

## **D. Extraction 691**

Chapter 691 The Result

The Vampire and the Demon Saint unleashed their ultimate attacks, hoping to finish and kill each other.

Lisa used her Vampiric Awakening, a state of being that awakened her true and primal nature. This was something she could never do without Vale's assistance!

Not only did she possess some of Vale's Blood to use as a secret weapon, but she also received some of his Divinity.

Apparently, she had been receiving Vale's Divinity every other night, which allowed her to keep getting stronger.

As she did this, Lisa transformed into an Ancient Vampire form!

She became a bat-like creature with wings, claws, and fangs.

She also gained a boost in her speed, strength, and senses.

'I don't like this form, but with this, draining his energy will be a lot faster.' Lisa thought as she didn't really like this appearance.

She then flew towards the Demon Saint, and she tried to rip his heart out with her claws! Of course, at the same time, she could slowly suck out his energy just by staying close to him!

This was something that surprised even Vale!

The Demon Saint, on the other hand, didn't falter as he used his Demonic Ascension! It was something that only those at the single digit of the Demon Saint Rankings were capable of pulling off!

It was a state of being that ascended him to a higher and darker level. This technique basically ignores the Will of the Human Realm, as he would be able to access the power of the Abyss Realm to aid him and get stronger! However, it would be in exchange of life force!

Nonetheless, his Corrupted Divinity would surely become fatal to his enemy!

"Fine! I've only used this once in the Elven Realm... Feel honored!"

As he said this, he transformed into a horned beast with scales, spikes, and tails behind him... The gory transformation would normally scare other people, but when Lisa saw this, she didn't even flinch as she assessed the weakness of her opponent!

Through the transformation, the Demon Saint also gained a boost in his defense, attack, and regeneration.

He stood his ground, and he tried to crush her skull with his tail.

Boom!

The tail and the claw clashed!

They both hit each other, and they both felt a surge of pain!

Nonetheless, none of them stopped fighting...

Lisa realized that the Demon Saint's technique nullified her energy-draining ability.

After realizing this, she used her Blood Manipulation, and she formed a floating blood sword that she could command with a wave of her hands.

She swung it at the Demon Saint, aiming to cut him in half!

Then, she also used her Vampire Spells that aimed to control her target... Of course, since the target had strong mental will, he would probably just feel dizzy and nauseous, but she was hoping that it would be enough to make him lose his balance.

However, the Demon Saint used just his raw Demonic Energy and blocked the blood sword with ease...

"These pathetic spells again?! They're useless!" He shouted to Lisa, but he still did his best to recover from those spells.

He then counterattacked with his tails, hoping to impale her in the chest.

Bam!

They both got hit by their attacks, but it was still not over!

They pulled each other closer, and they continued their fight!

Lisa finally found an opportunity and bit the Demonic Saint's neck with her fangs.

She tried to drain his Blood and energy, hoping to weaken him and strengthen herself!

"You fool! You just hasten your death!" The Demon Saint was actually elated that she tried consuming his Blood!

However, he miscalculated Lisa's Vampiric Trait!

She ignored the pain of consuming the Demon Saint's Demonic Energy and Corrupted Divinity as she used her Vampiric Aura, and she spread it around him, hoping to suppress him and make him feel fear and despair!

Bam!

The blood blade that was previously left on his body moved once again!

"What? I thought I already suppressed it?!" The Demon Saint was filled with horror!

He then used all his remaining strength as he clawed Lisa's face with his nails!

He tried to rip her flesh and soul, aiming to heavily injure her and make her stop what she was doing! However, she just keeps regenerating from the energy she was getting from the Demon Saint!

Although bloodied, Lisa didn't stop attacking!

She used her trusted Blood Manipulation, and she gathered all the Blood around her into a giant blood bomb.

"Die!"

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"You want to die with me?! Dream on!"

The Demon Saint shouted as he gathered all his remaining Corrupted Divinity around him and tried to hasten Lisa's corruption!

He had already implanted the Corruption Divinity in Lisa's body, and he only needed to trigger it!

He shot all his Corrupted Divinity at Lisa, hoping to vaporize her with the corruption. At the same time, he also used his Demonic Energy and cast a spell to weaken Lisa's control over the blood bomb...

However, he miscalculated the small blood blade that couldn't be removed from his body!

It actually moved once again, and it was trying to rip him apart! This made him lose his focus for a brief moment!

Boom!

The Blood Bomb exploded, and the two powerful beings were caught in the explosion!

Thud!

The Demon Saint was thrown to the barrier, and his life or death was uncertain. On the other hand, Lisa was thrown to a tree and was heavily injured!

Both of them were unconscious!

Nonetheless, Lisa was not completely dead. She had a sliver of life left, thanks to her Vampiric Regeneration.

She had actually survived, although she seemed gravely injured.

She lay on the ground and, barely breathing...

At this time, Pearl appeared beside Lisa and heaved a sigh of relief...

"That was dangerous..." Pearl shook her head as she hadn't expected Lisa to go this far.

Pearl then looked at the Demon Saint and confirmed that Lisa had won...

She had killed the Demon Saint!

Chapter 692 Courting Death

While Pearl was checking Lisa's body, she felt the presence of Vale's Shadow Soldier appearing beside the fallen Demon Saint...

This Demon Saint was then covered by Shadows before disappearing from sight...

Pearl just ignored this scene since there was something more important at hand.

If not for the Immortal's Blood that Lisa was controlling, she would've surely lost this battle.

Just a while ago, the Demon Saint's Demonic Ascension had nearly shattered the castle's barrier with its energy surge. If not for the dagger made of Immortal's Blood, that could've been the case...

'Well... It's still amazing how Lisa managed to win that way... She's only in her teens, but she can already win against Demons that could be hundreds or thousands of years old. Very impressive...'

Pearl remarked in her mind before she quickly checked Lisa's condition.

Using her own Divinity and inspection spells, she could tell that there was still Corrupted Divinity messing up her regeneration ability.

As expected, her Vampiric Trait wasn't that almighty when attacked by Divinity.

She was alive but barely breathing. She had multiple wounds and burns on her body, and she would slowly weaken and fail to regenerate completely if she didn't receive help soon...

Nonetheless, Pearl remained calm as if she could easily heal Lisa.

After taking a deep breath, Pearl touched Lisa's body.

Lisa's clothes were torn and stained with blood. Her breathing was weak and irregular.

Pearl squinted her eyes as she confirmed that the Corrupted Divinity wasn't messing with Lisa's heart.

As long as the Vampire's heart wasn't corrupted, there would still be hope for full recovery.

'That Vale really spent a lot of Immortal Blood on this girl... Is this what they call love?' Pearl wryly smiled as she could tell that Vale was indeed taking care of this young girl.

Pearl then took out a healing potion from her pocket and poured it into Lisa's mouth. It wasn't really a brewed potion but a wine that was enhanced by her Divinity.

It wasn't just meant to heal wounds but could also help strengthen anyone who drinks it.

She hoped it would help Lisa recover quickly.

