

Chaos Devourer System

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“How can I forget...” Zeras muttered as he turned behind him looking at the unconscious body of the last Zugrof.

It was that of a female with a purple horn and he carried her up before turning towards the dark portal.

He already did all he could for a fellow human. For a fellow human like him to become another race slave filled him with intense disgust but he already tried his best to convince her otherwise. As for how it would all turn out, then it had nothing to do with him anymore.

“HUUUUUUUU” Zeras exhaled loudly as he turned back to look at the vast area he’ll be leaving behind. There was no doubt he had grown vastly stronger than when he arrived here and also inched closer to goals. The Ruins Expedition was well worth it.

The chaotic portal swirled around randomly as Zeras stepped through it, his body immediately fading away.

A Rapid Shoving...

Immediately, he landed on the solid ground, the familiar air rushing through his nostrils and into his blood vein as a smile broke out on Zera’s face.

“There truly is no place like home...”

Turning to look at the scene, he was gobsmacked seeing the crowd that was present.

There were almost hundreds of people around the area, mixed within the EIA.

Immediately, he moved out being the last person, all eyes were immediately turned on him as three EIA officers immediately moved towards him.

Immediately, Zeras dropped the figure on his shoulder with a thud as he stood upright at once, his chest puffed out before giving a deep bow.

“This young one has seen an EIA officer...”

Immediately a boisterous laughter rang out in Zera's ears before a gigantic palm slammed on his shoulder in a powerful pat.

"Rise."

"You returned alive. You have made the EIA proud." The burly man dressed in an EIA uniform said as a smile broke out on Zera's face too.

He truly returned alive.

"And what's the deal with that horned girl..." The second EIA officer, a lanky male said pointing at the Zugrofs that were on the ground.

"There are a lot of things that I want to update you on, Officers. But I'm afraid this is too open, perhaps..." Zeras said, the tempo of his voice reducing a little while looking around the place.

"Oh, of course. I understand your worry. Come, let's get you back to base." The burly man said as the third officer carried the Zugrofs before they all headed toward the gigantic EIA ship.

But they all came to a stop when a group of people with eyes of lightning blocked their way, their eyes staring at Zeras with murderous expressions.

"My respect EIA officers, but I'm afraid that young one won't be able to leave with you. He will be coming with us." The middle-aged man in front of the group said, his voice leaving no room for argument.

A thunderous snort immediately blew out of the burly man's nose as he walked towards the middle-aged man.

"You just appeared in front of us and said my junior will be coming with you. And you think I'm going to give him to you? Why? Because you said so?" Kenji said, as the entire air around him immediately changed.

"Your junior has committed grave crimes and is responsible for the missing young masters of our Celestria family."

"Uh?" The EIA officers raised an eyebrow as the middle-aged man turned to look at Zeras, lightning flashing in his eyes.

"We were given this report by the Underworld Family. They said they saw you last with the two Celestria family geniuses engaged in a feud. I want to know well what happened and for that, you'll be coming with us..."

“Your shameless Celestria family geniuses sneak attacked me when I was trying to obtain a treasure that was ordered by me from the EIA. The lightning fruit. I fought with its guardian beast and after getting grievously injured managed to defeat it.

Then your young masters swooped in at the last minute and took it away. But not only did they take the fruit, they also tried to kill me. If not for the Teleportation Card given to me by the EIA, I would no doubt have died...” Zeras said with a vein popping on his forehead as he clenched his teeth furiously.

“And...” The middle-aged man said completely unbothered.

“And then, I went into hiding to recover my strength. Immediately I recovered back to my full strength, I immediately went after them. That was when all the nine family geniuses saw us together, and I’m guessing the Underworld Family did too? But...”

“But what!?” The middle-aged man snapped, lightning spewing out of his eyes.

“How can an Early Meteor rank stage defeat two Peak Meteor rank stage, and one of the Nine family geniuses to boot?” Zeras said staring at them as if they had no brains as strange expressions appeared on their face.

“And your shameless young masters already devoured my fruit. Both at the Peak Meteor rank stage against me at the Early Meteor rank stage, what do you think I did if I’m still standing here right now?” Zeras asked with a raised eyebrow as they all suddenly turned their gaze to the Underworld family.

“Oh? Was it the underworld family that told you this? I know why?” Zeras asked as hate flashed in his eyes even greater than the ones towards the Celestria family’s young masters.

“Uh?”

“The Underworld Family’s young master, Audrey, was a necromancer. He told me he would be killing me and turned me into one of his puppets. But in the end, he died to the alien race we met towards the end of the trail.

The underworld family must have felt anger at his death and looking for a goat they can unleash their anger on. Which is better than the one who everyone thought would die but survived. And you Sirs have been played well by them.” Zeras said with a smirk

“You piece of...”

Before the man could complete his words, the air immediately turned cold as a butcher knife suddenly appeared on Kenji’s hands wrapped in strange clothing yet radiating a horrific aura that made Zera’s hair stand at the end of their back.

'Cosmic Rank stage experts. They truly are on another whole level...' Zeras thought with amazement.

A blade was pointed at the nose of the middle-aged man as Kenji's cold eyes stared at him.

"I already gave you free rein to question my junior like he was a criminal. You've embarrassed us enough, don't you think." Kenji said looking around as the man also turned and truly the entire nine families were currently staring at them.

"You've asked your stupid questions and now you want to start calling us names? I'm sure the EIA has been benevolent and understanding enough, now SCRAM!!!"

Airwave blasted out of Kenji's mouth as the group immediately shot to the side to avoid the air attack, leaving an open entrance in the middle.

Immediately, a large hand clamped tightly on Zera's and he was immediately pulled by Kenji as he walked past the group and towards the EIA spaceship which soon rose into the air and slowly disappeared into the distance.

Chapter 232: Meeting With The EIA Higher-ups

Zeras walked inside the spaceship, finding himself in a gigantic white hall, as he closed in on the seat nearest to him before slamming his butt on it.

In front of him were three other seats where the three EIA officers could be seen seated and looking at him with a curious smile before they all turned to look at the last EIA officer.

One who had his eyes closed all the time and didn't say a single word. Though that was incredibly strange as he walked alone without falling, the word 'strange' now almost had no meaning to Zeras as he knew well awakeners were definitely growing farther and farther away from common sense.

The man finally opened his eyes revealing an overbright white halo that illuminated Zera's face. It was like he had torchlights for eyes and Zeras felt a feeling of nakedness staring into those eyes.

"During your conversation with the Celestria family group, I sensed not a single lie in your speech. This means what you said then was true..." The man said as Zera raised an eyebrow, a smile on his face yet a sweat droplet trickled down the back of his head.

He knew he just escaped being screwed by deciding something simple in his mind once he met with the Celestria family.

Of course, he knew well he would be facing the Celestria family after killing both brothers, and he definitely wasn't strong enough to face an entire family on his own. He had carefully laid out his speech and followed a simple rule.

