

Death Guns 121

Chapter 121 - 119: Night Attack On The Gato's Village 2

Rewind time a little, just after Lucien attacked the archers and Eleonora used the commotion created to quickly slip away.

Alex who was observing the battlefield discovered a group of archers in another location preparing to shoot Lucien down.

Grinning Alex Accel-ed and appeared in the middle of the group, startling the orcs who thought they were safe, one must know that, the difficulty of getting close to an archer corresponded to their weakness in close combat. Therefore, the moment they saw Alex appearing in the middle of them, they knew they were in trouble.

Alex brought Reaper, the knife Leena offered him on their date, and swung down. The Orc he was aiming for was split in two like a piece of bamboo. Without realizing what had happened, the body fell to the left and right separately. With a gusha~ sound, the freshly cut internals of the Orc spilled out of the body and splattered onto the ground.

Unbothered by the gory scene, Alex threw one of his Black Bettie's at one of the remaining orcs, and because everything happened so fast and the proximity of the orc to Alex, the latter died without being able to dodge the fast knife.

Alex kicked the ground and appeared in front of the last archer, and even though this orc archer was astonished why the death of his comrades, he did not falter as he hastily brought his bow in front of him intending to block Alex's strike and how could a crudely-made bow contend against Alex's almost godly weapon?

Reaper cut through the bow and the orc archer like a knife cutting through butter, the orc's eyes opened wide as he was cut into two.

Suddenly, Alex's Six senses kick in and without wasting his time he kicked off the ground enough to propulse himself into the air, he barely avoided the fate of being burned as a fireball landed on his previous location.

Finally having a clear of who the culprit of the sudden attack was, Alex saw that it was Orc Mage dressed in a red robe with a cane pointed in his direction, Alex grinned and decided to finish the mage with Silveria because the latter was complaining nonstop about being left out.

However Alex was about to summon Silveria, from the corner of his eyes he noticed his sister coming, she stopped when she saw the Orc Mage prepared another fireball's spell.

Exchanging glances with each other without any words, they understood what the other wanted to convert. Chuckling Alex left, going towards another group of monsters, a mix of orcs and goblins.

Meanwhile, Gracier who was facing the Orc Mage shot her fireball at the monster, the Orc Mage also shot its fireball, both fireballs clashed mid-air creating a big crimson explosion.

Kaboom!

The Orc Mage on the other side grinned, however, his grin turned into horror when he saw another fireball coming towards him at extremely fast speed.

Holding his staff with his two hands, the Orc Mage chanted a spell in what Gracier judged to be an Orc language.

Immediately after the chant ended, a shield made of flame appeared right before the Orc Mage blocking Gracier's fireball.

Boom!

As the fireball clashed against the Fire shield, it created an explosion which almost broken the shield, however in the end the fire shield managed to last.

The Orc Mage behind the shield couldn't help but have a smug expression on his face, however, he heard Gracier's mocking voice,

"You should not celebrate too soon."

Startled by Gracier's words, the Orc Mage tried to quickly cancel his Fire shield and turn around, however, he was a tad bit slower as numerous Fire arrows appeared behind him and sealing his fate as their went through his body leaving shared holes behind as the testimony of their passage.

With a thud sound, the Orc Mage body fell to the ground, the monster died eyes filled with unwillingness, he didn't know how the Fire arrows appeared behind him.

What Gracier had done was pretty ingenious, as her fireball was dispersing after clashing against the Orc Mage Fire shield, some of the flames fell onto the ground, using those flames she created the Fire arrows without the need to chant the keywords (ie. Fire Arrow)

Sighing Gracier turned her face in Meera's to see the latter shooting Wind arrow after wind arrow, she was supporting Lucien, Sebastian, and Golfak to fight against a group of monsters (Orcs and Goblins).

Meera's accuracy with the bow was frightening, she never missed a target, most of her hits were one-shot kill, when she doesn't kill, she simply injured the monsters and let Sebastian or Golfak finish the monster.

Gracier could hide how envious she felt at the moment seeing how beautiful Meera look when firing her bow and harvesting lives from afar, it was a truly beautiful sight to behold.

"If only I can use a weapon like a bow."

Gracier muttered as she advanced while burning poor goblins to crips, they could even cry before turning into ash.

[Oh? So you want to use a weapon, a bow like that Elf girl over there?]

Suddenly, Gracier who was shooting fireball after fireball killing monsters, stopped when she heard a sudden voice in her head.

[Is that you, Ignia?] Gracier asked because she remembered this voice, it belongs to that Fire Dragon Goddess with whom she contracted with.

Indeed as she thought, it was Ignia.

[Yes it's me, child. I asked you a question. Do you wish for a weapon?]

To Ignia's question, Gracier immediately responded, [Yes, I do.]

[Great, then why a bow, though?] Ignia asked curiously.

[Well, simply because I do not fit for close combat and most importantly Big brother like close combat even when he has ranged type of weapon. I want to stay in the back with my fully drawn bow to defend him against anybody attacking his back. It is to watch his back.] Gracier explained.

Ignia in her flame dimension couldn't help but chuckle when she heard Gracier's words.

'What a good sister, you must take good care of her, Master of the Death Gun.' Ignia mumbled before deciding to help her host.

[Great, I shall bestow upon you a little present.]

After hearing Ignia's words, Gracier felt a sudden warmth inside her body and Ignia's bracelet appeared around her wrist even without being summoned, Gracier was surprised, however, she did not have time to mull over the current as she heard Ignia next words.

[Close your eyes and imagine a bow that would perfectly fit you. Then say 'Materialize.']

Nodding her head Gracier does as she was instructed, closing her eyes she imagined a perfect bow that could only fit her hand, she didn't want anything big, not too flashy, she wants something elegant and powerful.

After what seemed to be an eternity, Gracier opened her beautiful red-eye and muttered,

'Materialize'

Immediately, Ignia's bracelet around Gracier's wrist shined before transforming into a beautiful golden bow with flame acting as a string for the bow.

Everybody stopped whatever they were doing and looked in Gracier's direction because when she materialized this bow, there was a huge pressure that descended on the battlefield accompanied by an increase in the temperature.

"What is that? Her Gift?" Golfak asked puzzled.

"Probably," Lucien answered, Meera's eyes were drawn towards the beautiful golden bow.

Meanwhile, Sebastian could not help but sigh thinking how unfair life could be, with her this bow, Sebastian knew he will last three seconds against her.

Alex on the other hand was staring dumbfoundedly at the golden bow in his sister's hand, he had never seen it before hence he couldn't help but be surprised.

'What's going here, Sil?' Alex raised a question.

「Well, it's probably Ignia doing. She can transform into any weapon her user wanted to. For Gracier choosing a bow must be because she felt that with this type of weapon she can watch your back.」 Silveria explained.

'I see, that's good then. I'll protect her too.' Alex affirmed.

Meanwhile, Gracier was staring at the golden bow in her hand with shining eyes.

[Thank you Ignia.]

Hearing Gracier thanking her, Ignia chuckled before stopping talking, she was tired after the work she had just performed, normally Gracier couldn't be able to use Materialize at her current level, still, Ignia decided to make an exception and help her.

Finally turning her eyes into the monsters who seemed too afraid of the golden bow, Gracier muttered with a sadistic smile on her lips, she unsealed her left eye, golden eye and red eye pierced through the monsters bodied making them shudder in dread, the weak ones fall on their knees and as they started shaking.

"Time for a payoff." the girl muttered, she readied her bow, and fire Arrow was created ready to be set free.

However, when she was planning to release her arrow in the direction of monsters who started to retreat due to fear, Gracier heard a sudden playful voice that came from her left.

"Oh?! It seems that I'm missing some fun here."

Naturally, it was Eleonora who appeared.

Chapter 122 - 120: The Ominous Black Daggers

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"Oh?! It seems that I'm missing some fun here."

Naturally, it was Eleonora who appeared who said this.

Every eye was turned into her direction, unfazed she strides forward, and once not too far from Gracier she observed the latter golden bow.

"Nice I never thought you'd been hiding something so awesome."

Hearing Eleonora's words Gracier chuckled and said looking at Eleonora in the eyes.

"Welcome back it seems you've completed your task."

"Hooah! What beautiful eyes, however, there are dangerous, especially the golden one. It makes me feel uncomfortable and pressured."

Eleonora said while diverting her eyes away.

Sebastian and others could not look at Gracier in the eyes because they were feeling intimidated. They couldn't help but smile bitterly when they were finally able to see Gracier at her full power.

Meanwhile, Alex who saw his sister going full power couldn't help but think she was overdoing it.

『Let's her be. She needs this.』 Silveria advised.

Alex could only chuckle and decided to let her do whatever she wants.

Gracier finally let loose the fire Arrow on the monsters trying to flee.

Boom!

A big explosion occurred sending charred bodies part everywhere.

"Waouh! Too frightening."

To Eleonora's words, Gracier gave no reply as she kept shooting fire arrow after fire arrow, this time not only at the fleeing monsters but also toward the buildings occupied by the monsters.

Seeing numerous houses were set ablaze, monsters' cries reverberated inside the village creating more chaos and how could Alex and his men let this chance slip, they started slaughtering monsters.

Eleonora grinned fiercely as she mumbled,

"Time to get a little bit serious."

Immediately after her words, two black appeared in her hands, they were giving an ominous vibe, when the two black daggers appeared everyone feels a chilling sensation on their back.

Alex who was fighting stopped and looked at the two black daggers with interest.

'It almost looks like Maria's Gift except that this one is black and gives an extremely dangerous vibe.'
Alex mumbled as he blocked a monster's attack.

『What interesting girl with an unusual Gift. Never thought that I'll be seeing those two here.』 Silveria muttered.

From Silveria's words, one could know that she knew the origin of the two ominous black daggers.

'I see. I won't ask anything now but later you'll tell what you know and I won't take no for answer.' Alex said before quickly sidestepped in the opposite direction to dodge a sword strike before swung down Reaper, slicing the Orc swordsman arm holding the sword.

"Bugiah?!"

The Orc cried before stopping as Alex had sliced his throat killing him.