Of course, since Lisa was unconscious and couldn't control the distribution of the energy being poured into her body, Pearl also infused her energy to help her properly allocate the excess energy.

She knew it was not enough, but it was all she could do for now. She had just to let Lisa's natural regenerative ability start.

In the end, she had to get Lisa out of her and send her to the infirmary where she could be treated better by Magnus.

With a sigh, Pearl looked around. A huge part of the forest was in ruins. The trees were burned and broken.

The ground was also scorched and cracked. It didn't seem like this was a battle of two individuals, as the air was still filled with smoke and dust.

'This would be difficult to fix without a few Elementalist's help... Magnus probably can't do this alone.' Lisa thought.

The battle had left a trail of destruction...

She couldn't help but wonder if anyone had noticed the commotion from the outside...

'Perhaps there's another Demon Saint outside?' Pearl mused as she tried to sense the surroundings but couldn't find traces of another Demon Saint or any individuals within her Magic Zone.

Pearl then lifted Lisa's body and carried her on her back.

She was heavier than she looked, but Pearl did not mind.

Pearl then ran through the forest, looking calmly as she headed back to the castle.

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In the meantime, the battle outside the castle no longer has anything to do with the representatives of the various organizations that had visited Vale.

After the situation calmed down, Miya accepted the Divine Crystal that was filled with Vale's Divinity. She was extremely grateful for this and promised that the Church of the Lord of the Secrets would be their ally.

On the other hand, Ceres was no longer in the mood to make a request to the Immortal. The fact that her Personal Knight turned out to be a Demon Saint in disguise had ruined the opportunity she had. Instead of making a request, she should try to help the Immortal as best as she could!

Sir Roland, on the other hand, was still a bit uneasy about the Demon Saint who had escaped from the castle. Because of the Formation Arts, aside from Vale, none of them could sense the battle of the Vampire and the Demon! He couldn't help but feel worried about this.

"Sir Immortal, not only the Order of the Prime Wisemen but also the whole Rune Arts Faction would like to be a friend of you... We have been informed of your great deeds of dealing with the Abyss Gates... The other organizations may not be taking this seriously but our Faction is different. We know how important it is that's why we don't really care about your past or your relationship with the churches..." Master Thorne said as he spoke sincerely.

Vale looked at him curiously and didn't speak. He knew that this old man had something in his mind.

"To show our sincerity, we are planning to send some Runecasters inside the Abyss Realm..." Master Thorne said.

This surprised not only Vale but also everyone in the room!

That was insane! Entering the Abyss was a suicide mission!

"Why would you do that?" Vale asked, curious and puzzled.

He couldn't help but doubt their intention for this such a dangerous task. They were basically trying to get their Runecasters killed with such a mission!

Master Thorne smiled and replied calmly.

"We want to explore the secrets of the Abyss Realm. We want to learn more about the runes and the magic that exists there. Of course, this reason may not be enough for you to believe us. However, we want to make a breakthrough in our research which will benefit the whole world. I can't tell you the exact details yet, but if we succeed, you will benefit as well..."

Master Thorne then paused for a moment before he continued...

"Of course, we're not doing this because we don't know of the dangers ahead. We have a plan to avoid getting killed as soon as we enter."

## Chapter 693 Shocking Request

Master Thorne looked at the Masked Immortal, trying to find some reaction from him.

Seeing that the Immortal doesn't plan to speak, Master Thorne continued.

"And we want you to join us, Sir Immortal... Not by entering the Abyss Realm but by helping us open a safe passage to the Abyss Realm..."

Finally, these words surprised Vale a lot, and his body showed some reaction.

'As expected, this Immortal is new and doesn't know he can also open a gate to the Abyss Realm.' Master Thorne remarked in his mind before he tried to convince the Immortal once again.

"We believe that with your help, we can achieve our goals. You are the key to unlocking the mysteries of the Abyss Realm. We believe that you are the one who can lead us to glory... I hope you can grant our request."

Master Thorne and his female disciple then bowed in unison

"Please, Sir Immortal, consider our offer. We are willing to share our knowledge and resources with you. We are also willing to follow your commands and respect your wishes in this task."

With that said, Thorne shut his mouth and waited for the Immortal's reply.

To be honest, Vale was genuinely shocked about this offer. He didn't even consider such a thing, even with his current strength.

'Is it really possible?' Vale mused.

"Tell me what you know..." Vale finally said after some thought.

Thorne nodded excitedly and spoke with total confidence.

"The Order of the Prime Wisemen has the knowledge and the means to open a gate to the Abyss Realm. We have studied the runes and the magic that govern the connection between the realms. Of course, this with the help of our Collaboration with the Church of the Divine Sorcerer... We have prepared the materials and the rituals that are necessary for the gate. We only need an Immortal's help to stabilize the gate and perhaps protect us from the dangers of the Abyss Realm in case the coordinates we've opened had some problems... Ahem... We believe that you are the only one who can do that, Sir Immortal."

Miya and Ceres looked at the old man after saying this. None of them expected such a thing to be possible.

This information was definitely a classified one. However, because the Immortal didn't want to have a conversation in a private room, they had no choice but to reveal such an important secret.

"So I will be staying outside the gate of the Abyss Realm?" Vale asked once more.

"You're right, Immortal. We only need your assistance outside and in the process of opening the gate."

Vale thought about Thorne's proposal, but he did not give a definite answer.

He was intrigued by the idea of opening a gate to the Abyss Realm, but he was also wary of the risks and the consequences. He had to think about it carefully.

As much as he wanted to stop the invasion, he wasn't willing to take all the pressure of the Abyss to him.

He decided to postpone his decision until he heard from the other representatives.

"We'll talk more about it later. For now, I want to hear from the representatives of the Shadow Consortium and the Brotherhood of the Scarlet Serpent. I am not expecting your presence here..." Vale said, turning his attention to the other two organizations.

A while ago, he asked Magnus about these organizations through his telepathy.

Apparently, the Shadow Consortium and the Brotherhood of the Scarlet Serpent were not as well-known or as influential as the other organizations, but they had their own specialties and niches.

They had come to the castle to meet him with their own agendas and requests.

'I wonder what they gave to Denise to make her agree...' Vale curiously thought.

The representative of the Shadow Consortium was a middle-

aged man with a thin face and a sharp gaze. He wore a black cloak that concealed his body and a silver mask that covered his mouth. He introduced himself as Zane, the leader of the Shadow Consortium.

Indeed, he was the leader of the whole Organization! He wasn't just a random representative!

According to Magnus, the Shadow Consortium was known for its production of High-Grade Talisman Paper, which was used for making Elemental and Curse Talismans. The Shadow Consortium had a monopoly on the production and distribution of the High-Grade Talisman Paper, which made them rich and influential in the underground market...

Of course, because of such a monopoly, this consortium was also involved in many underground businesses.

Master Cane's request to the Immortal was simple and straightforward.

He wanted to buy some of the Immortal's Blood and use it to make a new type of talisman paper, which he called the Divine Talisman Paper.

