

Gourmet 511

Chapter 511: God of Slaughter, Asura

The sky above the gruesome battlefield that shed the blood of one, two, hundreds, thousands, ten thousand people and soaked the capital of Baroque Kingdom suddenly turned dark, enveloping everyone in a deep sense of dread.

“What?”

“What the hell?”

“Th, that...”

Seeing the unusual change in the battlefield, even the troops of Lumae Kingdom felt terror, while the troops of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom turned ever so vigilant.

Crazy Tyrant Akhan was floating in the skies with a deep, unsettling smile peeking from underneath his skull mask. Akhan already had a history of putting the players of both the Chinese and Korean servers in danger by releasing the frenzied Black Dragon Vormon in the Continent Cloud. This time, he opened the Gates of Hell.

Hell was a place that housed beings that went beyond transcendence, over tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, or even millions of years ago. Then, a huge black gate appeared and hovered in the dark skies. There were thousands of arms made of bones that blocked the gate from opening.

“Kihyaaaaaack!”

“Kiiiiiiiiiiiiik”

“Kiyeeeeeeeeek!”

The skeletons shrieked. These skeletons were the ones that received the punishment of preventing the Gates of Hell from opening. Their screams and shrieks signaled danger, it meant that the Gates of Hell would soon be opened.

‘My level has been reduced by thirty, but it doesn’t matter.’

Akhan smiled thickly despite the enormous penalties that he would incur for bringing a being from hell to earth. On top of his level being reduced by thirty, he would be banned from accessing the game for two weeks in the case of death. And even if he was able to reconnect, his EXP value would be reduced to less than 40% for another two weeks.

However, Akhan was literally the epitome of crazy. He was a complete and utter lunatic that did not care for those kinds of things.

Of course, the penalties were not the only thing needed for the opening of the Gates of Hell, it also needed a sacrifice. To open the Gates of Hell, Akhan needed the blood of tens of thousands of beings, which were the knights, soldiers, and monsters, as well as the blood of a great and noble existence, the dragon that had just died.

Hundreds of broadcasting stations immediately zoomed in on Akhan's face as he grinned wickedly and said, "This will be your end."

Then, at that moment...

Vwoooooooooooooong—

The gigantic Gates of Hell shook as the skeletons that held the gates shut fell down one after the other and disappeared into ashes. Then, another knock...

Vwoooooooooooooong—

Screech—

Tremble, tremble, tremble—

Tension and nervousness increased in everyone present with every knock that shook the Gates of Hell. And finally...

Vwoooooooooooooong—

The Gates of Hell opened as a thick red arm reached out from its depths.

Craaaack—

"Kihyaaaaaack!"

"Kiheeeeeeeck!"

"Kikikikikiki!"

The skeletons desperately grabbed the arm that popped out from the depths of hell. They tried so hard to block it from coming out, but the arm was already holding the gates. In the end, the skeletons failed to hold on, allowing another arm to appear and slam the Gates of Hell open.

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Shwaaaaaaa—

With the opening of the Gates of Hell, the skeletons slowly turned to ashes, disappearing into the wind. Then, a gigantic red figure slowly stepped out from the gates.

The figure was wearing thick full-plated armor with two bloody red and huge greatswords in each hand. Then, something very shocking happened. The figure's head and arms suddenly multiplied. The man's head became three while his arms became six. However, as if it was all an illusion, the shocking figure disappeared as swiftly as it came to be while the notifications rang in everyone's ears.

[Demigod Asura has descended.]

[Those that will bring Demigod Asura back and seal him with the Gates of Hell will receive the appropriate rewards.]

"Demigod Asura...?"

"Did it say Asura?!"

“That, that Asura?!”

In reality, Asura was one of the eight deities that protected the Dharma in Buddhism, also infamously associated with the 'Asura Field'. Any normal person would relate the Asura Field with carnage and ruins.

But the true meaning of the Asura Field was Asura's battlefield, a field that was filled with blood.

“Did it say Asura...?”

Even the dragons that were caught up in their battle were all left flustered after hearing the notifications.

Asura was the demon of the battlefield that slaughtered tens of millions of people more than ten thousand years ago. As he continued to slaughter his enemies with his sword, he gradually left behind the human realm and reached the level of a transcendent, eventually reaching the 'Demigod' level.

The problem was what he did once he became a Demigod. All he did was 'slaughter'. When the man killed tens of millions of people, the gods had no choice but to move. However, even they could not control Asura. Only after joining forces with the Continental Gods were they able to send Asura to hell. Even then, the ruler of hell, the God of Death, also had a hard time controlling Asura.

A fact that indicated how violent, cruel and powerful he was.

The commentators hurriedly gathered information on Athenae's Asura and relayed it to the masses.

[The blood and tears shed by the tens of millions of people that he killed flooded the world. His sword did not show any mercy and would kill anyone, even emperors and kings. In the end, even the gods feared this evil being...]

People began to publish articles and information about Asura.

[Demigod Asura. A man known as the God of the Battlefield and a figure that eventually achieved godhood.]

[Asura is also known as the God of Slaughter in the Athenae worldview.]

Once they gathered the information and put two and two together, they all reached one conclusion.

[Isn't this saying that he's a god of killing?!]

[Right now, there's an evil god over there...?]

[Akhan, you're a f*cking crazy bastard!!!]

Before Asura could make his move, the dragons hurriedly told Akhan, “Why did you open the Gates of Hell? Are you going to turn this continent into a sea of blood?”

Yes, the dragons attacked this place for a reason of their own, but they did not intend to attack and trample on the entire continent. Their purpose was to push Baroque Kingdom, destroy Beyond the Heavens Kingdom behind them, and take the hatchling away.

“I believe this is the best solution for the situation right now.”

“We'll step away from the battlefield for a while.”

The dragons were clever. To put it in another way, they were afraid. This was because they might not be able to survive if they participated in a battlefield where Asura was present. That was just how terrifying Asura was. Asura might be a demigod, but his power far exceeded that of any other demigod.

“I see.”

Akhan cackled after seeing the terror in the dragons’ eyes. However, the dragons did not care and only stepped away. Then, Akhan bowed to Asura.

“Are you the one that freed me?”

“Yes, that’s right. O’ noble one, the great Asura, I know what you wanted to achieve in the past.”

Akhan knew why Asura cut down tens of millions of people. This was because he wanted to exterminate all existences in this world.

“Even if you’re only here for a moment, please feel free to fulfill your dream of that time.”

Asura remained silent and only looked around nonchalantly. Asura saw the soldiers and knights trembling from fear, and a huge kingdom right behind them.

“What a joy,” Asura smiled strangely as three heads flashed and disappeared.

Gulp—

Genie gulped dryly. She wondered what the hell was going on in Akhan’s head. He was a complete and utter crazy bastard. Then, Asura took a step forward.

“Everyone stay on alert,” Genie ordered her guild members as all of them turned to look at Asura. The troops from Lumae Kingdom and the ones from Beyond the Heavens Kingdom all stopped what they were doing and looked vigilantly at Asura.

Prince Votto cried loudly, “Wh, what the hell are you doing?!! Our troops will die like that...!!!”

But before he could even finish his words, tens of thousands of skulls stretched out from Asura’s bloody red greatsword. The dark sky turned red like blood as tens of thousands of skeletons popped up from the ground. After that, Asura threw his greatsword towards the ground.

Thud—

Red buddhist beads that hung from the handle of the sword clacked together.

[Asura’s Realm.]

[Asura’s world of fighting and carnage has unfolded.]

A red stream extended from the greatsword and stretched out in a wave and devoured everyone.

Fwiiiiiiiiish—

The soldiers and knights that were first devoured by the red stream collapsed on the ground with blood dripping down from their eyes, ears, mouths and noses.

“Heok?!”

“Hiiiiiiik!”

While everyone was terrified, the bloody wave continued to spread and devour people.

Fwiiiish—

Fwiiiiiiiiish—

The troops continued to spurt out blood one after the other, collapsing on the ground. It swept away the knights and soldiers of Lumae Kingdom and even crept forward to the troops of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom.

[The Asura’s Realm has unfolded.]

[All of your stats will decrease by 20% and your movements will be restricted.]

[Asura’s great power has bound your body.]

[Your attack success rate as well as physical and magical defense will decrease by 30%.]

[The damage that you will receive is dependent on your resistance to abnormal status and conditions.]

“...!”

Genie and the guild members of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom all made eye contact. Amidst this gruesome war that spilt blood and dyed them red with it, all of them thought of only one thing.

‘Protect the NPCs!’

Then, as if to replace the greatsword that he threw earlier, Asura pulled out a new bloody red greatsword. And when Asura slashed his two greatswords towards Baroque Kingdom...

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang!

...Blood geysers exploded every eighty centimeters and rushed at the members of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom. On top of the tremendous force, the radius of the explosion was also around seven meters. The troops of Lumae Kingdom that were barely supporting their bodies were also swept away by the explosion, their bodies bursting gruesomely as their remains rained down from the skies.

This was Asura’s Field, a skill that triggered a tremendous force that was enough to bring down the thick walls of Baroque Kingdom and even have enough power to devour the capital that it protected.

Grrrrrrrrr—

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang—

In just an instant, around 2,000 troops died. Asura was not a person that distinguished between allies and enemies. The dragons knew this part of him, that was why they backed off.

Meanwhile, the guild members of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom ran fast to protect their NPCs when they saw a force gathering at Asura’s greatswords. The moment Asura brandished his

greatswords, six swordlights and gigantic bloody beads fired at everyone accurately as if they were homing bullets.

In the short moment that he was here, Asura had already figured out who the core figures of his enemies were. His power was fired directly at Conir, Elpis, Aruvel, and Cerberus. Seeing this, Locke immediately opened his arms and blocked the attack for Cerberus.

“Kids, run!!!”

“Grrrr!”

“Grrrr!”

“Grrrrr!”

Cerberus might laugh and joke around calling Locke as ‘ugly and pitiful’, but it had already recognized him as one of its owners. That was why it had to protect him, instead of being protected by Locke. So, Cerberus pushed Locke away, as the center head fired a white light that tried to extinguish the red bead.

However, it was useless. Even the leftmost head and the rightmost head fired streams of fire and ice but to no avail. The red bead still continued to push forward. All they could do was block it with their bodies.

“Graaaaaaa!”

“Kaeng! Kaeng, kaeng, kaeng!”

“Kiiiiiiiiiiiiing!”

“These, these idiots...!”

The moment the red bead slammed and exploded in Cerberus’ body, it felt a powerful damage ravaging its body and tremendous pain that it had never experienced in its entire life.

Genie threw herself to protect Conir while Khan punched another with his fists. However, they were all shocked at the tremendous damage that the beads inflicted.

[Your HP has dropped below 10%.]

[More than 60% of your HP has disappeared in one go, you will lose consciousness for three seconds.]

Khan’s vision immediately turned blurry. It was just as Akhan said. This was truly the end for them.

Three seconds later, Khan shook his head and finally woke up from his fainted state. His head was still dizzy and he did not have any energy in his body. He was even dripping blood all over the place. All he could do was look around and assess the situation in front of him.

“You idiots! Why, why... you...!”

“Kiiiiing...”

“Kiiing... kiiiiing...”

Locke was hugging Cerberus as tears fell down his cheeks.

“Ge, Genie noona. Sorry. Conir is sorry... noona is hurting. Noona can’t be hurting!”

“Conir... Don’t cry...”

Genie, who had fallen on the ground, had lost her left arm. Even Aruvel was shocked to see Ascar and Mei Wei bleed profusely as they blocked the bead that came for him.

“Why... why...!”

“...Are you alright?” Ascar asked before finally losing consciousness.

Khan bit his lips as he looked at Elpis, who was behind him. Elpis looked like he had also suffered considerable damage from the attack just now.

“Why...!”

“Hey, Elpis,” Khan called out as he looked at Elpis with a smile. “You must survive.”

Then, Asura’s red beads began to soar into the skies once again. Seeing this, Khan thought that he had to stop this in one go. Contrary to his thoughts, his body could not move.

