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Eventually, Ryan finally finished fixing his build. However, before proceeding, he created a new crossbow using the power of the Greed Demon God class.

Greed Defiance Crossbow

Effect: at the cost of one hundred thousand coins, it grants you the power to fire a bolt that will hit the enemy no matter what..

Dexterity + 700, Intelligence + 300.

Durability: 600/600

"I see... Lucifer must use a power like that all the time to fight me," Chronus said. "He is good at hiding that kind of thing, so I never understood how he could do that."

Ryan didn't say anything. He just raised his chin and then summoned Diamond Crossbow. He began to pull the trigger as he dashed toward Chronus and the speed of the projectiles made even Chronus frown. They were flying so fast that the attraction was making them slowly fall apart along the way... that showed that Ryan's skill and power reached a level beyond the power of the basic level of the seven deadly sins.

Chronus didn't try to dodge them. Instead, he grabbed all the bolts with his bare hands, but he ended up regretting that. Every time he did that, his hands were cut, and he started to bleed. The damage still was minimal, but he could tell... Ryan could destroy entire mountains with a single one of those. Not to mention, the effects and damage were piling up since Ryan activated Vital Hunter whenever he fired those. Chronus' near-infinite endurance was decreasing.

"I congratulate you, for finally forcing me to use this," Chronus said and then finally opened his eyes.

"... Shut up," Ryan said in a cold tone.

Ryan was expecting something to change once Chronus opened his eyes. Still, the surprise had been more shocking than he could imagine. The moment his bolts approached and entered Chronus' line of sight, they turned into dust. It seemed Chronus could make things age just by looking at them... that was some messed up power.

Ryan ignored that and just increased the firing rate until Chronus' vision was filled with bolts. Naturally, Chronus made those disappear, and they moved his left arm to block Ryan's next attack... even from a distance, he created a dark ice arrow and fired at point-blank range on Chronus.

"He can do even this now, that is good..." Chronus said while looking at his hand, emitting steam thanks to the fact that he was just holding the arrow.

Chronus thought that just opening his eyes would make him get rid of the annoying projectiles, but he was wrong. He could only make disappear the bolts fire by the weapon on Ryan's hands, and that was its major weakness. Ryan bombarded Chronus from all angles with Golden Arrows.

In the end, Chronus blocked them by using Temporal Shield. There was no point in holding back against Ryan anymore... Chronus flew toward Ryan and then tried to grab his neck. Still, Ryan moved away by firing numerous bolts while Evading Shot was active. Although that was a speed that Chronus had no problems following it, he was forced to slow down on his charge. He tried to attack while ignoring defense, and thanks, he got bit by some of Ryan's bolts... he had used his newest crossbow, after all. Chronus stopped and checked his body. The wounds were small, but they were making him bleed a little.

"An undoumitable greed that ignores even the effects of time, huh," Chronus muttered.

"Don't worry, this is just a temporary trick," Ryan said. "I won't be satisfied in defeating you, unless I use your ability against you."

It seemed that Ryan was getting carried away, but Chronus knew that it wasn't true. The reason was the fact that he was constantly activating and deactivating Money Physics so that he wouldn't suffer critical damage if he made even the smallest of mistakes. Not to mention, even though he used tons of coins to increase his dexterity, he still had a few billion left to use for defense.

When Chronus looked at Ryan, he felt him activating Money Physics... even with that skill, he will only last around ten minutes. That was the time Chronus had to go all out, not because of the coins, but because the other two finally noticed that he was fighting for real. Chronus moved his left arm backward and prepared a punch. At that moment, Ryan felt shivers.

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Ryan summoned two hundred copies of Spiritualist's Crossbow pointed toward Chronus and then fired. He knew that he would use Time Skip, and he did it. Ryan managed to decrease the power of the attack by using his bolts, but in the end, a single ultra-charged punch hit him and made him fly to outer space in a single moment.

Ryan stopped spinning when he left the planet, but he was barely able to stay conscious due to the pain. Once again, all his bones were broken. To think that a single charged attack would make him lose all the coins he had saved for defense...

In the blink of an eye, Ryan left Earth and even the moon behind. It was almost a miracle that he survived an attack and while he was moving that fast. Fortunately, by using Evading Shot in the opposite direction, he managed to slow down. For some reason... Chronus didn't follow him.

"That guy..." Ryan bit his lips in exasperation when he used Clairvoyance and saw Chronus resuming his extermination.

The elder gods began to fight him again, but Chronus wasn't pulling any punches this time. If only Ryan still had that mana pool... Ryan suddenly had an idea. He used Void World and then made Self-Replication level up many times. Once he could summon one hundred replicas, he made them use Zen

in the Void World. How did Ryan recover enough mana and coins to do all that? He used Diamond Crossbow on the moon and turned a good part of it into mana and coins.

Class: Apocalyptic Archer Lv 99 / Storm Caster Lv 96/ Imperial Archer Lv 93

Race: Night Demon / Reptilian Champion / Lord of the Ice Foxes (-)

Rank: 1st

Health: 200371 /200371 (339,75/s)

Mana: 226599/226599 (339,75/s)

Stamina: 227630/227630 (339,75/s)

Strength: 17681 (+174422) (+130)

Dexterity: 225.933 (+186655) (+2550)

Speed: 22170 (+173410) (+548)

Intelligence: 18652 (+168595) (+33)

Endurance: 19998 (+184395) (+160)

Control: 22276 (174050) (+510)

Mentality: 19152 (+168195) (+70)

Luck: 16780 (+182560)

Recovery: 32550 (+178050) (+1045)

Willpower: 19152 (+168193) (+40)

Coins: 00

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Lv Max (+ 421 UP), Golden Arrow Lv Max (+ 652 UP),

Passive Physical Skills: Eagle Eyes Lv Max (+ 421 UP), Concentration Lv Max (+ 421 UP), Archery Lv Max (+ 421 UP),

Accuracy Lv Max (+ 421 UP),

Spells: Draconic Transformation Lv Max (+ 333 UP), Frost Armor Lv Max (+ 452 UP), Ice Breath Lv Max (+ 639 UP), Magic Bow Lv Max (+ 459 UP), Money Physics Lv 44 (+ 43 UP), Temporal Shield Lv 01