On the other side, Eleonora who just summoned her Gift, disappeared, her figure turned blurry and when she became invisible once again she was dancing in the middle of five orcs, those five orcs didn't last second as they dropped dead onto the ground with a sliced throat.

Alex who was observed Eleonora from the corner of his eyes was astonished by Eleonora's speed, her current speed was different from the one she had when fighting against him. Alex wondered why so? Is it because of the two black daggers?

Shaking his head Alex smiled bitterly as he witnessed his sister and Eleonora taking the spotlight as they continued slaughtering orcs as though they were cabbage. Sebastian, Lucien, Meera, and Golfak were also killing monsters in pairs.

Suddenly, Alex felt left out because he felt others had more kills than him, however, he was wrong, he only felt that way because Gracier and Eleonora have stolen his spotlight, especially Gracier who was playing the pyromaniac setting houses ablaze, not that he was going to admit it.

However, he could still shine, grinning Alex was ready to also join the ongoing Gift's festival.

『Oh! That my master.』 Silveria said she noticed Alex's grin and knew what this means.

Suddenly, Alex turned around his eyes fixated into the darkness as he readied Reaper.

"Bumo~!?"

An arrow was shot from the darkness and was casually cut down, an Orc Archer raised a voice of confusion as he was pretty sure his sneak attack should have worked, he was the one archer who was not with the other, he was relieving himself the reason why he was not with the others.

Alex kicked the ground and appeared before the still surprised archer, the next moment before he was aware of it, Alex swung down Reaper and the skull of the poor Orc archer was split and he died.

"Let's start with you."

Alex said and without turning around, as if he was aware of the orc sneakily moving in shadow to target Meera, he summoned Silveria on his left arm and pointed the silver gun in the direction of orc, and fired.

Bang!

Everybody was surprised by the sound, they looked at Alex and were surprised to find a silver object in his hand, only Gracier was not surprised as she had already seen her big brother use his Gift numerous times, he called it a gun.

Eleonora's eyes shined when she finally saw Alex's Gift, however, no matter how much she thought about it she was not able to identify what his Gift is, she had never seen nor read about this kind of Gift, how unusual she thought.

Meanwhile, Meera whom Alex rescued nodded her head and stared interestedly at the silver object before with her group moved to another location.

Conrad who was hiding, came back early and saw Alex's Gift and muttered "Finally, however, I have never seen this kind of Gift before, I thought Gift can be either sword, spear, daggers, or other types of weapons, I've never seen this type of weapon who can shoot projectile faster than a bow. How unusual, this boy is full of surprises."

Unaware of others thoughts, Alex moved around while killing monsters with Reaper and Silveria,
Swish! Swish!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

In a matter of seconds, he killed 10 monsters (orcs and goblins). He was like the death reaper harvesting lives.

Gracier and Eleonora looked at Alex's performance before exchanging a look, they both grinned before continuing killing monsters but this time with more vigor.

Eleonora was moving around killing monsters while Gracier was taking care of the runaways monsters.

One hour had passed since the start of the night assault, Alex and his men had killed more than forty monsters with Alex having more kills.

In another location,

Northwest of the Gato's village. Sebastian, Lucien, Golfak, and Meera were fighting against the Orcs.

"Bumoo~!"

Blocking the Orc's sword with a shield he had picked up, a stab was sent out, piercing the Orc's throat.

The Orc, whose throat was pierced, fell to the ground with its neck partially severed.

"Seriously, it seems that there's no end. How are you guys faring?"

Swinging the sword that cut the throat of the Orc to get rid of the blood and flesh that was stuck to the tip, Sebastian called out to the people nearby.

"I'm fine."

"No problem here either."

Lucien and Golfak responded, only Meera who didn't say anything, she only nodded her head. She pulled her bow back and shot an arrow.

"Bugi~!?"

An Orc that had approached under the cover of darkness was pierced by several arrows, shot in quick succession by Meera, this time she went with normal arrows, not a magical one.

She turned her head in Lucien's direction, she fired another arrow that automatically killed an Orc swordsman running toward Lucien who was busy taking care of a group of orcs.

Meera didn't bother finishing the earliest orc, she knew pretty well the orc was still alive. She purposely let the orc live for Golfak to kill it.

The reason why she knew the orc was still alive was simple. Ordinary Orcs are basically not equipped with protective gear like armor.

Though it's not that difficult to obtain armor, the biggest reason was the Orc's body. They had muscles with strength several times of a normal person. They also had a thick layer of fat covering them. Let alone an ordinary sword, it's difficult to pierce through the fat even if they were stabbed with a normal spear.

So, when she fired normal arrows even though at first glance, the Orc that had been struck by a large number of arrows may look like it had been turned into a hedgehog, but the arrows had been stopped at the fat and hadn't done any fatal damage.

However, the arrows that had pierced its body would become an obstruction to movement, making it unable to move for a moment, that was Meera's goal, Golfak would use this chance to finish the monster.

"Haah!"

Giving a battle cry, Golfak appeared and pour his MP into his Magic Sword before swinging it down.

"Bumoo~"

Though the Orc tried to block the sword from hitting it, the arrows prevented it from moving and his body received a deep cut. Rather than a cut it, it was more of a chop, the Orc that had lost the lower half of his body, fell to the ground silently, blood and entrails spilling onto the ground.

"Haa, haa, haa."

Golfak who took down the Orc, stabbed his sword into the ground to support his body, he started to fix his rough breathing. Though he said earlier that he was fine, it was a lie, they have been repeated fight after fight, fatigue started to kick in.

Sebastian appeared in front of Golfak and throw him a potion, without checking it, Golfak downed it not minding the bitter taste. He felt invigorated after the potion went through his throat and circulated inside his body.

"Thank you," he said because he knew Stamina potion is not cheap even if its grade wasn't high.

"No, you should thank the leader. It's him who gave it, everyone has one. I've already given the other two their potions." Sebastian explained.

Hearing Sebastian's explanation, Golfak smiled bitterly, his expression was complicated, he still hates Alex but not too much, if he were being honest he will say that Alex was a good leader because he even thought about this.

Shaking his head he said, "Let's go."

The others nodded their heads before starting running in the direction of Alex and others. The fight was raging on the other side, even they could tell by the sound of monsters' cries.

Chapter 123 - 121: The Apparition Of The Big Shots

As Sebastian, Lucien, Golfak, and Meera appeared in the center of the village where Alex and the others were, they were astonished by what they saw, there were dead bodies littered everywhere.

"These guys are monsters."

"Indeed."

Sebastian muttered as Lucien nodded his head, the other two also shared the same thought.

"Where are the leader and his subordinates? Did they run away? Normally after the amount of commotion and destruction, we caused they should have appeared. However, I haven't seen any of them." Meera said as Alex approached them.

At the same time as Meera finished talking, Alex who was approaching them abruptly stopped, he spun around and struck out sharply with Reaper.

With a kin~ sound, an arrow was cut in two and fell to the ground.

"Tsu!? Enemy attack, be ready!"

The moment they saw it, Sebastian gave a sharp shout, and Golfak, Lucien, and Meera immediately prepared for combat. Sebastian went forward as the vanguard with his sword.

The ranger, also spirit mage and mage, Meera and Lucien stood behind Sebastian while Golfak was in the rear looking for any enemy lurking in the shadow. They smoothly fixed up their battle formation at once with Sebastian's words.

While looking at them with admiration in their mind, Alex who had been joined by Gracier and Eleonora prepared for battle as usual.

Alex readied Reaper and Silveria, while Gracier readied her golden bow, as for Eleonora she readied her daggers.

"They finally came."

At almost the same time Alex and the others entered combat readiness, the Orcs showed up out of the darkness.

There were 5 ordinary Orcs, an Orc Archer with a bow, and an Orc Mage with a cane. Slightly larger than the other Orcs were three Orcs General wearing armor.

"The big shots are here," Sebastian muttered as cold sweat covered his forehead, he was not the only one, Lucien and Golfak were also sweating, only Meera, Eleonora, Gracier, and Alex seemed unfazed by the arrival of this group.

However, the reason Alex was unfazed was because he knew the real boss hadn't made an appearance, hence he kept looking further into the dark from where the 10 Orcs came from. When Sebastian, Golfak, Lucien followed Alex's glance in doubt, one more shadow appeared from the darkness.

The figure was even larger than the Orc Generals, who were larger than other Orcs, exceeding 3m in size. In addition, it was wearing extravagant armor and held what seemed to be a magic greatsword. And above all was its dignity, power, and spirit. Such things were different from the other Orcs.

Sebastian, Lucien, Gracier, Golfak, and Meera felt intimidated, as for Eleonora nobody knows what was going through her mind as she had a pensive look on her face.

Alex on the other hand, felt his blood boils in anticipation, he also feel the pressure coming from the monster, however, he was not afraid even when he knew without checking that this orc was stronger than the Wind Alpha wolf he faced back then.

"An Orc King, huh?! Interesting."

To Eleonora's, the others gulped in fear, they indeed knew that there was an Orc King present in the village but now that they faced it, they couldn't help but gulp in trepidation.

One should that, Orc King is the one who leads orcs and is considered a B Rank monster, even if it's the one of the weakest.

"There is no need to be afraid, look at the Orc King, he is not interested in any of you, he is more interested in me." Alex noticed the fear on the other faces.

At Alex's words, the others observed the Orc King, and indeed as Alex said, his eyes were locked on him, he seemed to be ignoring the other's presence as if they were not present.

Suddenly, something astonishing happened, the Orc King pointed his finger at Alex and spoke.

"You... come... with. me."

Even if his words sound a bit broken it was still understandable, Alex and others' eyes widened. After talking, the Orc King started walking toward another location.

Chuckling Alex decided to follow after him.

"Are you serious?" Lucien asked, others looked at Alex questioningly, they were wondering if he got some problem or what. If not how could he think about following the Orc King after the latter asked him to come?

Smiling Alex said, "Don't worry there is no trap ahead, as you noticed this Orc King is a bit special, I think he saw himself as some kind of warrior, as a king who is asking one vs one against the one he considered to be king of the opposite party. I'm confident in myself even if he is stronger than me. I'll let you take care of this group, once you finish you can start searching for any runaways monsters before coming to join me."