‘Potion... I don’t have any potions left...?’

There was no potion left. Khan had already used up all of the potion in his inventory. All he needed was a bottle of top-quality potion to recover 30% of his HP. If he had that, then he could block the attack one more time.

However, the red beads did not wait for them. In the end, it still flew towards them. Khan felt his head spin. All he could do was close his eyes in frustration as he tried to think of a way to protect Elpis.

‘I’m sorry, I can’t protect you.’

But then...

“Oy,” Someone briefly yet loudly called out to him.

Roll, roll, roll—

Then, something rolled in front of Khan. It was a bottle of top-quality potion. Khan raised his head and saw the guild master of Ares Guild, Ares, standing in front of him.

Ares was one of the top ranking fighters in the country alongside Beyond the Heavens Kingdom’s Khan. If Khan was known for his fists and punches, Ares was known for his kicks.

“Are you already sitting in frustration? That’s very unbecoming of you as my rival,” Ares said, his face expressionless as he stretched his hand out to Khan.

“Why...”

Ares looked back at the red bead with an ugly expression on his face, “Just because.”

When Khan looked around, he saw Iris Guild's Callian protecting Genie while Avalon Guild's GoM protected Locke. There were also Korea's top rankers making their stand all over the place.

Khan could not understand the situation right now. All of them were known to be hostile and antagonistic towards their own guild. But...

Grab—

Khan grabbed Ares' big and sturdy hands as he stood up and drank his potion.

Gulp, gulp, gulp—

Khan looked at the approaching red bead and said, "Oy—"

"..."

Ares looked back at Khan.

"—Thanks."

Ares smirked and replied, "Damn you."

Then, the two of them rushed forward and aimed for the flying red bead.

Chapter 512: God of Slaughter, Asura

Ares was one of Korea's top rankers and the master of Ares Guild, the best guild out of the country's Four Great Guilds. He and his guild had always made trouble for Legend Guild ever since their conception in Athenae. This was because Ares did not like Legend Guild. This hate was further cemented when Legend Guild went further than anyone and built a kingdom, the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom, on their own.

Not too long ago the guilds, Iris, Ares and Avalon, participated in the battle at Baroque Kingdom and had been completely wiped out. They had been annihilated. In fact, they, along with the country's top rankers, had gathered here today to redeem their honor and show everyone that they still have great potential.

However, their thoughts began to change with Asura's appearance.

Ares looked at the flying red bead.

Shake, shake, shake—

His body shook but his thoughts began to change once again.

*'This is a f*cked situation. A player from another country is trampling on Korea's best guild?'*

Ares hated Legend. Before he started a feud with them, Ares was known as one of Korea's pride. The same was true for all of the rankers that have gathered in this place. Most of the rankers that have gathered here were part of the top 100 domestic rankings of their respective classes.

Ares glanced at Genie who was down, and said, "I will take command in the meantime! Those who will participate in the Asura hunt, listen up!"

"Yeah!"

“Yes!”

“Yes!”

“Protect Beyond the Heavens Kingdom and subjugate the Demigod Asura! Make sure to get rid of that f*cking bastard and throw him far away from the Korean server!!!”

“Yes!!!”

“Yes!!!”

“Yes!!!”

The 500 top rankers moved with Ares. In just a blink, the red beads appeared in front of them. A huge force gathered in the fists of Korea’s strongest fist, Khan.

“Straight Punch.”

It was a simple punch. However, this punch could momentarily increase Khan’s attack power by 600%. Then, Ares moved his feet as a green energy surrounded his right foot.

“Dragon’s Kick.”

The strongest fist and the strongest kick slammed into the red bead at the same time.

Baaaaaaang—

The red bead broke down and fell onto the ground in a pool of blood.

“I didn’t expect that I would be able to use this skill with you,” Ares said as a tremendous force rose from his body.

[Dragon and Tiger.]

[The dragon and tiger fighting together and inflicting continuous damages will give you greater power.]

[Additional 200% damage will be inflicted for every successful attack made within 0.9 seconds of the previous attack.]

[The dragon and tiger will be granted an invincible state for three seconds. The invincibility will extend for every successful linked attack.]

Ares had never maintained this skill past five seconds. It was a skill that would only be able to show its greatness when working with someone. And it was not an easy task for anyone to fight alongside and keep up with Ares.

Khan nodded after hearing the notifications.

Roaaaaar—

Graaaaaaaa—

The figure of a roaring dragon appeared before getting sucked into Ares’ body as a blue aura erupted from within him. On Khan’s side, a roaring tiger appeared and got sucked in his body before releasing a red aura. Both of them ran out at the same time. They were immediately followed

by 200 rankers. Then, Asura slammed his two greatswords on the ground, sending his attacks toward Ares and Khan.

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang!

A huge explosion bloomed right in front of the two, but it did not affect them. After all, they were in an invincible state. The first to attack was Ares, he reached Asura's flank and kicked as hard as he could.

Kick!

Then, it was followed by Khan's fist, which hit Asura's other side.

[Successful link! Damage will increase by 200%!]

[Your invincible state will remain.]

Ares immediately spun on his toes and kicked Asura's chin.

Kick!

"Ugh!" A light moan escaped Asura's mouth. Khan took the opportunity and immediately slammed his fist into Asura's face.

Punch!

"Urk!"

Kick, kick, kick, kick, kick!

Punch, punch, punch, punch!

Their level of teamwork was surprising. The two of them took turns hitting Asura and successfully landed dozens of consecutive attacks.

[Successful link! Damage will increase by 200%!]

[Your invincible state will remain.]

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[Successful link! Damage will increase by 200%!]

[Your invincible state...]

[Successful link!... 200%!]

[Your invincible state...]

[Your invincible state...]

[Successful link!... 200%!]

[Your invincible state...]

[Your invincible state...]

[Successful link!... 200%!]

[Your invincible state...]

“That, that’s crazy...”

“Uwaaaaah...”

The rankers running behind them could not help but stop in their tracks as they watched the two work seamlessly together. They did not dare to interrupt, fearing that they would disrupt their flow.

However, the shocking scene in front of them would remain in their minds. The two looked like they had been comrades for decades as they fought and took turns hitting Asura with perfect precision and teamwork.

[Your invincible state...]

[Successful link!... 200%!]

[Your invincible state...]

[The linked damage has exceeded 6,000%!]

[You have achieved marvelous continuous attacks.]

[You will incur additional 1,000% damage!]

Gradually, a red and blue light formed and covered Khan’s and Ares’ hands and feet as power soared through their veins.

[This is very surprising. Ares and Khan are the two great mountains of Korea’s fighter class. Their power combined together is ridiculously amazing.]

[Only a few players from around the world can achieve consecutive linked hits like that.]

Even the best rankers from all over the world were stunned by the marvelous display of teamwork. In fact, even Ares was also surprised.

‘When I used this skill with others, the best we could do was do eight linked attacks.’

But Ares had already exceeded a dozen with Khan. Asura, who was momentarily stunned by Khan’s and Ares’ punches and kicks, began to make his move.

Baaaaaaang—

“Keheok!” Asura gasped when an attack landed on his throat.

Kick!

Meanwhile, Ares landed another kick on Asura’s flanks. The two were beating up Demigod Asura. If things went on like this, then the two of them might just be able to hunt Asura. As long as they keep on increasing their successful linked attacks then their damage might even increase by 10,000%. However...

“Interesting.”

Baaaaaang—

Asura, who seemed as if he was staggering back, raised his hands and prevented the kick that was aimed at his sides.

[Linked attack has failed!]

[Dragon and Tiger Skill has completed.]

Then, Asura immediately grabbed Khan's fist, which was aiming for his abdomen.

Thuuud—

“Kghhk?!”

Only then did the two of them realize that they were able to land successful linked attacks on Asura not because Asura could not stop them, but because Asura welcomed their attacks.

“So, this is the power of the current era?”

“...!”

“...!”

Asura sounded as if he was evaluating them and their power.

“What...?!”

Just when Ares was about to turn around and land another kick...

Slash—

Asura slashed his greatsword horizontally at him. At the same time...

[Your HP has decreased by 20%!]

[You have received Asura's invisible attack.]

[Your HP has decreased by 18%!]

[You have received Asura's invisible attack.]

[Your HP has decreased by 19%!]

[You have received tremendous damage in one strike! Your body's movements have been restricted.]

“This damage...!”

Ares could not help but be terrified. It was clear that Asura only sent one attack, but there were three damage notifications that rang in his ears.

‘Don't tell me...?!’

Asura was said to have three heads and six arms. From what it looked like, even though the rest of his six arms were not seen, they could still inflict damage on Asura's enemies. Simply put, Asura had reduced Ares' HP by nearly 60% with just his one basic attack.

“Sh, shit...”

Even if Ares' movements were not restricted from the large damage that he received, he was sure that he would not be able to move from the momentum and aura that Asura was emitting as of the moment. When Asura tried to swing his greatsword again, Khan immediately threw himself in front of Ares.

"Fall back."

Khan immediately dragged Ares to the rear as the 200 rankers that followed behind them rushed forward to attack Asura. The one that stood at the forefront was none other than Korea's number one in the Tanker Rankings, Golden Shield Valdar. He was famous for being able to stop ten Named Monsters' attacks all by himself.

"God's Shield!!!"

Thump—

A transparent shield formed around the area the moment he stabbed his shield on the ground. The melee class dealers immediately stuck close to him and prepared for an attack. Then, Asura brandished his greatsword once again.

Slash, slash, slash, slash, slash—

This time, Asura used both of the greatswords in his hands.

[God's Shield's durability has decreased by 7%.]

[God's Shield has received Asura's invisible attack.]

[God's Shield's durability has decreased by 6%.]

[God's Shield has received Asura's invisible attack.]

[God's Shield's durability has decreased by 6%.]

"What, what the hell...?!"

Asura had only slammed his greatswords on the God's Shield for a total of four times but he received twelve times the damage. The worst part was that everything happened in just one second. In that split second, God's Shield broke into pieces and Valdar, Korea's number one tanker, was cut down by Asura's greatswords.

The rankers rushed from behind and jumped at Asura. But Asura easily jumped in their fray and swung his greatsword at them.

"Euaaaaaaack!"

"Keuaaaaaaack!"

[You have been forced to log-out.]

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This notification popped up in the rankers eyes. The time it took for the rankers to die? Only two seconds. It was just an instant, but more than thirty rankers died.

“That’s quite boring. Is the power of the current era just this much? That’s infinitely weaker than the past,” Asura said, looking at his surroundings, “I don’t have to drag it out for too long.”

Asura looked infinitely bored. All of the rankers turned pale. Despite being the best rankers in Korea, they did not expect that they would not be able to do anything and would only be pushed back. Then, Asura crossed his greatswords together.

“Hell’s Infernal Sword.”

Hell’s Infernal Sword originally meant hell but Asura’s Hell’s Infernal Sword was referring to a sword.

[Hell’s Infernal Sword.]

[A vicious sword with additional 2,500% attack that could bring everyone within a twenty meter radius fall into the depths of despair.]

At that moment, Asura slammed his greatsword on the ground, turning it red. Thousands of translucent bloody greatswords popped up and brutally slaughtered the rankers that fought in the frontlines.

Fwoosh, fwoosh, fwoosh, fwoosh—

Only one second had passed and another forty rankers had already died. By the time two seconds rolled, more than a hundred had already died. When three seconds came, 180 of them died. Their blood scattered and dyed everything red.

In the first place, Asura’s Hell’s Infernal Sword was a skill that created despair and misery by spilling countless people’s blood. The blood gushed out like fountains that anyone would have a hard time looking around them.

“It’s over...” Someone murmured. However, no one could deny it.

In the meeting room.

Everyone was speechless. All they could do was watch Asura and his cold-blooded and vicious tyranny happen on screen.

[Everything is covered in blood. We can’t see much on screen.]

[What the hell is happening over there?]