Support Skills: Arcanescience Lv 01, Speed Cast Lv 01, Magic Mastery Lv 01, Electric Dominance Lv 01, Energy Control Lv 23 (+ 22 UP), Personal Mastery Lv 44 (+ 43 UP), Absolute Buying Lv 55 (+ 54 UP), Absolute Bet Lv 01,

Classes:

Combat: Draconic Hunter Lv 71 (+ 12 UP), Draconic Warrior Lv 35 (+ 15 UP), Draconic Mage Lv 33 (+ 15 UP), Magic God Lv 11 (+ 10 UP), Greed Demon God Lv 08 (+ 07),

Non-Combatant: Time Lord Lv 85 (+ 28 UP), Time King Lv 69 (+ 24 UP),

Race: Centaur, Dragon, Kobold, Triton, Asgardian, Olympian,

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When Ryan returned, he saw many elder gods already on the ground, dead. Isis and Athena were among the group. Ryan bit his lips in anger... Why does he have to feel like he has failed so many people so many times in a row? Athena always tried to stay neutral, but she was an ally. As for Isis, she helped Ryan more than a few times. The region looked like it got hit by hundreds of massive asteroids... and that was the power of Chronus' fists alone.

Odin and Zeus were hanging in there, but it was evident that they wouldn't last for long. Chronus moved away from them when he noticed Ryan's presence. At that exact time, he also saw numerous Lunar Arrows falling toward him. He easily blocked them with his Temporal Shield. Ryan should have known that such an attack would be useless. His only option was to enhance his projectiles with time magic or use his newest crossbow. It would take a while, though, for him to reach that level.

"You are not going to learn anything just by watching me like that," Chronus said. "My power is different from the skills that require high-level divinity."

Ryan still couldn't understand much how to apply time magic to his projectiles. That being said, he still could remember how amidst his rage, he used the Temporal Shield... Basically, he just had to condense mana up to a certain level where the notion of space couldn't apply. Thanks to Mana Compression, he probably managed to do that, but that wasn't enough to use Temporal Shield. He also had to make the energy stable completely while maintaining the same level of density around his whole body. It would be easier to envelop a physical body that didn't have so many undulations and details, like an arrow. However, doing all that in an object that was in contact with his body and keeping the energy stable without touching it was the problem.

If Ryan had a few days to practice it, he probably would learn it... as long as he uses the time speed of Void World. However, his replicas were infusing mana for him, and he couldn't make them do anything else right now. Despite that... Ryan had an idea.

Using magic, Ryan created a steel arrow, and then he turned it into a magic weapon. Chronus frowned when he saw what Ryan did... that was something no one tried before, not even him. After all, what could have the use of weapons to Chronus? Using his best bow, Ryan nocked the arrow and then prepared to shoot... Ryan felt some danger and decided to block the arrow with everything he got. However, his eyes didn't work. If not even his eyes worked, then certainly his Temporal Shield wouldn't...

The very moment Ryan shot the arrow, Chronus felt something hitting his left chest. When he looked at that, Chronus felt the pain that only Lucifer and Ymir managed to make him feel... to think that Ryan could mimic the effects of time magic on long-ranged attacks by using Seal alongside Time Skip on his arrows... that really was a different way of using one's skills.

"You really are resourceful," Chronus said and then pulled the arrow out of his chest. "You have satisfied my curiosity. Now it is time to see if can defeat me before I turn you and this whole world into cosmical dust."

Chronus raised his arms, and then Ryan felt the air leaving his lungs. He knew that feeling... it was the same that he has when he is in outer space without Mana Barrier... Chronus destroyed the world's atmosphere in a single second.

The humans who survived until now but didn't have the skills or status to endure such an environment began to choke. At the same time, the planet began to absorb too much solar energy, the temperature increasing. In the blink of an eye, pretty much everything was put on fire.

"That is what Zeus saw that made him so frightened of Chronus..." Ryan thought while biting his lips.

Using Spectral Summoning, Ryan made several copies of that arrow and then prepared to fire it. However, Death Sense warned him of an attack from above... and he saw the moon moving toward him.

"It wouldn't be right if only you could attack, right?" Chronus asked.

Ryan teleported away from that place, but the moon only gained more speed the farther he was from it. It looked like he was the new Earth, and the moon had to be his satellite, no matter what. However, this time, the moon wanted to be a bit closer...

In the end, Ryan used the same trick he did on Hephaestus and moved to behind Chronus and grabbed him. That hadn't been the wisest of the moves. To be able to do that, Ryan had to use Temporal Shield, and all his mana was used thanks to it. Chronus only smiled when he did that, and then he used Reset.

Ryan suddenly saw himself in the same position as before when he first noticed the attack. In the end, the moon hit him, but before he could be smashed against Earth, Ryan used Diamond Crossbow. Once he recovered enough mana, he used Reset as well.

"Hahaha, this is quite amusing, we can play like this as much as you want, Ryan," Chronus said, smiling for the first time. "Still, is that solving anything?"

It wasn't... and it probably won't solve anything, ever. Ryan got hit again... but this time, he used his newly created arrows and fired them with Telekinesis. It wasn't the same as using a bow or a crossbow, but the effects of the arrows were there. They instantly hit the core of the moon and made it explode. Ryan was taken by the darkness once again...

Somehow, Ryan opened his eyes, and then he saw a dead world around him. Earth had become unrecognizable, and he couldn't feel any presence around. Ryan tried to get up, but he couldn't feel his legs or arms. When he moved his head, Ryan saw that his limbs had been burned... alongside half of his body.

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"Man... your ability to get beaten up sure is something else," Merlin said.

Even though the world was on fire, Ryan couldn't even breathe, and everyone had been killed. Merlin still was acting the same as ever, as if nothing was his problem. That attitude sure was unnerving...

"How do you feel getting your ass kicked like this by an enemy that isn't even trying to kill you?" Merlin asked.

If Ryan could speak, he would, but he couldn't. Still, if he actually could do anything, he would smack that annoying little creature. While Ryan wasn't an endurance-type warrior, for the better or for, the worse, his vitality had reached stupid levels. Even though he always focused on increasing his attack

power, he still got some impressive defensive boosts. He also had the blood of Asgardians and the Olympian gods... no wonder he could live in such an environment and even survive when thousands of fragments of the moon smashed him.

