I-I can…" Celes gulped saliva, sweating all over in utter fear. "O-Over there! Far away!"

The boy pointed into the far away distance, there was a gigantic mass of black slime swirling around something bright and crystalline… and just a couple of meters from there, the same black slime-like entity was chasing down a group of people!

"Wait! Aren't those Takeshi and Laura?! And Tear and Silva too!"

Without even saying another word, Nyx immediately flew towards them to give them a hand! All while the people on her back started to get ready to engage on a fight once more.

"Shit, they're being chased by that thing!" Fabian screamed.

"Wait, where's Catarina at?!" Spectra said. "I remember that she was with Silva, right? Maybe the two got teleported together?"

"But that's…" Garon wondered. "She's nowhere to be seen- Eek!"

However, the kids quickly realized a horrendous sight… a pile of flesh, bones and innards resting over the white floor.

Nyx could gruesomely notice Catarina's red hair, and one of her eyeballs resting over the pile of flesh…

Her heart suddenly started beating faster and faster, everyone was left speechless by seeing the horrendous sight.

"Hahhh… A-Auntie… C-Catarina…! Hahhh…!"

Nyx started to suddenly have a panic attack as she saw a beloved member of her family killed, horrendously gruesomely at that…

"HMM?!"

The gigantic slime quickly glanced into the skies with its countless yellow eyes, noticing a gigantic dragon flying down towards him at an incredibly rapid speed!

"What is that?! A dragon?!" He suddenly stopped chasing the weaklings, quickly directing his attention towards her. "Well, I might as well get rid of this fly beforehand!"

"Hahhh…! HAAAHHH…!" Nyx kept breathing heavily as her entire body's mana wavelengths became completely chaotic!

Fabian panicked, as he felt like Nyx… was beginning to channel and harness a dangerous power!

"Spectra!"

"Yeah!"

Spectra quickly spread out her phantasmal energies out and grabbed everyone else, leaping out of Nyx before she was to let go of all her rage!

RUMBLE!

"GRAAAAAHHHHHHH…!!!!"

With a furious, wrathful roar, Nyx's entire body exuded a gigantic shockwave of pure darkness and phantasmal energy.

This energy… this power… it wasn't just born from rage alone.

It was born from her frustration to not have been able to come earlier, to not have been able to stop this.lights

From her despair and sorrow of seeing someone she cared having been killed so horribly.

And from the utter horror she experienced by realizing how fragile their lives truly were.

The draconic instincts within her heart awakened, her Dragon Heart started overflowing with an innate power she had yet to even utilize since her birth.

The power that combined not only her father's amazing bloodline, but also Maria's incredible magical power which she inherited to her.

This deadly combination…!

"ROOOOAAAAARRRRRRRR!!!"

With a ferocious roar, her entire body started growing ten of times larger, from the mere fifty meters she was to over two hundred, like a black meteor, she reached the black slime, the vampire that had become an eldritch abomination, and kicked him down with a meteoric, explosive strike.

BAAAMMM!

"UNNGGHH?! AAARRGGHHH…!"

The old man quickly realized that this wasn't just a kick, Nyx put everything into this reckless attack, a deadly body slam with all she had! Her entire body erupted with countless amounts of energies.

Her phantasmal flames quickly transformed, growing blacker and blacker, they weren't just her father's Abyssal Death Flames, nor her mother's Death Phantom Flames…

It was something much deadlier and stronger…

"W-What is this power?!" The old vampire thought, his entire body beginning to burn horrendously, slowly starting to turn into ashes! "This dragon…! Where did she came from?! These flames possess… The pure Element of Chaos and… Demonic Power?! No! There's something else…! Void? No…! W-What is this?! What is this feeling of… utter emptiness?"

It wasn't Darkness, it wasn't Chaos, it wasn't Death, it wasn't even Void…

It was a much more powerful Element…

No, a Concept.

"D-Demise?!" The Old Vampire finally realized. "This is one of the Divine Concepts that only Gods wield! Why is a young dragon like her in the possession of this Element?!"

"RAAAAAAHHHHH!!!"

Nyx kept roaring furiously. The Concept of Demise that was born within her little Dragon Heart took over her entire body, making her go utterly berserk!

Her gigantic claws started tearing him apart, the pieces she took out were instantly turned into ashes!

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

Her tail pierced his body countless times like a void-enhanced spear, countless holes spread across his slimy structure, without being able to fully regenerate.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

And above all… her breath!

"GRAAAAHHH!"

Her gigantic jaws opened wide, enormous quantities of dark purple flames emerged, overflowing and then, out of nowhere, gaining a deep dark crimson color.

"She can even imbue Demise into her breath?!" He thought. "NO! GET AWAY FROM ME!"

With utter horror of a sudden death, the old Vampire's entire body started swirling around, escaping from Nyx's grasp, and trying to run away as far as he could from her!

His tentacles pierced her body, leaving countless holes across her titanic size, but she didn't even care about the pain, her mind was completely taken over by her awakened Divine Power.

And the gigantic dragon breath was released, piercing through half of his body and completely disintegrating it!

BOOOMMM!!!

Chapter 895 Rampage

"GRUUUAAAGGH…!"

The old Vampire gave out a monstrous shriek, half his body was completely disintegrated as Tear, Takeshi, Laura, and Silva watched an enraged Mist take him down!