[The power that Asura has displayed so far is completely different from the power that Ghost Spear Ben has displayed before.]

[Is that the true power of a god?]

The broadcasting stations’ cameras had lost sight of what was happening in the game due to the blood that covered everything. Even the people in the meeting room could only see blood.

Team Leader Park Minggyu looked at the monitor seriously.

‘If Asura continues to advance and attack the kings then...’

Asgan Continent would be destroyed, just like how Akhan wanted. If this happened, they would need to create both a new episode and a new kingdom. However, for Athenae, a worldview with a high degree of freedom, it was something that was completely next to impossible.

Finally, the blood that covered the screens slowly started to clear away. What greeted them was a very gruesome scene. Only half of the 500 rankers that came were left. The worst part? The ones that survived were only barely hanging on to dear life. They definitely could not wield their weapons to fight.

As for the knights and soldiers of Lumae Kingdom? They were originally over 6,000 in number but only 2,000 of them were left. The dead that littered and surrounded Asura in this gruesome battlefield slowly started to disappear.

Team Leader Park could only close his eyes.

[That's quite boring. Is the power of the current era just this much?]

Asura laughed.

[This is completely ridiculous. I can only laugh at you. Huh?]

Team Leader Park clenched his fists tightly when he heard Asura scoff at the entire Athenae worldview. The voice laughed not only at the rankers but even them, the ones that created this world.

“They’re here,” President Kang Taehoon’s voice, filled with hope, rang in everyone’s ears. Minggyu opened his eyes to look at the monitor once more. Then, the cold and frosty voice of a woman rang from the monitor.

[Do you think you’re someone qualified to talk about the current era?]

Then, the sound of the sword being pulled out rang loudly.

Shiiiiiiing—

Clack—

It was just a brief and short sound, but by the time it was over, the sword was already sheathed again. Her movements were so fast that none of them could follow it with their own eyes. And right behind her, Asura, with his head cut off, fell down on the ground.

Thud—

Thud—

Two loud thuds accompanied Asura’s head and body falling on the ground as a woman with her silver hair fluttering behind her walked forward, not minding one bit that her back was against Asura.

“Sword Emperor Ellie...”

It was the appearance of the Absolute Supreme NPC, the Continental Emperor Ellie.

Ares felt helpless as he watched the rankers that came with him die one after another from Asura's Hell's Infernal Sword. This clearly drew a line for them. It showed how powerless human beings were in front of the gods of Athenae. There were definitely those ridiculous, out of this world, 'God Class' players, but none of them had clearly climbed up to the position of a true god yet.

'Sorry...'

Ares bit his lips. He was the one that led the rankers here. Just imagining the penalty and frustration that everyone would get from here was making Ares feel something that he had never felt in his entire life. He was feeling complete despair.

Athenae was a game where one would advance towards the goal that they had set for themselves. However, one look at Asura and Ares lost his will to fight. Some of the rankers even looked dispirited as they talked about shelving Athenae for good.

But then, at that moment...

"Do you think you're someone qualified to talk about the current era?"

The owner of the voice was a hundred meters away from them, a beautiful woman with long, silver hair fluttering in the wind.

'Sword Emperor Ellie...!'

Ares had actually never seen Ellie with his own eyes before. The only one that had a close relationship with Sword Emperor Ellie was Food God Minhyuk. This was something that all of the Korean players knew. Then...

Clack—

Ellie drew her sword...

Thump— thump—

...and sheathed it quickly as Asura's head and body fell down on the ground.

"...!"

Ares could not hide the shock when he saw the figure stand in front of him. What kind of existence was Asura? Asura was someone that slaughtered half of the 500 Korean top rankers in less than thirty seconds. He was also someone that could smirk and sneer at the 5,000% damage that Ares and Khan inflicted on him.

But Ellie was able to overpower him in just one strike.

"Un, unbelievable..."

"S, Sword Emperor Ellie..."

"Crazy..."

"This era's greatest swordsman..."

That was right. Asura was talking about the strong of the current era but it was impossible to talk about those people without including Sword Emperor Ellie. Ellie, who was walking with her back

to Asura while sporting a frosty and expressionless face, exuded the aura of a 'girl crush' to the women and the aura of a 'cool, beautiful, and sexy woman' to the men.

"That man... is friends... with such... a person...?" Ares mumbled as respect for the Food God bloomed in his heart. It was very surprising to know that the Food God was able to win the heart of such a person.

Ellie continued to walk to where the crowd was amidst the blood that seeped through the ground from the hell created on earth. However, her next words shocked everyone present.

"Everyone should retreat."

"...!"

"...!"

"...!"

"...!"

Everyone understood what Ellie meant. She asked them to retreat because she knew that she would have a hard time dealing with this opponent.

"Your Majesty Ellie, we can't just leave you behind," Genie, who's left arm had been cut off, said.

However, Ellie said frostily, "Get out of my way."

Genie bit her lips. She already knew that Ellie would say this. If they continued to stay here then...

'Everyone might die.'

It was alright for the foreigners to die, but the NPCs did not have infinite lives. Ellie did not like to see her precious little brother, Minhyuk, sad. That was why she told them to leave.

Then, a man suddenly appeared in front of Genie.

"That's right, you'll get in the way, so leave."

There was no one in the entire Asgan Continent who did not know of this man's name. He was a man that was as famous as Sword Emperor Ellie. Ellie might have awakened, becoming an Absolute Supreme NPC and left him behind, but the fact that he was one of the current era's strong people in the Asgan Continent was undeniable.

This man was none other than Collodis Empire's Emperor, Asvon.

Collodis Empire's Emperor Asvon was the strongest in the history of the empire and was one of the Supreme NPCs. The people not only call him 'God' but 'God of Power, Asvon'.

"This is our fight."

The Eivelis and Collodis Empires were two great mountains that maintained the balance of Asgan Continent. And these two great mountains had joined hands to protect the continent. Not long after,

the more than 10,000 troops that they brought along appeared. Each and every single one of these soldiers were prepared to give their life and die on the battlefield.

“That’s right. You’ll just disturb us. Go away.”

At that moment, a man slung his sword on his shoulder while wrapping a chain on his wrist. This man was none other than the Great and Evil Pirate, Gorfido.

“You’ll probably need my help to buy some time, right?”

“...?”

“...???”

“Great Pirate Gorfido...” Someone in the crowd murmured while Ellie and Asvon were looking at Gorfido in confusion.

“...!”

“...!”

Ellie and Asvon’s eyes widened in shock. They might not know what he looked like, but they knew how notorious Gorfido was from the tales that they have heard from the other continents. Then...

Step, step—

“All of you should go.”

Elpis stepped forward as he looked at the fallen Asura. Everyone here knew that Elpis was an existence that would not lose against Emperor Asvon or Gorfido. Asura truly did not have the qualifications to discuss the strong of this era. After all, Elpis and Gorfido have not yet vied for any position among them.

Meanwhile, Genie could only bite her lips.

‘Sorry.’

As she looked around her, Genie finally made the inevitable decision, “As His Majesty’s representative, I command you!”

“Yes, ma’am!”

“Yes, ma’am!”

The men of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom immediately heeded Genie’s orders.

“Retreat at your fastest speed!!!”

“Co, Conir doesn’t want to go... Conir wants to fight together!”

“I won’t go. Let’s...!”

“Grrrrrrr!”

“Graaaaaaaa!”

“Grooooooar!”

Plenty of them expressed their refusal to follow the order. However, Genie just pulled out a sword and pointed at them while saying, “Refusing to accept my orders is also the same as refusing His Majesty’s orders.”

“...”

“...”

“...”

Everyone could see how the sword in her hand trembled. None of them could deny that this order was made for the sake of everyone, and not for herself alone.

“The advance party will follow Kimaris and retreat quickly. Elpis and Gorfido must retreat once the advance party has retreated. Do you understand?!”

“...Under...stood...”

“We will do so.”

Genie’s decision was the most rational choice. They had to leave Elpis and Gorfido while their advance party retreated to stall for time. Also...

“Players, stay with me.”

“We have received your orders!!!”

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As if they have been waiting for Genie’s orders, the guild members of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom shouted with firm resolve. Unlike the NPCS, they had unlimited lives. That was why they would fight. They would fight here until the very end.

Meanwhile, Genie was also giving commands in their guild chat.

The orders that Genie gave them were very gruesome and harrowing. She had ordered her members to protect the NPCS at the cost of their own lives. Even so, they were all very willing to follow her orders.

Then, four people, Elpis, Gorfido, Ellie, and Asvon, immediately stepped forward. The guild members naturally took charge of the support troops behind them.

“Interesting.”

A voice rang from Asura’s separated head as it rolled back to his body and stitched itself back up.

Crack, crack, crack—

The strange sound of bones cracking and twisting rang loudly before Asura slowly stood up. His eyes flashed red.

“I haven’t said that anyone could leave here alive.”

Asura slashed his greatsword towards the retreating troops of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom.

Baaaaaaaang—

The red sword light flew so fiercely and strongly that it even dug the ground that it passed through.

Flaaaash—

Ellie moved swiftly as she cut down the sword light. With another step, she was already in front of Asura. That was how great a figure Sword Emperor and Continental Emperor Ellie was.

However, one strike from Asura’s greatsword and three attacks hit Ellie.

Clang, clang— clang—!

Surprisingly enough, Asura’s crude and rough strike was blocked by a single sword strike.

Claaaaaaaaaaaaaang—!

In fact, Ellie was even pressuring him.

[Overlord’s Swordsmanship Chapter 2. Lion’s Stretch.]

Ellie raised her sword.

Baaaaaaaang—

But Asura’s greatsword was still one step faster than her. Before Ellie could finish triggering her skill, Asura had already struck her raised sword and nullified it, which he immediately followed with a strike of his own.

Clatter, clatter, clatter—

Gorfido’s chains immediately stretched out and bound Asura’s wrists.

“This kind of trick...” Asura said in shock after realizing that his wrists could not break away from the chains that bound it.

With that gap, Ellie triggered another skill.

“Sword of Annihilation.”

More than a thousand eight-meter-long blades flew out from Ellie’s sword, releasing a sharp momentum that aimed to devour Asura. Then...

Fwoosh, fwoosh, fwoosh, fwoosh, fwoosh—

...the thousands of blades slashed Asura's bodies, riddling it with wounds.

Piiiiing—

Ping—

Ping—

Red blood dripped down Asura's body, dying it in a deeper shade of red. However, Asura was cackling, "Keuhahahaha! Interesting! This is fun!!!"

The cackling Asura, with his body covered in slashes, looked horrifyingly grotesque. However, the red blood that dripped down his injuries suddenly turned into red beads that got sucked back inside his body.

[Asura has triggered Absorption.]

[Asura's HP has been restored to 100%.]

[Asura has become 2% more powerful.]

"...?!"

Ellie was left dumbfounded. The more they attacked Asura, the stronger he became!

"What kind of dog shit...?!"

Ellie's face turned ugly.

"Scattering Blood."

A vortex made of blood suddenly formed around Asura. This blood vortex released him from Gorfido's chain and blocked Elpis and Asvon's approach, who were trying to sneak in from behind him. Then, Asura immediately flew to the skies as he looked around and said, "None of you will leave this place alive."

Vwoooooooooooooooooong—

Just like when Crazy Tyrant Akhan summoned Asura, the gigantic Gates of Hell once again appeared in the skies.

But the one that summoned this Gates of Hell was none other than Asura himself. When the gates opened, hundreds, no, thousands of warriors covered in flames appeared. Each and every single one of them held spears, axes, swords and many other weapons.

[The Hell Warriors from the Gates of Hell that Asura has summoned have awakened to this world!]

[Hell Warrior. Level 596.]

The number of Hell Warriors that surpassed the level of any decent knight in the continent reached 4,000. Their levels were almost at 600 and they were also riding on top of gigantic black horses.

"Kill them."

"Hihihihihing!"

The black horses neighed loudly as they stomped on the skies and chased the fleeing Beyond the Heavens troops. Asura snorted when he saw the people on the ground look at him in fear and terror. But he was not yet done.