"Propesterous..." Master Thorne couldn't help but comment after hearing what the Shadow Consortium wanted.

Even the others were taken aback by such a bold request!

'Just how desperate are you to earn money?!'

This was what everyone thought!

Nonetheless, Cane continued.

"I do not wish to offend you, Immortal..." Cane spoke carefully as he couldn't see the reaction of the Immortal with the mask he was wearing. Whether Vale was angry or interested in his idea, he couldn't tell at all!

Nonetheless, Cane was already here and was given a chance to speak with the Immortal. If he really gained a chance to cooperate with such a mighty being, it would be a great boon to their business.

Then, he continued to claim that the Divine Talisman Paper would be able to create talismans that could rival the power of the gods and that he was willing to pay a high price for the Immortal's Blood. He believed that the Immortal Spells that were deemed useless might be possible to use once again with this experiment!

Vale's eyes widened as he knew that Cane was referring to the Celestial Arts or their Spell Models that could not be used by anyone but him!

'This is a bit dangerous...' Vale thought.

Although he liked this innovative idea, It would cause a lot of trouble if the Divine Talisman wasn't in the right hands.

Furthermore, it also felt like this organization doesn't have anything he needs to grant them such a request.

Chapter 694 The Brotherhood's Request

For now, Vale decided to reject Cane's request...

"I appreciate your interest, Cane, but I'm afraid I can't agree to your offer. The Divine Talisman Paper is too dangerous and unpredictable. I don't want to risk creating more problems than solutions. And I don't think I need anything from your organization. I have enough resources and knowledge on my own. Thank you for your proposal, but I have to decline." Vale said.

Although Cane knew that his request would likely be denied by the Immortal, it still pained him to hear such a rejection

"You're right, Immortal. The Shadow Consortium does not have the wealth or ancient knowledge that those old aristocrats or families have... However, we have the best Talisman Crafters on the continent. I believe that the Divine Talisman, that we will make from your blood will not be in the hands of enemies. A single drop of your blood can only make 10 Divine Talismans... You could greatly limit the number of Talismans with the number of drops you give to us."

Cane then paused for a moment to take a breath before he continued." Furthermore, we can arrange the creation of the Divine Talisman in this place to ensure that they will not fall into the evil's hands. In the end, we only want to obtain half of the creation... The other half of the created Divine Talisman would be yours, Immortal."

The other representatives were certainly impressed by this deal... Vale was also tempted as he kept his silence for a moment.

Although he was already an Immortal, it doesn't mean that he could use all Immortal Spells. He still needed the Celestial Spell Models to cast them.

Having Divine Talismans may be helpful in some cases where his Shadow Divinity couldn't provide him with help.

"I'll consider it..." Vale said after some thought.

Then, he turned his attention to the last representative...



It was the representative of the Brotherhood of the Scarlet Serpent. She was a young woman with a curvy figure and a seductive smile. Just like the Cane, she doesn't have any other companions with her.

She wore a red dress that hugged her body and a snake pendant that hung from her neck.

"I'm known as Lady Eve, the leader of the Brotherhood of the Scarlet Serpent. However, for the Immortal, you can simply call me Eve." Eve introduced herself.

Vale didn't show a reaction as he simply recalled the information he got from Magnus about this organization.

The Brotherhood of the Scarlet Serpent was known for its security services and its control over a specific type of herb, which they called the Utara's Serpent Herb.

This herb was used by alchemists to expel foreign Arcane Energy from someone's body, which was useful for treating curses, infections, and other ailments caused by Arcane Spells or Rituals. The Brotherhood of the Scarlet Serpent had a monopoly on the cultivation and distribution of the Scarlet Serpent Herb, which made them popular and respected among the alchemists and the nobles.

'Are they thinking of growing some type of rare herb using my blood? Do they see me as some type of precious resource?' Vale thought for a moment as he waited for the lady's request.

"Sir Immortal... We wish to work with your organization. I believe that even if you have great strength, you still need an influence in the outside world." Lady Eve started before he continued to explain his proposal.

Lady Eve's request to the Immortal was more complex and ambiguous.

She wanted to form an alliance with the Immortal and offer him her security services and her Utara's Serpent Herb.

After not getting a response, Lady Even continued and claimed that the Immortal would need her protection and her herb, as he would face many enemies and dangers in the future.

Finally, she also hinted that she had other benefits and favors to offer him, if he agreed to her alliance.

"Hmm?"

Vale was curious about this offer, but as he waited to hear what it was, Lady Eve looked at him instead with a flirtatious and inviting expression as if she was trying to charm him.

Vale ignored Lady Eve's suggestive gestures and decided to ask for a sample of the Utara's Serpent Herb.

"Show me the herb you are talking about. I want to know what's so special about it."

According to the information he had, it seemed to be very magical, and he wanted to see what it was and what it could do.

Lady Eve smiled as he expected this much from the Immortal.

She swiftly took out a small pouch from her dress.

She opened it and revealed a bunch of green leaves that had a faint red pattern on them.

"This is the Utara's Serpent Herb. It is a rare and precious herb that can expel even the toughest curses or energy out of someone's body. It is also a potent stimulant that can enhance the senses and the vitality. It is only cultivated and distributed by the Brotherhood of the Scarlet Serpent. Yes, we're the only ones who have the knowledge on how to properly cultivate this herb. For the past twenty years, we have had a monopoly on this herb, and we can provide it to you exclusively, Sir Immortal." Lady Eve said unaffected by how Vale ignored her seduction.

Vale then took the pouch and examined the herb.

He used his Appraisal Spell to analyze its properties and effects...

It didn't take long before he felt surprised by what he found. The herb not only had the ability to expel foreign Arcane Energy, but also to increase the Life Strand of the consumer! The Life Strand was the measure of the life force and the potential of a living being... It is the Vitality in his Attributes Panel.

The higher the Life Strand, the longer the lifespan...

Although Vale did not need this herb, since he had the ability to Extract vitality from others, he knew that this herb would be valuable and beneficial for others, especially his allies and friends!

Chapter 695 Recognized

After some consideration, Vale decided to agree to Lady Eve's offer.

However, he had to lay some conditions.

"I will accept your offer, Lady Eve. My Merchant Organization will ally with you and your organization. I will not take your security services, but I will accept your Utara's Serpent Herb... I also have some terms. It is mostly related to the distribution of the Herbs... I will have someone discuss this matter with you privately."

Lady Eve nodded eagerly and spoke with excitement.

"Of course, Sir Immortal. I am looking forward to our cooperation. I will do my best to meet your expectations. You can trust me, Sir Immortal."

Vale gently nodded at this and replied with his deep voice. "Very well... I hope you will prove yourself worthy of my trust and my alliance."

Lady Eve smiled and said, "Thank you, Sir Immortal. I am honored and grateful to be part of your organization..."

Vale then turned his attention to the next representative, who had not made a request yet.

He introduced himself as Sir Geoffrey, the representative of the Combat Arts Faction or the Order of the Dragon Warriors.