BAAAMMM!!!

His gigantic body landed on the white floor below, shaking its foundations and creatin fissures in the dimensional pillars themselves.

"ROOOAAARRR!"

Nyx gave a furious roar, her mouth constantly vomiting her Flames of Demise, her eyes spiraling out of control!

"N-Nyx?! Is that Nyx?!" Laura cried. "That silver hair… It's not Lucifer, it's her!"

"What happened to her?!" Takeshi asked, coughing. "She's… furious!"

"She must have seen what happened to Catarina…" Tear cried. "But even then, this is too much… Did she ever had such a latent power within her?!"

"W-We don't really know…" Laura sighed. "Blackie, keep running, make some distance between us and Nyx! She seems out of control!"

"WOOOF!"

Blackie was whimpering as he saw Catarina die, but he was still a brave wolf, quickly running away while carrying everyone on his wide back, rushing farther and farther as the aberration's gigantic body kept falling and spreading over the ground.

The gigantic Nyx didn't stop there, her hands suddenly started gathering phantasmal and chaotic energies, fusing with her Concept of Demise, a gigantic spear was formed!

"W-What is she trying now?!" The old vampire thought, panicking! "Y-YOU! STOP ALREADY!"

With a furious roar, a gigantic magic circle was conjured with all his Mana, summoning a huge sword made of black flesh and countless red eyes…

"[Chaotic Abyssal Sword of Pestilence]!"

FLASH!

The sword reached Nyx, clashing against her stomach, and piercing her scales, blood splattering everywhere!

CLAAASH!

"Hahahahah! Take that you damn fucking lizard!"

The aberration celebrated, quickly running away from her as he laughed… However, Nyx barely reacted to the deadly attack, her spear already formed, she fired it at him!

"GRAAAAARRRRGH!"

"What?!"

FLAAASH!

The spear easily pierced through his body, an enormous explosion of dark purple and dark red flames engulfed him almost completely!

BOOOMMM!!!

The explosion quickly started to consume his body endlessly, the old vampire desperately kept crawling away while constantly trying to regenerate!

At the same time, Nyx took off the sword from her stomach, her guts completely exposed as she was panting and gasping for air…

"GRAAAGGGH…. HAAAHHH…!"

She quickly started to feel dizzy, the power her rage had given to her was beginning to fade away…

"NYX!"

Celes and Fabian's group quickly made their way towards her, her entire body slowly beginning to reduce her size. Whatever transformation she had undergone, it was quickly deactivating!

"C-Celes! Can you heal her?!" Fabian screamed, running towards her with everyone else.

"I-I don't know! I'll try!" Celes was already crying after seeing Nyx in such a horrendous state, her body quickly falling to her knees.

"RAAAAAHHH!!!"

However, Nyx was still below the effects of the Concept of Demise, her berserk state was making her unstable, she roared back at her friends as if she had never meet them before!

"N-Nyx! It's me! Your friend!" Celes cried, running towards her with his mother at his side.

"GRAAAAHHH!"

Nyx suddenly swung her long tail against them!

"S-Shit!"lights

Fabian quickly touched the ground with his hands, several walls of Demonite were erected one after another, but her tails wipe broke them all in seconds.

CRAAASH!

"Stop, Nyx!"

Spectra's phantasmal power concentrated together into a gigantic hand, stopping her enormous tail for a split of a second!

"This is not you!"

Garon's flames fused into his body, creating a gigantic arm made of volcanic stone and flames, resisting Nyx's gigantic tail from crushing them.

"Uwaah! S-She's going crazy!"

Beery concentrated as many plants as he could, creating yet another support, doing his very best…

"I can't believe the cutest girl is the one going crazy now! Fuck! Dammit!"

Nick was just as desperate, concentrating all his poisonous winds into several snake-like heads that resisted the tail like a huge hand.

"Nyx! You have to snap out of it! If you don't, we can't heal you! Please…!" Celes kept running towards her.

"C-Celes! Don't! I-It's too dangerous!" His mother, Nia, stopped him, dragging him back.

"B-But mom! She's in agony! If we don't do something… Sniff… she's gonna die too!" Celes kept crying tears of sorrow. "I don't want her to die! Nyx's my friend!"

"C-Celes…" Nia started crying. "B-But…"

"Please… trust me… mama!" Celes cried, his aura suddenly growing larger, responding to his emotions.

Nia was perplexed as his little son started generating an almighty, divine presence. A calming atmosphere took his surroundings, as if everything had become a serene Oasis.

His aura exuded a bright blue color, with several sparkling lights… Fabian and his friends were left speechless, as his Aura slowly took the slight shape of someone.

A tall, beautiful woman, looking at Nyx agonizing with eyes filled with empathy…

She couldn't talk, yet her emotions exuded from her very presence.

"T-That's…!" Nia muttered, in utter disbelief.

"Let me… do it!" Celes said, looking into his mother's eyes. His eyes glowing with bright blue divine light. "I wanna help her… Nyx is.. my best friend…!"

Nia nodded slowly, as she let go of her little boy. Celes ran towards Nyx, his aura swirling around him, creating a protective vortex that protected him from her angered claw attacks!

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

Water started splattering everywhere, as the young boy kept advancing.