Fwoooooooooooooosh—

“Blood Carnival.”

Shwaaaaaaaaaaaaa—

The blood that dyed the ground red suddenly floated in the skies as shocking notifications rang in the ears of everyone present.

[Asura’s Blood Carnival has been triggered!]

[Asura’s Blood Carnival covers a 200 meter radius and will inflict 3,200% additional damage.]

[If you get directly hit by Asura’s Blood Carnival, your HP will fall by 2% per second. Only a high-ranking priest’s blessing magic can cancel this condition.]

“Heok?!”

“A, a 200 meter radius?!”

The knights of Eivelis and Collodis Empires realized that they would be wiped out in this place without even fighting a proper battle. Even the retreating Beyond the Heavens Kingdom’s troops were shocked. They have never heard or seen any skill that covered a 200 meter radius in their entire lives.

Tens of thousands of blood drops spread in the skies.

Baaaaaaaang—

Baaaaaaaang—

“I can’t break it...”

“Damn it!”

The four people below Asura tried their best but failed to break the bloody shield that was created around them. It seemed like Asura intended to deal with them after killing all of the people present in this place with his Blood Carnival.

As for AOE magic skills like this, they could only be canceled or stopped if a tremendous amount of physical damage had been dealt to the user. However, it seemed like Asura already knew about it so he prepared the shield in advance. Everyone was shocked stiff at this realization.

“Uwaaaa...”

“W, we’ll die...”

Everyone trembled in fear. Only Ellie, Gorfido, Elpis, and Asvon would be spared from that terrible power. As for the injured, including Conir and Cerberus, they would not be spared. But then, at that moment...

Genie looked around in haste.

Then, Minhyuk answered.

“...?”

Just when Genie was doubting her eyes, a very surprising thing happened. Thousands of undead suddenly rained down from the skies. There were also two Death Knights wearing golden full plate armor and holding light swords, which seemed to illuminate everything in the world, in their hands dropped in front of the Hell Warriors and confronted them. Then...

“Graaaaaaaaaaaaaaack!”

Amidst the thousands of undead, a gigantic red dragon roared as one of the men riding on the dragon’s back jumped down. The man’s figure as he dived with the thousands of undead was very spectacular.

And the place where the man was aiming for with his sword? It was none other than the place where Asura was.

“Continent Destroyer.”

Chapter 514: God of Slaughter, Asura

Asgan Continent was facing an unprecedented disaster. More than half of the Korean population were playing or had played Athenae. Everyone was paying attention to the broadcast, even those that had quitted the game. The pedestrians also stopped in their tracks to look at their mobile phones. Even the speaker of a deaf old man’s smartphone was ringing loudly in the subway...

[Once Asura’s Blood Carnival falls to the ground, we can expect the deaths of the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom, the knights of Eivelis Empire, the 10,000 troops of Collodis Empire and even the masked knights that Crazy Tyrant Akhan brought.]

[This is an unprecedented disaster! Asgan Continent’s catastrophe! Is there anyone that can stop this?]

Everyone’s faces turned ugly at the voice that rang from the smartphone’s speaker. The people gathered in front of a large electronic display at the center of Seoul and watched with bated breath. Asura’s Blood Carnival was about to descend. They watched as people ran away to live and survive. Then...

[Keuhaaaaaaaaaack!]

A rough and hoarse roar echoed out from the electronic displays and their smartphones, drawing everyone’s attention. The scene of more than a thousand undead dropping from the skies together with a lone man was unbelievable.

“He’s here...”

“He’s finally here...”

“The protagonist finally appears at the end.”

The viewers’ tense faces finally started to loosen.

Minhyuk, who was falling swiftly from the skies, was aiming for Asura’s head with the tip of his sword.

“Die, you f*cking bastard!”

In the end, Minhyuk’s sword struck Asura, who was about to cast the Blood Carnival.

Fwoooooooooooooosh—

[Continent Destroyer]

[The moment the sword gets stabbed on the ground, everyone within a 35 meter radius will incur an additional 500% damage from powerful shockwaves.]

[Lava will rise five meters from the ground and cause an additional 1,600% damage to anyone that it touches and will continuously incur additional 100% damage.]

Actually, Minhyuk had never tried using the Continent Destroyer on an individual, so he was unsure as to what would happen. Not long after, a wave stretched out from Minhyuk’s sword and covered an area with a 35 meter radius.

Shwaaaaaaaaaaaaa—

“K, Keuhaaaaaaaaaack!!!”

For the first time, a scream broke out of Asura’s mouth. But the attack did not end there. Lava started to boil from within Asura’s body, his body swelling up until...

Crack, crack, crack, crack—

...it exploded into pieces and fell on the ground. Minhyuk looked up at the skies after watching Asura’s body turn into pieces.

“Kihyeeeeeeeeeeck!” Dragon Elder Velach cried out as he quickly descended and caught the falling Minhyuk, allowing him to ride on his back once again. The other man that rode on Velach’s back was none other than Death, the master of the Death Kingdom and the world’s greatest necromancer. One of the reasons why Minhyuk arrived late was because he went to pick up Death, who had expressed his willingness to join Minhyuk to join in this battle. Death was a top-ranker that surpassed Minhyuk when it came to a large-scale battle.

“It’s my turn now.”

Flaaaaaash—

Death handed Luna, the hatchling, over to Minhyuk and jumped down.

“Huuuuuuuh?”

Just when everyone was looking up at them in concern and doubt...

“Kihyeeeeeeeeeeck!”

...a gigantic Bone Dragon appeared in the skies and carried Death higher.

“Kihyaaaaaaaaaaaaack!”

“Kihyeeeeeeeeee!”

Thousands of undead fell down on the Hell Warriors, controlling their movements and attacking their bodies.

Clack, clack, clack—

Without missing a beat, the Death Knights cut down the Hell Warriors. Death, who rose above with the Bone Dragon, also joined the fray. After seeing the Hell Warriors remain, Minhyuk realized, *‘It’s not over yet.’*

Minhyuk knew that they needed another method. They needed strong allies that would not be pushed back by Asura.

‘...The dragons?’

Yes, that was right. There were dragons. They were standing in the rear and watching the situation. If the dragons joined the fray and allied with them, they might have a good chance of winning against Asura. Also...

‘Should I try feeding them?’

The dragons’ power has been reduced by 30% as a penalty for crossing to another continent. As for Minhyuk?

‘I have the trailer.’

Minhyuk had the trailer. The only problem was that he had never used it in a battle like this. And the conclusion that he came up with...

‘I have to get the dragons on our side.’

With that thought in mind, Minhyuk glanced at the pieces of Asura’s body that were already slowly gathering together.

“Velach.”

“Speak.”

“I wish to fight alongside the dragons against Asura.”

“That would be a bit difficult,” Velach said worriedly. He might be a dragon elder, but he did not have any authority to control these dragons. On top of that, the dragons were still under the misconception that Minhyuk was the ‘dragon egg thief’. Of course, that was half the truth.

Velach had only joined Minhyuk due to a very special circumstance. It was because he witnessed how Ghost Spear Ben and Minhyuk fought and questioned himself dozens of times if they were truly people that wanted to walk the path to destruction. Simply put, these two people had moved Velach's heart. But the other dragons? They were completely unaware of their virtues and attitudes.

In just an instant, the other dragons had already gathered around Velach.

Team Leader Park Minggyu was finally able to return to the Special Players Management Team. He returned only to see Employee Lee Minhwa gulp dryly while watching Minhyuk on the monitor deal with this pressing situation. As she watched the dragons flock around Minhyuk, Minhwa remembered something and hastily turned to look at Minggyu and asked, "Team Leader, what rewards will they get if, by any chance, they sealed Demigod Asura?"

This was a thought that one could only wonder about. After all, no one had ever hunted an existence like that of a demigod.

"A reward with an astronomical value."

"..."

Lee Minhwa pouted at the vague response. Regardless of the bland response, Team Leader Park Minggyu stared at the monitor for a very long time.

'Can he do it?'

Minggyu wondered what Player Minhyuk was thinking, but they had no way of knowing. He also wondered if the dire situation would change with the addition of Minhyuk. Basically, it was right to think that Minhyuk was almost on par with Ellie. Of course, if they combined Minhyuk's excellent artifacts to his power, then he would be able to climb to Ellie's level of strength. Even with that power, it might still be tough for them to deal with Asura. But...

'He's a player that has made the impossible possible.'

Perhaps it was possible. As that thought crossed Minggyu's mind, he turned to look back at Lee Minhwa and said, "Actually, I'm not too sure about the rewards that Demigod Asura will give. However, we can actually reference it with the regular rewards that would come out when someone hunts a demigod."

Lee Minhwa perked her ears up and listened attentively.

"First. The player can choose the reward that they want the most."

"Ah..." An odd smile hung at the corners of Lee Minhwa's lips as she continued, "...if Player Minhyuk succeeds then he will be able to choose what he wants the most and eat the most delicious food?"

"That's right."

Team Leader Park turned to look at the monitor and said, "And perhaps..."

He looked at the monitor and watched Minhyuk start a conversation with the dragons.

“...perhaps he would be able to get something that could bring him closer to becoming a true god.”

“Elder Velach, why are you with this guy?”

“Are you crazy?! Why did you help him?!”

The dragons were furious. Velach was the one that led them here, so, they could not understand why he was with the man that stole the lord’s egg. One of the elders moved to attack him.

“There are some things that you need to know. First, they did not steal the egg. They just saw the Lord’s egg in front of their territory.”

“That’s ridiculous...”

“Do you think we’ll believe something like that?!”

The story was so ridiculous that no one would ever believe it. In fact, even Minhyuk would have said, *‘Hiyaaa~ Ah. You’re talking nonsense. Who would believe you if you said that you have picked chicken on the road?!’* if he heard it too. Besides, it was true that it was just something that Minhyuk made up.

However, there was a way to add credibility to his words.

“If you look at the Lord then you will also be forced to swallow those words.”

The dragons checked Luna’s status window right away and saw that she was not going on the path of destruction.

‘No, this is something that’s completely unbelievable.’

‘This is ridiculous! Did someone really bring the egg to their territory?’

‘Something that’s beyond common sense can really happen like that?’

There was no other choice but to maintain their suspicions.

“We still can’t believe this.”

“Can we even believe something like this when you just simply told us like that?”

“Velach, are you telling us that Akhan planned all of this?”

Minhyuk, who was watching everything unfold, smiled widely as a trick came to mind, *‘Oho? I see. There’s that method too.’*

Minhyuk thought of a way to make Akhan eat some big shit. If things went swimmingly just like he predicted, Akhan would be stepping in soon.

“Dragon Elder Velach, did you also eat the Food God’s food? It seems like you got brainwashed by him?”

Just like Minhyuk had expected, Akhan stepped in and turned Minhyuk into someone that could brainwash others with his food.

‘He’s truly meticulous.’

Then, Akhan said, “The Food God’s dishes can bewitch others. He has manipulated Velach with his dishes. Besides, Luna’s status window can be hidden with some vile arts. What he’s saying is completely ridiculous, no? I stole the dragon egg and planned all of this to happen? Ridiculous.”

“Nonsense! You’re trying to make me sound like someone that can be driven crazy with just food?!!!” Velach roared furiously. Even though Velach’s condition was perfectly normal, he was turned into a crazy dragon that had been bewitched by food. These statements had brought confusion to the dragons.

Then, Minhyuk suddenly turned to look at Luna, “Oh? It seems like Luna has something to say? How about we listen to her?”

Akhan and the sixteen dragons that surrounded Minhyuk focused their gazes at Luna’s mouth and waited.

Before Minhyuk logged out to ride on their private plane to go to America, Beanie had barged in Minhyuk’s office and dragged him out.

“Oiiiink! Oink!”

Quickly, listen to this! Oink!

Beanie looked at Minhyuk in excitement as he continued to drag him to where Luna was. Then, Beanie pointed at himself and asked Luna.