"Well... I can't say that I don't understand you," Merlin said.

"How could you possibly understand... asshole," Ryan said via Telepathy.

"Well, you see... I also failed miserably like you many times," Merlin said. "I lost good friends, some where even turned into zombies to face me. Those I wanted to protect forgot me when I was stayed away from Earth for so long... in the end, I was also defeated and exploded when the last boss just snapped its fingers."

"Last boss? What the hell are you talking about?" Ryan frowned.

"Let's just say that I understand your situation because I also experienced similar things," Merlin replied. "Oh, well... there is no point in trying to hide all this. I am the creator of the classes system. I am not his creation, this device is just a tool I created to communicate between universes."

Somehow, Ryan believed in that quite easily. After all, Merlin was supposed to be an alien-like conscience. Still, he failed miserably in keeping his behavior in check most of the time. In any case, Ryan didn't expect that the creator would be trash-talking him all this time. That fucking asshole...

"Don't worry about it, I hide your presence from Chronus, and right now, you are living beyond the time of your universe, so you don't have to rush anything," Merlin said. "Let's talk for a while, I am sure you have many questions."

"Are the answers going to help me solve this mess?" Ryan asked.

"Probably not," Merlin replied.

"Then, I am not interested," Ryan replied, and then he began to heal his wounds.

"Don't be that way, if anything, you will grow even angrier at me and you will make the Wrath Demon King class level up," Merlin said. "Obtaining power just to listen to someone? I wish I had that chance. Ah, it wouldn't work... I was too prideful to let myself gain power that way."

"I see now why everyone looked oddly at you, you are something that isn't supposed to exist here in this universe," Ryan said.

"That is right," Merlin replied. "For a mage, I am quite dumb. I always thought that the concept of multi-verse means that there are other universes out there with other versions of me. However, things are more complicated than that. The concepts of multi-verses and time lines creating an infinite number of realities and humans out there. That is why at first, I thought that I didn't have to intervene directly on other universes. However, eventually I learned that they are very different from each other. For example, my friends and I didn't exist in this universe. Not even my predecessors and their predecessors."

"What is your point?" Ryan asked.

"My point is, certain people that have the power to exert to much influence over the universe, they don't in other universes, not even the people who are their ancestors," Merlin explained. "That is why you didn't exist in my universe as well. The elder gods, the demons, the angels... they didn't exist there as well. I don't quite understand why yet, but it seems that the more your existence belong to a single reality, the more you can affect it. You survived until now, so that means that you are supposed to do more than you already did it."

"I don't believe in crappy motivational speeches," Ryan said.

"Wow, so edgy... I wonder how you didn't defeat Chronus with that edginess," Merlin said. "Anyway, I am also a part of the reason why you had such a hard time over the last year. You see, Lucifer wasn't supposed to get this powerful. However, he obtained a good part of the power and memories of the last boss I mentioned. That is why the balance of power of this universe broke and that is why Chronus began began to see the end of the universe."

"... If Lucifer can leave this universe, then why he always cause its destruction?" Ryan frowned.

"He can't, not unless he destroys it," Merlin replied. "When my friends and I were defeating the last boss, the battle affected the nearby universes. That is what Chronus was reffering to when he said that one day he suddenly felt something weird in the universe. It seemed that the battle connected our universes through the void, and Lucifer obtained that power. He discovered that he can obtain unlimited power if he destroys this universe and then heads for the next one, but his still is incomplete. Since it is a power that came from another reality. That is why Chronus, Ymir, and Lucifer noticed that my power and Lucifer's power are similar."

"So... everything is your fault..." Ryan glared at Merlin with murderous intent.

"I told you, it is only a part," Merlin replied. "Besides, you can't blame me for trying to save my universe."

"Why didn't you come to solve this mess, then?" Ryan asked.

"You want a hero that badly?" Merlin asked. "I fought for far too long. I am tired of fighting. Besides, sooner or later, your world would face annihilation. Lucifer was the one who started the war and killed others like Chronus and Ymir, but many of them were keen on decimating races. In one way or the other, your world would face the changes that mana would bring."

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Ryan compared those words to what Chronus said earlier: "You might change the future a little bit with the knowledge and the power you just obtained, but in the end, you will only prevent your deaths for a few minutes. You can say that the future isn't set in stone, but big events are a culmination of uncountable small events. Once those take place, it is impossible to prevent the result."

It made sense. Those primordial creatures had the power to make many things happen. Maybe sooner or later, mana truly would return to Earth, and humans would have to face those problems without the help of the features created by Merlin. Without his rank and classes system, humans would never obtain the power to fight back so fast, nor would they be able to create domains that could protect thousands of survivors.

"It seems you have to realize that certain things are just bound to happen," Merlin said. "However, not all things are absolute. You managed to wound Chronus, didn't you? That means that in his physical form, not even time is absolute against you."

"... There are a few things I don't understand," Ryan said. "You said that you are a mage, so why you don't have the knowledge of all classes. You should have considering that you lived for thousands of years."

"But I have. However, some laws in my universe doesn't apply here and the inverse is also true," Merlin explained. "That is why Lucifer's power is incomplete and he can't move between universes. The creature he stole the power from, could do that, after all. Ah, come to think of it, by defeating that monster, I saved your universe, since this was pretty close to mine. Where are my thanks?"

Merlin was so annoying... despite the situation, he was so unnerving relaxed... still, Ryan more or less could understand where he comes from. He endured many things and survived the end of his universe, or prevented it, it was hard to say. So, those significant incidents seemed like a normal occurrence to him.

Ryan finished healing himself and then looked around to see what he could do. If he could use the souls around, he probably would be able to gather a lot of mana, enough to go bain in time. However, he wasn't the one who killed the elder gods or the others. So he had to find another way.

"If you Teleport to the world where Loki created those herbs, you will solve your problem of mana, but you need to hurry up," Merlin said.

"I don't need your help," Ryan said.

"Dear me... you are almost as prideful as I am," Merlin said. "Whatever you try to do, you will only have a couple of seconds once I dispel this domain."