Leaving these words behind, he left not without sending his sister a reassuring look and looked in a certain direction, the person hiding there knew what Alex's look mean.

"Seriously, leader is sure daring," Lucien said as he readied his staff.

"Indeed, must quickly finish here and go assist him," Meera added.

"Guess you are right," Sebastian said while

Gracier and Eleonora nodded their heads before Eleonora launched a dagger at one of the Orc generals, the Orc general parried it before kicking the ground and come attacking the latter.

As if it was a signal, the other Orcs attacked Gracier and others, Gracier chooses one of the Orc generals and started battling him, while the remaining Orc General led the ordinary Orcs. To cover them at any time, the Orc Archer and Orc Mage readied their bow and cane.

Meera let out a chuckle as she chanted,

『Spirit of Earth break mine enemies steps』

As her chant ended, the ground sunk by several centimeters making the orcs falter, some even fell onto the ground, the Orc general jumped back.

"Hah?!"

Sebastian and Golfak kicked the ground and sprinted toward the Orc general, Lucien followed slightly behind to support the two.

Meanwhile, Meera quickly fired a round of wind arrows and eliminated the ordinary orcs who were still on the ground, the orc archer rolled on the ground avoiding the wind arrows.

Before he could fire his arrow, he heard Meera's chanting.

『Spirit of Earth become the Lance that pierce my enemy: Earth Lance』

A two-meter-tall earth lance appeared from the ground and impaled the Orc archer.

"Gugiah?!"

He gave a pitiful cry before slumping onto the ground breathing his last breath.

The Orc Mage trembled, still he quickly chanted and send Wind arrows in Meera's direction,

『Wind spirits, shield me.』

A wind shield appeared in front of her blocking the Wind arrows, the Orc Mage was astonished, he quickly started chanting another chant.

Meera used her bow to fire wind arrows while at the same time invoking the Spirits of earth to help her, the Orc Mage didn't last long before being killed.

After finishing, Meera went to join Sebastian and the others.

In another location, Eleonora was dodging an Orc general slash by slightly tilting her body in the opposite direction, she then launched another dagger at the Orc who quickly used the hand of his bastard sword to parry the dagger.

Eleonora's figure blurred and she appeared behind the Orc general, slashing toward his back, however halfway through the motion, she stopped and jumped back as the orc general spun around and swung down his bastard sword.

Bang!

A shockwave was created as the blade struck the ground and before the Orc could lift his sword, Eleonora moved and appeared in front of the orc, the latter thought she was going to attack him,

however instead of directly attacking him, Eleonora used the sword who was still stuck on the ground to jump high into the air, the orc general quickly looked up to see Eleonora appearing just behind his head, she spins in the air with her black daggers before elegantly landing on the ground on the other side.

Just as she landed, the Orc general's head left its body and landed on the ground with a thud sound, followed by the headless body, the severed head eyes were open wide as he was astonished by how he had died. No blood comes out from the severed neck, it turned black as if it was charred.

Sighing, Eleonora looked in Gracier's direction for a moment and smiled before moving towards Sebastian's group.

On the other side, Gracier fight was going on, she using her bow to keep the Orc general at bay, no matter what many times the orc general tried to approach her, he ended failing because Gracier keeps attacking him with fire arrows making it impossible for him to get closer.

The Orc general was frustrated, he was glaring at Gracier who seemed not very here as she kept looking into a certain direction, it was the same direction taken by Alex and the Orc general.

Sighing, Gracier mumbled, "Time to end this boring fight."

The Orc general became vigilant all of sudden because even though he did not understand what her words mean, he was sure that she was planning something big because of the dangerous air she started emitting just after saying those words.

Indeed, Gracier next words confirmed his fear.

『Hear my command and rise, I command thee to blossom: Dance of the Fire Lotus』

Immediately, numerous fire lotus blossoms from the ground, from the previous location where the fire arrows landing, in a matter of seconds they transformed into a Big Fire Lotus whose leaving started dancing.

The Orc general was caught off guard, the progress of the fire lotuses was faster, he didn't have the time to left before being circled by the fire lotuses who transformed into a big fire lotus, he was roasted alive.

"Bugiahhh?!"

His anguish cries resonated for a moment before completely stopping, he had been burned and transformed into ash, only his magic stone was left behind, Gracier's mind too preoccupied with Alex's wellbeing to remember keeping the body intact.

Sighing after noticing her blunder, Gracier joined Eleonora and others, just as she arrived she the Orc general body falling onto the ground with numerous injuries on its body, Sebastian, Lucien and Golfak was panting after the tough fight, Meera also seems exhausted.

Eleonora didn't participate because, the others refused her help saying they could take care of it, indeed they did.

"Oh? It seems you finally choose to end your fight. Not too tired I hope?"

To Eleonora's question, Gracier smiled saying she was fine, she then turned to face Sebastian and the others.

"Are you guys feeling?"

"Little tired but we will continue searching for the runaways monsters after catching our breathe. No need to wait for us you can join your Big brother. We will follow after you."

Sebastian announced as he noticed the worry in Gracier's eyes. The others nodded their heads as to tell her to go.

"Thank you," Gracier said before leaving, she started running in the direction of Alex and the Orc King.

Meanwhile, those who stayed behind couldn't help but smile as they saw Gracier running toward Alex's location.

"What a worrywart little sister, our leader is lucky to have a sister such as her," Eleonora said, the others smiled before continuing to recuperate.

Chapter 124 - 122: Vs The Orc King

As the battle raged on the other side, Alex and the Orc King moved to another location.

They faced each other as silence hung in the air, nobody made a move as the two continued to stare at each other.

Alex appraised the Orc King, he was surprised by what he had seen.

[Orc King Krelor

Male

Race: Mutated Orc

「 Rank 5」

Level 50

Magic Power: 1400

Magic: Fire Magic

Attack: 900

Defense: 750

Agility: 780

Intelligence: 350

Luck: 300

Skills: [King Roar Level 4] [Fireball Level 2] [Sword mastery Level 4] [Fire Breath Level 4] [Berserker Level 5]

Titles: [The One who leads] [Ruthless King]

Alex sucked a mouthful of air, the Orc King possess ridiculous skills, especially the last one, even if he didn't possess such a skill, he had a lot of novels and know what this skill meant, if he let the Orc King activate this skill, his stats will double for few seconds, as for him he would die because of the overwhelming difference in their stats. To think that it was a mutated orc species, no wonder he was so strong and possess unusual skills.

Quickly checking his status, Alex saw that he had leveled up thrice even with the number of monsters he alone killed, more than twenty orcs (High species Orc included). He quickly distributed the 60 BP he gained from leveling up three times.

『[Alexander Kael Touch]

Class: Magic Gunman

Age: 17

Male

Race: High Human

「 Rank 5」

Level 43

Experience Value (XP): 560/8000

Magic Power: 2400 (+ 30) ➡ 2430

Magic: None

Attack: 700 (+ 30 (+40 BP) ➡ 770

Defense: 650 (+ 30) ➡ 680

Agility: 725 (+ 30 (+20 BP) ➡ 775

Intelligence: 650 (+30) ➡ 680

Luck: 450 (+30) ➡ 480

BP: 0

SP: 0

Gift: Two Guns * Semi-sealed*

Skills: [Advanced Appraisal Level 1] [Item box Level 2] [Swift Fingers Max] [Divine Sense Level 4] [Throwing knife Level 5] [Dark Vision Level 2] [Dual Wielding Level 2] [Accel Level 1] [Knife Art Level 4] [Link Level 3] [Intimidation Level 5] [Gun Art Level 5] (A/N: Previously omitted, a reader asked me why not put a skill for a gun like Sword mastery, so I come up with this skill)

Special Abilities: [Language Comprehension][Danger Sense] [Overdrive]

Titles: [Otherworlder] [The one who can't use Magic] [The one whose fingers are faster than Flash]
[Goblin Slayer] [The Reborn]]

Even though both of them were Rank 5, there was still a huge difference between the two, as the Orc King surpassed Alex and was ahead by seven levels.

『Better avoid getting hit or else you'll end up with broken bones.』 Silveria advised.

'I know, this going to be a tough fight, however, instead of feeling scared I feel excited. How unusual.' Alex muttered in his mind.

『There is nothing unusual about it, you are what people call battle junkie. You didn't notice it earlier, tell why do you only think about leveling all of the time? You may say it is to get strong but that not true because you're searching for a certain thrill, killing monsters procure you this feeling. Unknown to you, sometimes when you're fighting you have a crazy smile on your face as if you are enjoying it.』

Alex was surprised when he heard Silveria's words, chuckling he decided to focus on his immediate problem.

Suddenly, Krelor, the Orc King looked at Alex and grinned.

"Rooarr-"

As if waiting for Krelor to activate his King Roar, Alex immediately activated his skill Intimidation.

Both skills canceled each other, Alex didn't waste his time as he consecutively launched all of his Silver Bettie's (the throwing knives Leena gifted him)

Clangs Clangs Clangs !!!

Astonishingly, Krelor managed to dodge or parry all the knives thrown.

Grinning Alex summoned Silveria and fired ten bullets in quick succession.

Bang! Bang! Bang!!!!!!

Krelor on the other side also wore a grin as he suddenly started spinning his great at an extremely fast speed, the spinning sword acted like a shield that stopped all the bullets.

Alex was left speechless at the scene unfolding in front of him, never he would have thought that a monster would use his sword like a shield to block his bullets in this way.

『Indeed, it's an intelligent monster.』 Silveria commented.

Krelor who finished defending against Silveria's bullets kicked the ground and sprinted toward Alex, the latter hastily pointed his gun in the direction of the incoming Krelor and keep firing.

Bang! Bang!!!!!!

Krelor started zigzagging making it hard for Alex to shoot him, sometimes he uses his greatsword to block the bullet.

Finally, he managed to come near Alex and he swung down his greatsword.

Bang!

