GOD'S EYES

Chapter 801 - Analyzed

Staring at the other puppets, Jason tried to figure out which one he should fight now.

However, after thinking about it for a moment, he realized that the choice wasn't so complicated after all, to begin with.

It would be the most logical for him to fight all of the puppets one after another.

That way he could figure out how strong they were before deciding which of them he could fight a second time in the easiest manner in order to reveal his whole combat prowess.

The five puppets couldn't have the same combat prowess, and the difference in the main cultivation paths, as well as their uniqueness, was both an advantage and a disadvantage.

It made them stronger to fight against specific opponents, but also weaker against some other opponents.

With that in mind, Jason fought the remaining four puppets but was defeated in no time as he was blasted outside the combat arena.

In the end, he had only used Petri's fusion to grow the Cursed Basilisk's scales, and not to utilize his curses and the Emperor Eyes' abyssal effect.

Other than that, he didn't use his affinities to attack, further decreasing his strength.

As such, Jason was far from exposing his true combat prowess, which was something he was fully aware of.

Nonetheless, he showed the same combat prowess to each of the five puppets that used all kinds of different means in order to defeat him.

The Celestia puppet had simply overwhelmed him with its aura, before using mana in order to create a neutral mana blast. Jason had no other option than to simply accept this while noting down that the Celestia race's aura seemed to cause most restrictions.

Meanwhile, the puppet with the fiery aura and the supremacy of the Pryr path enveloped itself with the fire affinity it had before executing a unique type of affinity.

Through this, the fire affinity's characteristics changed slightly as the flame turned into a ginormous warrior that seemed to be hovering behind the puppet.

This particular puppet wanted to leave no stone unturned in order to overwhelm Jason. Hence, just a moment later, it exerted another technique at the same time, as it appeared in front of Jason.

Wasting no time, it initiated an onslaught of punches, while the ginormous warrior slashed at him with the long broadsword it simply manifested in its hand.

To his fortune, the sword of fire didn't cut through him and simply disappeared when it was about to hit him.

Nevertheless, it was shocking for Jason to realize that he had been unable to evade the fiery aura puppet's attack.

But the truly unnerving fact was that the flames were burning through his mana, showing the same energy burning characteristic Solaris had.

This happened solely because the puppet had used its entire mana core to exert the flame transformation technique, a name Jason gave it, after allowing the flame to envelop its body.

The technique might not leave the flame with any mana later, but that didn't matter.

The sole use of mana for the fiery aura puppet was exactly that, using its flame affinity.

Other than that, it could easily exceed Jason's speed, strength and endurance by simply attacking him as if he was an amateur fighter.

However, the fiery aura puppet was not yet the worst opponent he had encountered.

He still had to fight the Spiral path puppet that revealed its strength not only to Jason but also to Spyro, who saw everything Jason could see.

First, the Spiral path puppet used some of its spirit force in order to envelop its body.

Then it cranked up the consumption as it began to duplicate itself at an alarming pace.

This wouldn't have been a problem if the duplication process had some flaws, which he would certainly be able to see owing to his Emperor Eyes.

Yet, shockingly enough, there was nothing for him to help him differentiate between the two.

The puppet had created a spitting image of itself, whether it was from the inside or outside!

If something had even the faintest energy streams, Jason was always able to figure out what the issues were.

His Emperor Eyes were strong enough to do so, but right now they were failing him.

In the end, this was the most shocking discovery for him and while he was trying to digest the revelation, he was simultaneously forced to endure the attack of more than a dozen Spiral path puppets.

The main body was somewhere within, and it was barely when he endured the attack of 8 doppelgangers that Jason noticed something very subtly.

'The more the puppet duplicates, the weaker the subsequent duplicate will be?'

He was not sure if that was correct, but in comparison to fighting the other three puppets, the Spiral path puppet seemed to be holding back the most. It was barely using the duplication in order to defeat him using a numerical advantage.

Against his current combat prowess, the tricks used by the puppet were more than sufficient.

And, there was no problem owing to the fact that the duplicate's strength was on par with his own.

And that was after considering that the duplicates were not as strong as the main body!

Taking everything into account, Jason felt that the Spiral path puppet might be the easiest to fight, but at the same time, he got a bad feeling about it.

Because of that, he tried to use his Emperor Eyes to memorize the way in which the Spiral path puppet was utilizing its spirit force. It was attempting to help Spyro, the Spiral Spirit, to learn how to make use of its spirit force.

In fact, Spyro had already created a fortified soul conjunction with him, and it was only a matter of time before they would be able to fuse.

Once that was possible, Jason wanted to be able to duplicate his body, or do something similar that allowed his combat prowess to skyrocket.

Unfortunately, the Spiral path puppet's spirit force circulation was too complex to memorize after only seeing it once.

Thus, he decided to fight it a few more times to understand better.

However, before doing so, Jason first had to finish his preliminary analysis by fighting against the last puppet. It possessed all cultivation paths that were only slightly weaker than the other puppets!

Nevertheless, the cultivation veins were intertwined with each other and naturally released the fused energy. This was a sharp contrast to others that possessed all the cultivation veins but had to actively release the fused energy.

Owing to that, the last puppet's strength was not to be underestimated, and Jason knew that he couldn't afford to be distracted.? If he wanted to find a way to allow Spyro to use its cultivation path in a different way, this was his best chance.

If he succeeded, he could help Spyro to solely amplify his brain's functions owing to the soul amplification.

As such, he faced the Three paths puppet that didn't hesitate to envelop itself with its intertwined energy before he created more than a thousand tiny needles composed out of the same energy.

Rotating at a rapid pace, the needles turned into small drills, before they were shot in large batches at Jason.

Yet, instead of hitting Jason directly, the intertwined energy accurately controlled the rotating needles.

These needles also had the traits of spirit force within, which allowed them to surround Jason, who was more than 100 meters away from the Three paths puppet.

Thus, before he was even able to attack, thousands of needles shot towards him, advancing towards him from every possible direction except the ground!

Force to coil up with Petri's scaled armor, Jason was able to protect himself to some extent.

Unfortunately, the rotating needles drilled into his scales, and flesh before they stopped their attack, ending the fight before something worse could happen.

After the fight was over the Three path puppet returned to the other four puppets that were unmoving, as Jason was left alone, defeated by mere puppets.

As he sighed deeply, a plan formed in his mind.
'If I cannot defeat them now, I shall learn from them!"
With that in mind, he shot up from the ground, ignoring the pain that was coursing through his body. He was bruised and injured but he merely circulated mana through his body to stop the bleeding.
"Let's try copying the Spiral path puppet's techniques!"
GOD'S EYES
Chapter 802 - Learning
Even though Jason said that he wanted to copy the Spiral path puppet's techniques, this was easier said than done.
Not only was the way in which it used its spirit force extremely accurate, and in a detailed manner, but it was far more complex and also quickly utilized.
Through the speed with which the puppet circulated spirit force through its body, it did something complex, and overlapped it with more spirit force, before multiple more layers followed suit.
Meanwhile, the old layers of its circulation were replaced, creating something within the puppet's body that Jason could only describe as chaos.
But at the same time, Jason realized that each layer of the spirit force it used turned into an exquisite piece of art that was required to complete the exerted technique.

Because he understood this quite fast, both Jason and Spyro were trying to figure out a starting point, from which they would be able to start copying the technique.

Once they were to start, and slowly get the hang of everything, it was only a matter of time before he would be able to adjust the copied technique in order to move freely.

Every single movement led to enormous changes inside the body, which was also something Jason knew owing to his perfect mastery over the Floating Sky movement technique.

Under normal circumstances, he could start altering the Floating Sky movement technique, but in order to achieve this, it was necessary to know his body perfectly.

This included the necessary changes in his mana circulation once he made a particular move.

It was not impossible for him to alter a movement technique after having used it for several years.