Ryan looked around and made sure to engrave that scene in his eyes. He failed in defeating Chronus, and he obviously was someone who, due to his goals, would be a lot less troublesome than Ymir and Lucifer.

Diamond Crossbow would work better if Ryan hit something valuable or full of energy. Aside from the flames that covered Earth now, nothing fit the criteria. However, there was something else Ryan could use to obtain mana: the sun.

Ryan teleported to the massive sphere of fire nearby and felt his body melting even though he was thousands of kilometers away from it. Still, thanks to Solar Absorbtion, Ryan prevented his death.

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Ryan bombarded the sun with two hundred copies of the Diamond Crossbow, and Ryan saw his mana being filled at an astonishing speed. In the end, it was better to have a normal weapon like that that could be replicated than a cursed one that could talk and couldn't be replicated.

It didn't take long for Chronus to notice what Ryan was doing, but in the end, before he could approach, Ryan used Reset. For the first time, Ryan made the spell work and made the time go back for several minutes, and thanks to that, he finally noticed the nature of the spell. It didn't make time go backward... it was hard to explain, but it only influenced some targets that Ryan had previously had been in contact with. Since Ryan had been on Earth, all the events caused by Chronus had been undone. However, he could Chronus also following him while the skill was working. It seemed that those who had the same level of control over Reset also experienced the event. It made sense since Ryan didn't lose his memories when Chronus used the spell before. However, it became evident that Chronus had other hidden cards.

After a couple of seconds, Ryan saw himself standing in that moment when Femradiel was holding her belly. It seemed like she was about to finish her sentence, but she didn't because she was already knew what was about to happen. The same could be said about the others, be they humans or elder gods. They knew the next events. Even though they didn't have the power to use Reset, their future memories returned with them.

"You are almost there, Ryan," Chronus said. "However, you didn't buy as much time as you think. I didn't mention before, but those two also can use Reset."

Earth was back to normal, but it seemed that soon enough, it would face its imminent doom. Unlike Chronus, Ymir and Lucifer won't hold back now that they know that Ryan could do that much. It was too dangerous to let another force emerge right now...

"Why didn't you tell me that before?" Ryan asked after he hugged Femradiel gently.

"I wasn't sure, but I got this feeling just now..." Femradiel said after she returned the hug.

"I suppose it can't be helped... I am sorry for failing you," Ryan said.. "Let's fight together, and make sure that such a thing won't happen again."

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Femradiel and the others didn't know how they could help. It was only natural since most of them didn't see what Ryan did with his last arrows. In the blink of an eye, he summoned several weapons that had the same effects as his arrows. Swords, bows, spears... the cost to use them was quite high, and aside from the elder gods and leaders of each group, most survivors could only use those once or twice. The elder gods hesitated in putting away their main weapons, but it couldn't be helped.

**Temporal Bow** 

Effect: at the cost of five thousand mana points, it grants you the power to fire arrows that can hit the target instantly no matter what.

Dexterity +800, Intelligence + 200

Durability: 1000/1000

"Those are different from the arrows from before," Chronus said. "Where is your weapon?"

"Thanks to you, I understand the tricks of time magic," Ryan said. "So, I don't need it anymore."

After saying that, Ryan summoned a Solar Arrow above him. Once it was complete, it disappeared and then reappeared, hitting Chronus' face. He reacted on time to prevent critical damage, but it still burned a small point of his face a little.

"Impressive... you learned that you can stabilize the time magic if you enhance the exterior and interior of the projectiles at the same time," Chronus said. "I suppose, you learned that when you used Time Skip on the arrows."

That was right. Although the Enchantment worked, Ryan couldn't help but frown since the projectile was too stable, considering that the magic item was just made of steel. Usually, the more powerful the effect, the material needs to be of a higher quality. However, it seemed that time magic had its own rules...

"Well then, let's finish this," Chronus said. "They will return soon and I don't want to deal with them anymore."

Chronus opened his right hand, and then Ryan felt a shiver. It looked like he wasn't planning to use big moves anymore, just the compact ones that were bound to hit Ryan. Although Ryan used Temporal Shield, he still got hit by something that he couldn't quite tell... he couldn't see wounds, but he felt like his body was being ripped apart.

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Congratulations! The skill Time Resistance has leveled up.

Ryan's health was decreasing at an astonishing pace. What saved him was the Health Link created by Femradiel. Although his life was secure for a while, the pain was insane.

"A temporal attack that can't be blocked and doesn't have elemental attributes..." Ryan muttered while his face was contorting in pain.

Before Ryan could prepare a counterattack, a single arrow appeared right in front of Chronus, and he grabbed it. His eyebrows twitched when he felt his mana being pierced and even more when several others appeared. Femradiel joined the battle, and then Chronus looked at her. Before he could do anything as well, numerous other arrows almost damaged Chronus. The other humans joined the fight as well. Unfortunately, their attacks weren't powerful enough to pierce Chronus' body.

Chronus was forced to move his arms around and then block the point of some weapons that suddenly appeared around him. The ones used by the elder gods bothered him quite a lot... that was right. The weapons that Ryan produced, even the melee ones, could be used from a distance.

"This is starting to get annoying," Chronus frowned and then snapped his fingers.

Ryan stopped feeling the pain, but the wounds in Chronus' body disappeared instantly... Time Reversal of Time Healing, it was only natural that he could do that. Regardless, that gave time for Ryan to make his move. He teleported to where Chronus was and then made hundreds of copies of Diamond Crossbow surround him. When all the triggers were pulled, Chronus imagined that Temporal Shield would protect him. After all, there was no way that Ryan would have enough mana to use time magic alongside so many projectiles at the same time. However, Chronus still got hit by three bolts.

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Chronus didn't bleed, but he saw that he had lost some skin and blood thanks to the bolts. That was right. Ryan managed to enhance three of those bolts with time magic while they were flying toward Chronus. Once again, he raised his right arm, and Ryan began to suffer. However, Ryan had been waiting for that. He opened his mouth and then used Dark Ice Breath.

Even though Ryan lost sight of Chronus for a moment, he realized that his spell had caused a lot of damage when the pain passed. However, suddenly, Chronus appeared and grabbed Ryan by the neck, he began to feel those types of pain again, and that prevented him from using his head.