"Nyx! Please… Stop!"

"Graaaawwrrr…!"

Nyx groaned in pain and anger, gasping for air, vomiting blood. Her entire body was growing paler…

"Please let me get through!" Celes cried, his eyes staring into hers.

"Grrrrgghhh…"

Nyx slowly calmed down as the cold water covered her claws and then her face… Her spiraling red eyes slowly changing color, becoming deep blue.

"Cough… C-Ce… les…?" She muttered.

"NYX!"

Celes ran towards Nyx, his tiny hands touching her torn open stomach.

"S-Stay right there, don't move!" He cried, his tears shining brightly, overflowing with spiritual divine light.

"Urgh…" Nyx kept vomiting blood, her breath becoming slower. "My belly… hurts…"

"Please, work, please work, please work!!!"

Celes screamed, all of the power coming from his aura was unleashed and reached Nyx's gigantic wound.

FLAAASH!

Chapter 896 A Mother's Strength!

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Nia and Fabian and his friends watched in utter disbelief and awe at what Celes conjured. His entire power, everything into the wish of healing his beloved friend.

His pure heart and his divine spiritual soul combined their strengths together, the beautiful manifestation of his past life emerging above him, gently smiling at him and Nyx.

"You have… such a pure heart… my reincarnation…"

She whispered with gentle words, as her crystalline, pure, and clean waters filled Nyx's wounds, washing away the infections, the blood, and even the torn down guts.

"[Divine Spiritual Spring Magic]: [Goddess of Healing's Divine Elixir Tears]"

Her tears flew down into Nyx's disinfected and horrendously large wound, suddenly, the lost flesh, which couldn't regenerate due to all the damage she had taken and how she had depleted all her energy almost instantly, quickly began to regrow!

FLAAASH!

Countless tendrils wrapped around one another, her bones regrew, her organs constantly grew back, her muscles, skin, and scales…

It was utterly miraculous.

And her gigantic body, once healed, slowly went back to her small form, her eyes faintly opening, looking at Celes.

"Ce… les…"

"Nyx! You're alright! Ugh…!"

However, before the boy could even say another word, he fell to his knees, feeling like all his energy had been drained in a second.

"Celes!"

His mother ran towards the boy, hugging him tightly.

"There… you've done enough…" She sighed, hugging him tightly. "Nyx, are you okay?"

"Ugh…" Nyx groaned, her eyes slowly growing sleepy. "I'm… sleepy…"

"I'm amazed… That power is incredible. It is what my Great Lord needs to finally be truly resurrected."

Suddenly, a voice echoed from above, Nia's eyes opened wide to see a gigantic black slime with countless yellow eyes glaring at her…

"Y-You're not dead?!"

"Dead? That is not a concept that goes along with me… Now, give me those children! They're perfect sacrifices for my Great Lord's resurrection!!!"

With a furious, monstrous roar, the old vampire attacked, gigantic black claws reaching down to catch the children!

"NEVER!"

Nia mustered whatever strength she could, quickly grabbing both children and running away… Quickly realizing she could hold them much easier than before!

Every vampire her party defeated shared EXP with her, without realizing it, her level had gone up tremendously, giving her enough strength to carry them both and barely manage to slip away from the old aberration's grasp!

CRAAASH!

RUMBLE!

The white dimensional floor, which was a pillar to the entire array shook more, countless fissures spreading across its entirety as the attacks from the rampaging old vampire kept chasing down Nia!

"Nyx! Celes!" Nia cried, only to realize both children had passed out on her arms, they were too tired to do anything else. "They're asleep! Ahhh!"

The mother panicked, running faster and faster. Her stats working wonders now, after she had gained over sixty levels from all the shared EXP!

And that wasn't all, when so many levels were given so quickly, some of the EXP would quickly go to Skills, or could even generate new Skills, something Maria and her party often experienced as their skills would level up like crazy after fighting a mighty foe.

The same happened to Nia. The once clueless and weak mother, that despite her weakness would always stand in front of her son and protect him, grew stronger, even if only a little bit.

[The [Flash Step: Lv3] Skill has activated.]

[Movement Speed has increased by +300% for 5 Minutes.]

[The Effects of the [Unyielding Motherly Love: Lv7] Title Skill have been activated.]

[While protecting your beloved children, All Stats increase by +70% for 10 Minutes.]

FLAAASH!

Her Aura grew stronger, as her eyes glowed with a bright green light, she quickly started leaping rom one place to another, the gigantic tentacles never reaching her!

BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM!

"W-What are you?! Some kind of human frog hybrid?!" Roared the angered slime, quickly beginning to spread his body thin as he realized his mass was still too few after tanking all of those blows. "Dammit! COME HERE!"

He quickly shapeshifted, gaining swift cheetah-like legs and chasing Nia with great intent… Yet Nia wasn't going to give up either! Her eyes concentrated, suddenly, her magic emerged out of her body.

"Like Maria taught me…! Like Emeraldine… said so!" She thought. "Concentrate… Shape the Runes… Unify them! Stack them all together! T-There!"

Suddenly, Nia stopped moving, as she was greeted by a gigantic cheetah-shaped aberration made of black miasmic slime and covered on countless yellow eyes!