But Jason found it a waste of time to alter the Floating Sky movement technique and it was more convenient and hassle-free to replace it with a different technique once he found one.

In the end, it was just a Terra ranked technique, and even with alterations, it was unlikely for this technique to reach the standards of a Heaven ranked technique.

Testing its potential for months would thus be useless for him.

However, that couldn't be said for Spyro, who was currently solely focused on cultivating and did nothing else.

This was boring, and once cultivating lost its appeal, one's concentration decreased drastically.

Because of that, Jason had always tried to switch between cultivating for a few months and fighting.

Sometimes he was both impatient, yet at the same time patient, and his mindset was difficult to explain to others.

In the past, he thought that his soulbonds were the cause for his mindset to be like that.

To some extent, it might not even be wrong, but Jason was not bothered by that.

Instead, it allowed him to be closer to his soulbonds, which was quite advantageous.

Nevertheless, Jason didn't even realize how time flew by while he focussed on the Spiral path puppet's spirit force circulation, while it duplicated its body.

The puppet kept charging towards him, and beating Jason up, before returning to stand beside the other puppets.

Beaten and bruised, Jason would approach it repeatedly, requesting a new spar.

As this endless cycle continued...hours....days.....and weeks flew by.

After almost four weeks, Spyro and Jason were finally able to memorize the most basic way in which the Spiral path puppet duplicated its body.

Happy to have finally found the method, Spyro repeated that process, and its entire spirit force was immediately used up.

As the two watched in awe, an unmoving Spiral Spirit appeared next to it.

Despite the fact that the seemingly useless Spiral Spirit duplicate was unable to move, both Jason and Spyro were exhilarated.

All their efforts had finally bore fruit as they finally achieved something they had hoped for. Spyro learned his first technique which he could continue learning and improving in order for Jason to reconsider using it in fights.

This made the two of them happy, and even the other soulbonds were overjoyed, thinking that an advancement in Jason's strength would be a great reinforcement.

Yet, before Spyro would be able to make proper use of the technique, it first had to learn how to move and control its duplicates, which was not easy.

There were all kinds of tricks it could make use of, and without hesitation, Spyro returned to the soul world.

It started to train relentlessly, owing to the next goal it aimed to fulfill- learning the technique as quickly as possible without neglecting its cultivation.

This was probably impossible to do because the cultivation progress would decrease, but that was fine with Jason as long as his soulbond learned a great technique that it could use to make him stronger.

At the same time, Jason began to wonder if Artemis or Petri could also learn some sort of technique.

Solaris had already been testing and experimenting to increase its strength since his days on Argos, and the black Dragon flame, as well as the Frozen moonlight flame of the Glacier Dragon were the results provided by the black origin flame.

Meanwhile, Petri had never even tried to learn any kind of technique because it was a physically attributed beast with curses.

Yet, those curses could probably be enhanced in a way Jason enhanced them using his mana to crudely increase their strength.

It should definitely be possible to find a more exquisite, detailed, and less energy-consuming way to enhance the curses.

Thus, he and Petri, both had been racking their brains to figure it out.

As for Artemis, she was by far his strongest soulbond, but since her evolution, she hadn't even bothered to think about comprehending the true use of the moonlight affinity.

Additionally, she had also ignored it to further improve her understanding of the ice affinity.

She was only focusing on strengthening everything innately in order to achieve the highest possible strength without the necessity to reinforce her affinities' potential.

Thus, she completely ignored trying to figure out a way to enhance the freezing property of her ice, or how to use her affinities.

Jason had been bothered about this a lot, but he had refrained from saying anything to her.

He knew that Artemis was focusing on cultivating in order to strengthen him, which was why he remained silent.

However, now that he witnessed how powerful those at the same cultivation base as him could be, his mindset was slowly changing.

But that wasn't the case with Artemis who was completely unbothered.

She had simply cultivated for the entire time, focusing on the creation of her third large rotating crystal before she continued to accumulate the necessary mana in order to create the dome crystal.

Yet, in order to reach the necessary number of accumulating a million liquefied mana drops, Artemis would require at least two years, which was already extremely fast.

Unfortunately, she stubbornly continued to cultivate without trying to improve her control over her affinities or create new attacks that would allow him to reach a higher combat prowess.

Thus, Jason decided to focus on Petri for the moment and tried to increase his prowess along with his own.

There was no need for him to waste any time doing all of this because he just had to show his current highest combat prowess.

Nevertheless, before the cultivation environment would be unlocked to him, Jason felt that using the five puppets to increase his own strength and that of his soulbonds was the best he could do.

Even if it was not the best to finish the trials soon, did it really matter? He had entered the dungeon to increase his strength, and the five puppets were by far, the best teachers he had come across in the dungeon.

They were the strongest opponents he had fought until now, and their cultivation base was on par with his own.

In fact, their liquefied mana was probably even stronger than his, while the same could be said about their crystals.

If that wasn't the case, it would make no sense for the puppets to be innately stronger than he was, even after his soulbonds enhanced his strength.

However, what Jason didn't know was that their cultivation was exactly the same as Jason's.

Their liquefied energy was compressed with three times more energy than one would usually require, while one of their prismarine crystals had the same potency as four common prismarine crystals!

Yet, there were not only cultivation techniques, but also other means to strengthen one's entire being, which was something Jason had yet to recall and make use of once again!

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 803 - Still?

Spending a few more weeks while fighting the other puppets, Jason tried to analyze their fighting style in-depth without releasing his entire combat prowess.

He simply increased the amount of effort, and strength he utilized in each new round while trying to fight against the puppets head-on.

Unfortunately, this was easier said than done, which Jason realized painfully.

He got injured a lot but using the moonlight affinity, everything was rather easily solved because he was never severely injured.

As such, he fought against each puppet several times a day, closing the gap between them as his combat awareness was gradually increasing.

At the same time, Petri seemed to have been trying to study his curses, wondering about ways of enhancing them.

Ever since he had seen Spyro's relentless efforts to learn the duplication technique Jason liked to call [Mirrored Image] technique, Petri wanted to make Jason proud too.

It was a pain not knowing where to start, or what to do, and Petri had to start from scrap which was different from Spyro, who just copied the mirrored image technique.

Jason wanted to help the Cursed Basilisk, but he was as clueless as to his soulbond on where to start.

Because of that, he allowed Petri to find his own way to improve.

As such, it was only after a total of eight weeks had passed since the start of the fifth trial that he recalled something.

'Wasn't it my plan to leave the dungeon soon? It's not even a task to improve my strength right now..the dungeon only expects me to show the highest level of combat prowess that I can reach...'

This was his task, but he hadn't bothered about it, and it was only after eight weeks that he felt it was time to start sparring with one of the puppets, revealing his highest combat prowess.

Despite that, he didn't plan on using Artemis because she ignored his well-meant advice to stop cultivating and start trying to learn how to use her affinities and racial traits in a better way.

Instead, Jason wanted to fuse with Petri owing to the fact that he was working hard and that he was the only other soulbond he could fuse with.

With that in mind, he decided to allow Petri, who was about to solidify his second large rotating crystal, to occupy his mana core.

During the last few weeks, his combat prowess was slowly increasing and nearing that of the five puppets.

But, he couldn't take the sole credit of the increase because his soul bonds were also becoming stronger, and not just him.

His cultivation was slowed down by the constant battles, while his soulbonds switched between actively cultivating and learning new techniques.

Thus, with his enhanced strength, he seemed to be slowly closing the gap between their physical strength and the strength of their cultivation energy.

Because of that, only their technique, the distinct auras, special traits, combat awareness, talent, and the endless will to emerge victorious were deciding factors, and not that one party was stronger in terms of cultivated energy.

With that in mind, Jason chose the opponent he was the most confident in defeating, after carefully analyzing its basic tactic which he had seen hundreds of times.