"You sure learn fast, but this is enough," Chronus said.

Amidst the pain and agony, Ryan found the power to grab Chronus' arm. Now he won't have the chance to use Temporal Shield and Temporal Healing. If he does, he will heal Ryan as well. Ryan just had to endure the pain while his allies were attacking Chronus.

Health Link was lasting for longer than Chronus had imagined. He thought that Ryan wouldn't survive while he tried to break his neck and while he uses Temporal Pain, a spell that makes the target feel all the pain that he felt in the last year in a single instant. However, he was hanging in there.

The damage piled up, and Chronus decided to throw Ryan away in order to heal himself, but he didn't let his arm go. In the end, Chronus teleported them to the sun, which would increase the power of both of his attacks. While his plan worked at first, it also made Ryan's status increase. It made him recover more energy thanks to Solar Absorption and Sunlight Blessing.. Chronus understood that he had messed up when Ryan summoned hundreds of Solar Arrows enhanced with time magic.

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In the last moment, Chronus decided to throw Ryan at the sun, even if he had to burn as well. He could always recover once Ryan loses his consciousness. Ryan knew exactly what Chronus was thinking, so he fired the arrows to kill him first.

Chronus tried to protect himself with his remaining arm, but in the end, he could only do so much against an enemy that could use the same magic as him. His face and body began to burn even more thanks to the power of the Solar Arrows. Without any other choice, Chronus used Temporal Healing and

made his and Ryan's wounds disappear. The mental strain disappeared completely, but Ryan still was suffering more than him.

When Chronus was about to Teleport himself and Ryan to even closer to the sun, he was forced to stop. He wondered why they stopped attacking him, even though they should be able to see him thanks to Clairvoyance... as it turns out, the elder gods and humans prepared some charged attacks and then used those simultaneously.

The impact on his back made Chronus fly toward the sun for quite a while, and he couldn't do anything to slow down also for a while. Still, Ryan teleported them back to Earth while mustering all the willpower he had in the end.

When they returned to Earth, Ryan finally let Chronus go because he barely had any strength to keep standing, much less to hold his arm. Chronus stopped trying to attack as well... there was no point. He wanted to push Ryan even further, but his plans came to an end when he made those weapons. Even without using Foresight, he knew that things would end that way.

Their bodies were covered in burn marks, but they still recognized Chronus when he sat down on the ground. As for Ryan, his armor, his clothes, all the air in his body, and even the extremities of his body had been burned to a crisp. Isis AND Femradiel approached to heal him while everyone else kept their weapons ready to be used.

"You can rest easy now, see," Chronus said while showing his right hand that was turning into dust. "I have reached the limit of this body, so it is your win."

That seemed too good to be true. After all, the group basically just attacked nonstop while Chronus ignored them. However, thanks to his eye, Odin could see and confirm that Chronus was really disappearing.

"Now and then, this happens when this body gets too old," Chronus said. "In a few years, I will revive."

That was also weirdly convenient. Still, Chronus was the physical manifestation of time, so it was only evident that he couldn't die or be killed. They could destroy his body, but that was only a temporary solution.

"Rather than staring at me, you should prepare your troops, all of them," Chronus said. "In five minutes, they will be here and they won't hold back anymore."

Chronus and Odin didn't want to take their eyes from Chronus, so Athena and Isis began to prepare for the next battle. Summoning the angels, holy knights, and all those stationed in Israel was absolutely necessary. As well as try to mass-produce more weapons and defensive gear with those attributes. Few people could do that, though.

Eventually, Ryan was back on his feet. Although it couldn't be considered clothes, he used Frost Armor to prevent others from seeing him walking naked. Since Isis was pretty good at magic, she even managed to restore Ryan's hair. That had been useful since, without it, he looked like a hammer.

"You won, but you don't feel satisfied," Chronus said.

"That is because I know that you can't be killed," Ryan said. "And because I couldn't have defeated you alone."

"You have a weird greed, it seems so small and grandiose at the same time," Chronus said. "Nevertheless, you will have your chance to satisfy this desire of yours."

"How can you tell?" Ryan asked. "I thought that you would only give up once you see a future that is different from the ones you saw."

"It is only an intuition, I can't see the future now for some reason," Chronus said. "It is probably because what is going to happen hasn't been decided yet. So, I will bet on your side."

"It doesn't make me feel better in the slightest knowing that someone that I hate is cheering for us," Ryan said. "Instead of that, hurry up and give us your power."

"Maybe I should use the rest of my power and make sure that you won't receive it," Chronus said.

"That is fine, I am sure Merlin has analyzed all your powers," Ryan said.

"You didn't say that you don't need my help as well?" Merlin asked.

"It isn't help, it is rent for keeping haunting me," Ryan replied.

"I am very alive, though," Merlin said.

"Ah... this is somewhat refreshing," Chronus said after letting out a deep sigh. "This is the first time I talked so much with a species like yours. There isn't much talking once they know who I am and what I did. Nevertheless, I hope that this won't be the last time. For my sake as well, all of you have to win."

"I will win, but you will be the last thing in my head when that happens," Ryan said.

"I still disagree with your methods, but I can't ignore the results," Athena said. "I don't know for how long we will be able to do this, but I will make sure to deal with anything that might prejudice the universe as a whole in the future."

"I missed so much fun thanks to you, so perhaps I will hunt you once this is all over," Loki said. "It will be easier to master your powers after defeating you Anyway."

"Next time we meet, I would like to meet as friends," Isis said. "It would be really helpful to have someone who has lived for so long on our side, in order to prevent us from repeating the mistakes of other species."

"As long as you are all on the side of those who protect, I can't see, why not that shouldn't be possible..." Chronus said and then let out another sigh.. "Best regards."

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Survivors and elder gods watched Chronus turning into dust with mixed feelings. Some could understand his actions, and some of them couldn't forgive him. It was only obvious, though. After all, he

killed many and destroyed Earth. He knew that Ryan could use Reset, but that doesn't change everything.

Congratulations! You have become a level one Time God.

All of your statuses have increased and will increase by one thousand points once this class levels up. The effects of all-time-related spells have doubled. You have learned the skills: Time Theft, Temporal Healing, and Temporal Conscience.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Time Theft.