That was to make those who were asking the question also find the answer.

Instead of him saying he didn't kill the Celestria family's young masters which this EIA officer would have picked up as a lie, he asked them who would win between an Early Meteor rank and two Peak Meteor rank. The Celestria family answered the question themselves.

That was the simple rule Zeras followed and thankfully it ended the ball back in his court.

"The Celestria family still won't completely believe it and will definitely keep coming back. But since you're not responsible, you can trust the EIA to watch your back for you. We will never hand one of us over to the Nine families for no reason..."

The burly man Kenji said as Zeras gave a grateful bow.

'Good. That should give me enough time to plan my next move...'

"As for this alien you brought, the higher-ups have learned of it and want to talk to you about it. They are not around here right now, so they want to communicate with you using the hologram.

Prepare yourself, you will be called anytime now!" Kenji said as Zera's heart unknowingly sank in once more as his heartbeat began increasing.

"There's no need to be nervous. You've done a great job." The lanky man said as Kenji's watch vibrated intensely drawing the attention of everyone in the room.

"Here they are..." He said as he quickly tapped on his watch.

Immediately the light around the place switched off, leaving the hall in pitch darkness.

THRUM

After that, strange blue lights bloomed in the darkness, a total of five large holographics all appearing up in the air.

On the holographic, the image of five suddenly shone clearly revealing it to be the face of five people that Zeras would be meeting the third time now.

"This young one has met with the Higher-ups..."

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The voice rang out four times at the same time as Zeras including the three EIA officials immediately bowed at the five holographics.

"Rise."

In sync, all four stood up staring straight at the holographic with serious expressions on their faces

To the Higher-ups, there was no difference between a specialist and an EIA Official. All will immediately bow if they come in contact, revealing the Commanders to be on entirely new levels in the EIA.

"You three EIA officials."

"Yes sir!"

"You can leave us for now..." One of the commanders said the female one as the three EIA Officers gave a bow before turning around.

Left alone were now Zeras and the Five EIA higher-ups.

"We meet once again young one. You should feel honored, having met with us for the third time now. Some of the higher ranked EIA officials don't even know what we look like and you've already met with us thrice. You can say we're colleagues now..." Commander Leviron said as the other commanders chuckled.

Honestly, a smile almost broke out of Zera's lips too but he didn't dare at all as he kept his straight unflinching face.

The next second he smiled, and he might meet himself In front of the king of hell.

"Let's be the first to congratulate you on your successful expedition. So how was the mission, do you obtain some of the artifacts?" The red-haired commander who punished him asked, getting straight to the point.

"I didn't obtain some of the artifacts...." Zeras replied turning to look at him

"Oh? Isn't that right?"

"I obtained all of them except two."

“Really?” Commander Leviron asked, slight disbelief on his face, it had to be noted some of the treasures were legendary grade which meant they were nothing but myths and now he said he obtained all but two which means he Obtained close to 10 legendary grade artifacts.

To prove his words, Zeras concentrated on the storage ring given to him as a total of 28 out of the 30 written out in the mission appeared on the table.

And for the first time, Zeras saw an emotion he had never seen on the faces of the Higher-ups

SHOCK!

Even in the eyes of the grumpy red-haired Commander, he sensed unconcealed shock in his eyes as they stared at the object on the table, knowing well every single one like the back of their hands.

“It seems you’ve been working quite hard during this expedition.” Commander Leviron said with an approving nod.

“And you can rest assured, your handwork will be handsomely rewarded.”

Chapter 233: Unable To Contain The Energy

Treasures have been graded based on their level of rarity and it is divided into, Common, Rare, Epic, Mythic, and then Legendary. It was rumored there was a tier above that which is called Divine, but it’s nothing but a rumor.

Even legendary tier artifacts possessed by the entire Human population can be counted on one hand.

And right now in the eyes of the EIA Commanders, a total of 8 legendary treasures were right in front of their eyes. The thought of it being faked didn’t even cross their mind as they knew it was an impossibility of the little kid fooling them.

And their accessibility of the young man changed a little as Zeras felt the grumpy gaze it the red-haired commander now staring at him curiously.

“You really have done a good job. Just as promised, you can take a total of any five treasures in this pile. So choose your pick...” The female commander said as Zeras looked at the pile, containing strange books, ores, strange fruits organic materials.

Of course, he knew well of their uses and importance like the back of his hands but they were more it less useless to him. He did not need all of them. Even if he were to keep it for the sake of selling them, where would he do that in the EIA base and might even get himself in unnecessary trouble?

“There is none among them that pique my interest. They’re not very useful to me and would only be a waste in my hands. I’m sure the EIA can make something of great worth from them.”

“You have made a good decision, young soldier. We will decide what type of rewards will be best for you. Expect the message in three days from now. As for the treasures, pack them into the Spatial ring and give them to Kenji. Then it will be in safe hands.” Commander Leviron said.

“Also it would be wise to keep the information of the treasures between you and us. Do you understand?” The grumpy red-haired Commander input too.

“I understand, Commanders...”

“Good. Wait for your reward three days from now.”

Zeras gave a deep bow as the holographics disappeared and the light once again shone brightly in the room.

“Hu, that went well...” Zeras muttered as he stood upright, storing all the treasures back before heading towards the pilot room where the Officers were present he handed the ring back to Officer Kenji before moving back to the hall.

“System Interface...” Zeras called out causing a flurry of information to appear.

[Congratulations, Quest Completed: Obtain The Magical Arcana Book]

[Rewards: +700EXP]

[Congratulations, Quest Completed: Obtain The Cosmic Steel Ore]

[Rewards: +1200EXP]

[Congratulations, Quest Completed: Obtain The Life Rejuvenating Honey.]

[RewardS: +1200 EXP]

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[Congratulations, Hidden Quest Completed. Obtain All Of The Treasures Stated in the mission.]

[Rewards:

1.) +2000 EXP

2.) +2 Level Up Card]

[Congratulations, Quest Completed, Defeat The Guardian Beast]

[Rewards: +1000 EXP]

[Congratulations, Main Quest: Defeat The Celestria Brothers]

[Rewards:

1.) +1500EXP]

2.) +1Level Up Card

3.) +1 Ability Upgrade Card]

[Congratulations, Main Quest Completed, Defeat Shima]

[Rewards:

1.) +3000EXP

2.)+1 Level up Card

3.) +3 Ability Upgrade Card]

[Congratulations, You Have Met The Requirements For Charm {win the eyes and good willing of your enemies}.]

1.) Rewards: Charm Unlocked

2.) +10 points In Charm]

“So, that was the requirement for Charm? Hey system, what is this?” Zeras asked with an angered expression on his face.

[That is the hidden requirements of charm. To make your enemies like you, which you did during the Zugrofs and Human exchange]

“Tch, why don’t you tell me that and get this over with since all this while.”