Alex shifted his body in the opposite direction dodging the dreadful slash and before he could attack, he felt a sudden chill, he quickly bent backward and rolled on the ground, he thus managed to avoid Krelor's horizontal slash, after missing Alex, he reversed gripped the sword and did a horizontal slash.

Using his two hands, Alex spun on the ground before launching himself into the air using his two arms. Once in the air, Alex summoned Silveria and fired two normal,

Bang! Bang!

Krelor quickly brought his greatsword in front of him to defend.

[Phantom Bullet]

Alex mumbled as he fired one of Silveria's special bullets.

Krelor felt all the air behind his back rising, he brought the great sword in front of his face as the invisible bullet clashed against the magic great sword.

Baang!

Krelor was sent crashing against a nearby wall and before colliding against the wall, he opened his mouth and shot a big fireball at Alex who was about to land on the ground.

"Shit"

Not expecting Krelor to have the time to attack him even after receiving phantom bullet, Alex cursed as he was caught off guard, bracing himself, the fireball stuck him.

Boom!

"Gah!"

Grunted in pain he was sent spiraling into the air before crashing against a wall, another excruciating pain assaulted him, his mouth tasted iron, he almost puked blood, as for his hands they were hot as if someone had put them into boiled water, few strands of his hair got burned, he had the feeling that he had broken few of his ribs, fortunately, he wore the gear Leena gave him or else he would be more injured.

The Orc King, Krelor did not fare well either, his magic great sword broke in two, one of the broken parts pierced through his right leg, standing up albeit with a difficulty, Krelor looks at his wretched armor before chuckling, what a dreadful attack he thought, if not for his high-quality armor and his excellent magic great sword he used as a shield he would have died.

Looking at the human responsible for his current state, Krelor grinned, and with a bloodied tooth he mumbled.

"You...human... good."

Alex's eyes widened, grinning in turn, he also said, "You too."

"Big brother."

It was at that moment Gracier came running and shouted when she saw Alex's sorry state.

"Do not intervene, this is between him and me. Nobody is allowed to step in."

Alex warned as he saw his sister planning to join the battle.

Gracier stopped advancing and bite her lower lip, even though she was frustrated being told not to help, she still chooses to follow her brother's words, he did not seem like someone losing the fight, the two were both injured but the Orc King injuries were a lot worse than Alex's injuries.

Krelos nodded his head in appreciation as he saw Alex stopped the red-haired girl with heterochromia eyes from stepping in.

Suddenly, Alex noticed Krelos' eyes starting to glow in eerie red light.

"No good," Alex said as he quickly launched Razor he just summoned from his Item box.

Krelos grinned when he saw the incoming knife, he was unfazed, this knife will not do anything to him as he will activate his skill Berserker before it came, however, his grin turned into horror as he saw the incoming knife vanished all of sudden.

"Bumoh?!!"

Kin!!

Krelos gave a startled cry before he hastily bringing his broken magic great sword behind his back and narrowly avoiding the fate of behind impaled in the head.

Suddenly, Krelos feel a sudden gust of wind caressing his face and the next moment, half of his head disappeared, Krelos last thought was, 'It's unfair, such dreadful ability must be used once, if it wasn't because of it, I wouldn't have died.'

Unfortunately for him, life is always unfair.

Alex's move was simple yet complicated, he firstly used [Accel] on the knife he threw, he knew Krelos would surely block his sneak attack, however by doing so he will be temporarily occupied, using this chance he would fire another Phantom Bullet toward him, this time it will be aimed at his head. He speculated that Krelos would not expect another Phantom Bullet because it was an ability that requires a lot of MP to use.

Thankfully everything worked perfectly if not, he didn't know the fight would have ended, he was almost low on MP and there's no way Krelos would've let him peacefully drink Mana potion.

"Fuh!!"

Sighing heavily, Alex fell to the ground completely exhausted physically and mentally, he thinks he broke a few of his ribs in that collision.

"Big brother, here is it."

Gracier quickly approached Alex and gave him a healing potion, taking it, Alex opened it,

Gulp! and with a single sip, he down the contents.

"Still bitter as always," Alex muttered before caressing Gracier's red hair.

"Thank you, Alexandra. Where are the others?"

To Alex's words, Gracier smiled before answering.

"They are taking care of the runaways monsters as you ordered."

"I see, they let you go ahead."

Gracier nodded her head, smiling Alex said.

"Let's wait for them then."

Chapter 125 - 123: After The Battle

A fierce fight. The fight against the Orc King could be called as such.

After the battle, Alex now recuperating with his sister Gracier decided to wait for others to come, in the meantime, Alex decided to check his sister's status, he was greatly surprised when he saw how much she had leveled up.

『[Gracier Alexandra Touch]

「 Rank 4」

Class: Fire Empress

Age: 14

Female

Race: High Half-Elf

Level 33

Experience Value: 50/6600

Magic Power: 1305 (+25) ➡ 1330

Magic: Fire Magic

Attack: 320 (+25) ➡ 345

Defense: 235 (+25) ➡ 260

Agility: 235 (+25) ➡ 260

Intelligence: 225 (+25) ➡ 250

Luck: 235 (+25) ➡ 260

BP: 50

SP: 10

Gift: Ignia's Bracelet

Skills: [Cooking Level 4] [Sewing Level 3] [Fireball Level 5] [Fire Arrows Level 4] [Meteor (???)] [Fire Snake Level 4] [Fire Shield Level 4] [Presence Detection Level 5] [Chantless Magic Level 5] [Fire Lotus Level 5]

Special Ability: [Dragon Eye Level 3]

Titles: [Avenger] [Child of Fire] [The Awakened] [The Diligent]』

'Not bad, leveling up five times, she's now Rank 4, however starting from Rank 4, the amount of XP needed to level up to the next level double, Normally it should have been 3300 XP but it doubled. I wonder why?' Alex wondered.

『It's simply because otherwise, it will be easy to level up and soar to the top.』 Silveria explained.

'I see, it does make sense.' Alex said.

"Big brother, what's up?" Gracier asked after she saw her brother seemed lost in thought.

"Oh? Nothing, I was lost in thought. Congrats, you are now Rank 4. Too bad, Big brother is a step ahead, now I'm Rank 5, you need to work harder to catch up." Alex said teasing his sister.

Pouting Gracier proclaimed, "Don't worry I'll catch up to you soon."

"Let's wait and see," Alex said with the corner of his mouth curved into a smile.

"No, it's already ended. How unfortunate."

A voice abruptly interrupted Alex and Gracier's conversation. When Alex turned his gaze to the voice, he saw Eleonora accompanied by Sebastian, Lucien, Golfak, and Meera, she was pouting as she had missed a great show, the others could only helplessly shake their heads, instead of congratulating Alex for ending the fight so quickly, she was complaining as she didn't witness the battle.

Truth be told they were also a little bit disappointed to have only come when the fight ended, they would have liked to watch their leader fight against the powerful Orc King and participate.

Talking about the Orc King, even when dead he continues to show the dignity befitting a king as he refused to fall into the ground, even with half of his face missing, he was half-kneeling onto the ground, his body exuded a king's aura even when dead, Golfak was feeling a little bit intimidated by the tall figure half-kneeling.

"Good work leader how are you feeling?"

Sebastian was the first to raise a question as they approached Alex and Gracier who was leaning against a half-destroyed house.

"Welcome back all of you. I'm fine. How are you guys? Did you manage to finish all the runaways monsters?"

To Alex's question, Eleonora smiled proudly,

"Who do you take us for? It was a piece of cake with this Big sister leading them. We quickly eliminated every one of the fleeing monsters and run back here asap in hope of assisting you. Who would have thought you'd finish the fight without waiting for us, it's not fair, we should have fought this interest-, I mean tough fight together." She said complaining.

'You were planning to say interesting instead of a tough fight isn't it?' thought most of them.

Rubbing his forehead as he was feeling a headache coming due to Eleonora's behavior, Alex decided to switch the subject, not focusing on Eleonora who seemed like someone who had suffered injustice, which injustice? Alex didn't even want to know.

"Let quickly clean the battlefield and leave this place, I'm exhausted mentally."

The others except Eleonora nodded their heads, as for Eleonora she pouted when she saw Alex not playing her game. She was disappointed not to have participated in what she judged to have been an exciting fight, she would have liked to partake in that exciting fight filled with thrill, something she sought, she was like Alex, a battle junkie with the difference that she knew what she is, while Alex did not know this side of him.

Alex with the help of his sister stood up and went in front of Krelor's corpse and stored it inside his Item box.

After finishing Alex and Gracier went to help others collect monster materials, Gracier would store high species' corpses into space ring while Alex would store magic stones inside his Item box.

One hour later, they finished collecting all monster materials and High species' corpses.

Alex saw his sister, Gracier staring blankly into space, sighing he motioned to others to follow after him as they leave Gracier alone in the center of the almost destroyed village.

After leaving the central area, Lucien couldn't contain his current anymore, hence he raised a question, a question which was in everyone's minds.

"Leader, why Gracier seemed affected by this village's fate? I have noticed her unusual behavior back then as we were nearing this village and now the pained looks on her face, indicate that there must be a story behind her behavior. So, what is her relationship with the Gato's village?"

Sighing as though, he was expecting this question the moment he ordered them to let Gracier alone. They are not blind to not see Gracier's behavior. Alex decided to feed them an explanation, an altered true.

"You know, Gracier and I didn't come here together. Truth be told I left home hastily not informing anyone and when she learned that I've left, she hastily followed me, but due to lack of food and drinks something she has forgotten when she left home, Gracier falls unconscious due to hunger and because she just finished fighting against a beast, she was also injured. Coincidentally, she happened to fall not too far from Gato's village, one of the maidens in the village rescued her and feed her, treat her injuries, they quickly became friends as Gracier stayed in the village for more than a week. After completely recovering, Gracier left promising to come to visit once she found her Big brother."

Taking a mouthful of breath, Alex continued,

"However, as she left the village, at the same night, tragedy befalls the village, everybody was killed, she later learns what happened. She blamed herself and now that she avenged the villagers, she needs few minutes to say goodbye to the still wandering souls of the villagers, I know you understand what she's doing."