Effect: It grants you the power to take away all the energy of a target and absorb the remaining time they have. You can absorb 0.1 percent of the target lifespan and increase yours. The effectiveness of the skill will increase by the same amount with each level up.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Temporal Healing.

Effect: It grants you the power to speed up time to a point where all your wounds will have been healed.

Cost: 10.000 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Temporal Conscience.

Effect: It activates upon death, and it sends your conscience to a point in time based on the level of their mana. You can send back your conscience in time in one second for each 10.000 mana points you have.

You obtained 01 status points.

Those new skills were pretty useful, and it was even more awesome that pretty much everyone gained those skills and status. However, after the battle, Ryan couldn't help but worry about it after the battle' how would a world where thousands of humans and dozens of elder gods could control time like that?

While Ryan was thinking about that, he suddenly felt the world spinning, and then he fell to his knees. He survived the craziest of the battles, but it came with a price. Even though he had been healed, Ryan's condition wasn't good.

"Ryan!" Femradiel approached and gave him her shoulder to lean on.

"I am just a bit tired, but now is the moment of the truth," Ryan said. "We can't rest now."

"While you aren't wrong, your condition is worse than you can imagine," Isis said. "Rest for as long as you can, while we deal with the preparations for their arrival."

"I will feel less worried if I rest while I watch everything and I am sure that I won't be too late if something happens," Ryan said.

"Well, I suppose that is like you," Isis said and then shrugged. "Still, don't try to use your mana, otherwise you will collapse and get sick that way as before and you won't be able to fight for a while."

"She is right, you should rest," Merlin said. "Your spirit receives a lot of damage when you push your limits in a nonconventional way' that being said, I don't think you will have the chance to do that."

"What do you mean?" Ryan asked.

"It is a bit hard, but I can feel Lucifer's presence when he get within a certain distance and he is apparently preparing some souvenirs," Merlin replied. "Why do they like to do that so often?"

"Why would you know that?" Femradiel frowned.

"I will explain later," Ryan said. "Right now, we need to prepare for some attacks."

"If I were you, I would keep your eyes on the sky," Merlin said. "Remember what Chronus did with the moon? Lucifer is doing the same with some planets."

Those who heard that opened their eyes widely. That was just insane, then again, considering that Chronus said that Lucifer could cause the destruction of the universe, firing planets shouldn't be something so hard to him.

"Which direction is he in?" Isis asked. "If he aims at the other side of the planet' $\frac{1}{1}$ "

"Don't worry, given the power that Ryan has, he will definitely try to smash him directly," Merlin replied.

Without wasting time, Ryan created several copies of Diamond Crossbow. It was probably the best weapon the ordinary survivors could have. The only problem was that their dexterity determined their range, and survivors who focused on that were pretty few.

"How much time do we have?" Ryan asked.

"Probably one hour or so, he is teleporting those planets to this solar system, but he can't exactly collide and kill all of you by doing that," Merlin explained. "He can give them an impulse and make them hit Earth with Perfect Aim, though. Right now, he teleported ten of them to Mars, but he isn't satisfied with that. Once they began to move, you will have around forty five minutes."

It was quite weird hearing Merling being so precise with that calculus. Regardless, Lucifer was planning to destroy the world and not give humans any chance to fight back. Even if they tried to use Reset or any other form of time magic, they couldn't go back in time so much to prevent the attack.

"Maybe we should fight him on Mars' !" Femradiel said.

"If he can Teleport entire planets, we can't decide where the fight will be," Isis said.

"He also can just come back to Earth while we are away and destroy everything," Zeus said.

While they were thinking about what to do, the Angels and those who were with them in Israel finally showed up. When they heard about the news, they couldn't help but clench their fists. It seems like that wasn't the first time Lucifer had done such a thing.

"We can't let those planets get even a bit closer to Earth," Michael said. "Even If we destroy them from here, the fragments still will destroy a good part of the world. If we try to destroy them in outer space, wherever we decide to do it, we will only have a fraction of seconds to attack."

Ryan could imagine that. Since the planets could cross the distance between Earth and Mars in just forty-five minutes, they must be moving at one-third of the speed of light.. That was like one hundred thousand of kilometers per second and seven times faster than Earth could move.

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"We will have to sacrifice some of us, if we make powerful enough beings to cause an explosion of mana with their bodies, it will be enough to destroy even large planets," Michael said. "Around fifty holy knights should be able to create an explosion big enough to make any planet explode."

They were already talking about sacrifices without trying anything else. Ryan didn't like that, but he could understand Michael's reasoning. His people reached thus far made a lot of compromises. Most of them gave up even on their free will.

"Based on what we know about Lucifer, we can't say that this plan will be effective," Zeus said. "Lucifer can recover his mana indefinitely with the power of lust, so he will be able to keep attacking us like that for as long as he can. With that in mind, sacrificing our soldiers is the worst thing we can do now."

Zeus was quite the battle-oriented elder god, so he was used to losing soldiers. So, he talks like that seemed weird, but since he went all his way to say that, it became obvious that he was correct. Unfortunately, he didn't have another option to solve the matter.

"I suppose our best option is to use the temporal weapons Ryan created and aim to the core of those planets," Isis said. "Ryan, Artemis, and Apollo are powerful enough with bows and crossbows to cause massive damage with them, so we can leave them to bombard the core of some planets by themselves. We can't just keep watching that, though. The remaining elder gods will work together to attack as well. The humans will remain on standby and use their weapons if something happens."

Only those who had lightning-fast reflexes and Clairvoyance could hope to hit the core of those planets, so it was only obvious that most humans wouldn't be able to pull that off. Survivors like Femradiel, Zoe, Natasha, and Mia couldn't help but feel a bit annoyed since their skills with those weapons weren't enough. Now that Ryan thought about it, few Male humans used bows and crossbows'

"Sit down and rest a little," Femradiel said and then put her hands on Ryan's shoulders to force her to lay down. "We have some time and you need to recover your strength."

Ryan obeyed since that was true. However, he couldn't quite relax since Ymir still was out there, and no one had any idea what he was up to. While Ryan was thinking about what to do, he suddenly noticed that some powerful and big presences had appeared. When he looked in that direction, he saw Alissa surrounded by hundreds of pendragons.