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“Tch, damn system..” Zeras grunted dissatisfied but a smile bloomed on his face in sighting the notifications.

“Wow. I never thought you were picking up on those small things.” Zeras said out loud to the system.

[Total EXP, 45100/ 15000]

[Level up Card: 4]

[Does Host Wish To Level Up]

“Yes...”

[Congratulations Host has leveled up]

[+15 Attributes points obtained]

[Total EXP, 30100/ 20,000]

[Congratulations Host has leveled up]

[+15 Attributes points obtained]

[Total EXP: 10,100/ 25,000]

[Does Host wish to use all Level up Cards]

“Yes.”

[Congratulations Host has leveled up]

[+15 Attributes points obtained]

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[Congratulations Host has leveled up]

[+15 Attributes points obtained]

[Total Level Up Card:0]

[Total Attributes points: 90]

[System Interface]

[Name: Zeras Celestria]

[Class: Halfling]

[Class Authority: Absolute Chaotic]

[Level: 17]

[Mana Cultivation Stage: Early Meteor Rank Stage]

[HP: 120/300]

[EXP: 10100/25000]

[Energy: 800/800]

[Mana Core Energy: 120/250]

[Attributes]

[Strength: 80]

[Agility: 60]

[Perception: 60]

[Intelligence: 40]

[Charm: 10]

{Attributes points:90}

“Add 20 points to Strength, 40 points to agility, 10 points to Intelligence, and 20 points to Charm”

[Points have been successfully added...]

“NGGGGGHHHH...” A groan of pain escaped his lips as a violent colossal shock blasted inside Zera’s head emanating from his forehead and forcing him from the chair onto his knees.

“ARGGGGGH...” A violent pulse of energy coursed through his body in a massive amount, and he had a euphoric feeling of his body filled with energy, his brain suddenly becoming extremely cold.

“Wrring, Wring...”

It was the sound of repeated bone crushing as his facial bones became distorted, their form changing into a higher version. Even his white hair began falling off, as another one grew out before once again falling off.

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His heart began beating violently in him as if overloaded with energy, cracks appearing on his rib cage as Khan immediately screamed out in his head.

“Hey, system. What is going on...”

[It appears the Host body is too weak for the sudden points distribution and slowly tearing apart due to the massive amounts of energy that come from the level]

“ARRRRRRRRGH...”

His hands dug into the steel ground gorging out deep lines that made the floor below him visible, revealing endless clouds.

It was like he had turned into a mindless beast as Zeras scrambled on the ground, tearing it apart.

A kick slammed on the door as Officer Kenji directed his attention inside the hall, the last thing was a disheveled Zeras falling through the large hole that had been created on the ground.

“ZERAS...” He screamed out in shock, immediately appearing before the hole as he jumped down after him when suddenly he was blown backward, his back slamming on the ship as a Colossal Roar blasted out from below him.

ROOOOOOOOOOOOOOAR

A deafening roar parted the sea of clouds followed by an immense energy rupturing through the air causing white lines that appear in the air.

ROOOOOOOOOOOOAR

Another massive roar blasted out once again nailing Officer Kenji on the ship whose eyes widened to saucers.

Zeras could feel it. He would explode!

The energy was just too great, his organs were blowing up slowly and although he recovering just as fast, the regeneration couldn't keep up.

He had to let out the energy before it blew him up.

BOOOOOOOOOOOOOM

A massive shockwave rippled out as he punched furiously massive energy erupting into the sky blowing away everything around him.

"More, More..." Zeras roared as he punched rapidly.

'System, Level up Regeneration thrice...' Zeras screamed out in his head.

[Congratulations, Regeneration has been leveled up]

The massive energy erupted in him passing through every bone as Zeras felt the entire world almost crawl to a stop and his body tearing apart.

But with his increased regeneration, they immediately began closing up just as fast as the Regeneration and Destruction finally matched together and he limply fell from the air slamming hard on the 500 meters gigantic mountain below, his body tearing through it completely.

And slowly the entire world went Dark!

A figure arrived before the collapsed mountain, as he slowly landed on the ground.

Immediately he appeared in front of the crumbled mountain, flinging away the rocks as quickly as he could

The picture of a figure appears within. Kenji immediately flung away the last rock as he quickly picked up the figure underneath.

"Zeras!"

He was completely naked, and turning his face, Kenji was shocked speechless seeing the young man as the words unknowingly escaped his lips.

"So...so beautiful!"

But what caught his attention even more was the strange dark stone he saw on the middle of his forehead, spreading dark lines and more tattoos that extended all over his entire body.

A look at the stone and he unknowingly jerked backward with his fastest speed, his heart thumping loudly in fear as perspirations appeared on his forehead.

“What...what is that!?”

Quickly he regained himself appearing in front of Zeras as he stared intently at his forehead but...

There Was Nothing.

“It’s... It’s gone.”

A strange expression appeared on his face as he looked at Zera’s body all the tattoos suddenly having disappeared leaving his crystal-clear white skin.

It was like what he saw formerly was only a mirage.

“I know what I saw!”

Chapter 234: Back Home!

BEEP

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BEEP

The sound of a beeping monitor.

Slowly, his eyes opened, and an illumination of blue flashed in the medical room as he sat down upright, faster than a human could blink.

“Where...where I’m I.” Zeras mused loudly, feeling a bit groggy in his head as he slowly took in the memories of his last scene.

“Not to worry, you’re in good hands.” The voice echoed out to him, one from a female instructor, dressed in an EIA uniform.

“Uh?”

Suddenly she leaned in, her face a centimeter from his as she gave him a deep scrutinizing gaze, particularly his forehead before stepping backwards

“You’re back in the EIA training base and this is the hospital.”

“Phew, finally back home...” Zeras said with a smile, his hands reaching for the strange ropes holding him tightly to the bed.

“It was said there was some little mishap on your way back. You released a massive amount of energy from your body, tearing through the steel of the plane and smashing into a 500-meter-tall mountain, and strangely survived.

“Lady Luck must have been a past family member of mine, huh?” Zeras said chuckling a bit as he untied the band wrapped around his arm.

“It was also reported that there was the presence of a strange devilish-looking stone on your forehead that spread dark tattoos all over your body. Care to explain the cause of that abnormality?” She asked, her gaze intensifying on him.

“A stone on my forehead. Hmm, hmm, I don’t mean to be disrespectful but isn’t this the EIA Hospital? If there’s a strange stone on my forehead, I believe from the EIA reputation that you would have found it out immediately, right?” Khan asked drawing some type of prideful look on Sophia’s face.

‘Perhaps, Kenji got drunk again...’ She thought to herself still remembering the frightful expression of the fatty who seemed to have seen a ghost.

“Lastly, when you came in you were strangely ‘molting’.”

“Molting?” Zeras asked raising an eyebrow.

“Yes. Like a snake shedding its skin. Your body was shedding its skin too. Your entire body turned whiter and you grew, um, more handsome.”