Sebastian and the others except for Eleonora understood Gracier's behavior. As for Eleonora she was staring intensely at Alex as if to tell 'I don't buy all your crap, tell me the true story', the latter chuckled not paying Eleonora any heed, whether she believes in him or not doesn't matter.

"Let's wait here for her to show up," Alex announced as he sat near a normal house not destroyed.

Others followed shortly after Alex sat down.

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Back to Gracier's location.

She was blankly staring into space as she was recalling some wonderful memories, memories of her life in this village. There were some sad memories but there were also lots of happy memories, even when they were poor, she still likes that simple lifestyle.

However, now everything disappeared.

Finally unable to hold it any longer, she started crying, after crying for few minutes her eyes become resolute. Observing the now wrecked village she declared,

"I Gracier now Gracier Alexandra Touch is grateful for the sacrifice you all made that day, it's because of this sacrifice that I'm still alive, it's because of this sacrifice I encountered the man who is now my brother, I'm a member of his family, I, now have a family who cherishes me. Thank you all, may your souls rest in peace after seeing this little tribute I paid in your honor, do not worry I'll become stronger enough to protect those dears to me, never again I would let those dears to me die as I flew. I promise to live my life well, a life you'll be proud of as you will be hearing my name. Take care."

She bowed and then smiled as she felt a burden being lifted off her shoulder, she felt lighter, she felt something changing inside her, hastily calling her status window out, she was surprised to see her MP increasing by 100 additional points. She was happy with this increase, letting out a chuckle she stared into no particular direction as she mumbled,

"Thank you."

And for a moment she even had the impression that the dead villagers were smiling at her as they finally left this world for the other world, the world of the deads.

Shaking her head at how absurd her thinking is, Gracier joined the others as they finally left the village and went back to their former camping zone.

It was already past 3 AM when they went back, they were all exhausted, therefore they didn't waste their time as they entered their tent to sleep, surprisingly Conrad offered to be on the lookout until the next morning, Alex and the others gratefully accepted.

That night, Gracier slept well, not experiencing anymore nightmares.

Chapter 126 - 124: On The Other Side Of The Zilya's Mountain 1

Rewinding time a little, just after Alex and Gracier left for Gato's village with other participants of the rank-up test, Leena also left the guild in the evening.

She took a leave of absence of five days, only Chris, the guild master of this branch of the Adventurer Guild knew the true motive behind this leave of absence, it was to simply tail Alex and Gracier in the shadow, she was a little bit concerned and more importantly too curious about Alex's Gift, she hoped to be able to see his Gift during this expedition.

Unfortunately, during these three days she had never once seen Alex using his Gift, he mainly fights using his knives and throwing knives. As for Alex's leadership, she gave a passing grade.

Unknown to Alex, every time Conrad slip away, it was to talk with her.

Leena was hoping to finally see some real action where Alex would use his Gift when she saw them nearing the Gato's village. She was eager to watch the siblings.

Unfortunately, fate had another project in store for her, just slightly before evening she received a call from the group who went ahead in the Zilya's Mountain.

"What is it?" She asked not hiding her annoyance because to receive this call at this moment mean nothing good for her, someone was about to disrupt her entertainment- Ops! She meant surveillance duty.

The other person on the side of the call was surprised by Leena not hiding her annoyance, for a moment what he was planning to say couldn't leave his mouth, still considering the urgency of the situation, he braced himself and spoke.

"Greetings Lady Leena. We happened to find the culprit of the monster outbreak. It was as you said, we are battling against it as we speak and it went without saying that we are overwhelmed. If it wasn't because of the special communication device you gave us, it would have been impossible to contact you as all communications have been blocked, only your device is still working. Please Lady Leena we required your immediate assistance if not"

"Damn it. Who wants to die that badly?"

He didn't manage to finish his words before being cut off as Leena cursed not hiding her anger.

The person on the other side could swear to have felt Leena's killing intent even from where he was, he couldn't help but shiver.

Calming down her raging emotions Leena sighed and said before cutting off the communication.

"I understand, try to hold on I'll be there as fast I can."

One must know that the main group was currently on the other side of Zilya's Mountain, it is extremely far from her current location. If she doesn't intervene, there was a risk that every one of the Adventurers sent will be wiped out, and as a guild staff member, she can't allow it, Adventurers are essential for a guild to function, without Adventurers there will be no guild.

Sighing softly Leena observed Alex's carriage as it advanced, she could hear Eleonora questioning Alex, the latter did not seem pleased with her question, shaking her head as she was feeling amused watching the two, she mumbled,

'Sorry, boy. I will know what kind of Gift you possess later, For now, I've something to take care of. Have a good fight.' Leena had an apologetic look on her face because of the change in her plans, she wouldn't be able to look after them.

She disappeared after taking one last glance at Alex. Just as she left, Alex who was talking with Eleonora looked in her direction as if he felt something, but he quickly shook his head and focused his attention back on the highway.

Only, Conrad seemed to have noticed Leena's departure, of course, Leena left him a message ordering him to take care of Alex and others in her stead.

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On the other side of Zilya's Mountain currently, a huge battle was going on, you could hear the sound of metals clashing mixed with monsters' groans and humans cries.

Naturally, it was the main group responsible for cleaning the monsters rampaging in the region.

The ground was littered with corpses, monsters corpses, and also human corpses, still, monsters and humans seemed unbothered by the number of corpses littering the ground as they continued clashing against each other.

Further ahead, a spectacular fight was taking place.

A group of Adventurers was fighting against a lone figure, this lone figure was extremely tall, at least two meters (6.6 ft) tall, this figure was shrouded entirely in black with a black mask covering its face, from the hollow laugh and mocking voice it was not hard to guess that it was a man.

"You humans are so interesting. Always trying to act mighty when you are weaker than us." said the black-clothed man as he kept dodging the adventurer's attacks with the minimum of maneuver.

"Shut up you demon." One of the adventurers attacking the black-clothed man said as he continued attacking.

"Hehehe! Come make me stop talking then." the man in black said, taunting the adventurer who talked, the latter complexion turned grim as he gripped his magic sword more tightly, pouring his Magic Power into it, he shouted.

"Fiery Slash."

Instead of slash, a fire beam was shot from the tip of the sword toward the black-clothed man, smiling behind his mask he nonchalantly dodged.

"You humans are the most treacherous of all the races yet you like to portray yourself as a saint. Just look at yourself, your mouth pronounce a certain technique but your action showed another."

"Shut up, I don't need you lecturing me." that adventurer shouted back.

Chuckling behind his mask, the black-clothed man's expression turned vicious he vanished and reappeared behind the adventurer who attacked him earlier, swinging his arm coated in a dark matter like a sword, he decapitated the latter.

Spurt!!

Blood spurted from the headless body, the adventurer who has his head removed died eyes filled with unwillingness.

The other adventurers attacking the black-clothed man stopped eyes filled with horror as they witnessed their comrade being killed as though he was a chicken, one must know that the adventurer who just died was Rank 7, he was almost approaching the next rank, it's to say Rank 8. So imagine their terror as they witnessed him being killed so easily. This shows how strong this demon is.

Unbothered by the weakling attitudes, the black-clothed man looked in a certain direction, a man was fighting against three ogres of 6 (19.69 ft) meters tall, one must know that ogres are considered B-Rank monsters, one of the strongest B-Rank monsters, for someone to face three at the same, it shows how strong the person facing the three ogres is.

"I say, Gale aren't you looking down on me by letting those weakling fight against me? How many do I need to kill before you face me?"

The black-clothed man said as he was getting impatient fighting against the weaklings as he called them, he hoped to fight against the strongest here, naturally, Gale fit that criteria.

Gale, the former B rank adventurer nicknamed 'Gale Blade' now A (got promoted recently) face twitched, cursing under his breath he decided to finish this fight or else that demon would slaughter every one of the adventurers fighting him, obviously they are not his match, he knew this but he couldn't do otherwise because only him can take care of the three ogres as the others keep the demon busy.

Lowering his center of gravity, Gale observed the three monsters before activating his skill as he performed a kick draw:

[Bisect]

A huge horizontal wind blade passed through the three ogres, cutting two of them in two from the waist, while the third ogre lost an arm, he had sensed a danger hence tried to dodge alas he still lost an arm in the process as he wasn't too fast dodging, Gale's slash was so fast that it was almost impossible to follow, only the black-clothed man was able to follow, even himself had trouble following it.

Quickly downing a high-grade Mana potion, Gale wasted no time as he followed with another attack, deeply injuring the now one-armed ogre, he would have liked to continue and finish the monster but alas, the black-clothed man had just killed another adventurer, Gale was forced to intervene blocking the man next attack.

Kin!!

Sound was heard as Gale's sword clashed against the black-clothed man sword, a black sword.

After he appeared and stopped the black-clothed man next attack, Gale with his eyes motioned the adventurers who keeping the black-clothed man at bay to go take care of the injured ogre, he was sure that with the current ogre's injury, it will not be too hard for the five of them to take care of it.

After making sure that the five safely left and are taking care of the ogre, Gale and the black-clothed man identified as a demon looked at each other before the two moved at fast speed exchanging blows for a moment before taking their distance,

"You are not bad but you'll need more than that to be able to injure me, even more, if you wish to kill me."

To the man's words, Gale gave no reply as he stared intensively at the man, finally, since the start of their exchange Gale opened his mouth to raise a question.

"What's your goal?"

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Gale observed the black-clothed man in front of him after their exchanges, it should be called probing instead. finally, since the start of their exchanges, Gale opened his mouth to ask a question.

"Tell me what is your goal? What are trying to achieve?"

"I can't help but get curious because even if we have once been enemy in the past, in the recent years both races didn't start a feud with each other, even if we are not friendly with each other, none of us tried to find trouble with the other. So, I want to know what is your motive for killing humans, destroying several villages when they did nothing to incur your wrath. Tell me what is your goal? Is it to start another war?"