"FOOL! YOU'RE ALL WIDE OPEN! GRAAAH!"

"[Wind Tempest]!"

"Huh?!"

A green magic circle appeared in front of Nia, a big one at that… Nia's Elemental Affinity was the rare Wind Attribute, and although she was only taught the most basic of runes, she simply stacked them hundreds of times over… into a single, powerful spell!

FLUOSH!

A gigantic tempest of chaotic winds engulfed the old vampire, quickly forming into a gigantic tornado that took him over and started to slowly tear apart his body!

"What the hell?! AARRGGHH…!"

He wasn't really taking that much damage, but it was pushing him away constantly, giving Nia the time to finally reach Fabian and his friends, who had been thrown away from all the tremors provoked by the vampire's attacks.

"Lady Nia!" Fabian cried. "Over here! Quickly!"

"Haah!"

Nia leaped into the air as she was grabbed by Spectra's phantasmal aura, shaped into a huge eagle, the entire group set into the skies, running away from the approaching threat!

"Where do you think you're going, you damn- UGH?!"

Suddenly, however, his tail was beginning to freeze seconds after he finally managed to break out of Nia's wind magic!

"You're not forgetting about us, right? You filthy fucking bastard!" Tear roared with utter fury, the weight of having lost Catarina still within her heart!

"You're not going AWAY!!!" Laura roared, suddenly leaping right over his body, from her hands came hundreds of tiny pebbles, touching his body and then… "[Detonation]!"

"UNGH?!"

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Countless explosions engulfed him!

Chapter 897 Taking Revenge

While Tear mustered her last Mana to freeze his tail and stop him from chasing Nia and the children, Laura threw hundreds of pebbles she had already touched to the damned vampire.

"[Detonation]!"

"UNGH?!"

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Countless explosions engulfed him! Usually, they wouldn't do much damage, but because they were constantly overlapping with one another in such a small space, and they were literal hundreds, it ended dealing tremendous damage!

"AAARRGGHH…!"

The Vampire gave an agonizing scream, his body quickly losing a large part of its mass. He was already incapable of expanding further than ten meters!

From the giant that was over a hundred meters of height, his size had been reduced tremendously! He had to quickly run away! As long as he could slowly get more mass by consuming things, he would quickly regenerate back.

However, he was now cornered.

SPLAAASH!

He suddenly fell into pure water, his eyes looking everywhere to realize he had fallen into some sort of oceanic domain.

And walking on top of that water there was a boy, Takeshi!

"Now that you're in my domain, you're nothing but a fish to be caught!"

His Fishing Rod had already fully regenerated after he simply remade it using another metal rod, quickly reaching the bastard with its long metallic threads.

"[Divine Fishing Rod Transformation: Sea Dragon]!"

The oceanic water of his domain fused with his fishing rod, suddenly taking the form of a gigantic, coiling sea snake dragon, roaring furiously, and attacking the vampire with everything it had!

"ROOOAAARRRR!"

"Y-You can do that too?!"

SPLASH!

Water pierced all his body, constantly tearing him apart through incredibly fast turbulences and immense water pressures.

"GRAAAAHHH…! F-FUCK!"

Suddenly, dozens of magic circles materialized around his body, firing countless tridents everywhere, which exploded on contact!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

With that alone, he was able to free himself from the attacks, quickly landing on the ground and sloppily beginning to escape!

"I've left a Doppelganger protecting the Void Crystal!" He thought. "As long as I can reunite with it, I'll regain my original size and powers! Alone that thing does not possess my genius intellect, so it's quite dumb! I have to get to it again, so-"

"WOOOF!"

However, before he could even reach his destination, a gigantic black wolf appeared right above him, crushing him down into the ground, several shadows appearing and wrapping around his body!

"W-WHAT NOW?!" He screamed, suddenly realizing the wolf that woman he killed had come! "This damn stupid dog is here?! No! There's no way it would be so strong on its own- Huh? That little girl!"

He quickly realized that, riding the wolf, there was a little girl with big sheep-like horns, and fluffy hair. Her red eyes were still crying, but she was furrowing her eyebrows in utter fury…

"Y-You…! YOU WILL PAY FOR KILLING BIG SIS!!!"

With a scream filled with utter anger, frustration, sorrow, sadness, and countless emotions swirling together in the young girl's Demonic Heart, her Miasmic Ability activated to its full potential.

TRUUUMM…!

An enormous quantity of Miasmic Energy flowed into Blackie, the wolf, having already grown accustomed to it, accepted its energy, even if it was burdening on his body!

After all, the wolf had traveled with Catarina for so long, she was his everything, his beloved master! He had to avenge her! Or he wouldn't be able to respond to the name she gave to him!lights

"AWOOOOOO!!!"

"W-What the…?! What is happening?!"

The Vampire stepped back in utter disbelief, as he saw the Abyssal Shadow Wolf Zombie transform into an even larger form, gaining a pair of heads on each of his shoulders, and another pair of legs.

His body size now growing over fifteen meters, his black fur gaining countless crimson stripes, and his long tail gaining several black-scaled snake-like heads…

A third eye opened on his original head, while all the heads howled together…

The beast had evolved into something utterly disturbing, exuding the power of an S Rank Monster!