The Order of the Dragon Warriors was a group of elite warriors who specialized in various forms of combat arts, such as martial arts, swordsmanship, archery, and more.

As a matter of fact, among all the Orders run by each Arcanist Faction, the Order of the Dragon Warriors was the most popular organization, as its presence always showed its wealth and power. They were always seen in public on many special occasions.

They were known for their skill, courage, and honor, and they would always deal with evil Arcanists who couldn't be handled by the special police force.

In short, while the Vessels of the Dark Faction doesn't have a good image to the public, the Dragon Warriors have an impressive reputation with the public and they're known to have brave fighters who would never back down from a challenge.

Sir Geoffrey was a tall and muscular man with a stern face and a scar on his cheek. He wore a simple leather armor and a sword on his belt.

Although he wasn't the leader of the Order of the Dragon Warriors, he was one of the strongest in the organization.

Sir Geoffrey's request to the Immortal was simple and direct.

He wanted to challenge the Immortal to a duel!

"Sir Immortal, I respect your strength and your deeds... I have no other request but to test my skills against yours. I want to fight you in a fair and honorable duel. I want to see how far I can go against you. I want to learn from you and improve myself. I hope you will accept my challenge, Sir Immortal."

Before Vale could even utter a reply, another representative spoke up.

He was Sir Roland, the representative of the Knights Faction or the Order of the Faith Guardians.

"Hmm?" Vale looked at the man with a mixed feeling.

'If I'm not mistaken, this guy is allied with the Holy Arts Faction that waged war against the Dark Arts Faction.' Vale thought as he couldn't help but think that this person was a problem.

The Order of the Faith Guardians was a group of devout warriors of the Knights Faction.

Sir Roland was a handsome and noble man with a blond hair and a blue eyes. He wore white armor, but his whole body was covered by a robe that hid it.

Sir Roland's request to the Immortal was the same as Sir Geoffrey's. He wanted to challenge the Immortal to a duel.

"I hope you can also accept my challenge, Sir Immortal."

Vale listened to both requests, and he was amused. He did not expect that two of the representatives would want to fight him. They were indeed different from the Organizations that wanted some tangible benefits.

'Mhmm... They must be looking for something...' Vale mused as he felt that they have other motives.

Did they want to prove themselves? Did they want to impress him? Perhaps they want to learn from him? Or did they have some other hidden agenda?

He doesn't know.

Nonetheless, having a duel doesn't seem that bad considering their strength.

Vale decided to agree to their requests but with a condition.

"I can tell that both of you are strong. I will accept your challenges, Geoffrey and Roland. I will fight you in a fair and honorable duel. I will teach you and improve you. But I have a condition: you will have to win against a friend of mine living in this castle... You can even try to kill him in this duel. Once you've beaten him, we can arrange another date for our duel so you can have some rest... Lastly, you must give him something in return. After all, he can't work without being paid."

Sir Roland and Sir Geoffrey happily agreed to Vale's condition.

They were eager to fight the Immortal and see his skills.

"We accept your condition, Sir Immortal. It's only natural that you test our skills first to see if we deserve to duel against you."

The others in the room were curious and excited to see the duels against the Immortal's friend.

"Can we have the honor of watching this duel?" Miya suddenly asked.

"I do not mind." Vale answered with a smile. He then sent Chad a message through telepathy explaining what was about to happen.

He decided to send Chad to fight the representatives, instead of himself. He wanted to test Chad's abilities and see how he would win against these two.

Finally, he also wanted to give Chad a chance to improve himself and gain some battle experience.

It didn't take long before he arrived. As soon as Chad appeared in the reception hall, Maya, who was disguised as Miya from the Church of the Lord of the Secrets, was shocked.

'Chad Bulmung?! What is he doing here?!' Maya Featherstar's eyes widened, but she didn't dare to make a sound.

She was still in disguise, and she had two other elders watching her actions...

She could only stare at the Dragon Disciple as she wanted to ensure that she wasn't making a mistake!

Chapter 696 Chad's Duel ( Part 1 )

In the meantime, while everyone was observing Chad's appearance, Vale couldn't help but look at Maya's reaction.

As expected, although she had hidden it well with her veil, he could still notice a change in her expression. She was certainly shocked by Chad's sudden appearance.

Nonetheless, because she was on a mission and, for some reason, she was hiding her identity, she didn't break her character and acted as if she didn't recognize Chad.

After a few moments, Vale introduced Chad.

"This is Chad, my friend and a disciple of a True Dragon. He is also a part of the Merchant Organization..." Vale said as he looked at Lady Eve of the Scarlet Serpent Brotherhood.

He implied that Lady Eve would have to meet Chad later to discuss the details of their cooperation for the acquisition of Utara's Serpent Herb.

Lady Eve gently nodded at this as she understood his gesture.

"He will be the one who will fight the representatives of the Combat Arts Faction and the Knights Faction. I don't think I have to explain that he's a great fighter. Although he's young, you shouldn't underestimate him. I don't want him to win because of your carelessness. He is eager to test his skills against the two of you, Sir Geoffrey and Sir Roland..." Vale said.

Vale even called the two as 'Sirs', which made them appreciate the Immortal.

'He's so young... Just how many years did he train to even attempt to duel against those two veterans? Isn't he overestimating his friend?' Ceres thought as she realized that even if Chad was a Dragon Disciple, he was still too young. He couldn't help but look at the Immortal a few more times.

Even Maya was a bit confused since she knew that it hadn't been that long for Chad to obtain such a huge advancement in terms of skills.

'A Dragon Disciple, huh... I guess it's the Dragon who destroyed the Royal Castle's barrier.' Sir Geoffrey mused. The others also had the same thoughts. After all, they could easily believe that the Immortal could summon a Dragon and force it to teach a human Arcanist.

'I guess this young man is a good warm-up fight before the Immortal. Not bad...' Sir Roland thought as his Magic Zone could tell that Chad's Aura didn't give him a sense of danger.

Of course, some of them also wondered how he became a friend of an Immortal and a disciple of a True Dragon.

After all, this kind of opportunity would be something anyone would want to have!

Nonetheless, aside from Miya, none of them knew who Chad was. This was their first time hearing about a Dragon Disciple.

After Chad stood in front, Vale declared.

"I changed my mind... To make the duels more interesting and exciting, I propose some wagers. The winner of each duel will get something from the loser, something that is valuable and useful to them. It doesn't matter if it won't be useful to the winner... Even if it's something that is related to their factions and their specialties, that would be fine. Do you agree to these wagers?"

Chad nodded slightly at this since he had plenty of Magic Artifacts after staying here in the castle for a long time. He didn't mind losing even three of five of them in this duel.

Of course, Sir Geoffrey and Sir Roland nodded and agreed to the wagers. They were aiming for a duel with the Immortal, so they should be confident facing a young warrior.

Furthermore, they were also curious about what Chad could offer them.

"We agree to the wagers, Sir Immortal." The two of them said.