There was a temporary silence before the disguised demon started laughing,

"Hahaha"

"Hahahaha, my bad, you're too funny hence I couldn't help myself. I thought you were the cold type who doesn't usually speak, guess I was wrong. To answer your question, I'm not planning to start another war, and even it was the case I'll gladly welcome a war. Well, now it's not the time for that."

The black-clothed man (demon) said but the last part was muttered almost inaudibly. Looking at Gale he continued.

"You humans won't start a war just because few villages are destroyed and who going to know it was a demon doing? You can't communicate because we blocked all communication. As for you all who are here, hehehe! only one fate awaits you: Death. After all dead men tell no tale."

At the end of his words, the demon disappeared to reappears in front of Gale slashing down at him, Gale parried it, while their swords were still locked against each other, Gale pointed his finger at the demon and said,

"Wind bullet."

An invisible Wind bullet was fired at the demon, chuckling as he was expecting this, the demon slightly tilting his right shoulder back he dodged the Wind bullet.

Suddenly, Gale distanced himself from the demon as he felt a dreadful sensation, just as he jumped back, the place he was previously standing at sunk by several centimeters, no it was transformed into a small swamp, it was dark magic, it's an element mostly used by the Demon.

"Your instinct is sure sharp but what are you gonna do about this?"

Immediately at the end of his words, the Demon chanted,

{Come forth and rain down on my foe: Dark Bullets}

More than a hundred dark bullets appeared and flew at Gale.

"Fuh!"

Taking a deep breath Gale switched stance, from one-handed to two-handed, his left leg positioned ahead of his right leg, his green eyes turned sharp, then something astonishing happened.

The Dark Bullets that were shot at him were being cut down one by one at an extremely fast speed. The way he moves his sword was too fast to follow, in a matter of seconds almost all the dark bullets had been cut down. Gale could have chosen to avoid the dark bullets but behind him was the group of adventurers fighting against the one-armed injured ogre.

On the other side, the demon was not surprised by Gale's choice, his figure blurred as he appeared behind Gale with his black sword in thrust stance.

"I knew if it's you, you could pull it out." The demon.

"And I knew you would also appear behind me while I'm busy dealing with your attack."

The face behind the black mask abruptly changed and the demon cursed his carelessness, he had been too hasty.

"Shit."

Suddenly, before the black sword could pierce Gale from behind, his figure shot to the sky as if something had launched him from the ground into the air. He used the wind element on the sole of his foot to launch himself into the air like a rocket.

Once in the air, Gale said, "Detonate Wind Bomb"

Kaboom!!

A huge explosion occurred with the demon being caught in the blast, he was sent flying back by the impact of the wind bomb.

However, instead of falling onto the ground, the demon quickly stabilized himself.

Not a second after stabilizing himself, the demon spun around bringing his black sword to defend against Gale's next attack.

Gakin!!!

The two swords clashed, creating a shriek that sent sparks flying into the air.

"You are not bad." the demon commented as the two continued to casually exchange blows.

"You are not using your real power," Gale said as he sidestepped to the right just enough and the demon blade passed a hairs breath from his face.

"Neither do you."

The two keep exchanging moves not going all out because they seemed to be waiting for something, for Gale it was Leena while for the demon, he was waiting for his men who are on the other side doing something else to come, and with them he could wipe out all the adventurers and go make sure that what they come to accomplish by starting all of this was completed. If it wasn't finished, he'd do it himself.

Unknowingly both Gale and the demon dragged the fight until late in the night, they switched location several times, the adventurers fighting against the one-armed ogre finally managed to kill the ogre, however, they still lost one of their men when the one-armed went crazy on his last moment. Too exhausted and injured they couldn't help their leader, if they were to go in their current state they will only become a hindrance. Knowing this fact, they choose not to, they could only watch helplessly, those two are at another level, they were moving at fast speed exchanging blows for a moment yet they didn't even sweat.

'We must become stronger,' thought the men as they watched Gale and the demon fight, shaking their heads they turned their attention elsewhere.

Looking over the battlefield, they saw dead bodies littered the ground everywhere, monsters corpses mixed with human corpses, one must know that the expedition this time was huge, there were a hundred adventurers, however, currently only 40 or so adventurers remain, which would mean they have lost more than half of the Adventurers who came.

It's a huge loss but considering the number of monsters they faced and the ambushes by the demons, it was understandable. They faced an army of thousands of monsters, there were different types of monsters, goblins, hobgoblins, orcs, Wind Wolves, Snow wolves, swamp lizards, ogres, Water Bears, and even a few griffons, not to mention the rare species, those are harder to deal with than the normal monsters.

Shaking their heads, the survivors' drunk recovery potions, sprinkled healing potion on their injured before going back to help their comrades fight the remaining monsters.

~Back to Gale and the demon's location.

The two continued to fight destroying several rocks and trees on the process, they fought until the next morning, for strong people such as them, it was not hard, even though they seemed to be casually fighting their minds were elsewhere, Gale was wondering why Leena hadn't shown herself since she must have received their request for help, even if she was far away when she received it, she should have arrived by now unless...

No. He didn't dare to think about it, Leena was said to be strong as Chris the guild master, Chris himself said so, one must know that Chris is Rank 10, so it's to say Leena is also Rank 10, if the Adventurers courting Leena were to learn this fact they would have pissed in their pants, even Gale only learned this secret recently, if it wasn't because he became Rank A and more importantly because of the current ongoing mission, he wouldn't have learned Leena's secret. So, there must be a reason for such a strong person not showing up since her summon.

While Gale was wondering why Leena hadn't come, the demon was also wondering why his men weren't showing, he was having a bad feeling, and this bad feeling keeps growing by minute as if he was going to die as if all their plans were going to be destroyed. Also, Gale seemed to calm now he thought about it, so calm it was becoming disturbing, he gave the feeling of someone waiting for help, normally communication has been blocked hence no help should arrive at the moment. Or they found a way to bypass the barrier set in place? If it's true then it explained a lot of things and at the same time, it was a piece of bad news for him.

'Shit.'

Cursing under his breath he decided to quickly finish this fight and-

Suddenly, his thoughts paused at that moment because he felt suffocating pressure locking him in a place.

Gale smiled as he felt a load has been lifted from his shoulders.

To the frozen demon's horror, a beautiful woman descended from the sky as if she was a celestial, however, the demon knew she was not a celestial, only someone at that level, only someone who stepped in Rank 10 could fly even though it's for a short period.

With the appearance of this beautiful lady, the demon knew that something must have gotten wrong, maybe all their plans will be destroyed?

In any case, this does not bode well for him.

Chapter 128 - 126: Their True Goal

The beautiful green-haired elf woman descended in the middle of the two and flicked her fingers, suddenly the demon was blasted back, hastily stabilizing himself in the air, the demon finally noticed that he had coughed blood because of that casual attack, he didn't even see the woman attacking, he started doubting if her Rank wasn't higher than what he had speculated, he is Rank 9 after all, even there is a huge disparity between the two Ranks, it wasn't to the extent where he would be sent flying like a ragdoll.

Suddenly, feeling the wind caressing his face something that shouldn't be possible, the demon brought his hand toward his face to finally becoming aware that his mask had been destroyed.

His pale white face and white hair were displayed, he was a little bit handsome, his eyes were blood red.

"What?" He shouted eyes filled with disbelief, his black mask was a high-grade artifact, to think it could easily be destroyed filled him with fear.

Unbothered by the demon shout, Leena casually swept her hand and twelve heads fell onto the ground.

Gale's eyes widened, as for the demon, he started trembling, he expected this outcome when he saw Leena appearing, however expecting and seeing are two different things, somehow he hoped that Leena took different road hence his men's lives would be spared, unfortunately, it was not the case.

"So, you are their leader?" Leena casually asked as she started slowly advancing, the demon unconsciously took a step back, each time Leena took a step forward he would take a step back, he was afraid as he remembered the expression of terror on his men's face, suddenly he stopped and counted the heads on the ground once more, indeed there were twelve heads, not thirteen which would mean his right-hand man who was almost strong as him must have went to accomplish their real goal.

Thinking about it brought a smile upon his face which didn't go unnoticed by Leena and Gale.

Leena's eyes narrowed, she stopped advancing and asked, "What make you laugh?"

"Hahaha! I noticed that you being here is a good thing, Marcos can accomplish his mission." the demon said not hiding his joy.

Feeling that whatever mission that Marcos was going to accomplish held capital importance to her, Leena decided to probe.

"Which is?"

"Hahaha, all of this, monsters rampage, killing humans and destroying several villages was part of our plan with a single goal of killing a person, an individual who had the potential to destroy our future plan, to help that person." the demon blurted out.

"So, you are saying all this massacre was because you want to eliminate only one individual?" Gale asked eyes filled with hatred, he released all of his killing intent. He couldn't be blamed, just imagining that it was because they want to kill only one person, they will go to the extreme and sacrifice so many lives, it's unforgivable.

Leena, on the other hand, was pondering about something, her expression started changing as she thinks about a certain possibility, if it's true then she had made a huge mistake by appearing here.

Meanwhile, the demon smiled and continued to speak, he was secretly planning his escape.

"Indeed, at the start, it was one individual, however, it became two, the one we were planning to kill survive and joined the second whose threat was even higher than the first one, the oracle says we must quickly kill the two. Like that, that traitor would not be able to complete its goal."

When she heard the first part of the demon's words she was able to confirm her guess, she was not happy at all, her expression changed.

Gale and the demon noticed it, Gale didn't understand why Leena became panicked all of a sudden while the demon's lips curled up into a grin.

"Oh?! It seems you're able to understand what I'm saying, I bet you are now aware of our real motivation."

To the demon's words, Gale was astonished, he quickly glanced at Leena in the hope of gaining some answer.

However, Leena did not even look at him, she looked at the demon dangerously.

Panicking, the demon stuttered, "Wh-what? It's already too late, Marcos will accomplish his goal before you go there."

"It's that so?" Leena said smiling, she started slowly walking toward the demon, the latter panicked and quickly tried to activate the hidden teleportation scroll inside his pocket because it's an extremely long-range teleportation scroll, it needed some time to activate and it must be secretly done, it was why he started blurting out their real goal to buy himself enough time to activate the scroll.