"S-She…! Impossible! Her Miasmic Ability can awaken Monsters Powers?! No… She can temporarily evolve them to this point! Wasn't that thing just B Rank last time I checked?! It has now become S Rank! That's ridiculous! Is there such a Miasmic Ability out there?!" The Vampire was completely flabbergasted by what he had just witnessed.

"Hahhh… HAAHHH… KILL HIM, BOY!"

Silva was constantly in pain while using her ability to grant Blackie the power to avenge his master, but she was bearing with it while riding him!

"GRRRRGGGHHHH…! RRAAAAAARR!!!"

Blackie rushed with utter fury towards the vampire, moving at lightning speed and leaving black-colored electricity behind!

"You're nothing but a damn DOG! Do you think that your trick is going to WORK?!"

However, he was prideful, quickly deciding to just fight him head-on! His monstrous body shapeshifting and generating dozens of spears, attacking the wolf!

"ROOAARR!"

Blackie, however, intercepted the attacks with his six gigantic claws, enormous explosions of darkness were released as the two clashed against one another!

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

"URGH…!" The aberrant slime muttered. "He's overpowering me so easily?! Argh, I'm too damn weakened! And- Huh?!"

He quickly realized it wasn't just a thing of his mass… His body was still slowly freezing, pieces of him falling and he didn't even notice… Aside from that, there was still steel threads spread all over his body, keeping his wounds open. And to make things worse, flames were still burning some areas too.

Tear, Laura, and Takeshi were still activating their Magics despite being so far away from him now, their eyes glaring at him as they rested over the ground, their bodies paralyzed out of exhaustion, yet.. they were not giving up!

"Blackie, Silva…!" Takeshi muttered.

"You can do it!" Tear cried.

"KILL THAT BASTARD!!!" They roared together.

"RAAAAAHHHH!!!"

Blackie and Silva roared at the same time, combining their powers, as Blackie's threw jaws opened, unleashing countless darkness beams, pulverizing their foe's body with countless explosions, followed by his claws tearing him down and burning him with black flames!

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

"W-Wait…! STOP! STOOOP!!!"

The Vampire screamed in agony, he was actually the third in command to Maleficus, the Shapeshifting Abyssal Slime Halberoth!

Yet now, he was being utterly defiled!

Three more beams of darkness reached him, his magic incapable of fighting back!

"GRYAAAAEEGGGHH…!"

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

His body and soul were torn to shreds!

Chapter 898 Maria Arrives!

"It can't be…! To be killed by this… damn dog…!"

Halberoth, who had lived for hundreds of years and devoured countless innocents with his strange, miasmic slime body, perished!

BOOOMMM!!!

"W-We did it…"

"Catarina…"

"We avenged… you…"

"Big… sis…"

At the same time as his death, Tear, Takeshi, and Laura passed out, and so did Silva, while Blackie barely managed to stay awake, slowly reducing to his base form.

"Awoooooo!"

He howled one last time, quickly manipulating his shadows and bringing everyone with him, running towards where he could smell the scent of their friends.

Meanwhile, Fabian, his friends, and Nia watched the swirling mass of black miasma that Halberoth had left behind, a doppelganger that shared a large part of his stats and powers, but lacked his soul and mind, being a mindless monster that obeyed his orders.

"That thing's not dead yet…!" Fabian said. "Did it divided itself or something?!"

"We have to take it down or we'll never be freed from this damn place!" Spectra said.

"But how?! We're already all exhausted…" Garon sighed.

"I-If only Maria or Lucifer were here…" Nia muttered. "Children… Perhaps we should simply…"

"Run away? We can't!" Nick said. "The only thing we can do is… wait! But I don't want to wait… I'm tired of waiting and being an absolute useless piece of crap! That's the reason why I ended dying in the first place… Why we were all sacrificed to that ugly skeleton…"

"Nick…" Beery sighed. "B-But… What can we do?"

"It is odd though." Fabian suddenly commented. "That thing is not reacting at all… Is it dumb or something? Maybe it lacks the intelligence of its master somehow."

"It is much smaller…" Nia said. "Nyx and Celes are sleeping but…"

"We should try attacking it! If we can distract it and let it show us the crystal for a second… One of us could sneak an attack and break it!" Garon suddenly said.

"T-That's… not a bad idea, actually!" Spectra said. "If we can do that much then… By all means!"

"…" Fabian thought about it in silence, but after having seen how everyone was doing their best in this fight, he couldn't simply choose the most secure paths, he had to do something himself. "Okay, let's do it…!"

Drinking their last Mana Potions, the children channeled all their magic into single, powerful spells. The plan was simple, three of them would attack it, the other would attack the crystal once it was shown.

And they would do it all from the skies, hoping for the beast to not come all the way there… Though there were risks, it was a good idea if they wanted to get out of this situation as fast as they could!

"[Demonic Spiritual Flame Spear: Ifrit's Fang]!"

"[Miasmic Poison Winds: Thanatos' Hand]!"

"[Abyssal Dark Wood: Fist of Nature]!"

Garon, Nick, and Beery conjured what they thought was their strongest spells so far. Combining and fusing all their magic power into a single point and shaping it all into an almighty floating projectile.

All three of them descended at rapid speed towards the aberration right below them, landing on quick succession one after another, huge explosions of flames, corroding venom and entangling and draining nature covering the aberration of over thirty meters!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"GRYYYEEEEHH!"