"That is right' | those guys can enhance our status," Ryan said.

"Nakine's dungeon is in my domain, so I decided to take those," Alissa said when she approached. "The world is United to face the last two enemies, so we need to use everything in our power."

"What about Nakine and his allies?" Ryan asked.

"They think that this battle is way out of their league and that their world might be the next target if they join this fight," Alissa said. "I also agree with that, so I didn't ask for their help. Anyway, let's divine those among us."

Summoning those dragons was quite expensive, so Nakine didn't summon many. He only had enough to enhance Ryan and the others with the power of the Draconic Lord class. Although there were enough dragons to enhance their status by three hundred percent, they only obtained a bonus of one hundred' The dragons took too much space, and the effects of the skills were limited. Still, that power up was more than Ryan could ask for' "It is coming' |" Merlin said.

The next minutes passed in the blink of an eye, and Lucifer finally acted. Although the group still had more than forty minutes, they decided to stop the enemy as soon as possible. When Ryan used Clairvoyance, he saw several points in the part of the Solar system where Mars was supposed to be' from that distance. It was pretty hard to tell, but Ryan could see forty or so planets the size of Earthmoving toward them. It was hard to say if it was due to Lucifer's influence or he chose the worst stars he could find. But those words seemed so dead that it was hard to find any color on them aside from black and red.

"We will test if this plan can work right now," Isis declared. "Ryan will attack the closest one and then Artemis, and then Apollo will do the same. Don't try to hold back, if you succeed on the first try, you can adjust the power later."

Ryan was itching to see if he actually could destroy a planet by himself. If he succeeds, not only will he boost the morale of his allies, but he also will annoy the heck out of Lucifer. After activating Time Skip, Ryan used Draconic Bow. The skill reached a level where Ryan could make it fly faster than light, and thanks to Time Skip, it hit dark-red planet was ahead of the others. It would be a lot easier if Ryan could have used a bow and fired many enhanced arrows, but that would take too much time, and only a bow made of mithril would make him show his true power.

At first, nothing happened. At least no one noticed what had happened since the plane was so far away and it was so dark. However, Ryan's attack created a hole in it that reached the other side. The core of the planet was destroyed. After a few seconds, all the matter began to spread around the universe in an ever-expanding radius.

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"I suppose that it is not bad for a first try," Ryan nodded to himself in satisfaction.

Although Isis had proposed that idea and no one disagreed with it, the elder gods were quite shocked.. A human finally obtained the power to destroy worlds like that in their entirety.

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You obtained 111.387.988 coins.

"How weird' | why did I receive coins for destroying a planet?" Ryan frowned.

Artemis was the next one to try, but she needed some time to prepare. While she could just bombard the next planet with her arrows, she decided to play it safe and just fire a single arrow' a single arrow created by a Temporal Bow, but that would be enhanced with massive amounts of lunar energy that she could control.

Fortunately, she didn't take her time channeling one attack. After thirty or so seconds, the arrow disappeared, and Ryan saw the planet that she had targeted glowing several times until it cracked in many parts. It didn't explode per se, but it seemed that she indeed hit the core and made the dead planet fall apart.

Apollo was already reading to shoot, much to everyone's surprise. While he and Artemis were competitive about every single thing, he still knew that his sister would pull that off. He didn't want to stay behind either, so he concentrated so much Solar energy in a single arrow that everyone nearby, aside from those who have high endurance and a lot of health, had to move away due to the massive heat emitted.

A few seconds after Apollo fired, the planet he had targeted became a massive sphere of magma before exploding. He looked at Artemis with a smug expression on his face, as if that was a competition as well.

The other elder gods prepared themselves because it was their turn. Their skills with bows were pretty much the same, so they decided to fire at the same time. They charged Power Shot for thirty seconds and then fired. Something unexpected afterward, the planet they had targeted began to turn into dust slowly' | probably the combination of their powers created a chain reaction or something that caused that. Regardless, they confirmed that the plan could work, and now they just had to adjust their powers.

That was the original plan, but'  $_{\rm l}^{\prime}$  the whole world began to tremble, and they felt some trouble reappearing in the world.

"Shit' | he isn't going to get on Lucifer's path, but he won't let us deal with Lucifer in peace," Ryan said.

The spectral copies were back, even though Ymir didn't show up yet. This time, everyone could feel so many presences that they couldn't help but frown. When Ryan used Clairvoyance, he saw an army outside New York, and based on their numbers' | Ymir created a copy for each elder god, human, and angel.

"How much mana does he have' |" Isis said, visibly shocked.

"He can't copy this weapons, so we should be able to take them down," Femradiel said.

As soon as Femradiel finished that sentence, the spectral copies suddenly created armors around their whole body. While the material was the same as their bodies, it would increase their resistance quite a bit.

"Ymir only wants to get in our way," Odin said. "We will have to divide our forces, we can't let them attack us first either."

The problem was the fact that Ryan, Artemis, and Apollo wouldn't be able to fight. The spectral copies of Apollo and Artemis had the same power level. However, while Ryan's was weaker than him, it was still stronger than most elder gods.

"I am sure I can kill that fast enough' ¦" Ryan said.

"No, you are already pushing yourself too far attacking those planets," Femradiel said. "I will deal with your copy."

"All right then," Ryan said.

Femradiel got a little behind lately, but she still had the strength that surpassed the elder gods. So, she probably could handle it. If anything, that also was a good opportunity for her to become even stronger' |

Aside from Ryan, Artemis, and Apollo, everyone else went to face the copies, but unfortunately, the copies attacked first. The copies of the elder gods, alongside the others that were pretty powerful, began to fly and launched their attacks toward those three were. However, Odin and Zeus blocked those projectiles with their temporal weapons.

The ordinary survivors tried to attack the flying enemies. Still, soon they were forced to give up when their copies began to use magic and fire numerous projectiles toward them. It was a rain of magic attacks like no other. After all, they were copies of humanity's strongest.

The humans blocked the attacks with their temporal weapons as they advanced to attack. Meanwhile, the things above were getting pretty intense. While the elder gods had the advantage, they couldn't win instantly. As for Femradiel, his hands were full to prevent her and Ryan's spectral copy could attacking others.