“Oiiiink! Oink, oink! Oink!!!”

Who am I? Oink!

“Kkiyeeee? Da... Kiii... da.”

“Oiiiiiiiiiiink!”

Beanie grinned, hugging Luna tightly. Even Minhyuk was looking at the two of them happily.

“She just said Daddy, right?”

“Oink!!!”

As you can see, Oink!

Beanie smiled happily. He looked like Luna had given him the world. A fatherly smile unknowingly bloomed on Minhyuk's face when he saw how happy Beanie was. At the same time, he also felt a bit disappointed. After all, Minhyuk was the one that was designated as Luna's father.

"What about me? Luna, what about me?"

"Da... kkiiii..."

"Ahahahaha! That's right, Luna. I'm your daddy!!!" Minhyuk said, hugging Luna happily.

"Oiiiink! Oink!!!"

I'm daddy! Oink!

Beanie placed his paws on his hips and looked at Minhyuk grumpily. Not long after, Elpis arrived.

"How about that guy?"

"Da... da."

"..."

Then, Minhyuk pointed at Locke.

"How about that one?"

"..."

Strangely enough, Luna did not say anything when he pointed at Locke. But when Genie came...

"Da... da."

That was right. Luna was practically calling everyone her daddy. It was completely ridiculous but back then, Minhyuk just smiled happily and enjoyed the situation. He did not expect that Luna's words would become a great help to them later.

The more than sixteen dragons, who were conflicted between Velach and Akhan's words, turned to look at Luna, focusing on her mouth and the words that she was about to say. Then, Minhyuk whispered to her, "Luna, who's that guy over there?"

The one that he pointed at with his chin was none other than Akhan.

Luna opened her mouth and said, "Kkiiiiii... Da... da..."

Every dragon had been focused intently on her words, some even gulping dryly in tension. And finally...

"Daddy!!!"

At that moment, all of the dragons turned to look at Akhan, their expressions slowly twisting into that of anger and fury. If anyone saw Akhan behind his skull mask, they would have seen cold sweat drip down his forehead.

“F*ck.”

Chapter 515: God of Slaughter, Asura

The dragons, who were led here by Akhan with a made-up story, became confused after hearing Elder Velach’s statement and seeing Luna’s status window. They grew more confused after Akhan claimed that the Food God used his dishes to bewitch Dragon Elder Velach.

But the words that Luna said to Akhan in this confusing situation...

“Daddy!!!”

“...”

...made Akhan speechless. Akhan immediately knew that he had to find a hole to crawl into and get through this situation safely, but he could not see the light anywhere.

All of the dragons looked at Akhan furiously. This situation made it clear to the dragons that what Elder Velach and Minhyuk said about Akhan stealing the dragon egg and bringing it to the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom seemed to be the truth. The huge shame and stain on their dignity was that the dragons actually sided with their enemy and confronted Velach and Minhyuk, because Akhan instigated them to do so.

“How dare you! You bastard!!!”

“You dare fool us?!”

“I won’t let you go!!!”

To be honest, even while Velach stood on Minhyuk’s side, he was still harboring a bit of doubt. However, Luna’s words made him realize everything clearly. Akhan was truly the culprit behind all of this.

“F*ck...”

“Bring judgment to the bastard that dared to trick us, dragons!!!” Dragon Elder Velach roared as the more than sixteen dragons bombarded Akhan with their magical attacks.

Shwaaaaaaaaa—

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang—

No matter how much of a genius Akhan was, no talent or smarts could allow him to withstand the onslaught of attacks sent by more than sixteen dragons.

‘Damn that Food God bastard... you botched my plans?’

Akhan’s face turned ugly as his HP rapidly decreased from the dragons’ bombardment. However, his death did not have anything to do with Asura. They were completely irrelevant. Even if he died, they still had to deal with Asura.

Just when Akhan was about to die, an arm suddenly appeared from the gaps of the dragons' bombardment and dragged him by the collar.

Graaaaab—

“...You f*cking bastard.”

The hand belonged to none other than Food God Minhyuk.

Food God Minhyuk was one of the best players in Athenae. He was the strongest player that led Korea's victory in the Athenae:World War, and was the first player to build a kingdom, the Beyond the Heavens Kingdom.

But Akhan believed that he was just that. In fact, that thought had not changed at all, until now. This very same Food God had grabbed Akhan by the collar and said, “You think it's over?”, his face horribly distorted from rage.

Baaaaaaaang—

Minhyuk punched Akhan on the face so hard that it swung to the other side.

“Ugh!”

“Whether it's ten times, a hundred times, a thousand times, or ten thousand times...” Minhyuk said, his voice a degree lower. He was furious. This man in front of him was the one that tried to kill the people that he cherished and loved, and also tore Ben apart from him.

‘No matter what, no matter when...’

Crack—

“I will chase you until the end of the world and hunt you.”

Akhan felt a chill run down his spine.

Baaaaaaaang—

[Chaotic player.]?

[No penalty will be incurred when PKed.]

[Akhan is a vicious player criminal that resorted to PKing, tricking dragons, and opening the Gates of Hell.]

[Plenty of Asgan Continent's citizens have died in his hands.]

[There's a very high probability of Akhan dropping his artifacts.]

[Akhan was forced to log out while still borrowing the powers of the God of Death. He will receive a higher penalty.]

Then, at that moment...

Shwaaaaa—

...the disappearing Akhan cackled, “Ten times? A hundred times? Let's see you try.”

What could a player even do against him? It was extremely funny. But then, a huge number of valuable artifacts started to fall from Akhan's disappearing body. Among these artifacts was a white staff.

"This! Dam...!"

Before Akhan could finish his words, his body completely disappeared. Minhyuk quickly snatched the white staff that fell down from Akhan. The staff was shining brightly with a white light. This artifact was the God-rank artifact that helped Akhan do this much chaos. When Minhyuk checked the God of Death's Staff, he saw that it was currently 'sealed'. Akhan used some unconventional means to remove the condition that the staff would disappear from the world once the power of the staff had been used. Because of that, the staff had been 'sealed' for three months and would only be used after the time was up.

"Moron," Minhyuk laughed at the place where Akhan disappeared. However, he could not enjoy the joy of gaining victory over this crazy man. This was because Asura was already taking shape once again.

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang!

Huge explosions bloomed and swept the surrounding area. It was as if it was announcing the true descent of Asura. And the dragons? They were also afraid of Asura's existence. One of the dragons even said, "Velach, aren't we done here since we have removed Akhan, the main culprit?"

"That's right."

"Besides, the Lord is also not corrupted and has not walked the path of destruction. Our work here is done, right?"

The viewers were all taken aback after hearing their conversation.

[Those rascals. Are they washing their hands now since they're done wreaking havoc?]

[Bullshit. So dragons can be this cowardly, huh?]

[Wow. They're completely ridiculous.]

However, it was not just the viewers that thought about how cowardly the dragons were being in this situation. It was not just them, but also one other person.

"You guys are full of bull," Minhyuk said as he looked at the dragons floating in the sky coldly. Velach and the rest of the dragons' expressions turned ugly.

"Impudent. We helped you but a human king dared to show us contempt?!"

"How dare you, human bastard!"

"It would be very easy and refreshing for us to rip you to shreds."

Minhyuk's expression turned colder and more incredulous the more the dragons spoke.

"Even if I rip you guys to death, I would not feel refreshed. It was you, the dragons, who trusted and believed in Akhan's words, raided Asgan Continent and brought

chaos to us. And it was me, not you, who found out that Akhan was the true culprit. Take a good look around you. The blood of the innocent is flowing around you and dyeing the ground red. And it's all because of you. But you all just want to leave like that?" Minhyuk sneered.

The dragons could only keep their mouths shut at Minhyuk's words. They had nothing to refute him with. It was the truth. They, the dragons, the greatest existence on earth, wanted to run away and leave everything to the humans, when it was them that brought this problem to them.

"Don't you think that you're all shameless?"

"What?! What do you want us to do?" Velach asked. Their power had been reduced by 30%. Even if they joined in this war, it would still be difficult to deal with Asura. In fact, there was a high chance that they would be wiped out.

Minhyuk's cold and frosty eyes passed by all of the dragons. Everyone, including the viewers, commentators and the entire world, focused on Minhyuk. Some of the dragons gulped dryly as they waited for his words.

"We'll try after eating."

"...?"

"...?"

"...?"

"...?"

"What?"

The dragons were all left speechless. They should do what after trying what? All of them were plunged into a state of panic. They wanted to ignore Minhyuk. Gaining strength and power to rival that of their enemy was not some easy matter.

'What did he mean by trying it after eating? What kind of bullshit is that?'

"We're already in this situation but you still think of playing jokes on us?"

"I'm not joking. I'm sure you have heard about the Food God. There's a high chance that I can restore your power, perhaps even make you stronger."

The dragons murmured to each other. They were also aware of the Food God's existence and what kind of a god he was. Minhyuk looked at the confused dragons, the greatest beings on earth, and decided to go for the nail in the coffin that would help them make a decision.

"You can flee from this place and be known as the worst and most cowardly dragons in history."

Minhyuk turned to look at Asura.

"Or you can follow me and fight against Asura."

The cold glint in Minhyuk's eyes pierced through the dragons. Even though Minhyuk was speaking rudely and coldly, the dragons could not refute him. All of the dragons turned to Dragon Elder Velach. The only reason why Minhyuk said these impudent and brazen words was so the dragons would not be able to pull themselves away from this mess. If the dragons chose to retreat after Minhyuk stated these words then they would definitely be branded as the most pathetic, cowardly, and weak dragons in existence.

"Is it really possible?"

"It's possible," Minhyuk said in full confidence, his words firm, his tone convincing.

After hearing those words, Velach realized that the ball was in their court. They were now the ones that had to make their choice. Velach looked at the other dragons and pondered for quite a while before finally making a decision, "From this moment on, we will follow the command of that human king and fight Asura."

"We understand."

"Alright."

The dragons did not delay their answers since they had made the decision, they would follow through and listen to the human's commands. At the same time, Minhyuk discussed things with Ali.

"Yeah, that can be done."

After talking with Ali, Minhyuk turned to the dragons and gave them his orders, "Dragons, listen!"

The dragons listened intently to Minhyuk's orders. The entire world watched as the dragons, the greatest existence on earth, perked their ears up to listen to the orders of a human and follow his commands.

"Polymorph into the figure of a human. Another thing, immediately form a defensive circle that Asura cannot come out of!"

Minhyuk had heard from Ali that it was possible to create a gigantic shield that could tie Asura down if he had the help of more than ten dragons. The dragons immediately polymorphed and took the form of humans. The polymorphed dragons then created shields of red, blue, silver and many more, until a huge shield that surrounded Asura.

Asura, who was on the verge of completing his figure, finally opened his eyes.

Blink—

"Do you think these measly things can stop me?"

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang—

Asura's arms moved, slamming the shield six times in a row. However, what Minhyuk did next surprised everyone. He stood in front of Asura from within the barrier. On the other hand, the dragons kept on receiving alarming notifications one after the other.

[The shield's durability is rapidly decreasing.]

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They could not help but be appalled. This was because their shields, the shields created by the magic's rulers and kings, were losing rapidly and pitifully. Minhyuk, who stood in front of the colorful shield, turned to the dragons and asked, "How long can this shield last?"

"Around an hour and a half."

Minhyuk nodded at Velach's answer as he took out the small trailer from his inventory and threw it right in front of the shield.

Thump, thump, thump, thump, thump—

Accompanied by loud thumps and clacks, the small trailer that looked like a teeny tiny toy suddenly grew in size. This was the Food God's artifact created for the Food God himself using the Eternal Flames and Great Demon Verus' All Creation Production Book. The Cooking Trailer finally made its appearance.

?Your cooking time will be reduced by 60%.

?Your cooking time for bulk dishes will be reduced by 70%.

?The flavor of the dish will be preserved in bulk dishes. No deterioration will occur.

?Automatic cooking function.