Suddenly, Leena who was fifty meters away from the demon disappeared to reappears right before him, he didn't have to move nor scream as he felt a hand piercing through the armor he wore underneath his clothes and directly destroy his heart, everything happened so fast that it gave the impression that time around the two had stopped.

Removing her hand from the now-dead demon, Leena's hand was clean without any blood on her it, if one looks closely you will notice that her hand was coated with the Wind element.

"Thank you for the information. I'm not a fool, I knew that you were secretly planning to escape since the moment you started spilling everything, it was to divert our attention as you complete your goal."

Hearing Leena's words, Gale was surprised and at the same time, ashamed for not noticing the demon's scheme because he was too focused on what the demon was saying.

Turning her head in Gale's direction, Leena said, "Gale, I'll let you clean the battlefield here, don't worry I have taken care of all the hidden problems, it was why I was late. Well, I'm leaving, got something to take care of."

She didn't wait for Gale before soaring into the sky, leaving Gale to helplessly watch as her figure slowly disappears from his sight. As she was leaving, Leena mumbled to herself, 'I hope nothing bad happened to you two. Stay safe, I'm on my way.'

Back to Gale's location.

"What in the hell happening? Where Lady Leena is going? Is to rescue the two individuals the demon spoke about?"

Numerous questions started running through Gale's mind, he quickly shakes his head and decided to complete the task assigned to him.

Quietly mumbling,

[Wind Steps]

Gale vanished, moving at a fast speed, he appeared on the left side a gigantic Water Bear of 4 meters tall (19.69 ft), thrusting his sword through the latter back, he instantly killed it by crushing its heart.

He immediately switched to another monster and again instantly killed it, by now the adventurers fighting against those monsters became aware of their savior.

"Leader?"

"Yes it's leader, we are saved. Him being here means that demon must have been killed or driven away."

"Oh?! It's true? If it is then let's quickly finish the remaining monsters and go back home."

"Home."

"Home!!!"

The adventurer's morale skyrocketed as they witnessed Gale the leader of this expedition reappearing and started killing monsters left and right lessening their burdens, not seeing the demon, they judged it that he had been slain or flee, because the place where Gale and the demon fought was far from the main battlefield, none of the adventurers present here knows what happened, nor they were aware of Leena's arrival, same for when she departed. They were too focused on their fight, too focused on keeping their lives to be able to divert their attention elsewhere.

Gale smiled as he saw his men's morale back, he continued slaying monster after monster, only the strongest, though, as he hoped for whatever plan the last demon was going to complete may be destroyed, he prayed for Leena to quickly go save the persons who seemed to be in danger, the target of the demon's plot.

Suddenly, Gale remembered a certain handsome promising youth and his sister, he wondered if they have completed their final test? Knowing the siblings, they may have finished it. He hoped that it was the case because if it wasn't they may be swept in the demon's plan and die an unfortunate death, it would be sad and unfair as it had nothing to do with them.

"Hope you're already on your way back. Don't die soon, young man. You are destined to do big things. You will surpass this old man soon. I got the same vibe from your sister."

"Sigh! Let's end this mission, too many of our men have died for a stupid reason, damn you demon."

After saying those words he continued slaying the strongest monsters, leaving the weaker for his men to finish, they must gain few XP after all.

As for him, if weren't because if he doesn't intervene, he would lose more men, he would have sit on the sidelines and watch his men fight, letting them accumulate a lot of XP to be able to level up, even with all his kills (since he came back) he didn't fill even half of his XP when one's level becomes higher, it becomes harder to level up, it's for this reason that higher Ranked adventurers are rare and priceless.

Chapter 129 - 127: This Shouldn't Have Appeared Here

Back to Alex's location.

As the light of the sun gradually rose and spread to the surroundings.

Alex and the others had already woken up after resting for a few hours feeling refreshed as they successfully managed to complete their mission without losing any of their members, they can now be considered D Rank Adventurer.

Alex who was back from his morning jogging with his sister saw the group outside chatting, they have already packed the tents.

"Morning Leader."

"Good morning."

"Good morning Alex, Gracier."

"Morning, Leader~ and little Gracier."

"Good morning Leader, morning Miss Gracier."

Sebastian, Lucien, Meera, Eleonora, and even Golfak greeted the two as they came back, Alex astonishingly stared at Golfak because it was the first time he greeted him since the start of their mission.

Having seen Alex looking at him with a surprised expression on his face, Golfak scratched his face and said, "Sorry, for all the troubles I've caused."

Alex was surprised once again, Gracier also, the others looked at the two and smiled, it seemed they were aware that Golfak was going to apologize.

Smiling, Alex said, "Morning everyone."

Then turned his face in Golfak's direction,

"Golfak, don't worry, I'm happy that you know your wrong and repent. For my part I'm also sorry if it seemed that I was a little bit harsh on you back then, it was because if you cower it may cause trouble for others, I know it's hard for the first time. Well, glad that everything ended well but take it as a warning and at the same time as a piece of advice from me, better control that temper of yours and do some research before blindly acting."

It was now Golfak's turn to be surprised, he wasn't expecting Alex's words, he nodded his head when he heard about Alex's advice.

"Don't worry leader, I'll be prudent from now on," Golfak said as he slightly bowed his head.

Nodding his head as he saw Golfak taking his advice seriously, Alex looked around and not seeing Conrad after checking the whole area with his divine sense he asked.

"Where is Conrad?"

"He just left a moment ago."

It was Lucien who answered.

"Where did he go? We should be on our way already but now. Sigh! Let's wait for half an hour and if he doesn't come we will left."

Alex said, Gracier and others nodded their heads, the girls decided to use this chance to clean themselves.

After the girls finished, the men went to clean themselves.

Half of an hour quickly passed, yet Conrad hadn't returned.

"Let's board the carriage and depart."

Finally, Alex decided that it was wiser to depart even when Conrad their supervisor wasn't present. Since a while ago, he was feeling restless, his six senses keep ringing alarm bells inside his mind as if to warn him about an incoming danger.

Everybody boarded the carriage and Lucien started driving it, by now everybody seemed to notice that something wasn't right.

Just as they started moving, Silveria who stayed silent until now suddenly shouted,

[[Master, quickly stop the carriage and run.]]

The urgency in her voice couldn't be hidden, without questioning her because his own heart was thumping like crazy,

Ba-dump Ba-dump!

Alex shouted, "Everybody jumps out."

Immediately after shouting, he held Gracier in his arms and Accel-ed to reappears twenty meters outside of the carriage.

Lucien, Sebastian, Golfak, Meera, and Eleonora jumped from the carriage and quickly distanced them from it after rolling on the ground.

And just as everyone leaves the carriage a huge explosion occurred creating a big cloud of dust rising to the sky,

Kaboom!!!

The ground trembled as if an earthquake was happening, Lucien, Sebastian, and Golfak were blasted back, their backs colliding against the nearby trees.

"Gah!"

"Guh!!!"

"Gofuh!"

The three grunted in pain and puked a mouthful of blood.

Eleonora's figure blurred to reappears not too far from Alex and Gracier's position, somehow Meera also appeared beside them.

After the dust got cleared, everybody was able to see what caused that gigantic explosion, the moment they saw what was responsible for the earthquake fear took hold of their hearts, they could not help but tremble.

Standing on what remains of their former carriage (it was completely flattened and the three horses turned into meat patties.) was a gigantic figure that seemed to have come out from their worst nightmare. This figure had gray skin and stood 8 meters tall (26.2467 ft), it had two heads, bulging

muscles, and wore armor, around its neck seemed to be some kind of necklace, this necklace was emitting a dark aura.

"Roarrrr"

Suddenly, the two-headed monster roared simultaneously, Alex and others quickly brought their hands toward their ears and blocked.

The monster's roar was so powerful that it created a shockwave in the air, even though they had closed their ears they still suffered damage, for some, it was not grave while for others it was worse. Alex was feeling dizzy beside his ears hurting like hell. Gracier and Meera were having it worse because of their racial features, they received more damage as Elves are pretty sensible, both their ears were bleeding, they became momentarily deaf, Lucien and Golfak fainted with blank looks on their faces. Sebastian was panting as he cleaned the blood coming from his nose, yet even when feeling dizzy he quickly dragged Lucien and Sebastian's unconscious bodies to safety behind a tree.

Alex quickly fed his sister a healing potion while Eleonora suffered a little damage as Alex quickly went to help Meera.

"Impossible, how can such monster appear here? This shouldn't have appeared here. What's going on? What a two-headed ogre doing here?" Alex wondered eyes filled with disbelief. This kind of monster should have never appeared here.

Indeed the monster with two heads glaring at them is a two-headed ogre, A-Rank monster, one of the powerful ones. The two-headed ogre in front of them had different pairs of eyes, the left head had a pair of blue eyes while the right head had a pair of deep red eyes.

"Not good it's a mutated two-headed ogre. We are in trouble, this is not an A-Rank monster but an AA Rank monster instead." Eleonora announced.

Alex could feel his back drenched in sweat because he had tried to appraise the monster, he didn't see a lot of information but what he saw made him fall into despair.

[Two headed mutated Ogre

Race: Blood Ogre

Rank 9

Level 85

MP:???

Magic: Dual Elements: Ice and Fire

Attack: ????

Defense: ???

Agility: ???

Intelligence: ???

Luck: ???

Skills: ????

Special Ability: ???

Titles: ???]

A rank 9 monster, and not your typical one, this one is dual elements user, not only that but this mutated Ogre possess a special Ability something Alex thought only human have. This monster, no abomination it was more than what the current him couldn't handle, none of them could handle it. The difference is too huge, a difference of 4 Rank in his case, 43 Levels to be more accurate, Alex had never felt so hopeless since the day he came into this world, nor so scared however he must survive, no they must survive.

While Alex was encouraging himself, Gracier's body was shaking even when she was trying to act tough, same with Meera, their complexions had somehow improved however their fear didn't lessen in the slightest.

Suddenly, the mutated two-headed ogre left mouth opened as if to shoot something when suddenly, it turned into another direction and shot a huge ice ball.

Kaboom!!!