As such, his final opponent would be the Spiral path puppet, which he assumed to be the weakest amongst the five puppets.

Or at least its duplication technique was utilized in a way that allowed Jason to understand that the Spiral path puppet wanted to defeat him as harshly as possible.

Following that, it had always summoned 12 duplicates with which it attacked, utilizing a tremendous amount of spirit force, with an additional supply in order to maintain the solid shape of its duplicates.

That was something Jason had figured out owing to Spyro's comprehension which was quite helpful, even more so because he wanted to defeat the Spiral path puppet.

Showing his strongest prowess was not enough, and he became ambitious, thinking that he had to defeat one of the puppets to clearly tell the dungeon that he was not to be taken lightly!

With the intent to win the fight, Jason entered the combat arena, where the Spiral path puppet was already waiting for him.

As always, a huge stream of spirit force enveloped the Spiral path puppet before a total of 12 duplicates manifested around it.

Each of them was weaker than the one before, and the last few were certainly too weak to defeat Jason, even if they were to fight together.

Jason believed that his current state was a major improvement over his strength at the start of the trial.

After all, he had attained it after working relentlessly on improving his combat strength, while learning more about the five mysterious puppets.

While the Spiral path puppet had manifested its duplicates, Jason didn't remain idle.

Instead, Jason had already fused with Petri, manifesting his tail that grew out of his coccyx, followed by his entire body that was enveloped by Scales.

After that, Jason's eyes turned into reptilian slits, while his aura turned wild. Unleashing it to the fullest, the wild, ferocious aura swept through the combat arena, only to face off the Spiral path puppet's aura that? Jason was clueless about.

Following that, Jason's aura was pushed back, but it was just a fraction of a second later that the two stigmas above Jason's right eye began to shine brightly.

They were fully utilized, and reinforced the aura, along with his mana circulation.

Through this, his aura was finally on par with that of the Spiral path puppet's, which meant that neither party had an advantage by utilizing their aura.

This was great, but not yet everything Jason had to use.

Instead, he manifested Byakur which he enveloped with a thin layer of Solaris' flames before traces of mana were inserted into Byakur itself.

In the end, this strengthened his soul weapon to the extent that he could defeat all duplicates and even the main body of the Spiral path puppet without an issue.

As such, he advanced towards the closest duplicate that reached him, before unleashing his petrification and race specific weakening curse followed by the abyssal effect.

This decreased the duplicate's strength tremendously as it was defenseless against the slew of attacks.

By fully facing the decrease duplicates, Jason was able to make use of the Emperor Eyes and foresight blessing in order to predict the duplicate's movement.

Instead of being predictable, he reacted in an unexpected and directly opposite way.

In a single swipe, he cut through the duplicate's arm, only to split a part of Solaris' flame that continued to burn through his opponent's body.

Without another backward glance at his defeated opponent, Jason focused on his front because there were 11 more duplicates which he had to defeat.

Leaving no stone unturned, he creatively utilized his tail to make the weakest duplicate trip.

Seizing his chance, Jason cut through it, while evading the attack of another duplicate.

Several minutes passed, and finally, he had defeated all 12 duplicates, only to notice that the main body was still standing at the exact same position as before.

Yet, it had been far from idle.? The Spiral path puppet had accumulated its entire energy in the center of its forehead, only to release it at once, shooting towards Jason in the form of a beam.

At that moment, Jason noticed that he had made a big mistake. He had allowed the duplicates to keep him occupied so that the main body could do whatever it wanted.

"Fuck!"? Jason cursed as he suddenly felt dizzy, followed by him being forced to face a world that was literally turned upside down.

However, that was not even the worst because his Emperor Eyes began to glow brightly.

His eyes were trying to dispel the illusion that corroded his mind, only for Jason to realize that it was impossible for his Emperor Eyes to do so.

They had just gotten a taste of failure in a very long time, and it was only a moment later that the main body of the Spiral path puppet emerged in front of him.
He was blasted out of the combat arena with a seemingly simple punch that reverberated through his entire being, shaking his insides.
'Istill lost?' He thought before losing his consciousness. GOD'S EYES
Chapter 804 - Mysterious Puppet
While lying on the ground, Jason couldn't help but smile lightly.
He realized that he had lost miserably.
In fact, the Spiral path puppet hadn't even moved to defeat him!
This caused Jason to feel embarrassed because he had been confident in defeating the puppet, but instead had to taste failure.
Sighing deeply, he lifted his upper body, while remaining seated on the ground.
Staring at the Spiral path puppet that walked away from him effortlessly, he scratched the back of his head. Jason was unsure of what he should do right now.

Petri's fusion was already terminated, and he began to estimate how much of his combat prowess he had been able to display.

In order to achieve the best results, he had to show how strong he was in his best condition.

As such, the last fight was not exactly something he was supposed to choose in order to demonstrate how strong he was.

With that in mind, he sighed deeply before trying to think of a solution on how he could show his combat prowess.

Defeating a total of 12 duplicates was not feasible while simultaneously paying constant attention to the main body.

Thus, Jason began to think that it may be better to change his target.

'Even if I were to be defeated, showing my combat prowess will be enough to allow me to get the highest possible ranking.

Because this was more important than before owing to the fifth trial's remark, Jason had to be careful. Otherwise, his efforts of the last three years would be quickly destroyed.

And that was not something Jason wanted to face.

With that in mind, he thought of something before choosing his next opponent to fight.

By deciding to fight the puppet that had defeated him with the use of the true dragon roar, Jason was confident that he had found a way to counter this attack.

Afterward, he should be able to at least reach the puppet. Trying to defeat the puppet might be unreasonable, but that didn't mean he shouldn't attempt to reach and clash with it!

Taking this into consideration, Jason was confident of fighting.

Thus, once his short break was over, and his mana core refilled, he challenged the mysterious puppet to a spar.

Standing opposite each other at a distance of more than one hundred meters, both parties were ready to fight. Hence, the moment the artificial intelligence counted down from three, initiating the start of the battle, they began to move.

While Jason grew a little nervous, the mysterious puppet moved slowly and appeared to be unbothered at the prospect of facing Jason.

It circulated the mysterious energy through its body, while Jason's entire appearance changed once again, as soon as he fused with Petri.

By activating the stigmas, the wild and ferocious aura was fully unleashed, as Jason circulated the moonlight transmuted mana through his body.

Additionally, he also used it to exert the Floating Sky movement technique.

It took only a moment for Byakur to manifest in his hand, and at the same time, Petri's scale grew out of Jason's body, while his pupils were turned into reptilian slits.

Without wasting a fraction of a second to hesitate, Jason immediately initiated the race specific weakening curse.

It was followed by the petrification curse that were both strengthened by the fusion, the ferocious aura, and the stigmas.

This forced the mysterious puppet to slow down its circulation tremendously.

On the other hand, Jason used his Emperor Eyes' abyssal effect in order to further decrease his opponent's speed.

He left no stone unturned to prevent the mysterious puppet from summoning the soul of the true dragon, but Jason realized only a second later that this was simply not possible.

Even without the use of the mysterious puppet's energy, the soul of the true dragon was able to emerge from its body.

A mighty roar escaped its mouth that shook the entire arena once again, almost throwing Jason off his balance.

Yet, just at this moment, Jason couldn't help but smile because he realized two things that were closely tied to each other.

First- without the unique energy the true dragon's roar was much weaker than before, and it wouldn't have affected him as much as it had in their first battle.

Nevertheless, using the ferocious aura to tightly envelop his body followed by a thick layer of Solaris' flames was enough to block the attack initiated by the dragon roar.

Jason hoped to burn the mysterious energy using Solaris' flames.

It was still strong enough to blast Jason a meter away owing to the shockwave the roar created, but that didn't deter Jason.

He used his entire strength to appear right in front of the mysterious puppet. Byakur had already appeared in his hand and Jason looked at his opponent with a bright smile on his face.