“Oh, isn’t that right...” Zeras said as he winked at her, her face gaining a shade of pink before she quickly regained herself.

“Lastly, why do you radiate such massive amounts of energy and tear open a hole in the spaceship?”

“I made a small mishap in my cultivation Technique and absorbed in more mana than my body could take causing me to lose control of it and it went haywire. I had to release the energy to avoid exploding. It was a pretty chaotic moment. You understand what I mean, right?” Zeras asked as he stood up fully, pursing his lips at the soft blue shirt and trousers on his body.

Not exactly what he wore in here.

“Um, doctor. What happened to my EIA uniform...” Zeras said with a suspicious expression on his face as he looked at the lady.

“I have no idea what you’re saying. After all, you came in here butt-naked.”

“What the!!?” Zeras jumped up in shock, hands on his crotch as he gave a hateful stare at the lady.

‘Tch, don’t tell me she saw everything, including my ding-dong too...’ Zeras said gnashing his teeth furiously as he scurried off to the door, his head turning a shade of red.

“Also, it’s been three days since you’ve been unconscious. Are you sure you’re feeling completely well?”

“Don’t worry doctor. I’m feeling great. Thanks for your GREAT CARE...” Zeras said, emphasizing the last words.

“Don’t thank me I’m just doing MY JOB..” Sophia replied as she watched the boy give her a hateful look before slamming the door shut.

“Tch, what a shameless nurse...” Zeras mused loudly only to raise an eyebrow as he saw the group of three on the bench at his side, already dozing off.

It was none other than Quinn, Vornek, and Triton.

“What are they doing there?” Zeras thought before walking towards them as he gave a good kick in Quinn’s legs.

“You piece of blind trash, got a blindfold on your eyes? Um, Zeras?” Quinn asked as Zeras looked at him with a raised eyebrow.

“Dummy, you’re the one with a blindfold on your eyes” He mocked mercilessly as he felt a hand clamp tightly on his shoulder.

“I’m glad you’re okay, We already prepared a big lunch for your return only to hear there was a mishap on your way and you’re now in the hospital.”

‘Awww...’ Zeras thought to himself as he felt his heart melting.

“Phew, I thought that would be the end of your legends...” Vornek finished as Zera’s face dropped turning away his gaze to look at the white haired alien.

“Hey, Triton, how are you doing?”

“Clearly better than you are.” The young Elvian replied, a bright smile on his face.

“What’s wrong with your eyes anyway, they seemed to be glowing...” Zeras said as he looked at Triton’s eyes which had a strange dot that sparkled with multitudes of light.

“Nah, it’s nothing. It’s due to my breakthrough to the Meteor rank stage.” Triton answered causing a slight shock to Zeras.

“Wow, that’s cool.”

“And what’s up with your pretty face? Does your mission have to do with plastic surgery or something? You look like a professional whore...” Triton said chuckling.

It was true, the Zeras In front of him right now was devilishly handsome. One of the most handsome humans he had ever met.

“I broke through to the Meteor rank stage too. Guess we’re all on the same footing right now?” Zeras said with a prideful smirk but all he got was Triton and Vornek looking at him strangely.

“What?”

“Quinn already broke through to the Peak Meteor rank stage!”

“What the!” Zeras turned to look at him who was scratching the back of his head with a wry smile on his face.

“A breakthrough from Early Meteor rank to Peak Meteor rank. All in less than a week! Monster! Absolute Monster!” Zeras said out loud, pure shock in his eyes.

“I’m sure we can have our conversation well at a later time. But this place stinks of death. You also need to get your rest, Zeras...” Triton said as Zeras felt him looking slightly discomforted at the area.

‘He can smell death aura? How strange...’ He thought to himself as the small group of four dragged each other away from the hospital.

“He’s back, my lord...” The voice rang from a young man sitting around ten meters away from the group of four who spoke into the watch on his wrist.

“Good. Now the plan can begin!”

Chapter 235: Thoroughly Angered

The familiar door appeared in front of Zera’s eyes, as his hands moved towards the knob.

Although cold to the touch, to Zeras it was incredibly warm as he gently unlocked it before entering the room.

It was as beautiful as he left it, everything in its rightful place causing a smile to appear on his sofa.

“Ahhh, Hello my beautiful Sofa!”

“Hello, Table...”

“Hello, wardrobe...”

“Hello V.R set”

“And to my best buddy...”

“Hello, Bed! I missed you all...”

Zeras said almost shedding tears as he jumped in the embrace of his friend.

It was incredibly soft and his bones made crunching sounds of comfort when he slept on it. During the expedition, all he ever slept on was the hard jagged ground and he couldn't even get a proper sleep, having to make sure one of his eyes was opened.

But now, it was so incredibly soft and he got a feeling of comfort and security he wasn't sure any place on earth could provide him with.

After sinking on for almost ten minutes, Zeras finally sat up as his eyes turned cold.

“Hey system, can you explain how you tried to get killed then?” Zeras asked gnashing his teeth together in fury.

[Just as formerly explained. It appears the Host body is too weak for the sudden points distribution and slowly tearing apart due to the massive amounts of energy that come from the level up]

“And why where there no prior notification on that? I almost died, exploded to gore!” Zeras screamed out a vein popping on his forehead.

If he had not in that moment of madness jumped out of the spaceship and released the energy into the air by punching as furiously as he could trying to blast out the energy with his punch, then he would have surely exploded. And the system didn't give him any notification before that as if it wanted him dead.

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“And also what do you mean, that point distribution is too high for my current body? CA you explain whatever that means.”

[The highest number of points the Host has formerly distributed is 30. Then, Host distributed 90, not because he was at his weakest due to his last fight.

Also, an important clue was left. As you level up higher and higher you appoint points in your stats. Each was a little more painful than the last. The first time, you couldn't even sense anything, then you felt a warm object flowing through your body, and then your brain froze for a moment. That should have informed the Host that it would slowly get more and more dangerous.]

“Tch, after improving my intelligence so much. You're telling me there's still something that I didn't pick up?”

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“Tch, you better remember this. We're bonded together, if I die you're coming with me. So better remember to inform me of any danger next time, got it?” Zeras screamed out, pushing out his triumph card.

[According to the System's Calculation, the host would have blown up like a star had he allocated 100 points instead of 90]

“What the!!?”

[And also if Host were to blow up. It is the Host that will die! The system will simply look for the closest being to fuse with! However, it would lead to having to start again from the beginning, and might take eons to find another host with such compatibility as yours. The System definitely won't be dying with the Host]

“Tch, damn system. You want to use me and then dump me...” Zeras mused disapprovingly as he slammed back on the bed.

‘Even if you wished me dead, you'll be disappointed in the end!’ Zeras thought to himself closing his eyes for a good sleep when suddenly his eyes narrowed.

There was something strange about the room. He was getting a strange feeling, a feeling he was incredibly sensitive to.