"Very well. Then we have a deal. Let the duels begin. Sir Geoffrey, you will fight Chad first. Sir Roland, you will fight Chad next. The duels will be fair and honorable. The duels will end when one of the fighters admits defeat or is unable to continue. The duels will be watched by everyone in the room and it will be held outside the castle, in an open field."

With that said, Vale gestured for them to follow him.

He then led the way, followed by Chad, Sir Geoffrey, Sir Roland, and the others.

They left the reception hall and headed outside the castle.

Once again, the visitors didn't see any guards patrolling the area.

Soon, they reached an open field, where the duels would take place. Vale said, "It's here..."

Chad, Sir Geoffrey, and Sir Roland prepared themselves for the duels.

They took out their weapons and checked their equipment. Vale even gave them some time to warm up their bodies and focus their minds.

After a while, they looked at each other and nodded.

They were all ready.

The first duel began.

Chad and Sir Geoffrey faced each other and saluted.

Vale himself would be the referee of this battle to ensure the fairness of the duel.

"You may begin!"

As soon as the signal came, they then charged at each other and clashed.

Chad wielded a gauntlet, a metal glove that covered his right hand and arm. It had several runes engraved on it, which allowed him to channel his magic and enhance his physical abilities.

It also had a newly added double dragon-shaped emblem on the back of his hand, which represented his connection to a True Dragon or even two!

Whooom~

Chad's Dragon Aura suddenly spread throughout the field. It was a manifestation of his will and power, which took the form of a fiery dragon that surrounded him.

It wasn't some sort of technique but a natural phenomenon that could appear whenever he used his Aura.

Sir Geoffrey, on the other hand, uses a sword.

It was a long and sharp blade that he wielded with skill and grace. It had a cross-shaped guard and a leather-wrapped hilt... It wasn't as fancy as what the Magic Knights use, but it seemed comfortable in his hands.

'Let's see how my Aura fares against a Dragon Disciple's Aura...' Sir Geoffrey smiled as he realized that Chad had hidden his aura so well.

As an Aura Master, he certainly didn't want to lose in terms of an Aura Battle!

Sir Geoffrey's Aura manifested, which took the form of a golden shield that protected him!

Chapter 697 Chad's Duel ( Part 2 )

The Dragon's image and the Golden Shield's image that had appeared behind the two Arcanists mesmerized the crowd who were watching the duel.

"Beautiful..." Ceres couldn't help but appreciate the Aura of both fighters. Not all Aura Masters were capable of manifesting an image of their Aura.

At most, they could make their Aura tangible like Arcane Energy, but for an image to form, it requires a higher level of mastery and even some sort of mutation to the physique of the Combat Arts Practitioner.

"So this is the peak of Combat Artists..." Miya mused as she had seen plenty of Practitioners of this Arcane Path but saw them as just enhanced humans.

Because of their weak Aura, she couldn't even properly consider them as Arcanists because of how limited they could be.

However, the sight before her had truly opened her eyes... As long as one mastered the Aura similar to how other Arcanists could master their Arcane Energy, they would possess an incredible strength that could match the Expert Arcanists or even the Master Arcanists.

Boom!

The two warriors exchanged blows using their weapons. A clash between a sword and a gauntlet. Unlike normal Arcanists who would throw Spells at each other, the two fought like ancient warriors with full body enhancements.

They were dodging and blocking their opponents' attacks.

However, everyone could tell that their first few exchanges were only trying to gauge each other's strength.

Nonetheless, it didn't stop the viewers from being impressed by Chad and Sir Geoffrey's performance and start wondering who would win and who would lose.

The duel continued, and the intensity increased as they finished adjusting their strength.

In terms of physical strength, it was quite surprising that Chad and Sir Geoffrey were evenly matched, and neither could gain the upper hand!

Soon, Chad gathered all his Dark Energy into his gauntlet, and infused it with some of his Dragon's Aura.

This action revealed that Chad wasn't just a Dragon Disciple but also a Dark Arts Practitioner!

Of course, Ceres didn't miss this and she almost spoke out loud!

Luckily, she was stopped by her knight who held her hand while shaking his head.

'Right... We're not in Milton Kingdom... The rules in the Kingdom don't apply here. I can't offend the Immortal even more.' Ceres thought as she started calming down.

"Careful!" Chad shouted as he warned his opponent about his next attack.

Chad aimed to deliver a devastating punch that would shatter Sir Geoffrey's defense and knock him out if he couldn't kill him.

On the other hand, Sir Geoffrey gathered his Aura into his sword and activated an Aura Technique that enhances his speed.

He aimed to deliver a quick and precise slash that would break through Chad's offense and cut him down.

"You're the one who should be careful!" Sir Geoffrey shouted back.

They soon charged at each other and launched their attacks!

Bang!

They collided with a loud explosion, which was followed by a blast of light and destruction of the open field.

As the gauntlet and the sword released their energy, they both felt a surge of pain and a loss of balance.

Whoosh~

They both flew back and hit the ground.

Thud... Thud...

They both lay still and did not move for a moment.

It appears as if they were both knocked out or worse. Nonetheless, they could still feel the energy flowing in their bodies. They shouldn't be dead yet.

The others watched in silence, wondering who had won and who had lost.

As Sir Roland was about to suggest checking their condition or announcing a draw, Chad and Sir Geoffrey jolted and stood up at the same time!

Indeed, they both got up and faced each other.

"So a Dragon Aura can also mess up the body of their target." Sir Geoffrey said.

"It's the same as you... I thought that Golden Shield meant that you're a defensive fighter... You can actually infuse your Aura on my body with each of your attacks." Chad replied as he shook off the Aura Master's remnant energy in his body.

With that said, the duel resumed, and as expected, the intensity increased once more!

This time, however, Chad decided to use an advanced technique as he controlled his Dragon Aura!

The fiery dragon surrounded him and roared!

"Hahaha! I knew it!" Sir Geoffrey laughed as he summoned his Aura's image again. It was a golden shield that covered him and shone.

Chad's Dragon Aura also boosted his power and pressure, which helped him weaken his opponent's control over the surrounding energy.

Sir Geoffrey's Aura, on the other hand, boosted his defense, making him tougher and calmer.

They charged at each other once again.

Chad's Dragon Aura seemed to have breathed fire, spitting flames at Sir Geoffrey!

"Not a chance!" Sir Geoffrey's Golden Shield reflected light, blinding Chad with a flash. It should have been a good opportunity to counter, but it wasn't enough!

"Hmph!"

Chad's Dragon Aura bit, snapping its jaws at Sir Geoffrey!

"Too slow!"



The latter didn't panic and used the Golden Shield as he bashed, slamming its edge at Chad.

The two fighters continued to clash, using their weapons and their auras.

Chad's Dragon Aura was fierce and aggressive, while Sir Geoffrey's Golden Shield was solid and defensive.

They matched each other's moves!

"Let's get this over with..." Chad finally decided to change his strategy and used one of his secret weapons.

He decided to transform into his Dragonoid Form, a half-

human, half-dragon hybrid that enhanced his physical and magical abilities.