"Your girlfriend sure is skillful," Merlin said. "But she won't be able to keep that pace forever."

"If you have something to say, then say it already, don't wait for me to ask," Ryan said, visibly annoyed. "If something happens, I can always cover for her."

"True, you can use time magic, but that will be a roundabout way to solve things," Merlin said. "You should have plenty of coins now to do that, so using Absolute Buying, create the best bow that you can make using mithril as material. While Femradiel isn't much of an archer, she is among the best aside from you three."

Ryan wondered how come he didn't think of that before. It was so simple' h

"Don't feel too bad about it, you didn't have time to learn how limitless magic can be," Merlin said. "Besides, you are an archer." Hearing Merlin trying to comfort him only made Ryan feel more pissed, but he wasn't stupid enough to ignore his advice. Regardless, without wasting any more time, Ryan used Absolute Buying to create the most powerful bow all the coins he had could create using mithril. The skill worked, and a weapon made of mithril began to appear in front of Ryan. That gave him some insight' how much do his temporal weapons cost? He used less than ten thousand points of mana, and considering their effects' haybe Ryan could cheat the system using that....

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Chronus Mithril Bow +40 (Legendary)

Effect: at the cost of one thousand mana points, it grants you the power to fire arrows that can't be dodged and will hit the targets no matter where they are. You can fire as many arrows as you want at the same time.

Dexterity + 15.000, Intelligence + 5.000

Durability: 10.000/10.000

"Tsk' ¦ this name pisses me off so much," Ryan furrowed his eyebrows.

Ryan decided to cheat the system later. First, he focused on creating and upgrading Femradiel's weapon. At first, probably because of its size, the weapon was five times weaker. Still, once Ryan upgraded it, it became the most powerful weapon he had seen. If he had leveled and evolved the Lord of Blacksmithing class'

"Ryan' | the planets are getting closer, we need your help," Artemis said.

"Ah, my bad," Ryan said.

Since he focused on that alone, he left Artemis and Apollo working alone. Regardless, he teleported the weapon to Femradiel and then resumed his task.

When Femradiel got the new weapon, she felt her power increasing so fast that she couldn't help but get excited' | that was probably the strongest weapon that the alliance had in their hands. Without wasting time, she pointed it toward the enemies, and then dozens of them exploded.

You obtained 55.555 coins.

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"Hehe, now it is your turn," Femradiel said while looking at the two most troublesome spectral copies.

Although she used almost all her mana in the previous attack, it was full again. Infusing mana while using Lilith's power had become second nature for her, after all. The spectral copies felt the danger for their lives and then used magic to protect themselves, but it was useless. Not even a thick barrier of spectral energy prevents them from exploding in a single instant.

You obtained 9.545.777 coins.

You obtained 19.545.777 coins.

"I sure could get used to this," Femradiel nodded, visibly impressed. "Oh, wait' ¦ I can't become greedy like Ryan. Things won't work out this way."

Femradiel began to help the others nonstop, and that quickly changed the tide of the battle. They didn't suffer any losses for the time being, but the humans were starting to run out of mana.

"It seems that my idea worked well, where are my thanks?" Merlin asked.

"I never heard of someone working to pay for their crimes being thanked by guards," Ryan said. "Regardless, don't bother me, I am busy."

You obtained 5.545.333 coins.

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Ryan had destroyed five other planets, and now he had a minute of rest since it was Artemis and Apollo's turn. However, he was using that time to create weapons using time magic and then selling them to the system.

"I really don't get the logic but this is insanely useful as it is scary' !" Ryan said. "Come to think of it, who is buying these things? Lucifer since you said that he obtained the power of the creature that developed the mana system?"

"No, this system wasn't created by Lucifer, this universe already had mana when he obtained that power. Otherwise, he wouldn't be able to assimilate all that power and knowledge." Merling explained. "The system created by our universe's last boss was created in order for him to obtain all the knowledge and powers that could be learned and created. This system wasn't created, it just suddenly came to be since there were many powerful creatures that had a lot of mana crossing the cosmos. Their mana was left behind and began to spread on some planets. Its goal is to keep expanding and that is why it is buying your magic items. They have a lot of mana and if they stay in a world for long enough, it will spread the energy around. Since the system is like this, I was able to customize it and add the class system."

It seemed weird to think that something that didn't have a proper conscience was doing all that just for the purpose of expansion. Regardless, considering that it didn't do anything to stop Merlin's interference, then it was probably just another force of nature in action.

Eventually, both groups managed to deal with the threats. The planets moving toward Earth had been destroyed, and the spectral copies had been decimated. However, the war wasn't over yet. It wouldn't be over until Lucifer and Ymir were out of the picture.

"What now?" Loki asked.

"We can't let our guard down yet," Isis replied. "Both of them still had many abilities to show and they can become much more troublesome if they come to fight directly."

Although that would cost tons of mana, Ryan decided to use Search and see what those two were up to. Nothing good would come of letting them do whatever they want and just react to it. However, dividing their forces and leaving the planet to bring the fight to them was just too dangerous.

Ryan looked for Lucifer first, and when he saw him approaching the sun. That couldn't be a good sign' | weirdly enough, he also felt another presence near Lucifer. It was Ymir.

"Such a lack of originality' |" Merlin said and then sighed. "They are planning to make the sun go Supernova and destroy you guys alongside the whole solar system, if not the whole milky way."

When the survivors heard that, they couldn't help but freeze in shock. That was just too much' how come the enemies now were able to pull off such crazy skills and tactics? The best humans could do by themselves was break rocks with their bare hands or make magic projectiles as big as houses fall from the sky' h

"We have to stop them," Ryan said. "Let's attack and annoy the heck out of him."

Again, only those with Clairvoyance and a lot of mana would be able to do that, but it was the only real option. Actually, there was another, but Ryan decided to keep quiet about it.

Everyone nodded, and once again, they divided themselves into two groups. Ryan, Artemis, and Apollo would attack Lucifer, and the others who could use Clairvoyance would attack Ymir. For quite a while, they used all their might. Lucifer began to bleed all over as Ymir began to tremble since the numerous attacks were hitting his real body. That plan wouldn't work, so Ryan decided to bet on the second one....