?With the stronger firepower, stir-fried dishes will have a 10% increase in buff effects.

?Dishes cooked in the trailer would have a 30% increase in buff effects and a 40% duration reduction.

?The trailer can detect any danger in the vicinity. The higher the level of danger detected, the higher the chances of creating a higher-grade dish that can help you overcome the approaching crisis.

?Attacks and damage will be nullified while you are cooking. However, it is only effective for an hour.

?Active Skill: Double Food

The trailer had already made its first appearance during Minhyuk's quest to make a building in honor of a king. However, the entire world was still confused.

[The trailer's power is definitely outstanding. But can Player Minhyuk truly find a way to overcome this dire situation that they are in in just two hours?]

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[Feeding the dragons his buffed dishes is a very ingenious plan. However, dealing with Asura with the strength that they would gain from it? Still questionable.]

However, there was one thing that the world did not know. These were the words that were clearly written in the trailer's description: *'The trailer can detect any danger in the vicinity. The higher the*

level of danger detected, the higher the chances of creating a higher-grade dish that can help you overcome the approaching crisis.’?This was the moment when the trailer could show its strongest abilities. That was why Minhyuk moved near the shield.

“Hey,” Minhyuk called out as he placed his hand on the shield and peered at Asura. Then, at that moment...

Shwaaaaaaaaaaaa—

Huge flames rose from the two vents attached to the trailer. This was the Eternal Flames, a flame that was stronger and more beautiful than any other flames in existence.

Beeeeeeeeeeep—

Sizzleeeeeeee—

Like a rice cooker that had finished cooking, the trailer turned red, shaking roughly as white steam constantly spewed out from the chimney above it.

[The trailer has detected danger. The probability of creating higher-grade dishes has increased!]

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[The trailer has detected danger. The probability of creating higher-grade dishes has increased...!]

[The trailer’s abilities and functions have reached MAX!!!]

Minhyuk smirked as he looked at Asura.

“...It’s showtime.”

Chapter 516: God of Slaughter, Asura

White smoke puffed out from the chimney of the now-red cooking trailer. After smirking at Asura, Minhyuk turned around and asked himself, *‘Should I use the Create a Recipe skill for the dragons?’*

Dragons were completely different from humans. This meant that their preference for food would also be completely different. Since they were known to be the greatest and most noble race, they were definitely bound to be picky with their food.

As an experiment, Minhyuk used his Create a Recipe skill on Velach.

‘Grilled ogre tendon? What the...’

Minhyuk’s face crumpled after seeing just how different the taste of the dragons were.

‘Do I really have to grill an ogre’s tendon?’

Cooking the dish recommended by the Create a Recipe skill would usually give a higher grade dish and give stronger effects for the being that the dish was made for. However, grilling ogre tendon was something that Minhyuk absolutely refused to do.

‘At times like this, it’s better to check with the person himself.’

Minhyuk turned to look at the polymorphed Velach, who had turned into a middle-aged man with long red hair, and asked, “Have you ever tried human cuisine?”

“We don’t eat human food.”

“Why?”

“Do you think we dragons will stoop so low and eat the dishes created by measly humans?”

‘But eating an ogre’s tendon as a meal is way weirder..’ was what Minhyuk wanted to say. However, he just shook his head and swallowed the words down. What each of the races wanted to eat was shaped by their long traditions. At the same time, It was not correct for someone to deny something outright without even trying it.

“Then, try some of the human’s food this time. Just this once.”

The Gourmet Dragon enjoyed eating the humans’ food. This meant that the dragons denied eating it because they had not tasted it yet.

“...There’s no helping it, then.”

Some of the dragons looked very reluctant. However, they knew that they did not have the leisure to argue about this matter.

“I can tell that you prefer grilled meat, why is that the case?”

“It’s easy to make.”

“...”

What an easy and relaxed answer. Humans had three major desires—sexual desire, desire for sleep, desire for food. That was why humans tended to search for more delicious food, food that they would be in awe of and savor in their memories, even if they had to spend quite a lot of money on it.

But the dragons were different from them. For them, cooking was a disgrace. That was why they usually made do with dishes that were fast and easy to make, most of the time opting for the raw option.

Minhyuk nodded and thought, *‘They enjoy grilled or stir-fried dishes. If that’s the case, I should present them with a different type of dish. A dish that everyone in the world will surely love.’*

Minhyuk smiled as he looked at the trailer.

‘Fried food.’

This was definitely enough for the dragons that had only tasted a single kind of dish every single day of their lives. On top of that, fried food was something that was easy to eat and could make them experience a new texture and flavor.

‘Fried food tastes good. Even if you fry shoes, it will still taste good.’

Minhyuk grinned as he narrowed his options down. There was a fried dish that everyone liked.

‘Chicken.’

In fact, there was this ‘wise saying’ about chicken, ‘*Life is divided before and after knowing chicken.*’? It might be a joke, but Minhyuk completely agreed with such a remark.

‘Dad has always told me that I shouted ‘Eureka!’ when I had my first taste of chicken at five years old.’

Chicken was a very delicious dish that was easy to eat, cheap, and enjoyed by everyone, whether they were rich or poor. With the decision made, Minhyuk finally walked to his trailer.

“Can I go in with you?”

“Sure, go ahead,” Minhyuk nodded at Velach’s question. Dragons were curious by nature, they were a race that loved to explore new things, hence, plenty of them entered the trailer with Minhyuk.

‘Let’s make a variety of chicken.’

Cooking chicken did not necessarily mean that it would just be chicken. It was the same chicken meat, but depending on the brand, it would have different textures and flavors. Just when Minhyuk was about to start cooking...

Ring!

Rank

: SSS

‘Good.’

If the satisfaction level was low, then Minhyuk would be put in a situation where he had to be cautious around the dragons. However, he was very confident.

Minhyuk first took out a bunch of chicken that he had marinated in milk.

When making this type of fried chicken, it was supposed to be marinated in milk for around thirty minutes. But Minhyuk was a true and honest foodie; he was the Food God after all. He always

carried with him some perfectly marinated chicken. Then, Minhyuk prepared the batter before coating the marinated chicken.

As he moved around busily, the temperature of the frying pan began to heat up. Right now, the trailer had reached its MAX capabilities after perceiving the dangers outside.

‘The most delicious chicken and the greatest buff effect.’

This was the perfect combination. Minhyuk stepped in front of the well-heated frying pan with the bowl of batter-coated chicken in hand as he slowly placed a chicken leg inside. Then...

Sizzle, sizzle, sizzle—

‘Aaaah! What a nice and wonderful sound!’

The dragons perked their ears up to listen to this new and amazing sound. The chicken danced around in the boiling oil as the frying batter floated around. That was when Minhyuk started putting in all of the chicken.

Sizzle, sizzle, sizzle—

Despite the wonderful appearance and spectacular sounds, the dragons still shook their heads.

“Do humans waste their time eating something like this?”

“This is ridiculous. Living like this must definitely be uncomfortable.”

In fact, the dragons were only forced to accept it since it was Minhyuk’s words. They actually did not want to eat these measly humans’ food. Not long after, the trailer’s ‘automatic cooking function’ was activated, making countless well-fried dishes one after the other.

Taak—! Taak—!

The pieces of chicken automatically rose in the air, shaking off the golden oil before landing gently on a plate with their still sizzling skin.

Gulp—

‘...Why am I gulping?’

Velach felt something that he had never felt in his life before. His mouth watered, and he was forced to gulp down his saliva. On top of that...

‘This smell...?’

The scent that wafted at Velach’s nose was quite addictive. Even the other dragons were savoring the smell unknowingly. Minhyuk sprinkled some chicken seasoning sauce over the well-fried chicken as the trailer’s automatic cooking function worked once again to mix everything evenly.

“What a beautiful color.”

“Hoo. That looks fantastic.”

The way the well-fried chicken turned from golden brown to red was a very unfamiliar concept to the dragons. But that was not the end. Minhyuk also made some garlic chicken by tossing some of

the garlic seasoning that he made before together with the chicken in the frying pan. He also made some Kyojachon Chicken's soy chicken and red chicken combo.

The dragons watched the process of making chicken with rapt attention. Once everything was finished, Minhyuk could not help but shout in shock after listening to the notifications.

“That’s crazy...!”

His gaze then wandered around the trailer as he looked at the buffed dishes created with the trailer that had reached the MAX level after sensing the danger outside. After plating everything, Minhyuk placed the chicken in front of the dragons. He also did not forget to place cans of cold beer in front of them.

“Have a taste,” Minhyuk said, voice filled with confidence.

Silver Dragon Anarchon had been quite unusual since he was young. His curiosity far surpassed any dragons of his age and his mind was very open and willing to learn.

Unlike the other dragons, Anarchon had once tasted human food. He only ate some out of sheer curiosity. It was a dish that was sold in the street market. If he recalled it correctly, the name was sandwich. Anarchon's assessment after eating the sandwich was...

‘It tastes gross and rotten...!’

The cheese smelled bad, the ham was tough, and the vegetables were not fresh. The sauce was a little edible but since the ingredients used were nasty, the overall taste was trash. Ever since then, Anarchon distanced himself from human food, not knowing that the sandwich that he ate from the market was a few days old already.

“Human food is trash.”

Anarchon could not help but frown at the food called chicken that was placed in front of him. Even the other dragons looked a bit reluctant once the food was served to them. Then, the person in front of them began to demonstrate. He held a huge chicken leg and took a big bite out of it...

Crunch, crunch—

“...?!”

The sound of the man biting on the leg was very shocking. How could it make a crunching sound when the man bit on it? It was completely different from the sound that they knew of.

Shouldn't it sound like ‘chew, chew—’ not ‘crunch, crunch—’?

Also, the man's mouth was stained with oil the more he bit on the chicken. However, the man did not stop there. This time, he dipped the huge chicken leg on some salt and...

Crunch, crunch— Crunch, crunch—

“Kgghk~ Fried chicken always tastes soooo good!”

The man then placed the entire chicken leg in his mouth. By the time he pulled it out, only the bones were left. It was quite a marvelous stunt. Anarchon looked down at the chicken in front of him. The chicken placed in front of him was none other than Seasoned Chicken.

“Hmm...”

Anarchon’s appetite was instantly stimulated. He hated human food because of the memories of the experience when he ate that sandwich a long time ago. Yet, the human in front of him was eating happily in front of him.

‘This is so we can hunt Asura...’

They had to eat this so they could survive.

‘I don’t like it when it’s sticky.’

Anarchon immediately frowned at the hot and sticky feeling when he grabbed the seasoned chicken with his fingers. Then, he took a bite of the chicken leg just like how the man did it.

Crunch, crunch—

The sound transmitted from his mouth to ears was art in and of itself. Behind that spectacular sound was the juicy meat, the crispy skin, and the sweet, spicy flavor dancing together in harmony.

“This, this... what’s this...?” Anarchon muttered, eyes wide open as he took another bite.

Minhyuk-llujah~ Minhyuk-llujah~ Minhyuk-llujah~ Minhyuk-llujaaaaaaaah!

A heavenly harmony rang in Anarchon’s ears! All of a sudden, there seemed to be a halo shining behind Minhyuk. In fact, Anarchon felt like he heard the man’s voice in his ears too.

‘Have you finally received my food?’

Anarchon hurriedly stuffed another seasoned chicken in his mouth before turning to the fried chicken.

Crunch, crunch—

The fried chicken had a milder flavor and crispier texture compared to the seasoned chicken. And just like what Minhyuk did, Anarchon also dipped it in salt before taking a bite. His eyes unknowingly closed as he savored the flavor in awe and amazement.

Then, the man in front of them moved once again. He opened the cold can of beer with one of his hands.

Fwiiiish—

The man hurriedly brought the can to his mouth the moment the foam rose from the can.

“Sluuuuuurp.?Can’t go missing a single drop of this.”

After slurping the foam, the man began to gulp down the contents of the can. Anarchon copied the man, reaching out for the cold can of beer as he thought about the dish called chicken.