He felt exhilarated that everything had worked according to his plan.

Now wasn't the time to back off, and Jason knew that he just had this last chance to make his efforts count. His entire body was already screaming, begging him to leave his current position as quickly as possible.

This was caused by the fact that the true dragon had simply dispersed, returning to the mysterious puppet in a completely different way than it had done in the fights before.

Following that the puppet had already gathered some of its mysterious energy within its body, and was ready to release it.

Noticing this, Jason sensed that something was off.

Thus, he immediately released his entire divine energy, circulating the purest form of energy he had in his body through it.

This caused his mana veins to make faint cracking sounds as they were being strained.

Unbearable pain coursed through every single cell of his body that groaned under the pressure it felt as the pure divine energy circulated through them.

In the end, the divine energy in its purest form was not something Jason could simply circulate through his body.

He had ordinary mana veins, and even if the Celestia race should be able to use divine energy, he was severely restricted in this aspect.

As such, while enduring the pain caused by the purest divine energy that was not even intertwined with mana to make circulating it easier, Jason's entire being seemed to enlarge.

His aura became several times denser all of a sudden, followed by his glowing stigmas.

A golden light surrounded his entire head like a halo making him look like an otherworldly being.

Following that, his strength and speed increased too. Yet, instead of allowing the mysterious puppet to retaliate, Jason used the seven-meter-long tail that had grown out of his coccyx in order to pull the puppet's leg away.

Through this sudden attack, the puppet was pulled to the ground, and Jason was just about to cut it in half, by swinging Byakur as something unimaginable happened.

"Fuck!" Jason suddenly cursed out, dragging himself backward.

He was forced to change his direction midway which caused the bones in his ankles to crack faintly.

This caused Jason to frown, but he couldn't pay any attention to this.

His eyes were trained on the mysterious puppet that was lying on the ground.

With wide eyes he saw its appearance drastically change.

Yet, instead of moving, it simply remained on the ground, barely lifting its hand in the air where a small dot manifested.

Increasing in size, the black dot turned into a ginormous black mass.

It resembled a black hole but had a completely different task at hand.

Instead of pulling everything into it, an enormous black tortoise manifested from within, that had a lengthy tail with a snakehead at its tip.

Roaring out, both the tortoise head and that of the snake manifested pitch-black balls of energy which they threw towards Jason showing no signs of hesitation.

At this moment, Jason realized that they were ready to kill him.

While he was distracted in evading the attacks, the mysterious puppet that had been lying on the ground just a moment ago, appeared right next to him, as if it had materialized out of thin air.

This caused Jason's eyes to widen, only for a high-velocity punch to hit him at the exact same spot as it was the case two months ago.

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 805 - Loyal

Seeing himself lying on the ground again, Jason felt the desire to punch someone igniting within him.

It was extremely annoying to be defeated over and over for the past two months, and Jason couldn't help but clench his fists.

He had given his utmost efforts to defeat his opponent in the last battle with the mysterious puppet, but it looked like his instincts had just saved his life.

Even though the black mass out of which the black tortoise with a snake for a tail had emerged seemed harmless, Jason knew that it would have disintegrated his body in no time.

This might sound like an exaggeration, but Jason was sure that he wouldn't have retreated.

With that in mind, his body staggered once, before he raised his head to take another look at the black tortoise that left through the portal as if nothing had happened.

Thinking about it, Jason realized that he might have made a big mistake! He could have inflicted a light cut into the mysterious puppet, transferring Solaris' flame into it, before tactically retreating.

This would have saved him from exerting efforts and energy as the flames would have done their job.

Unfortunately, his mind had blanked out the moment his entire being sensed that something had gone wrong.

Because of that, he couldn't help but sigh, thinking that he should have kept his calm.

But there was use crying over spilled milk so he had to accept his failure and move on.

On the positive side, Jason felt that he had revealed his entire combat prowess in the current fight.

This meant that he had solved the task he had been given, even if he made a tiny mistake at the end of the battle.

Owing to his assumptions, he was just about to announce that he had finished his spars, and notify the artificial intelligence that he was finally done, when a jolt of realization hit him.

For a second, he just couldn't understand how he had missed noticing it earlier.

"Wait!... Did the mysterious puppet just summon a living beast? And it certainly obeyed the puppet as if it was the beast's master!"

Somehow, Jason felt that this was oddly similar to something he was familiar with, but at the same time, it was completely different.

He was not sure what to make of it, and in the end, he simply gave up.

There was still a huge difference between the soul awakening of humans on Argos and the mysterious puppet's traits.

On one hand, it looked like the mysterious puppet was much stronger owing to a true dragon's soul being bound to it. But on the other hand, the time it took to manifest the portal and allow a living being to emerge near it was extremely long.

That was the case if one were to compare it to the time it took to manifest a soulbond.

Yet, the more he thought about it, the weirder it became.

Confused about what was going on, Jason couldn't help but halt in his tracks, trying to process this information before summoning the artificial intelligence.

'Even if their abilities are not the same, they're oddly similar... Still, the mysterious puppet's abilities are stronger even if it took longer to manifest the snaketail tortoise, or whatever it is called...'

Despite believing so, Jason felt that the puppet required a fairly large amount of time to manifest the tortoise due to multiple reasons.

One such reason was that he was fighting a puppet and not a living being which the tortoise could truly be bound with.

This was truly odd, and the more Jason thought about it, the more confusing the entire scenario became.

It made him feel uncomfortable, and to prevent being dragged deeper into a jumbled tangle of thoughts, Jason couldn't help but slap his own cheeks.

His body shook once, and he had to instruct Solaris to spread its flames through his body.

He had to calm himself because it felt like he had made an accidental discovery just now.

Nevertheless, his assumption made no sense because there were too many things that didn't add up, which caused Jason to convince himself with some simple words.

"The humans on Argos must have undergone an advantageous evolution to gain their soul awakening ability..."

Shaking his head once again, he entered his soul world through his conscience and gave a fleeting glance to his soulbonds before he averted his attention back to reality.

"I'm done with the first phase of the trial, and also displayed my highest combat prowess. Please open the cultivation environment for me!"

Without directing his voice to anyone in particular, Jason announced in a loud and clear voice.

His words resounded through the entire colosseum, but nothing happened for the first few seconds.

This was more than enough for his train of thoughts to revert back to all kinds of possibilities that the fight against the mysterious puppet had planted in his mind!

Fortunately, it didn't take long for the artificial intelligence to respond as several portals manifested inside the colosseum.

They emerged behind the puppets, with each portal radiating the respective energy and presence of the puppet's cultivation paths.

This confused Jason at first, but sensing the portal behind the Celestia puppet, Jason clearly understood that all of the portals had different targets to cultivate.

As such, the portal behind the Celestia puppet released the strongest mana currents, but only a fraction of the other cultivation energies.

Meanwhile, the fiery aura puppet had a portal behind it that released the strongest primordial energy currents, while the same applied to the spiral path puppet that had a? portal behind it, releasing spirit force.

On the contrary, there were two seemingly similar, yet slightly different portals behind the Three paths puppet and the mysterious puppet.

But they were less interesting for Jason because he had already come up with a great plan.

Summoning all of his soulbonds at once, he smiled lightly as he asked them,

"How about you guys enter the portal that suits you the most? Didn't you guys want to start a competition, to begin with? All of you wanted to know who is the strongest in cultivation, and who is the most beneficial to fuse with me, and so on, right?

I noticed what you guys were scheming, and now I'm giving all of you the opportunity to show who the fastest in cultivating, and learning new techniques is!

But...are you guys willing to leave my side to cultivate and show each other who is the strongest amongst you all?"

With the way he asked the question, Jason wanted to figure out how determined his soulbonds were to become stronger.