The ice ball clashed against a huge fireball creating a huge blast, the two-headed shielded their eyes before the explosion.

"Alex takes the others and quickly escaped from here, I'll try to keep him occupied for a moment."

Alex and others heard Conrad's voice, shortly they saw him appearing, his appearance was disheveled with few cut on his body, it seemed that he had been fighting.

Using this chance, Alex and others distanced. However halfway through their escape,

【 Master quickly dodge.】 Silveria warned.

Alex held his sister in his arms before rolling on the ground avoiding a huge flame thrown at him, the huge fireball passed just above their heads before explosion into the distance. Fortunately, Alex and Gracier were not caught in the explosion.

Even without Silveria's warning, he would have dodged because of his passive skill, [Danger Sense], still, he was grateful. The two quickly get up,

Eleonora and the others looked back.

"Quickly go. Choose a separate direction to go in." Alex shouted at them before starting to run, it would be suicidal to stay together, their chance of survival will decrease considerably while if they choose separate directions, they had a slim chance of surviving, one or two may become the sacrifice for others to survive it may cruel but it was the best option.

Having understood this, well those who were still conscious, they nodded their heads as they scattered into a different direction, Sebastian with Lucien on his back went left, Meera with Golfak on her back choose the right direction, Eleonora also went right.

With his sister in his arms, Alex kept Accel-ed straight ahead putting some distance between himself and the dangerous monster, Alex had the feeling that the monster was specifically after him and Gracier judged by the way he looked at them when he showed up.

"I hope I'm wrong," Alex mumbled as he kept running away, Gracier was watching their surroundings ready to attack any monsters that would try to block them.

Chapter 130 - 128: Conrad, The Flame Prince

As he watched Alex and others disappear from his sight, Conrad heaved a long sigh before suddenly jumping on his left, dodging the two-headed mutated Ogre's club.

Boom!

The huge club almost tall as the two-headed mutated ogre created a deep pit on the ground as it missed its target, hastily rolling on the ground because the two-headed mutated ogre followed with another swing of its club.

While rolling on the ground, Conrad aimed his right hand at the monster and said,

[Fireball]

A huge fireball was created and shot at the monster, the latter used its club like a bat and flung it into another direction.

Boom!

Conrad disappeared and reappears behind the monster with his sword coated in flame.

However, before he could bring down his flaming sword he switched to a defensive stance as he felt danger coming from its back.

Gakin!!

Successfully defending against the sneak attack, Conrad hastily jumped back narrowly avoiding the ogre's fist.

Finally looking at the culprit of the previous sneak attack, Conrad said.

"So you come. I thought I had buried you with that attack earlier."

Chuckling, the black-clothed man with an disheveled appearance said,

"It's not easy to kill me."

Conrad could only click his tongue in annoyance hearing that, when he disappeared early it was because he received an urgent message from Leena informing him of the demon's plot. He searched for them until he found this disguised demon, they starting immediately fighting, at that moment the mutated

ogre wasn't with the demon, after fighting for a moment against the demon, Conrad learned that the monster had taken a different road to go eliminated its targets.

The demon had told Conrad the truth because he was sure that the monster must have accomplished its goal by then, unfortunately for the demon and fortunately for Conrad, it didn't happen as the former predicted but at that moment Conrad wasn't aware of it, hence he used one of his strongest attacks on the demon catching the latter off guard, Conrad had thought he had buried him alive and run in Alex and other's direction to barely manage to save them.

However now that demon he thought he buried came back blocking his way, the two-headed mutated ogre started running in Alex's direction after the demon whispered something under his breath, the black necklace around the monster's neck emitted a black smoke that entered into the monster's body and acted as a kind of signal, no order should be more accurate because the monster left just after that black smoke entered into its body.

"As if-"

"Sorry, Conrad, the Flame Prince, your opponent is me."

The demon said as he blocked Conrad's road, making it impossible for him to give a chase.

Gritting his teeth so much that the gritting sound could be heard, Conrad glared at the demon in front of him, Conrad normal brown eyes started losing their usual hue turning into hot crimson color, the air around him started to change, becoming hotter and hotter, Conrad is a magic swordsman, he can use both sword arts and magic at the same time and he's a Fire element user, a powerful Fire user thus he got the nickname of Flame Prince.

The demon who was closed to Conrad could feel the increasing temperature, however, his expression behind the gray mask filled with cracks was not fear but the excitement of a good fight that was about to begin.

Suddenly, the demon also released his power, black bolts of lightning started dancing wildly around him producing a crackling sound. Conrad who saw this couldn't help but narrow his eyes as he knew how dangerous those black bolts of lightning can be.

Even if both are Rank 8, if he lets his guard down his will suffer, Fire element is hailed as the strongest element possessing a destructive power but it doesn't mean that it's was without equal, leaving aside the Water or Ice element its natural nemesis, the Lightning Element, especially Black Lightning possesses destructive power coupled with a swiftness that makes Black Lightning user dangerous.

Looking in the direction Alex and Gracier left to, Conrad hoped that they were able to put a good distance between them and this monster who just went after them, Conrad wasn't concerned about the other because he knew that the monster was only after Alex and Gracier, as for why he doesn't know nor he needs to know, following Leena's order was all matter.

Inwardly sighing, Conrad prepared himself to quickly end this fight to go after the siblings, he knew that Leena was approaching at fast speed.

Suddenly, the demon disappeared like a flash of lightning and reappeared behind Conrad slashing horizontally at him, without turning around Conrad brought his flaming sword to clash against the gray sword with black lightning around it.

Clangs!

Boom!

An explosion occurred as the two elements collided, Conrad disappeared to reappear on the left on the demon as if he had teleported however it was not the case, it was simply because his agility was so high that when he moves at fast speed it looks like he was teleporting, also he possesses a certain skill that increases his movement speed however the range was small, radius 50 meters (164.0420 ft).

Jumping back the demon dodged the slash and at the same time just as he was landing he pointed his finger in Conrad's direction and said,

"Black Lightning Bullet."

Whoosh!

A small black lightning bullet was created and fired at Conrad at an extremely fast speed.

In the front of the incoming black lightning bullet, Conrad was calm as he muttered,

"Flame Shield"

Instantly a shield made of flame appeared in front of him to block the black lightning advance.

Boom!

An explosion occurred as the two elements clashed, the two had already moved and were clashing midair using their Gifts.

Clangs! Clangs! Clangs!

They kept moving around at fast speed exchanging moves while not forgetting at the same time to fire some normal spells like the ones they previously used. Because these kinds of spells don't require a long chant just a keyword, it was easy to use. When one's level becomes higher enough, like stepping into Rank 7 or 8 normal spells (skills) such as Fireball, Flame Shield, Water bullets, Wind bullets, and other normal spells doesn't require a chant to be used.

The two distanced themselves from each other as they stared at each other, Conrad couldn't help but curse under his breath because in their exchanges neither of them managed to get the upper hand, Conrad had thought of using some flashy move to distract the demon while he secretly slipped away to go rescue Alex and Gracier, unfortunately, it seemed that demon had seen through his plan thus blocking him whenever he tried to go.

Frustrated Conrad glared at the demon, the latter smiled, his smile would have been beautiful if hasn't for the long scar running through his face not sparing his lips, like the other demon who died under Leena's hand, this one also had a pale white face, red eyes, and light purple hair, because his mask who was filled with cracks broke under Conrad's attacks, the demon face became visible.

Not minding how his face looks, the demon with a crooked lip said.

"Why are you being hasty for? Flame Prince Let's play some more, let's destroy some more, let's have some fun while forgetting about everything else, I'll have only you in my eyes as you'll do the same thing. Let's love each other to the death."

The demon when talking had a sickened expression on his face, no intoxicated expression should be more accurate, Conrad shivered as he felt goosebumps rising all over his body, so unconsciously he gripped the hand of his Gift.

"You are sick."

To Conrad's words, the demon smiled,

"Thanks for the praise. I know you will accept me, I'm seeing it from your eyes, from the way you look at me, your hot gaze on me."

Not paying any more attention to the weirdo's talking, Conrad decided to use his strongest move, normally he didn't want to use this because after using it, his MP is almost emptied and he becomes tired, he decided to use it considering the urgency of the situation he was in, it has only been fifteen minutes since he started fighting against the weirdo but he was feeling restless, he doesn't know if the ogre had caught up to Alex and Gracier or not but he must go after them, they can't face this monster, even himself know that he couldn't win against such a monster.

Having decided to use his strongest skill, Conrad already prepared a High-grade Recovery Potion even though this potion could only replenish half of his MP, it was better than nothing.

Seeing Conrad getting serious all of the sudden, the demon felt a sudden thrill that almost made him moan.

『You who are slumbering in the depth of mine soul, hear my call now and awaken: Flame Dragon』

Rumble!

As Conrad finished his chant, the world warped and ten meters (32.81 ft) long flame dragon appeared, it looks like an eastern dragon.

Using its flaming red eyes the Flame dragon glared at the smiling demon, the temperature around the two had increased to an alarming degree, the ground radius 50 meters (164.0420 ft) started melting.

Even so, the demon still had a smile on his face.

"Roarrrr!!!"

Suddenly, Conrad's Flame dragon roared before pouncing at the demon.

Seeing the incoming Flame dragon, the demon smiled and said,

"Guess, it's my turn."

At the end of his words, he tossed his black sword toward the incoming Flame dragon and shouted,

"Devour Ashíntó"

Rumble! Zila~

The black sword instantly transformed into a huge black lightning dragon of the same height as Conrad's Flame dragon.

Conrad's eyes widened when he saw the demon black sword (Gift) transforming into a dragon, he quickly emptied the Recovery Potion he had prepared beforehand as he created a flame shield one after another to defend himself against what was about to come.

Kabooooom!!!

A mega explosion happened to destroy everything radius 5 kilometers (16404.20 ft) as the two dragons clashed.

Alex and the others who were running far ahead sensed the big explosion that sent all the forest into turmoil creating a big cloud that rises to the sky.

After the dust cleared the figure of Conrad nor the demon could be seen as the two disappeared not leaving any trace behind.