‘It’s delicious, but the oil and greasy flavor that stays in the mouth is not so nice. If only this greasy flavor can be washed away...’

As he made his assessment, Anarchon opened the can of beer in his hands.

Fwiiish—

The sound was as fantastic as the sound made when biting chicken. Anarchon lifted the can to his mouth as he gulped the contents.

Gulp, gulp—

“...?!”

Blink—

Anarchon’s eyes widened. The mysterious human drink actually washed away the greasy flavor in his mouth, and even brought a pleasant tickle at the end of his throat. After inhaling half of the can, Anarchon unknowingly spat out a breath.

“Fwaa...!”

Anarchon sounded no different from a tired human that came home from a tiring work and opened a can of cold beer to relax. As he continued to eat, Anarchon turned to look at Elder Velach, who had finished his meal.

‘Elder must have already received his buff. But, why does his expression look a bit unusual?’

Elder Velach’s expression looked like it was not that good. After all, no matter how delicious the food was, they would not be able to win against Asura if the buff was not good. Based on what he looked like, Elder Velach must have already checked his buffs.

Dragon Elder Velach approached the human menacingly and said, “Can you give me some more of this food?”

When Minhyuk looked at Velach in doubt, the prideful and arrogant Velach said, “I’m begging you, just... just one more piece of chicken leg.”

Velach was about to sell his soul for chicken. But the problem was...

“Me too...”

“I’m, I’m sorry for losing my temper earlier. So... can you give me one more piece... please?”

“How about I pay 1,000 platinum per piece?”

...the other dragons were also acting the same way! And Anarchon? He finally finished his last piece of chicken, while the other dragons were busy asking for more. That was when the buff notifications rang in his head one after the other.

1. I’m guessing this is a reference to KyoChon Chicken, a franchise that sells chicken

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The dragons had completely recognized and acknowledged the taste of the human food that Minhyuk made for them. However, there was one thing that they still needed to confirm which was the most important aspect, the buff effect. Only if the buff effect was good would they have a chance of winning against Asura.

Then, the notifications rang for Anarchon.

[You have eaten Chicken.]

[The dish is Legendary Grade.]

[After detecting the danger, the Cooking Trailer has reached the MAX abilities. The dishes that it can create will have a higher grade and better buff effects.]

[Your Magical Attack will increase by 1.3x.]

[Your Magical Defense will increase by 1.8x.]

[Your Physical Attack will increase by 1.3x.]

[Your Physical Defense will increase by 1.8x.]

[Your MP Volume will increase by 1.8x]

[Your Magic Cooldown will decrease by 30%.]

[All of your stats will increase by 25%.]

[Your magic's tier will increase by another tier.]

[The buff effect will last for two days.]

“...?!”

Dragon Anarchon was stupefied.

‘Did it just say that my MP Volume will increase by 1.8x...?’

Dragons were known for their almost limitless mana. Although it was said to be near limitless, in actual fact, there was still a cap to the amount of mana that they could use. Just like human mages, they would need more mana to cast higher-tiered magic.

On top of that, using magic of a higher tier that went beyond their current realm would gnaw and devour a huge chunk out of their mana volume. But now, with the help of the buff effect, their mana volume had increased, reaching a higher level than the mana that they had before they crossed over to the Asgan Continent when their bodies were still not yet subjected to the penalty.

But the effects did not end there.

There was also the part where it said that their magical attack had increased by 1.3x and their magical defense by 1.8x. Even their stats had increased sharply, while their cooldown had decreased by 30%.

‘I’ve become stronger than before I got the penalty. But the most surprising part is...’

Anarchon, who was left reeling from the shock, could only gulp dryly as he looked around him. The most surprising part here was the fact that it was not only Anarchon that received the buff effects. Everyone here had received the same buff effects. Everyone, including...

“Minhyuk, your cooking is always superb.”

“Thanks, Noona.”

“It was delicious, Your Majesty.”

...the humans. The trailer was an artifact that helped Minhyuk make ‘bulk’ dishes taste similar to ‘single’ dishes. It could also take on the role of controlling and distributing the buff effects to the bulk dishes. Also, Minhyuk did not use Create a Recipe to make the dishes. He only made some chicken, a dish that anyone could eat and receive buff effects from.

To think that the dishes that he made actually gave them this much power.

‘The Food God’s power is truly shocking.’

At this moment, Anarchon and the rest of the dragons realized that the human king, the Food God, was an existence that they could not afford to treat recklessly. Along with that, a set of notifications rang in Minhyuk’s ears.

[The Dragons’ Average Satisfaction Rate has reached 98%.]

[You will be able to get treasures, gold, artifacts and a variety of other items from Dragon Anarchon’s lair.]

[...a variety of other items from Dragon Velach’s lair.]

[...a variety of other items from Dragon Yvrett’s lair.]

[You will be granted special rewards for exceeding 90% Satisfaction Rating!]

[You have gained +5 in all of your stats.]

[Your favor with Dragon Elder Velach has reached the highest level.]

[You have gained 200 REP.]

[You have gained +1 in all of your stats.]

[Your favor with Dragon Anarchon has reached the highest level.]

[You have gained 200 REP.]

[You have gained +1 in all of your stats.]

The notifications rang non-stop in Minhyuk’s ears.

Prince Votto curled up and hid like a rat. No one would believe him if he told others that he was the first prince of Lumae Kingdom, the Warrior’s Nation. In fact, right now, Prince Votto was wallowing in regret.

‘In the first place, Akhan had no intention of giving me any of the kingdoms...’

Votto had been so blinded by greed that he failed to recognize this fact. Because of his greed, the precious troops that the Lumae Kingdom had carefully raised and nurtured died. But even if he regretted it now, he could never undo his mistakes.

At that moment, a woman, who was wiping the oil from the corners of her mouth, walked towards him. Prince Votto, whose face was hidden behind a mask, felt his body freeze for a moment, before trembling immensely.

“Your father, Raldo, will definitely like it once he finds out about this.”

Sword Emperor Ellie liked to compete in the way of the sword with Overlord Raldo. However, this and that were two completely different things.

“I want to slit that throat of yours so badly, you bastard. But I’m holding it in. After all, I shouldn’t be the one to have the honor, but the king of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom.”

Prince Votto felt fear hearing Ellie’s words but he also could not stop the scoff that came out of his mouth, “...*Ha*.?What can you even do in this situation? Everyone in this place will eventually die. Empire’s ruler, how can you leisurely eat when everything is a mess?”

Votto actually found what the Beyond the Heavens’ King did after taking control of Asura for a while to be ridiculous. After all, what he did was to just feed the dragons. That was completely ridiculous. Of course, Prince Votto was aware of the effects of buffed dishes. Even if they could get buff effects from these dishes, their opponent was not something that they could easily deal with.

Not long after, Ellie, who looked at Beyond the Heavens’ King Minhyuk, snorted at him, “You have no right to make a judgment on this matter. This is not something that you can judge.”

Crack, crack, crack, crack—

The shield that surrounded Asura began to crack. The dragons, who have finished their meals, flocked around the shield and prepared for battle.

“Watch closely.”

Those words made Prince Votto wonder. What was it that she wanted him to watch? How Asura would turn the entire Asgan Continent into a sea of blood?

Then, Food God Minhyuk pointed his sword at the skies and shouted, “Dragons and humans! Let’s work together to drive Asura out of our lands!!!”

Minhyuk’s orders only had one meaning. That was to rescind the orders to retreat that Vice Guild Master Genie had ordered earlier. Conir rode on Elder Velach’s back while Genie climbed on Anarchon. The guild members of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom climbed on top of the dragons one after the other. They soared to the skies with the dragons, writing a new chapter in the annals of Asgan Continent.

As they soared to the skies, the Food God immediately set up a new barrier to make another dish. Then...

Claaaaaaaaang—

Vwoooooooooooooooooong—

Asura's power, which was held back by the dragons' shields earlier, erupted and devoured the surrounding area. Asura rose up as a red current swept out through Asgan continent.

"Wallow in despair," Asura declared. If he was playing around with them earlier, he did not have any intentions to do so anymore.

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang—

[Blood Storm.]

[Anything and everything around you will be targeted by the storm of blood with an additional 3,300% attack power!]

Dozens of bloody lights shot up towards the dragons flying in the skies the moment Asura swung his gigantic bloody greatswords. Seeing this, Prince Votto shook his head. He knew that this was the end. Asura's attack power was beyond anyone's imagination. Also, the dragons were in a weakened state. No matter how great of an existence they were, they had no way to stop this attack.

But then, something surprising happened. One of the humans that rode on top of the dragons, Elpis, fired a powerful sword light.

"...?!"

What happened next was even more shocking. The Blood Storm was weakened by the sword light. The weakened Blood Storm was then devoured by the dozens of high-tiered magical attacks that the dragon that accompanied Elpis created. Then...

Shwaaaaaaaaa—

...it disappeared into nothingness. The others also did the same thing. The guild members and NPCs of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom weakened the Blood Storm, while the dragons used their magic to offset it.

"...!"

Asura's power had reached the realms of a Demigod. Even though they were dragons, there was no way for them to stop Asura's attacks. It was proven by the fact that they were being pushed back just a few moments earlier.

But now?

'This, this is ridiculous...'

A sound of disbelief escaped from Votto's mouth. How could they become that strong after eating just one meal? For someone at Level 100, they would have a hard time hunting a hundred-year-old monster. However, someone at Level 130 could easily hunt ten of such monsters. Also, the stronger they became, the more powerful their force would be.

In other words, eating one meal had increased their power by so much. It had to be around 30% or more, that they could now deal with Asura's attacks.

At that moment, Asura also realized that something was strange. He immediately increased his speed by three times as he shot through the air and slashed through the gigantic bodies of the dragons in front of him. He was so fast that he left an afterimage, finishing the attack in just three seconds.

Fwiish—

Fwiiiiish—

Fwiiiiiiiish—

Blood spurted out of the dragons' bodies. However...

'The dragons' defenses have increased to a ridiculous level...' Votto thought, gulping dryly. Going by the standards of Asura's attacks, they should not only be nicked, they should have already been almost cut down. But despite the blood spurting out of the dragons' bodies, the attack did not really deal much of a damage on them.

Twitch, twitch—

The main reason? This was because the dragons also had high regenerative powers.

"Unbelievable..."

It was only then that Prince Votto realized what Ellie meant when she said 'watch'.

"So this is the power of the Food God, the king of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom."

Then, Ellie moved in an explosive manner.

Baaaaaaaaaang—

Asura, who was hit by her sword, flew back from the impact.

Vwoooooooooong—

Despite being sent flying back, Asura still could not understand what happened.

'How can they suddenly become so strong?'

The weak humans and the puny dragons' power had risen dramatically in just a short amount of time. Of course, Asura was also aware of what happened during that short amount of time.

Swoosh—

Asura, who was still flying back from the impact of the attack, suddenly stopped when his back touched something. This was none other than a transparent barrier, the barrier created from Minhyuk's 'Let's Have a Meal' skill.

This time, Minhyuk was preparing a dish for himself with the trailer and the barrier.

"It's not over yet."

The pride and dignity that the Food God was displaying was very shocking. He was a being that had the power to make dozens of people stronger. On top of that, he also possessed another power.

Active Skill

Absolute God's Secret

? You can overlap the buff effects of two different dishes.?

? Once the buff effects of two different dishes overlap, you will be able to see the effect of the overlapping dishes even if you consumed one food and thought of 'consuming' another.?

? A 'cooking dice' will be thrown when the two dishes' buff effects overlap. The number that will be displayed on the dice will determine the duration of the buff.?

? The lower the number, the shorter the duration of the buff effect. The duration per number rolled is as follows: thirty seconds for number 1, one minute for number 2, two minutes for number 3, three minutes for number 4, four minutes for number 5 and seven minutes for number 6.?

? The EXP that you can obtain will double for as long as the special effect of the Overlapping Delight is in effect.

Right now, the power created by the combination of Double Food and Overlapping Delight was about to unfold.