It would be best if their determination would allow them to leave his side for half a year, but at the same time, Jason wanted to witness what would they choose between him and growing stronger. if they were to be torn apart between staying by his side to show their loyalty, or if their desire to become stronger, and more useful to him, in the long run, would overwhelm them.

This was something he was extremely interested in finding out, but what happened only a moment later caused him to feel a little bit dumbfounded.

Just as he finished speaking, his soulbonds began to move, occupying his entire body in the same arrangement as weeks before.
They didn't even have to think about what they should do because their mind was already set in stone.
Staying by Jason's side was the best option according to them, and he could only scratch the back of his head, thinking that this was quite disadvantageous.
However, it was just at this moment that he sensed something that made him change his mind entirely.
'With mineI can sense six stigmasif they're all activated, will that mean?'
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Chapter 806 - Cultivation Environment
When realization struck him, a bright smile emerged on his face.
Jason felt like he should take a small risk that could lead to a minor loss or tremendous benefits.
With that in mind and the gut feeling he had, Jason chose the portal that was located behind the Three paths puppet, without the slightest hesitation left in his movements.
Instead, he was confident that a great opportunity was laid out in front of him.
Thus, emerging on the other side of the portal, without another backward glance, Jason was ready to give his utmost efforts in order to become stronger.

However, this not only included his cultivation but also his combat prowess because the five puppets were stronger than him despite being at the same cultivation base.

Yet, Jason had also realized that their bloodline should be much more distinct than it was the case with him owing to the fact that he was not a pure-blooded Celestia.

Despite that, he had other advantages than the distinctly strengthened mana or pure aura.

But, his biggest advantage had always been the combination of his soul world and his Celestia bloodline.

With that in mind, Jason wanted to strengthen both aspects; enhancing his human bloodline's traits as well as his Celestia bloodline.

And what other way could he use than unleashing more seals that had been laid upon his Celestia bloodline?

Under normal circumstances, he would calmly wait for multiple seals to be ready to be unleashed in order to use the released energy and chaos attribute to defeat his opponents quickly.

However, right now, the five puppets were annoying him, and once he unsealed his bloodline, his cultivation speed would accelerate.

This would allow him to unleash more seals that would simultaneously strengthen his entire body, provide him with divine energy, and most importantly with a strengthened aura and stigma.

With that in mind, Jason was ready to go all-in and fully prepared to feel the endless pain of almost breaking his vessel.

He knew that his body was still too weak to accept the enormous strength and overcome every challenge that was unveiled in front of him.

After stepping outside the portal, with his five soulbonds tightly clinging to him, Jason wanted to take a deep breath.

Yet, before he could do so, he and his soulbonds were overwhelmed by a unique fragrance.

This caused the pores all over his body to open, allowing tremendous amounts of mana to enter his body.

Only a moment later, when mana entered his body, he felt that something was weird about it.

A bright smile appeared on his face as he mumbled.

"So...that was what they meant with the most suitable cultivation environment?"

Just at that moment, he felt his mana veins pulsating as it felt like they had been strengthened.

Owing to an increased potency, the mana veins were able to circulate more mana through his body, and at a much faster speed than before.

Through this, his cultivation speed could accelerate by at least three times.

However, that was not everything because his soulbonds felt the exact same way about their cultivation speed.

Even the Sacred Squirrel had decided to stay awake and focus on cultivating and strengthening its blessings.

Yet, before any of his five soulbonds could start cultivating, Jason told them to stay by his side.

Staring at the Sacred Squirrel, he looked at its golden stigma.

He smiled to realize that it had emerged not long ago, and asked curiously,

"Can you try to activate your search blessing to find the best possible place to cultivate?"

Jason was not sure how exactly the blessings of the Sacred Squirrel worked because even the foresight ability felt somewhat weird to him.

Despite that, the Sacred Squirrel should be able to know what they could do, and how exactly they worked.

Thus, he wanted to figure out if his assumption was correct, and if he could find what he was asking for.

Nodding its head, the Sacred Squirrel jumped on the open palm of Jason's hand before it began to release its blessing.

This caused the Sacred Squirrel to shine in a bright glow before it looked in a particular direction.

Following this, Jason walked into the direction he was told to, adjusting himself every single time his youngest soulbond was turning her head in a particular direction.

Several hours passed by, and Jason couldn't help but feel that the space they had entered was much bigger than initially expected.

There were no beasts or anything like that around, yet, the flourishing nature that surrounded him could be described as dense and thriving.

In the end, there was not even a single sign of a beast quarrel or anything to denote the influence of artificial interjection. Everything was the same as nature had created it.

At least that was the case until Jason emerged inside the densely packed forest.

Using Byakur to move forward, he cut through branches, paving his way in the direction the Sacred Squirrel told him.

After walking for a while, he finally found the desired place he wanted to reach.

Thus, he cast a good look around while retracting Byakur back into the soul world.

After that was done, Jason's eyes began to gleam brightly, feeling the effect of the surrounding scent and environment.

'That is how it should be!' He could only think knowing that his cultivation speed would be around five times higher than usual.

And that was solely due to the cultivation environment the dungeon provided him!

It neither included his Celestia aura and stigma, nor the overlapping effect of multiple stigmas that were utilized at the same time.

However, even then, Jason knew that unleashing his bloodline's seals would allow him to further increase his cultivation speed. This realization caused his eyes to brighten up even further as the determination to make the best use of the next 6 months could be seen within them.

His mind was set in stone, as he sat down before telling his soulbonds to take the most comfortable shape and position.

Thus, Petri and Artemis reverted to their original size, bulldozing trees and bushes freely, while Spyro turned into a small human-like being.

Afterward, it sat down on the ground, right next to Solaris who took the shape of a miniature-sized black dragon with golden eyes.

Meanwhile, only the Sacred Squirrel didn't change anything about her shape, and she simply jumped into Artemis' plumage.

Once his soulbonds found a comfortable position to cultivate, Jason closed his eyes. before completely releasing his Celestia aura, post which he activated the stigma above his right eye.

Following that, his soulbonds activated their stigma too, filling the entire surrounding with a bright golden light that merged with the Celestia aura.

At that moment, endless streams of the three cultivation energies began to flood the group of six, and Jason couldn't help but smile brightly as he mumbled,

"Now...give me another boost!"

That being said, he unleashed several seals that were put on his Celestia bloodline, forcing his body to stiffen.

A torrent of tremendous energy waves flooded his body that was already filled with mana.

Yet, instead of backing away from the chaos inside his body, Jason used the fact that six stigmas were overlapping each other.

They were amplifying his Celestia aura that forcefully suppressed the raw energy inside his body from going wild.

Thus, he was finally able to cultivate to his heart's content, which Jason did for the following six months, increasing his strength by leaps and bounds!

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Chapter 807 - Stronger Than ...

Using every possible means to accelerate their cultivation speed, Jason and his soulbonds cultivated for a total of 6 months, until the day they were expelled from the place they had been relentlessly cultivating.

Never in his life had Jason felt so comfortable after cultivating for such a long time. If he could choose, he would never leave the cultivation environment.

Unfortunately, the dungeon had already expelled him the moment six months passed.

He was teleported back to the colosseum, where he found the same and all too familiar puppets once again.

The only difference was that their cultivation base had increased considerably than before.

Now, it was at the peak of the 2nd threshold with 400,000 drops of liquefied mana stored inside the mana core.

That was exactly what Jason's cultivation base looked like.

This meant neither he nor the puppets had to circulate any energy through their body to defeat beings at the Peak of the Prismar stage.

This was great, but not something he or the puppets couldn't do earlier, even if it was through the use of some cultivated energy.

In the end, each of his soulbonds, except the Sacred Squirrel, reached the peak of the Prismar stage's 2nd threshold.

His first soulbond, Artemis, had the most mana drops while the blessed squirrel was unable to do this owing to its unique type of cultivation.

She was only lacking 100,000 droplets before she would be able to start the creation process of the dome crystal, which was much faster than Jason initially expected.