'I don't want to win with my Magic Artifact... It's better to win as a Dragon Disciple!' Chad said in his mind as he decided to surprise Geoffrey and overwhelm him with his dragon power!

Bang!

After the two clashed again, Chad jumped back and moved about 30 meters away from his opponent.

He then focused for a moment before he activated his transformation!

Soon, Chad felt his body changing, growing scales, claws, wings, and horns. He felt his gauntlet changing, morphing into a dragon's claw.

Then, everyone felt his Dragon Aura changing, becoming more intense and powerful.

In just a few seconds, Chad completed his transformation and revealed his Dragonoid Form!

Chapter 698 Chad's Duel ( Part 3 )

Vale couldn't help but sigh in amazement after seeing the transformation. The one that Chad did wasn't an Arcane Spell or just a Transformation Art assisted by a Spell Model. It was a genuine transformation through the Dragon Blood that he received from the two dragons imprisoned beneath the castle.

It was completely different from his Shapeshifting Spell!

The rest of them were also amazed by the sight of it. They could easily tell that the Aura coming from Chad was from a genuine Draconic Blood, something that shouldn't exist in the Human Realm!

Nonetheless, because there was an Immortal living in this castle, it wasn't too unbelievable that such a being existed here. As a matter of fact, they probably wouldn't be surprised if they learned that this castle also had Vampires, Elves, Spiritual Beings, or other Demihumans.

"So that's what you're relying on, Half-Dragon!"

Sir Geoffrey was shocked and amazed to see Chad's Dragonoid Form.

He had read about them in the books, but he had never seen anything like it before. This creature should be a thing of the past when the Arcane Paths weren't separated into twelve yet.

Then Geoffrey decided to use his secret technique as well... It was something he had prepared once he got a chance to fight the Immortal.

However, with Chad's current show of power, he knew that he could get defeated if he didn't go all out in this battle.

Bang!

The clash of his sword and the dragon claw was heavier than he expected.

He realized that Chad had become stronger and faster with that transformation.

Luckily, he managed to buy enough time for his ultimate technique!

Soon, Geoffrey's sword started glowing, emitting a bright and pure light.

In a moment, his Golden Shield Aura started glowing, emitting a strong and holy force! It surprised many of them since they started feeling Holy Energy! It shouldn't be something he could use with his Arcane Path!

Geoffrey's Aura reached its peak, but he was emitting a sacred presence!

Nonetheless, there was no time to be surprised as he finally completed his technique and revealed a Holy Sword formed by his Aura and Holy Energy!

The sword floated above him, and it was several times bigger than his physical sword.

Chad wasn't intimidated by this attack as they both launched their attacks.

Chad, who was in his Dragonoid Form, unleashed a blast of fire and lightning, aiming to incinerate Sir Geoffrey!

Sir Geoffrey's Holy Sword, on the other hand, unleashed a wave of light and searing Aura, aiming to annihilate Chad.

Boom!

They collided with a loud explosion, a blast of light, and soon, chaotic energy spread everywhere.

The mix of draconic force, elements, holy energy, and Aura created a field where Arcane Energy couldn't be properly controlled!

However, the Holy Sword that clashed against Chad's Dragonoid Form shattered into a million pieces of light as Geoffrey coughed out some blood because of the backlash!

Although they both felt a surge of pain, Geoffrey was the one kneeling on the ground while Chad was still in his Dragonoid Form, and he even appeared beside Geoffrey and patted the man's shoulder.

Even without Vale's announcement, everyone could tell that the winner was Chad.

He had survived the final attack and had defeated Sir Geoffrey.

"So he's a Holy Arts practitioner and an Aura Master." Sir Roland muttered as he didn't expect this as well.

"He hid it so well..." Ceres muttered. She was also a Holy Arts Practitioner, so she was sensitive to Holy Energy. However, she had never felt this from Sir Geoffrey until the last moments in battle.

"Is he a Dual Practitioner then? It's weird... I think it's only through the help of an Artifact. What do you think?" Miya asked the two veiled individuals behind her.

These two were actually elders of the Church of the Lord of the Secrets and weren't just random guards sent to protect her.

After some hesitations, they also expressed their thoughts.

And their answers surprised everyone present.

"He used three Arcane Paths just now, Miya... You really need to redo your training after we return."

"That's right. He used the Combat Arts to release his Aura... The Holy Arts to summon the Holy Energy, and the Alchemy Arts to summon that sword... That sword was simply disguised as a manifestation of aura. However, Alchemy formed it using the dust, moisture, and air in the surroundings."

As they said this, Miya and the other representatives couldn't help but look at them in surprise.

None of them had noticed it at all!

Of course, no one wanted to admit that they missed that, so they only shut their mouths and waited for Vale to announce the end of the duel.

Indeed. After Sir Geoffrey recovered some of his strength, he looked at the Immortal as he accepted his defeat.

Vale then declared Chad as the winner.

Of course, Vale didn't forget to praise both the fighters.

Chad and Sir Geoffrey then looked at each other, and it could be seen that they both respected each other.

"Are you going to remain in that form?" Geoffrey.

"Yes... I already transformed, and that consumes energy... I might as well use it to its limit." Chad replied.

Sir Geoffrey then took off his necklace and handed it over to Chad.

"This is my wager, Chad. This is a magic artifact that I purchased long ago in an Auction. It has an ability called Aura Amplifier. It can increase the power and range of your aura, and allow you to use different aura techniques. Lastly, it can also store and release your aura, and act as a backup source of energy. It is a rare and valuable artifact, and I hope you will find it useful."

'I'm not an Aura Master though...!' Chad thought but he still accepted the necklace and examined it.

He saw that it was a silver chain with a pendant. The pendant was a round metal disc, with a spiral pattern and a gem in the center. The gem was clear and colorless, but it glowed faintly with a golden light.

Chapter 699 Chad's Duel ( Part 4 )

'It looks great, but I can't use it... I guess I can give this as a gift to someone else. Or probably exchange it for something useful in Manager Faith's Treasury.' Chad thought for a moment as he recalled the vast number of treasures in Manager Faith's collection.

It was a treasure trove.

According to Manager Faith, it was all taken from the Treasury of the Vermont Academy. Apparently, when the Academy was on the verge of destruction, she had been tasked to take away all valuable items in the Treasury and make sure that they would not fall into the wrong hands. After that, she must return them once they have rebuilt the Academy.

'Vale isn't going to rebuild the Academy any time soon. It shouldn't be a big deal if I exchange some of the treasures there.' Chad thought as he felt a warm and gentle aura from the necklace.

He realized that it was also subtly revitalizing his current physical condition.

"I'll take it... Thank you..." Chad said as he returned to the center of the field to wait for his next duel. Of course, he maintained his current Dragonoid Form.

After a few seconds, Vale decided to call Sir Roland of the Order of the Faith Guardians.

Sir Roland was the representative of the Order of the Faith Guardians, a group of devout warriors under the Knights Faction.

Of course, all members of this Order were at least First-Class Magic Knights; no member of this organization could be underestimated.