Something was watching him!

Yet looking around the room, there was nothing. Nothing was out of place or anything like that, so how come he was getting this feeling?

“Activate the Eyes of Chaos” Immediately the entire environment changed as the entire area grew incredibly careful, the dust and Mana as clear as day and Zeras could even count each of them like counting Star coins.

“Immediately he looked around the room and soon found out what he was looking for.

It was a strange card placed inside one of the five lamp bottles at the top of the wall and close to the ceiling.

Walking towards, Zeras took away the glass covering as he saw the same card, his eyes furrowed to points as he found it incredibly similar.

Immediately, he stretched his hands to the side, looking at the strange black tattoo on his hands, the same as the one on the card.

“Those damn idiots even dared to install a runic camera in my room!!?” Four huge veins popped out of Zera’s head as he sent a mighty punch at the card.

BOOOOM

A devastating explosion rang throughout the place, blowing away everything around him while Zeras himself was immediately sent flying backward, smashing into the wall opposite as his body was lodged into the wall.

“Tch,” With horrific veins on his forehead, he tore out of the wall as he clenched his teeth tightly in anger.

BOOOOM

A kick slammed on the door knocking it off its hinges as Zera’s eyes flashed around the room, looking just below his living room table.

With one flick the the table was flung into the air, the same card revealing itself.

BOOOOM

A punch immediately slammed on the card, and another devastating explosion rocked the entire place as Zeras was immediately sent flying and lodged into the wall once again.

“Tch, not only did they plant cameras they also infused an attack at the Middle Meteor rank stage into them. How kind of them...” Zeras spat out kicking open the door to his Mana Cultivation Room.

Beside the mana generator at the top, it was also cleverly concealed within.

Immediately Zeras jumped up punching furiously at the card as the attack came, smashing him into the pool beneath forming a meter-deep crater on the ground.

Feeling the liquid Mana around him, the coldness managed to cool down his head.

“Leaving three runic cameras in my room without my permission and also infusing in it an attack that would have no doubt reduced me to bones and gores if I was a regular Meteor rank stage. Not only did they impeach my privacy, they also tried to kill me.”

“Hahhahahahhahahahaahhaha. Don’t worry you all. I’ll make sure to return this gift a thousandfold!”

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“Thank you. Thank you very much...” The words rang out from Zeras as he watched the unofficial EIA members move out of his room with different cleaning mechanical tools in their hands.

That was the people who helped him take care of the damage and destruction he caused in the room and it was even far cheaper than he thought it was, only 40 points.

Immediately, he entered his room, and he looked around the place, sparkling white from the Intense cleaning done just seconds ago.

“Active Eyes of Chaos...”

His eyes looked around the place, scanning scrutinizingly for anything out of place but there truly was nothing out of place making him heave out a sigh of relief.

Smacking his butt down on the ceiling tiredly, Zeras looked up at the white ceiling, his still eyes flashing with hundreds of thoughts.

He could remember. It was after the dorm room event. After he showcased his strength to the world, it was since then he had his privacy breached and asked to join some stupid cult.

That was where he got a tracker in himself and it seemed his refusing only made them more frantic, going as far as inputting cameras in his room just to capture all his movements.

“Tch, what a pain in the ass...” Zeras mused loudly Ashe scrubbed his hair.

Knowing some people had access to his dorm room, he wasn’t at all secured in it. Anything can happen and a blade might even be placed on his neck anytime he was deep asleep.

DRIIIIIIIING

DRIIIIIIIING

His watch suddenly vibrated intensely as Zeras turned to look at it.

|Instructor Moneca|

|Come to the ExcelSpace Lab|

“Instructor Moneca, it really has been a long time...” Zeras said out loud, a small smile sneaking its way on his face as he stood up from where he sat and decided to heed her call.

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The large doors of the Interdimensional combat hall shook slightly as a hand gently pushed it open.

Entering the large hall was none other than Zeras whose gaze scanned through the place but there wasn't any presence within.

Immediately, he headed towards the Teleportation room as he stood on the familiar gigantic portal, his figure disappearing within the green light!

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KNOCK

KNOCK

KNOCK

The knock rang out thrice on the door with the emblem of the ExcelSpace Lab written at its top.

“Come in...”

And immediately the door slowly opened, a leg stepping through it.

Entering Zera's gaze was the entire group of five, a smile unknowingly sneaking up on his face.

“Hello Everyone...”

Immediately, the air around the place rustled tightly as Zeras felt Aurelia disappear from her seat in the next second.

His entire body was dragged into a soft bosom and a world of pain due to squeeze assaulted his entire body before he could even think of what was happening.

“Zeras, YOU’RE BACK!” The shrilly glee of Aurelia rang out to his Zera’s ears who currently had his eyes almost budging out of his eyes.

“CRANK”

“CRANK”

Echoing in the room, the sound of bones slowly being pushed to their extreme rang out as a muffled word rang out to Aurelia.

“You... You’re... strang..ling...me.”

“Hey, Aurelia. Release him, you might just end up killing him yourself!” The usual uninterested voice of Annalise rang out as Aurelia finally came back to the present.

Releasing Zeras from her grasp.

“THUD”

It was the sound of a full sack landing on the ground as Zeras fell on his back, perspirations dripping down his forehead.

“Ah, ah, ah, ah...” Zeras exhaled and inhaled as loudly as he could as he felt some energy come back into his system before slowly standing up to all fours and crawling to the table.

After much struggle, he finally stood up to his feet and sat down properly at the table.

“Hello Everyone. Hope you all don’t miss you too much...”

“I actually don’t!” The voice rang out but it was from two people at the same time. One from the uncaring Annalise and the other from Avan.

“You’re a dumb headache when around. So I definitely didn’t miss you to death...” Annalise said as she blew another gigantic ball of gum out of her mouth, before popping it with a loud bang.

Zeras was already used to all her tantrums. If there’s one thing he knows about her, it’s her uncaring ability. But he also knew well it might just be a facade in the end.

Turning to look at the gooey alien who had an expression of missing something he glared occasionally at Zeras from time to time.

“Hmph...”

You thought I’ve used it?” Zeras suddenly asked bringing out the metallic egg-shaped object.

Immediately, it was yanked out of his hands, as the sound of smooching rang in the place none other than from Egon who repeatedly hugged the metallic egg-shaped object.

Zeras was well aware, Egon was very particular about its belongings and didn’t really completely give out that egg to him. Therefore he made sure to keep it well besides, he didn’t really face any situation where a stone egg would have saved him from.

After smooching for minutes, Egon finally stopped as suddenly his expression turned strange.

“How come I feel like a cheat receiving this back from you...”

“That’s because you are...” Mora said as the group laughed out loud.

“OK, fine. Here take it...” Egon said grabbing Zera’s hands and stuffing them inside it.

“Just make sure you let me see when it finally opens up,” Egon said looking at Zeras with a begging look who gave a serious nod.