However, that was solely the case owing to the great cultivation environment they had been expelled from.

Adding the soulbonds' soul amplification to his strength made Jason feel confident about himself.

He was thankful to his soulbonds who had relentlessly cultivated by his side throughout the past six months.

He had even unleashed his Celestia bloodline to an extent he shouldn't have as it was simply too dangerous.

Nevertheless, he simply took the risk and endured endless pain, in order to increase his aura's strength followed by his stigmas, mana veins, and mana core.

If that was not everything, he went a step ahead and strengthened his human bloodline by unleashing his Celestia bloodline.

This increased the percentage of his soul amplification by one percent.

This had been unexpected but was happy to receive all the help he could get.

An increase of one percent might appear insignificant, but it was exceptionally helpful to Jason.

Unfortunately, he now had to fight against the five puppets once again, making him feel a little uncomfortable.

It was crystal clear that their strength had increased, but the same was the case for him.

As such, the only thing Jason had to be careful of, was to prevent making mistakes while fighting.

That was the case because he could clearly feel that the puppets' strength was not above his own anymore!

Instead, Jason felt that he might be able to reach a higher prowess of brute strength and accumulated cultivated energy with a fusion with either Petri or Artemis.

With that in mind, many things changed, and the only thing that was slightly bothersome was the extraordinary technique used by the puppets.

They were extremely proficient in the techniques they used and were fearless fighters.

Thus, when Jason recalled the fight against the mysterious puppet, he knew that they would give their utmost efforts to overcome any hurdles once they were about to lose.

These utmost efforts meant that they wouldn't even hold back from killing him!

Because of that, Jason had to be careful in his fight against the puppets.

Nonetheless, he was somewhat excited to figure out how strong his aura had become.

He had taken a bold risk and unsealed several seals until his vessel could barely cope with the power coursing through his body.

Owing to that, he was not in his strongest possible state as his body was still struggling to efficiently use the power Jason clearly sensed that there was only a single seal left that he could only break after the dome crystal had been created.

Afterward, his secondary bloodline awakening would be held when he would advance to the Ascendion stage!

Even if that was exciting to get to know, Jason was fully aware that he required tremendous amounts of resources to undergo the secondary bloodline awakening.

Furthermore, he also knew that he would turn into a magnet for many beasts and other beings that were likely to be attracted to the energy and aura he would release at that time.

During his primary Celestia bloodline awakening, he had already consumed lots of mana and a beast that wanted to reap benefits from his awakening had even teleported him away from his late masters.

Fortunately, nothing happened afterward, but on Manyr Jason couldn't be confident of anything.

There might as well be beings on Manyr too that would like to devour him to reap all kinds of benefits.

This was a simple assumption owing to the fact that he harbored the bloodline of the Celestia race, followed by divine energy, four blessings, two curses, and his unique eyes.

Each of these could be a reason for certain beings to want to eat him.

That was definitely not something Jason wanted.

Thus, he had to be careful when to advance to the Ascendion stage, and with what kind of people around him.

However, this was something that made Jason even more uncomfortable, because there was only one person he trusted on Manyr, and that was Jennifer.

While the City Lord, Luna, was too secretive and focused on her own hidden goals, her subordinates might have been nice to him, but that didn't mean he could trust them wholeheartedly.

This was different with Jennifer, but even then, Jason felt that something odd had happened to her.

He was not sure what exactly his gut feeling was trying to tell him, but the things that were currently happening in the Julandra region were definitely more devastating than he could expect.

In the end, Jason had never really bothered much about it and focussed on completing the trials.

But the moment he stood in front of the puppets, he couldn't help but feel a little bit odd, questioning how much of a treasure land Kinra Island was.

If several races felt that the island that would surface for a few months every few hundred years was worth waging war against each other, the entire Julandra region would have been turned upside down already.

And that was something Jason assumed to be the case, even if he had yet to figure out what exactly the rewards of some main inheritances were.

The rewards he had obtained were already worth a fortune.

They were comparable to ancient goods that were worth more than the wealth some races could accumulate in years.

With that in mind, there were several things he had to be careful of when he would emerge in the Julandra region.

Yet, the moment he thought about walking out of the dungeon, he halted in his tracks.

He was standing less than five meters away from the puppets he wanted to challenge when a simple, yet disastrous thought manifested in his mind.

'Will...I be teleported to the outside of the Chaos Obelisk, to the surface of the ocean that is surrounded by all kinds of disastrous storms...or will I be able to choose the place I want to emerge in to a certain extent?....'

The more he thought about it, the less likely it was the last option. Because of that, he couldn't help but feel a little bit frightened, only to slap his cheeks before he averted his attention back to his opponents. "I hope, there will certainly be a teleportation reward.. otherwise I'll swim with some Ascerta stage beasts, or I'll simply cling to the gigantic tortoise island!" **GOD'S EYES** Chapter 808 - Head-on Trying to ease his mind by thinking that he could remain close to the tortoise that was in fact the Kinra Island, Jason felt much better. It was odd, but he couldn't help but feel reassured by this thought. He was still hoping that nothing serious would happen and that he would face no issues in leaving the dungeon once he was done. However, that was also something he could think of later once he had conquered the dungeon. Right now, he had many other things to pay attention to, like defeating the five puppets. Even if it was not his task, he wanted to defeat all five of the puppets.

Earlier he hadn't been confident of this but now owing to his higher average strength without the use of one's cultivation energy, aura or unique techniques, he felt that his victory was certain.

It might take a while until he would actually emerge victorious as he hadn't fought for six months.

But, he believed that adjusting to his increase in strength wouldn't take as long as he was under tremendous pressure.

With that in mind, he chose the fiery puppet as his opponent because he wanted to make use of the fact that it would attack him with its fire affinity and physical strength.

Fire was Jason's forte, and he would never accept anyone being stronger than him in a competition whose fire affinity was the strongest.

He had Solaris, the strongest flame Jason had seen until now, after all!

Even a technique that would enhance the fiery puppet's fire affinity shouldn't be able to make up for the huge difference between the black origin flame and the fiery puppet's fire affinity's strength!

That being said, Jason didn't hide his confidence in defeating the fiery puppet, as he allowed Solaris to enter his mana core who swiftly did as asked.

This wouldn't increase his physical strength, but with the shared mana core, he had more mana and a much lower mana consumption the moment he wanted to use Solaris' flame.

Unfortunately, they were still unable to fuse together, which was bothersome.

It restricted the strength Jason was able to reach with Solaris in his mana core, but that was something he had to reluctantly accept.

Despite the restriction, he didn't seem to be all that bothered by the temporary inability.

Instead, Jason smiled at the fiery puppet, and the moment the fight started, he transmuted his entire mana with the moonlight affinity.

Through this, he was able to increase his mana's strength by almost a third.

Following that, Jason circulated it through his body, exerting the Floating Sky movement technique at the perfect mastery.

This enabled him to envelop his entire body in a tight layer of black flames that had faint silver strands within them.

They were transmuted by the moonlight affinity, strengthening their lethality and the effect Solaris' flames harbored

However, that was not all because Solaris' flames turned into a fiery inferno as his entire back released tremendous flames, pushing him further ahead.

By carefully controlling them, he was able to reach a shocking speed without sacrificing his balance.

Yet, instead of being bothered by the being clad in black flames that shot towards it with a shocking speed, the fiery puppet seemed calm and composed. It simply manifested the same flame warrior on its back like before.

Slashing at Jason with its main body, the flame warrior followed suit, doing the same with the flame broad sword that manifested in its hand.

Unfortunately, that was something Jason had already expected because it was the exact same attack the fiery puppet had initiated in their previous battles.

The only difference was the amount of used energy to initiate the attacks.

If the puppet used more mana to summon the flame warrior, it would naturally be much stronger.

Meanwhile, using more primordial energy, allowed the fiery puppet to increase its strength to a much higher extent.