Sir Roland was a handsome and noble man with blond hair and blue eyes. He was completely different from the veteran look of Sir Geoffrey, who even had a scar on his face.

Nonetheless, Sir Roland still looked experienced and powerful. He wore white armor and a small shield with the emblem of the Faith Guardians on his back,

He introduced himself as the captain of the First Squad of the Order of the Faith Guardians. This was quite impressive since they all knew that the First Squad consisted of the best Magic Knights of the Order.

Shiiinnng~

Rolan then held his sword to his right and shield to his left.

As soon as he did this, a calm flow of energy started emitting out of his body. It wasn't violent or threatening, but the calmness and steadiness of his energy were justly intimidating in a certain way.

He was a true Magic Knight and everyone could sense it.

Chad, in his Dragonoid Form, could tell that this person was stronger than Sir Geoffrey.

Nonetheless, he still decided to use his gauntlet, which had morphed into a dragon's claw, to fight against him...

"Don't hold back, Half-Dragon! Show me everything you got!" Roland shouted.

"Fine!"

The battle began with Chad charging at the Magic Knight. Similar to how Chad started his battle against Sir Geoffrey, he also aimed to gauge the strength of his opponent.

Bang!

Chad swung his draconic claw gauntlet, aiming to slash Sir Roland's chest. It was incredibly fast but it wasn't too powerful.

Sir Roland blocked with his sword, parrying Chad's attack... However, Chad didn't stop as he suddenly used his fire breath, spitting flames at Sir Roland.

Whoosshh~

The fire breath could melt a metal but the Magic Knight wasn't afraid.

Sir Roland used his Arcane Shield, creating a barrier of energy and resisting Chad's fire breath. He did this in the nick of time!

"That's dangerous! Breathing fire so suddenly... Are you serious?!" Roland was a bit flustered by that Fire Breath. It was so sudden, and it was too close!

He was lucky that he was used to dealing with Elementalists and managed to react in time.

"Good!" Chad smiled as he thought that he would surprise the Magic Knight.

The two fighters continued to clash, using their weapons and their spells.

After a few exchanges, the intensity of Sir Roland's attacks increased.

Chad used his scales, covering his body with a layer of armor and reducing the damage from Sir Roland's sword.

This time, Sir Roland finally showed the difference between an Aura Master and a Magic Knight.

As soon as Roland got an opportunity, he released his own version of an elemental spell, launching a ball of fire at Chad and trying to burn him.

However, Chad spread his draconic wings, flapping them and creating a gust of wind and blowing away Sir Roland's fireball!

This use of wings mesmerized the audience... It made them fully realize that Roland's opponent was not a human but a mystical creature.

This kind of exchange continued for some time as they tested each other's strengths and weaknesses, looking for an opening and an advantage.

However, both of them were being too careful, and they weren't showing any form of defense.

Chad used his speed, dashing around the field and trying to catch Sir Roland off guard.

On the other hand, Sir Roland used his Flame Dash Spell, which seemed like a short teleportation spell.

Sir Roland was able to keep up with Chad, disappearing and reappearing in different locations and trying to confuse Chad!

Nonetheless, they couldn't continue like this. They do not have unlimited energy, so they have to end this before that could happen!

Chad pushed the limit of his agility, leaping over Sir Roland's attacks and trying to land a hit with his gauntlet.

However, although this move confused Sir Roland for a moment, it wasn't enough for him to be unable to dodge. He immediately rolled under Chad's attacks and tried to counter.

Bang!

The two fighters clashed their weapons once again, backed with speed and their energy, creating sparks and shockwaves.

"Again!" Roland shouted...

"Come!" Chad replied as his gauntlet, and Sir Roland's sword collided, producing a loud sound and a bright light.

Chad followed with his fire breath, and Sir Roland didn't even bother to defend himself and decided to use his Echo Burst, producing a layered shockwave.

The clash created an explosion and a cloud of smoke.

Crack!

At this time, both the gauntlet and the sword started having cracks before shattering completely!

The force behind their strikes was no joke!

Since Roland's sword was broken, and Chad's gauntlet was also in a terrible condition. They decided to put away their other weapons.

Roland threw away his small shield while Chad removed his gauntlet.

As soon as they did this, they immediately pounced at each other!

Chad's scales and Sir Roland's force field collided, producing a strong impact and another wave of force.

"Great! This is it! As expected of a Half Dragon!"

"Haha! I'm not even half of your age and you're already struggling! Don't be so happy!"

The two fighters fought with honor and respect, admiring each other's abilities and spirit. They pushed themselves to the limit, and soon they unleashed their final attacks.

Chad's unleashed a blast of fire, lightning, and wind, aiming to incinerate Sir Roland!

Sir Roland, on the other hand, had to keep up with Chad's sudden burst of elemental spells!

It appears that as a Half-Dragon, he inherited their ability to control the elements.

Roland had to use his Echo Burst a couple more times while using his Flame Dash Spell to ensure that it would be difficult to hit him. Lastly, he used his hand like a sword and tried to cut Chad's arm!

Bang!

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In the meantime, as the battle reached its peak, the others couldn't help but feel amazed.

"Is he a Dragonoid who transformed into a human, or is it the opposite? I'm wondering how he could last so much in his Dragonoid Transformation." Lady Elara, Sir Roland's companion, couldn't help but feel worried.

"It must be the first one. It's unfortunate, but Sir Roland will lose here. I'm sure he was planning to wait for Chad to revert back to his original form, but that's a mistake." Lady Isolde, Sir Geoffrey's companion, added.

"He's a Magic Knight... He's the best when fighting with his squad or legion. However, he's fighting alone right now, so it is not surprising if he loses." Cane from the Shadow Consortium added.

Nonetheless, the others watched the duel with interest and excitement.

At this time, some of them even became Chad's supporters. They cheered for their favorite while they appreciated the unfolding battle.

They were all impressed by Chad and Sir Roland's performance and wondered who would win and who would lose.

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Bang!

Chad and Roland collided once again, but this time, it had truly exhausted most of their energy.

In terms of battle techniques, Roland was slightly better, but Chad had more energy and tough defense. Even if he was directly hit by most attacks, he would easily endure them!

Well, he was used to the attacks of an Immortal, so this pain wasn't enough to bring him down!

At their final clash, they both felt a surge of pain as their energy was passed into each other's bodies.

They were both thrown away, but they managed to get back on their feet.

Unfortunately, the surge of Draconic Aura entering Sir Roland's body made him fall to the ground!

'Whew~ Breaking that Arcane Aura and steady Arcane Energy is just too tough...!' Chad commented in his mind as he knew that this battle wasn't easy at all.

He was simply lucky that he managed to break Roland's sword. After all, he could tell that if Roland were wielding a sword throughout the battle, he would slowly accumulate injuries until he was defeated.

Nonetheless, the duel ended, and the crowd was silent... The winner was decided!

'How did he turn into this?'

At this time, Maya was starting to think of removing her disguise just to ask Chad some questions!

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'How did he turn into this?'