“Um, open up? Is this an egg?” Zeras asked turning to look at the group who had completely clueless expressions on their faces.

“Well, you know, the gooey alien is a strange one. Even I have never come in contact with such an object...” Aurelia said turning to give the egg a strange gaze before ignoring it They were well aware of the hundreds of strange objects the gooey alien possessed. The majority of them are actually nothing.

“We’re happy you’re back Zeras. And we prepared this big lunch for you once Moneca told us you’re back and will be coming soon...”

“Thank you.”

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“Thank you...” Zeras replied appreciatively before.

RUMBLE

The sound of rumbling sound rang out from none other than his stomach as his head grew as red as a tomato.

“You definitely didn’t eat throughout the entire well of the expedition, did you?” Instructor Moneca asked looking at him raised eyebrow.

“Well then what are you waiting for, dig in, kiddo...” The voice of Avan rang out as Zeras immediately dug his spoon into the gigantic plate of food.

He noticed as always, that Instructor Moneca didn’t eat much and the same could be said for the group, except for Annalise, whose second best after chewing gum was eating.

But even she soon stopped, leaving a plate of food that would have taken an entire mortal family of three days to finish.

But it was like a well was planted in his stomach as he ate voraciously like a bear, even licking the plates before he felt he was finally satiated.

Done with the entire thing, Zeras felt slight discomfort, a result of his trousers tightening on his stomach.

Immediately, he buckled his belt, adjusting it a little before standing up and carrying the large tray, heading towards the dining area present in the organization.

“Wow, you’re back, Zeras.” The surprised voice rang in his ears as Zeras entered the organization’s dining, an old man of around 65 years flashing him an incredibly bright smile.

He was the cooker for the organization and Zera’s best friend in the place.

Why?

Because he cooks so well!

“Yes. Mr. Kim.”

“When I saw that gooey Egon coming to ask for such a large pile. I knew something was up. Just never thought it was actually you. It’s been a long while, how are you doing...”

“Never better, Mr.Jim...” Zeras replied with a bright smile watching all the utensils around the place before rinsing his hands.

It was why Mr. Jim loved him so much. Anytime, Zeras brought in the plate, he always chose to clean them himself and would never agree to the old man cleaning for him even though that was his job. Zeras just loved cleaning his mess himself.

And if he was in a great mood, then he could help him clean all the dirty utensils before heading out.

Rinsing his hands and carefully drying them, Zeras turned to look at the dried-up dishes a satisfied smile on his face. He didn't know why, but making something so dirty become beautiful always made him smile.

"Thank you very much Zeras. You better hurry up and go answer that fiery girl before she dices you into pieces!" Mr. Jim said chuckling to himself as Zera's face grew red like a tomato before running off.

He had once witnessed getting almost pummeled by the fiery Annalise words and to him, it was worse than dicing the vegetables to pieces.

Arriving back In the lab, he could see it was empty. It was already night time so the group already went to bed, although he was one hundred percent sure none of them were asleep.

He also moved to his room in the lab, knocking twice before entering as he already felt a presence within.

CLINK

Opening the door and just as he sensed. Instructor Moneca was reclining on the sofa, a book in her hands which she closed during his arrival as she gave him a deep stare...

"Congratulations on reaching the Meteor rank stage..." She suddenly said as a smile appeared on Zera's face before he moved over to the surface.

"And what is with your body? You're turning feminine..." She suddenly said as a vein pooped out of Zera's head.

'Wait. Hey system, what did you even do to my body?' Zeras asked in his mind. Almost everyone has been talking about him being strangely handsome. He had thought the lady doctor and his friends were just joking with him but now, it didn't seem like a joke at all as he looked at the eyebrow raised by Instructor Moneca.

[Go and check your mirror. Lazy Bum.]

"Tch, damn system."

"Growth, you know?"

Zeras said as he picked up a book, although he had read it before, and turned to sit on the sofa too.

"It seems you truly survived the expedition. You truly must have been through hell and back..." Instructor Moneca said, her usual serious expression slowly thawing as she released a faint smirk.

"Actually it wasn't as hard as everyone made it out to be."

"Oh really..."

"Yes. The Nine family geniuses are actually pretty lovable. They are too naive and very proud. Although their strength truly is irrefutable. I was able to avoid most of them and even reach the Meteor rank stage quickly too. Those were one my saving graces..." Zeras replied drawing a curious expression on her face.

"What?" Zeras asked looking at her curious look as he felt her staring at him for almost ten seconds straight, and he could sense indecision in her crystal clear purple eyes.

"There's a lot that you have to catch up on. The EIA changed massively in these last weeks."

"Oh? Tell me about it..." Zeras said, curiosity gleaming in his eyes.

It is said that there has been the presence of strange beings in the EIA training base..."

"Strange beings? What do you mean?" Zeras asked with raised eyebrows.

"It said that there had been strange information passing through the EIA training base, which had unidentified suspects to them. Their true Intent and purpose have been cleverly concealed..."

"If there were strange beings in the EIA, I'm sure they would have been dug out since by the EIA and put behind bars before they could raise their fingers. Their presence currently must mean that the EIA permitted them to stay." Zeras said drawing a nod from Instructor Moneca.

"You're right. What they did is breach the privacy of the EIA..."

"But the EIA allowed its privacy to be breached!! why?" Zeras asked with a raised eyebrow. He already knew how it felt on somebody sneaking on his existence and he knew well just how much he hated such a thing.

"That is because, due to the breach, the New Cadets' strengths are all rapidly growing. At a never before recorded level since the birth of the EIA!"

"What!!?"

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“The EIA allowed for its privacy to be breached because the presence of the invaders led to an increase in the power of the new cadets, it was a healthy invasion.

Besides, the Invaders were also very quiet about their work and never showed up till now, their only existence being the increase in strength of the group.

That is why the EIA didn't bother to apprehend them and simply ignored them.

What I just don't understand is how they're able to increase the strength of the students. That's the anomaly...” Instructor Moneca said, a light curiosity sparkling in her eyes but soon dispersed.

And Zeras didn't bother to ask how the students had their strength quickly growing.

Raising the back of his right hand to his face, although the tattoo was not clear, he could feel its existence.

“Instructor Moneca, I wish to ask you about something...”

“Oh, what is that?” Instructor Moneca raised an eyebrow.

“Can something be imbued in a card? Like an attack or vision in a simple card...” Zeras asked with a confused expression on his face and that was because he was truly confused.

Seeing a simple card act as a camera and also imbued with an attack at the Middle Meteor rank stage. It greatly piqued his curiosity.

“A card is no different from an object made of paper. It all changes when runes are inscribed on it!”

“Runes?”

“Yes, runes. As technology is to humans, the runes are the same as the ancient races in the limitless universe.

Of course, not all race uses technology, so they get by with runes. There are thousands of runes, each having its functionality.