Simultaneously, its aura began to envelop the entire combat arena, overwhelming every being in the surroundings.

This was owing to the searing flames that burned through everything.

To the fiery puppet's misfortune, this would happen under normal circumstances, but the black origin flame, Solaris, was by no means ordinary.

That was something the puppet began to realize when Jason released his own aura which he forcefully intertwined with Solaris' flames.

Right now, he might not be able to fuse with Solaris or create a customized aura, but what he could do was to merge Solaris' flames with his Celestia aura!

The Celestia aura alone was already more than enough to fend off the fiery aura of the fiery puppet.

But, Jason wasn't going to be satisfied with just 'enough.'

He wanted to have a glorious victory hence he fused Solaris' flames with the Celestia aura.

Upon fusing, it began to release faint flames that reached every nook and cranny.

Due to this, the Celestia aura, and Solaris' flame clashed with the fiery aura that was slowly being pushed backward.

However, that was not only owing to the Celestia aura that had become strong enough to face the other auras without being overwhelmed, but also because Solaris' instincts had suddenly begun to act up.

Through this, it began to instinctively spread further, and move towards the fiery aura.

Upon contact, his aura began to slowly devour and annex it!

Jason would have never expected that Solaris could devour the aura of other beings, and, in fact, that was something an origin flame should never be able to do.

Nevertheless, there were many things Solaris was not supposed to be able to do, but somehow, still did it, defying all known norms pertaining to a flame.

As such, Jason had always thought that Solaris was something unique, and most likely was a mutation amongst the origin flames.

This fact made it even more exotic than the black origin flame already was.

Yet, that was not something he could pay anymore attention to because he felt something change in his mana core.

This feeling increased the further Solaris was annexing and devouring the fiery aura.

Solaris was trying its best to retaliate and fight against the Celestia aura that began to transform Solaris' flames in a white color.

Each time Jason witnessed how easily Solaris' flames were changing their color, he wondered how that was possible, and if the change in color had a special meaning.

Unfortunately, he had yet to come up with a logical explanation for anything Solaris could do.

Thus, instead of being too bothered about it, Jason supplied even more mana to the Celestia aura and Solaris' flames.

While they were greedily absorbing the supplied mana, neither Jason nor the fiery puppet had remained idle and witnessed the face-off between their auras in order to see who would be stronger.

Instead, they were currently fighting against each other in a close combat battle in which the fiery puppet's primordial energy was the biggest hurdle Jason had to overcome.

Not only did it increase the fiery puppet's strength to exceed Jason's, but it also had an armor-piercing property that was far more dangerous to face when their swords were colliding.

That was the case because the primordial energy used by the fiery puppet was capable of changing its properties to adjust to the weapons it was used with.

Following that, there were many issues Jason had to face.

Yet, that did little to deter Jason who came up with another plan instantly; a plan that would allow him to exceed his opponent's strength.

And this plan was something his Celestia aura and Solaris' flames were currently executing.

Working in perfect coordination, they were slowly wearing out the fiery aura, followed by strengthening themselves with the aura Solaris devoured and annexed!

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 809 - Change

Right now, Jason felt that something within his mana core was changing, and all of the changes were caused due to Solaris.

His soulbond was still devouring and annexing the fiery aura that was unable to cope with the combined pressure of the fully unleashed Celestia aura Solaris was intertwined with.

Furthermore, his stigma was further enhancing everything, strengthening the merging between the aura and Solaris' flames.

This slowly changed the color of the flames into a whitish-silver tone that was further deepened owing to the moonlight transmutation.

The more the fiery aura was annexed by Solaris, the more changes were occurring inside the mana core.

A faint thread was loosening from the mana core, slowly approaching the core of Solaris' body, trying to find a way to fuse with the black origin flame.

In the end, this was the first time his mana core showed signs of trying to fuse with Solaris.

The possibility excited Jason even though he knew that they were not yet ready to fuse.

It was just his premonition that told him they were not ready to fuse yet, but that was not something his mana core could be bothered about.

Instead, it tried to find a way to advance through the searing flames and reach Solaris' core.

Yet, it couldn't find a way, and the efforts proved to be futile.

However, that was not something Jason was bothered about.

Rather, he was already overjoyed about the fact that his mana core was showing signs of attempting to fuse with Solaris.

After waiting for what felt like an eternity, Jason had begun to assume that it was simply not possible to fuse with beings that were not in a solid form.

This would have included Spyro, the Spiral Spirit, with whom Jason wanted to fuse as soon as possible in order to try out the duplication technique it had learned.

Nevertheless, before he could divert his attention from the current fight, he first had to emerge victoriously.

That was the most important thing right now!

As such, by fully focusing on deflecting the earth-shattering attacks the fiery puppet had initiated, Jason attempted to wear his opponent out.

Unfortunately, this was easier said than done. Jason had to give his utmost efforts, and even then it didn't look all that great.

He lashed out with Byakur, and the impact nearly broke his arms when the puppet's broadsword collided with Byakur.

He didn't have to win fair and square by openly fighting, that was something only fools would do if they wanted to wear themselves out.

Thus, Jason used his divine energy in an combined attack of his abyssal effect, the petrification curse, and the race specific weakening curse in order to cause great damage to the fiery puppet.

In fact, this attack of the mind was meant to distract the fiery puppet, and simultaneously allow Solaris to devour a large portion of the fiery aura in the time frame the puppet was obstructed.

It had to endure the attacks of Jason's broadsword after being affected by the combination of attacks that had been merged and strengthened with the use of his divine energy.

In the end, his divine energy had received the biggest enhancement with each broken seal of the Chaos Emperor.

As such, a small portion of it was already enough to merge and enhance his attacks by a large margin.

That being said, Jason increased the speed and intensity with which he attacked the fiery puppet.

He wanted to give no chance to the puppet to retaliate let alone regain its composure.

Aiming to overwhelm his opponent, Jason kept raining blow after blow that interrupted the puppet's smooth primordial energy circulation.

Meanwhile, his mana core's desire to fuse with Solaris was increased as the black origin flame had devoured more than half of the released fiery aura.

Owing to this, it was severely weakened, and the fiery puppet was forced to endure the onslaught in two different ways.

One of the attacks was from the entire surrounding that was the Celestia aura, pressuring the fiery puppet a lot.

On the other hand, the second attack was, in fact, Jason, who had begun to circulate his moonlight transmuted mana through his body, followed by traces of divine energy.

It almost looked like the divine energy was merging with the mana Jason released.

It was exactly how his mana veins accepted the divine energy that was previously taken as foreign mass that was ought to be expelled from his mana veins.

Thus, the strengthening Jason was currently receiving, allowed him to fight almost on par with a being that focused on increasing its physical strength to the maximum, in a close combat fight at that.

From the beginning, he had a great advantage, and by continuously making use of it, he could slowly wear off the flame warrior.

Its fierce attacks had become weaker with time, almost as if it was intimidated by Solaris' flames that began to devour the flame warrior.

Because of that, it looked like he had no issues in wearing his opponent out, making it incapable of fighting back.

Yet, Jason's Emperor Eyes were able to perceive the truth. And the truth couldn't be further away from what one would normally be able to sense.

In fact, the amount of the fiery aura Solaris had absorbed was barely a tiny portion of the entire fiery aura that was accumulated within the fiery puppet's body.

Other than that, the amount of primordial energy it used was much lower than he had hoped for.

It almost looked like the fiery puppet was barely using any of its energy and fighting effortlessly.

This was quite annoying to Jason who was using his utmost efforts to defeat it.

However, just as the flame warrior was supposed to disappear owing to the lack of mana, something extraordinary happened.

Instead of using mana, which the fiery puppet had nothing left of, it supplied the flame warrior with primordial energy!

This caused Jason's eyes to widen because he was sure that replacing the mana with primordial energy was not something one could easily do.