Maya wondered as she observed Chad in his Dragonoid Form.

She had heard of Dragon Knights, who could use the power of dragons to enhance their abilities, but that was only in name, and they didn't even have Dragon Blood with them.

At most, they were simply copying what the Dragon Knights should be based on how they understand the mythical creature.

She had also heard of Dragon Mages, who could use the so-called Dragon Spells to cast powerful spells, but once again, they were just imitations of the Dragon Spell and were a lot weaker than the original...

Nonetheless, Maya had never thought that Half-Dragons truly existed until now! A half-human and half-dragon felt surreal!

It was even more dreamlike when the one in question was actually Chad Bulmung!

Bulmung Clan was a third-generation family and merely a supporter of the five main families who had established the Dark Arcane Path!

They shouldn't be related to any Dragons or aware of any Dark Alchemist that was capable enough to change a person's gene!

'There's no way the Bulmung Family has a Dragon's Blood... Then it must be the Immortal. Just what kind of deal did he make to get the Immortal's assistance.' Maya sighed as she couldn't really think of a good answer.

Nonetheless, there was no point in overthinking this matter. She would know the answer later once she requested a private meeting with Chad. It shouldn't be that difficult since she wouldn't be meeting the Immortal in private, it was simply his subordinate.

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In the meantime, as Roland heard the Immortal's announcement about his loss, he didn't feel bad about it.

He also decided not to use his Life Force to fight against Chad since this was only a Duel. However, he knew to himself that if he really had to win, he wouldn't mind burning his Soul to kill the Half-Dragon. Well, at the very least, he knew that with such a Forbidden Technique, he would have a higher chance of winning.

Sir Roland then got up and gave a salute to Chad.

"You have fought well, Sir Chad. My visit here isn't wasted at all. Thank you for the learning experience."

Chad returned the salute and also expressed his gratitude.

"Thank you, Sir Roland... I was lucky that you weren't prepared to fight against a Half-Dragon. I believe that if a Magic Knight like you had the time to prepare, it would be a lot more difficult for me to win."

Sir Roland smiled at this and took off his ring, and handed it over to Chad.

"Since I lost, I will hand this over to you, Chad. This is a magic artifact that only a certain family in the Knights Faction can make. It is called the Magic Knight's Ring. It can store and cast any Three Arcane Spells that are at least Tier 2..." Sir Roland explained.



"What? Any three Arcane Spells? The Arcane Path doesn't matter?" Chad repeated. This was certainly a lot more useful for him.

"Yes, it will allow you to use different spells without using your own magic. It also has a natural ability that can enhance the power and range of your spells. It may not be that rare among the high-ranking Magic Knights, but they are still quite expensive since only 150 of them can be produced every year." Sir Roland answered.

"Amazing... I didn't expect that there's an item like this at all."

Chad said as he graciously took the ring, and examined it. Of course, at this time, his body was also starting to return to normal.

Anyway, Chad saw that it was a gold ring with a ruby on it. The ruby had a star-shaped pattern and a rune in the center. The rune doesn't seem quite similar to the ones the Runecaster's uses. It means that it was quite special just like what Roland had said.

As he injected some energy into it, it had glowed faintly with a red light. Chad felt a cool and gentle magic from the ring, and he soon realized that three Arcane Spells that were stored inside the ring.

He then thanked Sir Roland, and put on the ring.

"Thank you. You are so generous, Sir Roland. I will use this ring to its fullest."

Sir Roland nodded, and smiled. "You are welcome, Chad. I am glad you like it. I hope you will use it well, and learn more about the other Arcane Spells because of this. Ahem... I also hope we will become friends or even allies." Roland said with a meaningful smile.

"We can certainly be friends. However, being allies means that the Immortal should also agree to that." Chad replied.

After shaking their hands, Vale walked over to them, and checked their condition.

He saw that they were both fine and congratulated them for their great performance just now.

Vale then turned to the others.

This time, he released a bit of his Divinity to get their attention once again.

"Now that you have seen the duels. I want to ask you if there are still others who want to challenge me. I am willing to accept any challenge as long as you defeat the Half-Dragon beside me. Well, I am also willing to give you something that you want, as long as you defeat him... But you also have to put something on the line. Do you want to challenge me?"

As he asked this, everyone in the field obviously had the same thought...

'Impossible! We will just expose our set of spells. The risk was too high. Aside from learning experience, they would have nothing to gain! They will even lose an important Magic Artifact in their possession!

On the other hand, Maya immediately acted on her plan!

As she stepped forward, the two elders behind her felt nervous. They thought that she was about to challenge the masked Immortal!

However, Miya's words immediately calmed them down.

"Sir Immortal, I do not wish to challenge you, but I have another request. I want to have a private meeting with Sir Chad. I have some questions for him, and I hope he can help me. I want to talk to him in a quiet and secluded place. I want to learn more about him and his transformation. I hope you will allow this, Sir Immortal."

This request garnered surprise from the other representatives, who also wanted a private meeting with Chad.

They immediately stepped forward and spoke about their concerns.

"Sir Immortal, we also have no other request but to have a private meeting with Chad. We also have some requests for him, and we hope he will accept them. We hope you will allow this, Sir Immortal."

Vale looked at Maya, and then at the other representatives.

It seemed that Chad's strength had truly attracted them. Anyway, he didn't think that it was a bad idea at all.

After sending a message to Chad through telepathy, Vale smiled, and nodded.

"I understand your curiosity and your interest. I will allow this... However, you will have to wait for your turn, and respect each other's privacy. I don't want any heated arguments to happen. You will have to be brief and concise, and not waste Chad's time. Do you understand?"

Maya and the other representatives agreed to the condition without any hesitation

"I agree to your condition, Sir Immortal. I will wait for my turn..." Maya said as if she didn't want to be the first to speak to Chad.

"Very well. Then we have a deal..."

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In the meantime, not too far from the castle, Agent Axe was on a trip to Vale's Castle on his Airship, a flying vessel powered by arcane magic...

He was an agent of the Arcane Bureau, and currently assigned to help on Vale's matter no matter how important it was.

He was tasked to visit the castle since he had a very important news and item to deliver to the Immortal. He had to visit him in person.

"I hope he will help us... This isn't a matter that a Half-Immortal could deal with."

Apparently, the news was about a recent discovery of a hidden dungeon, where a powerful artifact was found. The item was a golden orb that emitted a strange and ancient aura.

Agent Axe had been assigned to retrieve the artifact and bring it to the Immortal, who might know more about its origin and purpose. Of course, he couldn't retrieve the artifact but he has the item that would help the Immortal retrieve it.

Agent Axe arrived at the castle, and landed his Airship on the courtyard.

He was greeted by a beautiful woman, who introduced herself as Faith, the Immortal's assistant.

She welcomed him and asked him the reason for his visit.

Agent Axe showed her his badge, and told her that he had a very important news and item to deliver to the Immortal.

"Alright..."

Manager Faith nodded, and asked him to follow her. "The Immortal is busy right now. He is in the reception hall, where he is hosting some guests."