Some are light runes that act instead of bulbs, some transmit sounds instead of the human communication device. There are thousands of runes like this and each with its functionality.

As for a rune imbued with an attack. It is definitely a high-grade rune, rare among the different grades of runes.

Such a rune can only be carved by a powerful runesmith. But runes are now become outdated and the races are now focusing more on technology..." Instructor Moneca explained lengthily, waving her book to the side.

"Hmmm," Zeras gave an understanding nod, a glint flashing in his eyes.

"The New Cadets in the Interdimensional combat department are still working on better maneuvering spaceship which is no doubt useless for you.

Normally, Specialist Rank like you are always trying to quickly improve their rankings and rank up on the Elite ranking.

That's what I think you should be doing currently. But once you have the time, you can come to the lab, and learn a thing or two from the group."

"I will," Zeras affirmed as silence enveloped the room.

2 hours later...

Zeras finally finished reading the book in his hands as he dropped it back on the shelf.

"I'll be paying a visit tomorrow, Instructor Moneca..." Zeras said drawing a nod from her as Zeras turned back and moved out through the exit.

Seconds later...

Instructor Moneca held the book in his hands, digesting its content with a serious expression on her face when suddenly she put the book down to her lap, her eyes narrowed at the exit when suddenly a smile appeared on her face.

"He has truly grown strong and matured too. It would have been pretty childish if he had asked for my help for the little skirmish..." She said out loud, a playful smirk on her lips.

"Let's see how he handles it..." She said to herself, properly reclining on the sofa as she continued reading the book, although what she was currently thinking was unknown.

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Khan exited the ExcelSpace Labs moving outside the organization as he arrived back in the EIA training base.

"Huuu..." Exhaling loudly he wondered about his next current move.

He couldn't commence his next attack on the Celestria family any time soon due to his cultivation stage.

He couldn't attend the regular class due to being above the remaining students.

His best choice right now, instead of stagnating was to go on another mission. But that was undoable, with his home not being secured. There was just no way, he could leave with peace of mind knowing his home was a dwelling place for an unknown group.

Who knew what he'd meet in the room once he came back from the mission?

And the EIA higher-ups have yet to send his rewards even though it has already been three days now.

"I'll just wait for the rewards before deciding on my next move..." Zeras thought to himself as his eyes flashed and he moved towards a particular direction, directly opposite his dorm room.

He was going to the training hall and check if Gaia was still there.

Walking down the EIA training base, there were still some students moving around the place, in twos and threes, but Zeras didn't pay much attention and didn't attract much himself.

That was until when suddenly all the hair at the back of his neck stood up.

It was his body's natural reaction to being looked at. But Zeras didn't turn back as he kept moving forward as if he didn't sense anything, the training structure appearing in his line of sight.

Entering the large structure, it was just as he last saw it.

Huge and desolate!

Moving through the hall, he moved towards the place with the words, combat room. His eyes peered through the wall, seeing a green-haired figure who was currently surrounded by about three robots around the Middle Meteor rank stage.

"Just as expected..." Zeras said with a smile on his face.

"And she appears to have grown stronger too. Let me give her a nice surprise..."

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BAAAANG

BANG

BOOOOM

A devastating explosion rocked throughout the small room where a green-haired female could be seen, a large green bow in her hands while a total of five arrows appeared in her hands as she fired them with speed at the robots in the room.

SOAR

BANG

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She remained rooted to where he was, even as the three Middle Meteor rank stage ran towards her.

SOAR

SOAR

SOAR

There seemed to be no limits to the arrows formed from Gaia as a total of five arrows would mysteriously appear in her hands anytime she tapped on her bow, immediately soaring forward into the speed, and instead of landing on the ground when the robots dodged them, they immediately changed their direction attacking the robots from all direction.

The arrows were relentless and every collision with the robots sent them taking two steps backward, revealing the mind-blowing strength behind the arrow's head.

BOOOM

Gaia Suddenly raised her right upwards, as an especially large gigantic arrow of half a meter in height appeared in her hands.

Immediately she placed it on the bow as she stretched the string to the peak, perspirations on her face before she suddenly released the bow.

BOOOOM

Shockwaves rippled continuously as the arrow left the bow, appearing in front of the robot's head.

KABOOOOM

Immediately, its head exploded to pieces as the arrow made contact with the robot's head, blowing it into pieces while sending metallic objects around the place.

Space rippled chaotically as Gaia raised her right hand upwards once more, another large arrow appearing in her hand before she once again fired it.

KABOOOOM

Another devastating explosion rang throughout the entire place as the arrow landed squarely on the chest of the last robot, blowing it into pieces.

Metallic objects rained down as the last robot rushed forward towards her with all its speed but got repeatedly moved back by the normal arrows who gathered on it from all sides, attacking it, before

KABOOOOM

Another devastating explosion as the robot explodes into showers of metals.

“HUUUUUUUU...”

Moist white air escaped her lips, a drop of sweat rolling down the side of her lips as she looked at the showers of metallic objects on the ground.

Even though it was a very commendable act for a new cadet like her to easily take care of three Middle Meteor rank stage robots, there was no sign of pride in her eyes at all and even slight disappointment.

“CLAP, CLAP, CLAP”

The sound of clapping rang out as Gaia jerked back her head, an arrow piercing with speed towards where the voice rang out from.

Turning to look back, she saw a familiar face which looked a little strange than before and two of his fingers were currently clenching her arrow together tightly, just an inch from his forehead.

Immediately, a small snare appeared on her lips as she concentrated hard on the particular arrow in his hands wanting to forcefully move it further forward but soon opened her eyes in shock as she lost connection to the arrow, unable to move it as her Mana imprint on it has been wiped out.

“That was truly incredible! Taking care of three Middle Meteor rank stages all by yourself. And also Congratulations on reaching the Middle Meteor rank stage so quickly...” Zeras said with a smile as he released the arrow from his hands and Gaia found her linking to it once again.

Causing them to levitate around Zeras, blocking him from all positions.

“There’s just a little bit of something you have to work on...” Khan said clicking his tongue in dissatisfaction.

“Oh? And what is that?” Gaia asked unable to believe his words.

It would be strange to believe a word of someone currently weaker than her.

“Your perception is a little low. You sense things too late, especially when you’re in a fight. And that is because you place too much attention on the fight itself. That made sense since you’re in a combat training room, and your opponent is right in front of your eyes, but in a true reality battle, you’ll be dead before you could blink if someone decided to sneak attack you In a fight...” Zeras said with a faint smile as he watched the shocked glint flashing in Gaia’s eyes.

She probably never sensed it but it was just as Zeras explained. She didn’t even sense him entering into the room although he wasn’t even sneaking in.

Such a thing might lead to her death in a true fight. If Zeras wanted to gravely injure her, then, it would have been easier than breathing!

Of course, one can blame the training room, but who will care about that if you’re dead?