The monster gave an agonizing scream, a large part of its body beginning to wither and fall apart! Everyone was shocked it hurt the monster so much! Its body was beginning to swirl around rapidly, as if it was about to move away!

However…

"GRRRHH…"

Hundreds of magic circles were conjured in a split of a second all around the creature, materializing huge swords made of pure black sludge, with red eyes on top of them.

The doppelganger might lack complex intelligence, but it could conjure all of the original's spells… Or even modify them and make them stronger or more efficient, just by using its instincts alone!

"W-What the…?!" Fabian muttered, a split of a second before hundreds of swords reached them.

They knew what these swords were… they were the swords that almost killed Nyx, albeit much smaller! A strike from these Pestilence Swords was death sentence!

"R-RUN! RUN, SPECTRA!"

Panicking, Spectra quickly started flying as fast as possible from the scene, using her giant phantasmal wings! However, her speed wasn't even enough!

"I told you this was a bad idea!" Nia cried, conjuring her winds, and helping them fly away faster and faster!

The swords kept exploding in midair as they almost landed on them, they were constantly running away from endless bombardments and explosions!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"T-They're getting closer and closer!" Beery cried.

"Shit, shit, shit! Fuck! I shouldn't had even suggested this!" Nick was crying as well.

"T-This is hopeless…!" Garon cried.

"Dammit!" Fabian used all his mana to constantly fire giant arrows made of Demonite, constantly intercepting, and blocking the swords from reaching them.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

However, they kept coming endlessly, and even Fabian's mana was running low after a few projectiles!

"GRAHAHAHAH!"

The Aberration down below also shared the original's body hatred for weaklings, laughing at their despair as the swords pierced through Spectra's phantom barriers!

"Nooo!"

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Countless explosions engulfed them, the aberration enjoying the show as it protected the crystal, even if it felt its original body dying, it did not matter. It would carry out its duty until its death…

"GRRRHH?!"

However, its countless yellow eyes opened wide in surprise and shock, suddenly realizing the children were still alive, flying in the skies!

And what had blocked the several explosions was the huge body of a gigantic dragon, that had arrived from the skies just in time!

Accompanying him was a ghost lady, and a blonde hero…

"M-Maria!" Fabian and the rest screamed in relief after seeing them finally arrive!

"Sorry for being so late- Ah! Nyx?!" Maria quickly changed her carefree expression as she saw her daughter unconscious, with a huge scar in her stomach. "W-What happened!?"

"A lot…" Nia sighed. "A lot happened… But that thing… Almost killed Nyx- If it wasn't for Celes healing I…"

"What?"

Maria's eyes overflowed with utter crimson malice… Her powers constantly erupting from her.

"So it was that fucking thing?" Maria asked.

"To think we took so long getting here…" Lucifer gritted his fangs. "My daughter… We've failed you."

"Yeah, we failed her, but I won't fail on killing that piece of shit!" Maria roared.

Even though she was still worried about Partner and Emeraldine, she could sense they were still alive, her rage quickly taking over her judgement, as a gigantic spear made of her black wood, death, phantom, and black lightning emerged above her, aiming at the aberration.

"DIE!"

As Maria overflowed with utter rage and fired her projectile, something else happened.

Crack… Crack…!

CRACK!

The void right behind everyone shattered, as countless of gigantic void tentacles emerged, spreading everywhere, and shattering the entire pillar of the Divine Array!

RUMBLE!

"GRAAAAHHHHH!!! COME BACK, YOU COWARDS!"

The furious scream of an aberration spread further, countless crimson eyes emerging everywhere, at the same time as Emeraldine and Partner appeared from that crack, flying back to Maria and company!

"IT'S COMING! RUN!"

"You two!"

TRUUUM!

Before Maria could make any sense of what was happening, the entire Array holding all the Domains distorted, destroying everything.

Countless pieces of floating debris spread around an endless void in the middle, all while Blackie ran across the void itself, leaping from debris to debris, carrying within his shadows his friends.

And the remains of his master…

"Arf… Arf…! Woof!"

Chapter 899 Catastrophe

After having had his city taken away by the Church of the Goddess of Water, Charles has been seen his people suffering for way too long. Every year it only got worse. It was utterly insane how the church thought it was a good idea to ask for money to give people water, something that was always free and available to everyone in Sapphire Temple.

The Oasis gave endless amounts of water thanks to ancient magic, something many nobles knew, yet they choose to monopolize it anyways, an endless source of water monopolized by the greedy noble families that betrayed him, allying with the church.

They kidnaped his wife and his daughter, extorting him to sign a document giving away the ownership of the city to the church and make the Saintess Emilia as the supreme leader… He might have been given back his family safe and sound, but he was stripped away of everything else he owned.

It was out of pity that Emilia let him keep his house and whatever was in there, he often came to visit her, imploring her to reconsider, only getting kicked away and insulted by her, someone that seemed to hate the world, despite being someone know as a Saintess.

"Emilia… How many people must suffer for you to be satisfied?" He sighed, feeling hopeless and powerless in the face of such a huge organization as the Church of the Goddess of Water, directly connected to the Church of Light, the main church that spread across the entire continent of Midgard.