At least not, if the fiery puppet wanted to maintain the flame affinity!

Nevertheless, it continued to supply primordial energy, filling the entire body of the flame warrior that began to expand.

At the same time, its form began to take on a solid shape, with flames enveloping the flame warrior like an armor instead of being the entire body itself.

Through this, Jason could clearly see that the fiery puppet was trying to create a second combatant which he would have to face.

Seeing this, Jason couldn't help but frown.

Following that, he did something he hadn't done for a long time- he released his soulbonds to support him while fighting.

Under normal circumstances, he would be too afraid to let his soulbonds fight with him, thinking that they would die, just like Scorpio.

However, right now, he was way too annoyed, causing him to act reckless, as he summoned a more than 130-meter-long Cursed Basilisk. Wanting to help Jason, he used his strongest possible attack to put both curses on the fiery puppet and the Flame warrior.

Meanwhile, Artemis emerged above him, manifesting a storm of ice that was supposed to weaken the flames of the flame warrior slightly.

In the end, his soulbonds were at the same cultivation base as he was, but they didn't have the same unique prismarine crystal let alone highly compressed mana.

Owing to that, they were much weaker than the fiery puppet.

Nevertheless, taking advantage of the fact that the fiery puppet had already been weakened, as well as cursed, both Artemis and Petri were doing their part.

Their combined efforts allowed Jason to await the perfect timing before he slashed through the flame warrior's body, severing it before Solaris reached through it.

As such, the fiery puppet was completely alone, and even if it wanted to retaliate, it had already lost, despite the remaining aura and energy it had inside its body.

But it was only when Byakur slashed through the puppet's neck, decapitating the puppet, that the fight was officially over.

Jason barely won the fight just before the puppet launched a counterattack in a last-ditch effort to save itself from failure!

GOD'S EYES

Chapter 810 - Spiral Path Puppet

After he defeated the fiery puppet, Jason took a deep breath.

He was trying to calm himself by retracting the energies he had used up while fighting.

Following that, Petri and Artemis returned to the soul world while Solaris left his mana core.

As such, Jason was left alone inside the combat arena because the fiery puppet suddenly disintegrated.

At the same time, a new portal manifested further away from the other remaining puppets.

This portal was likely the way to reach the place that would be important for the next trial.

However, instead of moving forward towards the portal, Jason stayed where he was.

He didn't even think about entering it because he felt as if he had to defeat the other four puppets too!

With that in mind, he replenished his used up energy before approaching the next puppet, not wanting to waste more time than truly necessary.

The next puppet Jason chose as his opponent was the Spiral path puppet.

He made this decision based on the fact that he was already well-versed with a majority of attacks it could initiate.

Furthermore, because he possessed a higher physical strength as well as more mana than the Spiral path puppet, Jason's fusion would allow him to defeat the duplicates without too many difficulties.

There might be some tricks that the puppet had saved for the last, but when the battle started, Jason could quickly take out the duplicate that had been summoned by the Spiral path puppet.

Owing to his fusion with Petri, and summoned his scales, tail, and reptilian eyes, Jason won easily.

Afterward, the fight became more interesting because he was able to witness how spirit force was truly used, even if there was no technique to exert it with.

In fact, there were quite a few ways to use spirit force, such as the ability to control other objects, and even living beings.

One could almost say that it was like an innate psychokinesis ability, which was quite interesting considering that Jason had seen such an affinity only a few times in the path of Maest.

And that included beings on Argos, where one had to bind a beast to their body.

Thus, Jason was slowly beginning to understand that the beast on Argos with a psychokinesis affinity, was either a mutation or some unique type of beast that could use psychokinesis with mana!

In the end, mutations and evolutions made almost everything possible, which was intriguing but also extremely scary to witness.

If a single mistake happened, the future of a beast could be destroyed.

With that in mind, Jason felt that he grew excited to use the psychokinesis ability of Spyro.

Once it learned to transmute its spirit force to control other objects by itself, Jason thought he could use it to subdue and overwhelm his opponents easily.

Meanwhile, the Spiral path puppet was struggling very hard to use its psychokinesis ability on Jason.

The protective armor around his entire body in the form of Solaris' flame repelled the puppet's attack, the moment it sensed that the puppet was trying to harm him.

Thus, to counter Solaris' energy-burning flame, one would have to use much more of a particular type of energy in order to do something to his body, and seriously injure him.

Because of that, the Spiral path puppet had to think of a different way to attack him.

Thus, it changed its tactic and began to control the surrounding objects, turning them into an onslaught of attacks as a means to counter Solaris' flames.

The seemingly slow build-up of its attacks turned into a tornado of all kinds of objects that were thrown together to be controlled. When Jason saw this, he couldn't help but feel a little bit flabbergasted.

He was astonished because the amount of spirit force it required in order to attack him was much lower than he assumed.

Thus, even if the spirit force consumption increased with every single object that the puppet controlled, it was not to the extent that it would start bothering the puppet.

Rather, it wanted to add more and more objects to the melee from its surroundings trying to defeat Jason by all means.

Because of its determination, the psychokinesis ability was not everything it used.

Instead, it seemed like it was just a warm-up followed by the real deal.

Wasting no time, the puppet quickly released its aura.

This allowed the already low spirit force consumption to be further decreased, while the puppet's control over the items it moved through the arena increased.

Unfortunately, the storm of flying objects was not the only thing he had to pay attention to.

It wasn't the first time he was being distracted after all. Rather, it was the first thing he noticed, only to recall the distraction in the last fight against the Spiral path puppet before he cultivated for six months.

Clearly recalling what had happened, Jason inserted more mana into his mind, and his eyes were swiftly turned towards the Spiral path puppet. It was already accumulating a tremendous amount of spirit force in the center of its mind when Jason noticed it.

At the same time, it could easily control the surrounding objects, which was one of the fearsome capabilities almost every spiral being had- multitasking.

Their mind was refined to an extreme extent, which Jason had often felt by comparing the difference in the amplifications he received from his other soulbonds and Spyro.

In comparison to his drastic mind refining he underwent on a close to daily basis when Spyro improved its cultivation base, it was fairly low with his other soulbonds.

Thus, Jason was ready to fight the Spiral path puppet head-on.

He saved nothing for later and used his divine energy, the petrification curse, the race specific weakening curse, and the abyssal effect by inserting a large amount of mana to further enhance it.

He had also annexed the chaos attribute that was unleashed when he broke the seals in order to free his Celestia bloodline from some of the restrictions.

Yet, instead of using it, Jason felt that he would require the annexed chaos attributed later, in the future.

With that in mind, he didn't use it, but that was not necessary, either way.

Owing to the high potency his divine energy had, it was enough to distract the Spiral path spirit for a moment.

Thus, it was forced to start over the accumulation process of the spirit force that dispersed in the puppet's body.

In the end, Jason might only be a halfling with a much weaker mana control, who also lacked other unique traits the pureblood Celestias had, but that did not matter.

He had his own advantages, and amongst this was the soul world that allowed him to balance out the shortage of physical strength.

Additionally, his Emperor Eyes were considered to be a trait that belonged to only him, or to be precise, his family he inherited them from.

Enhanced by his soulbonds and bloodline, his Emperor Eyes were improving on a daily basis, and this was clearly visible right now as even the storm of objects was disrupted for a quarter of a second.

This quarter of a second was more than enough for Jason to emerge in front of the spiral path puppet that could barely react in time, preventing Byakur from slashing through its body.

Yet, it was only a moment later that Jason's tail curled around the leg of the Spiral path puppet, Solaris' flames followed suit.

Through this, the Spiral path puppet was bound to be defeated, and it was only a matter of time before the fight was over.

As such, Jason quickly finished the battle with a vibrant smile on his face he mumbled,

"That's easier than I thought! My traits as a halfling are simply...too powerful, I guess!"