“That sounds true, lecturer,” Gaia said with a smirk.

“Ah, you flatter me very much my lady. But if you talk of me being an Instructor, then I still have a couple of things I found a little amateurish in your fight...” Zeras said chuckling a little as Gaia’s eyes narrowed dangerously.

“And what are those...” Gaia asked with a raised eyebrow.

“A touch to the forehead of one’s opponent could be the closest thing to death right in a fight. Do you agree my disciple...”

“Hmm, that’s truly too dangerously close...” Gaia mused loudly. Touching one’s opponent’s forehead was just too dangerous in a fight as a single powerful attack right there might lead to the opponent’s head being reduced to a mush.

“Then let me use a simple challenge to show you your defect,” Zeras said with an evil smirk.

“Huh?”

“The rules are very simple. You just have to stop me from touching your forehead...” Zeras said to which Gaia raised an eyebrow.

To avoid him touching her forehead. That was just too simple of a challenge. Actually was it a challenge at all? But seeing his playful grin, piqued her curiosity.

“OK?”

“Give me a few seconds my disciple, let me warm my bones...” Zeras said as he stretched his hands and legs and cranked his neck and shoulders.

“Now we can begin. Your first mistake:

You’re Too Nice!”

What?” Gaia asked with a raised eyebrow.

“You gave me twenty seconds to prepare myself. Are you a fool? What are you trying to achieve, a fair fight?” Zeras asked her with an evil smirk on her face as Gaia’s eyes narrowed and looked beneath Zera’s feet, her eyes widening to their absolute limit.

SOAR

Immediately the arrow soared forward towards Zeras as she rapidly retreated.

“Giving your opponent free time to prepare, that’s the biggest mistake you’ll be making in a fight!”

Those words rang out just a few meters from her ears.

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“Eh!?” A gasp of shock escaped her lips as she looked at the young man in front of her as if having teleported.

His hands slowly stretched forward, one of his fingers inching close toward her forehead and then she twisted, making a move that caused his eyes to widen in shock.

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A few seconds earlier...

“Give me a few seconds, let me prepare...” Zeras said out loud warming his body up, yet beneath his smile, slight pulses were gently escaping his feet.

A circular airwave blew gently as his leg muscles were stretched taut, and veins were slowly appearing over them.

Raising his head, he flashed an evil smirk at the amateur who was still waiting for him to finish.

Of course, Zeras was well aware the arrows surrounding him had already completely sealed his escape route. The best way to break through the encirclement was to move faster than she could make them move forward who would have thought she even gave him the time?

KABOOOOM

A cobweb-shaped cracks appeared beneath his feet as he disappeared.

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Zera's finger moved with speed, a circular ripple around his finger as it closed on with speed towards Gaia's forehead.

'Ah, how naive...'

That was his thoughts when suddenly, he saw her jump upward, lying horizontally on the ground, her face an inch from resting on his finger.

'She dodged it? That's impossible!'

BANG

The air beneath her feet gently rustled as she jumped into the air at the last second, rolling a few times before gently landing on the ground.

Slowly Zeras stood upright as he stood up, turning back to look at Gaia who was surrounded by her arrows.

"You have quite the reaction speed..." He complimented with a smirk on his face.

"Never give your opponent time to prepare, uh? I'll keep that in mind..."

Gaia said, her white hair lighting up with a green light as the gigantic bow appeared in her hands.

Her head slightly bent as a green wave of light emanated from her hands, the same gigantic arrow that she used to kill the robots appearing again.

'Activate The Eyes of Chaos...'

Immediately, all her arrows hanging around her in the air moved outwards with speed, creating hundreds of circular ripples in the air as they appeared instantly in front of Zeras, whose left eye suddenly had a strange dark hole in it.

“Lesson number 2!: Don’t use the same move twice on an unknown enemy!”

RIIIIIIIIIIIP

It was like a knife through butter as a body parted the air apart the air.

Hundreds of images appeared as time seemed to slow down completely to Zeras.

The arrows moving towards him were just too slow. So slow he felt like yawning!

‘So this is the result of leveling up my speed to a hundred? How interesting...’

And immediately he moved, bending his head an inch, moving his hands upwards an inch, raising his right leg, stretching his head forward. It was like the game of walking through ropes that would trigger an alarm if stepped on, except it wasn’t still ropes but arrows moving at the speed of sound.

And with those small movements, Zeras completely avoided all the arrows, stepping out of their encirclements.

KABOOOOM

Alm the arrows immediately slammed hard on the wall, causing a mushroom of dust to blow up in the place.

Gaia’s eyes widened to saucers as her brain almost failed to comprehend what just happened right now.

She saw hundreds of Zeras suddenly appear.

‘Doppelganger?’ She thought but immediately pushed away the thought.

‘No, that’s not it. That’s... speed?’

BOOOOM

The mushrooms of dust slowly settled and right in front of her eyes, his figure became prominent as she looked at him dusting away his uniform from the dust that stained it.

“He’s... he’s completely unharmed. That’s impossible!”

“You know your arrows are really fast but you’re too predictable. I knew well what you’d be doing next and immediately reacted before you could even make the move. That’s what using the same moves again does to you. It makes you predictable!” Zeras said, a smirk on his face as he watched her shock.

It was just as he said. Once he saw her bring out her gigantic arrow, he already knew she would try trapping him with the smaller arrows.

That’s why he was instantly able to activate Eyes of Chaos and focused completely on those small arrows while also preparing to dodge. He already was two moves ahead before his opponent could even release her move!

“Even if you predicted it. My arrows move at a speed slightly above Mach 1. It should be impossible for an Early Meteor rank stage to be able to move more than Mach 1...” Gaia replied, her face clouded in doubt.

“You aren’t the only abnormality in this world, my lady. Mach 1? Do you want me to laugh?” Zeras asked raising an eyebrow.

He knew well if he activated Dash, he couldn’t move at Mach 3 and that was when he was at the Peak Star rank stage. Now that he was at the Meteor rank stage and after upgrading his natural speed. Only the devil knows how fast he can move if he activates Dash!

“Every time I met you. You’ve always managed to surprise me with your growth, Zeras. I watched you begin your cultivation journey. You were an ordinary mortal when I was at the Middle star rank stage.

And you suddenly improved so fast. Now I’m at the Middle Meteor and you’re at the Early Meteor rank stage. You make all my hard work seem like a joke. You make the years of hard work and relentlessly cultivating that it takes to improve one’s cultivation seem like a parlor trick.

And you don’t at all seem to be one harboring any goal at all. You act dumb, and stupid, and never take anything seriously. You’re too lax, how can one like you grow so fast? What are you hiding, Zeras?”

“Huh?”

Zeras raised an eyebrow as his left eye twitched repeatedly. He never thought that was how she perceived him.

“Even right now, I have a feeling I can’t defeat you even though I’m clearly stronger than you. Zeras, I want to find out your absolute limit...”