They had too much power, and he had no allies, something like a coup was just unthinkable. Filled with bitterness and frustration, he has been seeing his own city slowly die off, many commoners having already perished due to the unjust treatment.

"How can Emilia be so clueless to not realize commoners are the pillars of this city? Without their works, their production, and their jobs, this city will never flourish…" He sighed. "Is she planning to simply drain everyone dry and then go away? Why… But why?"

As he sighed and cried, he suddenly looked into the skies through the window of his manor, quickly noticing a strange disturbance in the clear skies.

A black dot was slowly growing larger and larger with each passing second, black lightning coming from it as the illusion of cracks appeared above the empty air of the skies.

It felt as if the skies themselves were a glass ceiling, slowly gaining more and more cracks, the black dot spreading and becoming bigger.

"W-What… is that?!"

This scene was seen by many people across the entire city. Those having their peaceful lives, those struggling, and those barely alive on the streets, all noticed the same thing.

"Mommy, what's the black thing over there?"

"I-I don't know… I've never seen something like that before."

"T-That's some sort of black monster? Or… wait is that lightning?!"

"Is a storm coming up today? That's very rare…"

"If it rains it means we'll get free water though!"

"We've already got plenty of free water!"

"Sshh! Don't just say that out loud, the Paladins are going to hear you!"

The people were slowly beginning to panic as they glanced into the skies, while within the Temple of the Church, Emilia glanced boringly at the people panicking, raising an eyebrow as she sipped some of her wine.

"What's wrong with the sheeple? Why are they all screaming and crying like the pathetic insects they are? Can't they shut up for once?" She sighed. "Huh?"

However, she quickly realized what was happening as she glanced into the skies just as them… Her eyes opening wide as she saw the black hole slowly expanding, black lightning and cracks in space spreading further with each passing second!

"W-What…?!" Emilia spit her wine. "What is that?! Wait, are these stupid Warlocks doing this?! But why?! Call Maleficus right this instant! What is the meaning of THIS?!"

She roared back at her Paladins, two of them nodding and running to seek the Warlocks Leader…lights

"T-This is… They were supposed to take them down stealthily! Why are they making a fuss in the skies out of nowhere?!" Emilia started biting her nails nervously.

Crackle…!

RUMBLE!

The skies kept growing darker, until the sun's light no longer reached the city completely. It felt as if an eclipse was descending upon the entire city.

The black hole was generating a strange tornado on the skies, its interior constantly swirling with Void and Chaotic energies.

Maria and her group were escaping from the endless expanding void, as Partner and Emeraldine had just arrived from the Domain they had been trapped on.

Bringing with them a powerful ancient magus that wasn't going to go down easily!

"YOU COWARDS… COME BACK! I'LL RIP YOU APART!"

His voice echoed across the entire dimension, countless red eyes emerging everywhere all at once. his tentacles rushing towards Maria and her group!

"What the hell is this?!" Lucifer muttered, grabbing everyone, and flying away as fast as he could.

FLAAASH!

"Uwaaah! It's getting all black! And there are eyes everywhere?!" Beery was panicking.

"T-This is not normal!" Spectra cried.

"It's the bastard of Belphegor! We defeated him for sure, but he somehow found a way to merge whatever was left from his soul into the Void Domain we were trapped in!" Said Partner. "Now he's expanding everywhere like a damn cancer!"

"We're sorry! We never thought he would do such a thing… No, that he was even capable of doing that to begin with!" Emeraldine apologized frantically.

"It's not your fault, don't worry." Maria sighed. "This isn't something you could even control…!"

Maria swung her hands, giant skeleton arms and claws clashed against all the tentacles, slashing them apart. Meanwhile, titanic branches and spear-like roots of black wood emerged as well, defending the entire group from Belphegor's endless attacks.

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

"GRRHHHH…! YOU WON'T GET AWAY FROM HERE!"

Belphegor gave a loud roar, from the depths of the endless Void, the doppelganger of Halberoth and the Void Core it as protecting were consumed by the endless void, giving Belphegor even more power.

"GRAAAAAH!"

A gigantic, aberrant jaw opened in the middle of the void, slowly moving towards everyone!

Chapter 900 Escaping The Void

Belphegor absorbed the powers of the doppelganger left behind, and even the Void Crystal. His mind had deteriorated seriously after he died and fused the last fragments of his soul with the Void Dimension they created.

Especially because it was so much power, that his mind couldn't handle it, growing berserk and monstrous, without even thinking about he could be ruining the entire plan his Master Maleficus set up for him to begin with!

The debris spiraling across the endless Void kept hitting one another, generating huge explosions as the depths of the Void shaped itself, a gigantic jaw covered on several rings of sharp fangs emerged, rushing towards Maria and her entire party!

"I'LL EAT YOU ALL BEFORE YOU CAN EVEN LEAVE! GAHAHAHAHA!!!"

Drunk on his power, and with his whole brain missing and his mind shattered into pieces and forcefully fused together, Belphegor became a near-mindless monster, laughing manically as his grotesque jaws drew closer.

FLAAASH!

"He's coming! FLY FASTER!" Partner cried, kicking Lucifer's face.

"I'm going as fast as I freaking can!" Lucifer roared back at her angrily. "Stop kicking me!"

"Wait, where's Tear, Takeshi, Laura… and Catarina and Silva?!" Asked Maria, suddenly remembering that they weren't here!

"We saw them before fighting the giant slime guy but…!" Said Fabian. "I thought they would had been with you by now!"

"No, last time I checked my shadow realm didn't had them inside!" Maria panicked. "Shit, shit, shit! Where are you?!"

She quickly expanded her senses across the endless void as they kept running away… Until finally, she saw a huge black wolf zombie leaping from stone to stone floating in the void, running as fast as possible towards them!

"Blackie?! He must be carrying everyone else on his shadow, maybe?! I can sense their presences with him!" Maria muttered.

It was only a few dozen of meters behind the gigantic jaws approaching them! If Maria took even a second longer to get to him, he would get swallowed, and everyone with him would die as well.

"Keep moving as fast as you can, Lucifer!"

Maria quickly leaped out of Lucifer's back, making everyone scream in panic as they saw her leap into the jaws of the monster willingly!

"MARIA?!" Lucifer screamed.

"What are you doing?! WAIT!" Partner screamed.

"She went to pick up Blackie! He must be with everyone else within his shadows, maybe!" Emeraldine said.

"RAAAHAHAHAH! SO YOU'RE COMING TO ME WILLINGLY! I'LL EAT YOU HAPPILY THEN!"

Belphegor celebrated as his gigantic jaws opened larger to swallow Maria into the endless Void that had become his stomach! Maria simply smiled at that, her many powers channeling into her body.

"Don't you think you can ever hope to eat me, fucker!" Maria laughed, her entire Aura erupting into a giantess made of Moonlight, Lightning, and Dark Death Wood!

The giantess rose its countless arms, attacking Belphegor's jaws with countless punches, breaking his fangs, crushing his tongue, and electrifying the interior of his massive maw!

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

CLAAAASSSHHH!!!

"AARRGGHHH…!"

As he screamed in agony, Maria reached the zombie black wolf, grabbing him by extending her hand several meters and then pulling it back to her!

"WOOF!" Blackie licked her face the moment she dragged him towards her.

"Blackie! Is everyone okay in your shadows?!" Maria cried in panic.

"WOOF!" Blackie seemed to nod, but then started to whine. "Arf…"

"Huh?" Maria didn't understood what he meant and had no time to think about it either!

"Y-YOUUUU! ENOUGH!"

Belphegor's tentacles attacked her Aura, destroying its countless arms one after another, and then gathering Void and Chaos Energy into his jaws, unleashing a devastating beam!

"I DON'T CARE ABOUT EATING YOU ANYMORE! JUST DIE!"

TRUUUM!

The gigantic beam of pure Void and Chaos reached Maria, her eyes shining with bright red light and purple light, the power of her Moonlight Magic being channeled into her hands and Aura, as she moved her hands majestically, summoning a gigantic mirror resembling a full moon, shining brightly with an Aura of Moonlight!

"[Eternal Moon Mirror]"

The mirror absorbed the entire beam as it reached it, and then, it overflowed with even more power, firing it back into Belphegor's face!

"FUCK OFF!"

FLAAASH!

"W-WHAAAT?!"

Belphegor, even in his current state, was incapable of believing what he was just witnessing as the beam he fired at her came right back to him, with several times its original power and charged full of lightning, darkness, moonlight, death, and phantom elements!

BOOOMMM!!!

The huge explosion blew up Belphegor's entire face and reached his Void Stomach, distorting it as the Void Core that maintained his powers gained many more cracks.

RUMBLE!

The entire Void Dimension continued to shake endlessly, countless cracks and holes appearing everywhere. Belphegor's scream continued as Maria grabbed Blackie and flew back to Lucifer as fast as she could, channeling her Mana into enhancing her Speed through her Aura as much as she could.

Aura was an expression of a person's Magic Power and Soul, and it had the innate power to enhance their abilities, this naturally included Physical Strength, Magical Power, Defense, and also Agility and Speed!

FLAAASH!

"GRAAAAAGGGGHHH! RAAARRRGGHH!"

Belphegor kept screaming as Maria continued flying, resembling a bullet traveling through the endless void. His entire body did not give in though, most of the holes created on his body beginning to close rapidly, one after another.

"You're not getting away…! I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAYYY!!!"

Larger and larger tentacles kept popping up from all around Maria, constantly attempting to catch her and smack her with everything they had. She moved from one place to another, evading while zigzagging around them.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

"Shit… Almost there…!"

Maria kept running and flying, until she finally caught up to Lucifer and everyone else, extending her hand and grabbing his tail, quickly springing back to his back!

"I'm back! Argh, it's already here!" Maria cried. "Hurry, Lucifer!"

"I-I'm doing the best I can!" Lucifer roared.

"Then let me help you with that!" Maria's Divine Thunder Body Ego emerged out of her body and fused with Lucifer, giving him the power of Divine Lightning she took from devouring Thor's Divine Spirit.

FLUOSH!

"T-This…?!" Lucifer was shocked to receive and feel this power again since the last time Maria did it, when the Dwarven Kingdom was being invaded by the armies of the Frost Queen. "With this…! I sure can!"

TRUUUMMM…!

Lucifer pierced through the void, emerging in the clear skies above Sapphire Temple!