'Dangerous...'

Demigod's Asura's senses were sending warning signals of the danger ahead of him.

Chapter 518: Victory

Who was Demigod Asura? He was a powerful god that had killed millions of people in the past and forced several of the gods to make a move to stop him. But this very same Asura felt cold sweat drip down his back when he saw Minhyuk grin at him from behind the transparent barrier that separated them. It just went to show how strong the power that Minhyuk was displaying was at this very moment.

Meanwhile, dozens of spears of lights appeared around Ali, who was at the forefront, and the dragons. Ali had also eaten the chicken that Minhyuk made. Because of that, his mana volume had also increased by 1.8x, which allowed him to wield magic of a higher-tier.

[Ali, with his golden hair fluttering in the wind, stands at the vanguard and created more than ten Disses alongside the dragons.]

[Adding together the Disses that the dragons behind him created, there should be around 200 of them in total.]

The golden-haired Ali coldly spat out, "Diss." as hundreds of spears of light lit up the world and shot toward Asura, who immediately brandished his bloody greatsword and broke the incoming spears of light.

Thud— thud—

The bright spears of light shone even more brightly once they got broken, continuously brightening and darkening the battlefield. But no matter how fast Asura was, he would eventually reach a limit. It was extremely difficult to completely block hundreds of spears of lights.

Stab, stab, stab, stab, stab—

The spears of light pierced through Asura's shoulders, flanks, and even his chest. Just like a machine gun, the Disses continuously stabbed through Asura's body, creating holes that spurted out blood.

But Asura was still standing tall, rushing out to break the Disses sent his way. Asura then shot toward where the dragons were. Bloody wind surrounded Asura's body as he approached them while still being stabbed by Disses.

The blood that the dragons, the humans, and Asura himself shed flew all the while showing signs of exploding. With that, Asura stopped breaking the Disses coming his way and only moved his body to evade the attacks. The guild members, the NPCs and the dragons realized that the entire area would be wiped out once this bloody wind exploded. They desperately tried to use their skills to offset the explosion. However, it seemed that they were going to be a step too late.

“We have to avoid it.”

“Damn...”

“How? He already got hit by so much Diss...!”

Even the dragons failed to predict this move of Asura. Despite receiving the baptism of hundreds of powerful Disses, the man was still able to move freely and swiftly. But that was the reality they were facing. The dragons knew that they would not be able to regenerate from the damage that they would receive from this explosion.

“The joke ends here.”

Asura was aware that his attack was being restricted by the transparent barrier that surrounded Minhyuk. However, that would not stop him from cleaning up the beings outside of that barrier and he would do it swiftly. Even if he could not kill everyone from this attack, Asura was sure that he would be able to deal a fatal blow to his enemies.

Just as the thought flashed in Asura's head, the golden-haired Ali, who was holding the Staff of Despair, turned to look back at the dragons and made eye contact with Dragon Elder Velach.

‘Please watch my back.’

Velach suddenly felt an unknown emotion flash in his heart. Then, Ali opened his palm and said, “Compress.”

[Compress.]

[You can gather all of the beings in one place. However, you will be placed in a stunned state for 1.2 seconds.]

[You have received the Chicken's buff effects. With the increase in magic tier, additional effects have been added to your Compress.]

[You can now compress and gather your enemies' attacks, skills, and magic.]

Shwaaaaaa—

The moment Ali closed his open palm, the streaks of blood that Asura created gathered together in front of him. Compress was originally a skill that was used to gather people in one place so the skill user could attack them easily. But thanks to the buffed dish that Minhyuk created, Ali's magic tier had increased, which added an additional effect to the skill and allowed him to gather and compress his enemies' attacks and skills. As long as Ali could gather the skill in one place and use Blink, then they could safely avoid it and offset the damage.

But that was not what Ali did.

With the skills and attacks momentarily 'compressed', the Disses that were bombarding Asura stopped for a second.

"Can you stop it?"

"Yeah. I can," Ali answered, smiling softly at Minhyuk, who was still standing behind the barrier.

"Frieeeeeeeeeeeeend!!!" As always, Ali raised his left arm and shouted amidst the ticking Blood Explosion before spitting out, "Barrier."

"What...?!"

A huge golden shield surrounded both Ali and Asura. Barrier was a skill that boasted an absolute, invincible defense. However, as a penalty for completely neutralizing the enemy's attack, the skill user would not be able to send any attacks.

But what would happen if the enemy was the one that was attacking? And what would happen if the barrier was cast within 0.1 or 0.2 seconds before the attack was triggered? Then, the attack would be cast inside the barrier.

That was right. The method that Ali chose was suicide bombing. The Blood Explosion exploded in the small space enclosed by the barrier. Up until that moment, Ali was smiling at Minhyuk, his guild members, and the dragons.

"Frieeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeend!!!" Ali roared out passionately as he raised his left arm and showcased the symbol on it.

Baaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaang—

A huge explosion bloomed inside the barrier, shaking the ground. The blood splattered and covered the golden barrier from the inside. However, none of Asura's attacks was able to break through the barrier.

Shwaaaaaaaaa—

Then, the blood slowly flowed down as the barrier disappeared. Everyone knew that the barrier's termination signaled Ali's death. Although this was a game, the death and forced logout of Ali, one of the top rankers, brought a huge impact to everyone. Even the dragons, who were aware that the foreigners could easily come back to life, felt some strange emotion after witnessing Ali's death.

'How?' Velach asked. How could that man smile widely when he sacrificed himself and died for them?

‘The humans that I knew...’

Humans, in Velach’s eyes, were greedy and selfish people that only cared about their own safety. They even waged wars and killed to plunder from others. So why did this human do something like that?

‘That old man was the same too.’

The old man, Ghost Spear Ben, was a human that Velach admired and acknowledged. He admired the old man’s spirit of sacrifice. Velach turned his gaze to another place.

‘The face of the king that these people serve.’

Velach saw a different side whenever he looked at Minhyuk. A king that could be trusted, a king that they could devote themselves to, a king that they could entrust their loyalty to. The reason why these people made that choice and went through with it was all because of their king. Velach felt his heart thump wildly.

‘The greatest lord. Now, I know why the lord is walking the right path.’

Just when the thought flashed in Velach’s head, Asura, who was trapped in the explosion appeared. Even if it was the skill user, in Athenae, they would still receive the same damage as long as they were hit by it. That was why Asura’s body was all torn and battered. Even so, Asura’s mangled body was slowly regenerating.

At that moment, ominous notifications rang.

[All of Asura’s life force has been exhausted.]

[Asura will no longer be summoned.]

[Asura’s true power has been released.]

[Asura’s attack has increased by 1.5x.]

[Asura’s defense has increased by 1.5x.]

[Asura’s skill cooldown has decreased by 50%.]

[Asura’s HP Volume has returned to that of his main body.]

Everyone present could not help but groan helplessly when they saw Asura, who was dragging his feet, emerge from the chaos. Asura’s appearance right now was similar to the description of his appearance in history books. He had three heads and six arms, with each of his arms holding a bloody greatsword.

One of the people exclaimed after hearing the notifications, “The HP Volume of his main body...?!”

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When they thought back on it, they realized that Asura’s body was easily damaged and cut down compared to what they expected after receiving strong attacks. It was to the point that they wondered if his body truly had reached the level of a demigod. In fact, it was not actually Asura who died during those three ‘deaths’, but his shell.

Asura’s three heads looked around as he spat out, “What a disgrace.”

Asura had only been forced to reveal his true form in the past when the Continental Gods and the Gods worked together to restrain him. The fact that these measly beings in front of him had driven him to this point was very humiliating to him. Then, Asura's three heads looked up at the dragons in the skies. Seeing this, the dragons immediately created shields one after the other. But one of Asura's greatswords had already hacked at the shields. The problem here was...

Clang, clang, clang, clang—

“...?!”

...Asura's damage. Asura might have reverted to his original appearance, but each swing of his greatsword could still inflict three damages each.

“This is crazy...!”

“This is a scam! Ridiculous!!!”

If that was the case, what would happen if Asura used all six of his arms to attack them with his greatswords? The answer was simple. They would receive eighteen damages in total. Just like now, when Asura hacked at the shields that the dragons had created.

Crack, crack, crack, crack, crack—

The moment the remaining five greatswords slammed on the shield, the shield cracked under the pressure of the damage that was fifteen times that of Asura's regular attack. Then, Asura immediately bypassed the broken shields and cut down the tail of Dragon Anarchon.

Fwiiiiish—

Spuuuuurt—

Swoooooosh—

Spuuuuurt—

Six blood trails were carved on Anarchon's tail, each blood trail dealing two consecutive damages. The first attack's damage had torn the scales on Anarchon's tail. The second damage pierced through his flesh. By the time the third attack landed, it cut the appendage off.

Thuuuuuuud—

Anarchon's tail fell down on the ground.

“K, keuaaaaaaack! Graaaaaaaaaa!”

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Then, Asura jumped in the middle of the dragons and sent an attack every 1.5 seconds, forcing the dragons to collapse and fall on the ground one after the other.

Baaaaaaaaaaaang—

Asura's six greatswords forced a total of four dragons to collapse. However, his momentum and power were still going strong. With another swing, sixteen powerful forces shot up to the skies toward the dragons. The dragons desperately tried to offset the force but it was futile.

Seeing this, the guild members of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom gave their all and fired their skills to protect the dragons. But there were quite a few cases where the members of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom had to step forward and bear the brunt of the aftermath of the colliding skills.

“Kgghk...” Ascar groaned, her body falling helplessly on the ground.

“Why?” The dragon carrying Ascar asked after seeing her and the guild members of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom take the hit on their behalf. As they fought this battle alongside the humans, the dragons started to learn about a new emotion.

‘Why? Why did they throw themselves in front of us...?’

Then, Asura’s gaze turned to where Death, the undead, and the Hell Warriors were fighting a bloody battle. Death had also grown stronger after eating the chicken that Minhyuk prepared, becoming more proficient in controlling the undead.

Asura suddenly opened one of his palms, blood gathering on top of it. Then, he clenched his fist together and squeezed the blood that gathered in his hands.

Boooooom—

Tremendous amount of blood suddenly gushed out from the ground, seeping into the bodies of the Hell Warriors and strengthening them, while devouring the bodies of the undead and turning them into dust.

“This...” Death muttered, face turning horribly distorted as Asura instructed the Hell Warriors to deal the final blow on the dragons that fell down on the ground. With the disappearance of the undead, the Hell Warriors were now free. They immediately moved and approached the fallen dragons, while Asura moved to the skies to greet everyone with another disaster, the very same power that Minhyuk had stopped earlier.

“Blood Carnival.”

[Asura’s Blood Carnival has been triggered!]

[Asura’s Blood Carnival covers a 250 meter radius and will inflict 4,900% additional damage.]

[If you get directly hit by Asura’s Blood Carnival, your HP will fall by 3% per second. Only a high-ranking priest’s blessing magic can cancel this condition.]

The Blood Carnival that Asura had cast was much stronger after he showed his true form. With his skill cooldown reduced by 50% and most of the people collapsed on the ground, no one could stop him anymore. Thousands of droplets of blood appeared in the skies and rained down on the ground.

Shwaaaaaa—

Shwaaaaaaaaa—

Shwaaaaaaaaaaaaa—

The Blood Carnival that covered an area with a 250 meter radius engulfed everyone present and swept everything away, giving way to a catastrophic disaster. Ellie, who was trying to stop Asura,

dashed forward while evading the blood explosions. Asura just grabbed her neck with one of his arms the moment she arrived in front of him.

“Keok!”

Then, Asura used another of his arms, swinging a greatsword and aiming to decapitate her.

The cameras from the stations all over the world could not see what exactly was happening at ground zero. Everything had been covered by the blood that exploded from the Blood Carnival. No, in fact, they could see the silhouettes of the people through the haze of blood, but they could not clearly see who or what was happening exactly.

Even though that was the case, the scene of something falling on the ground and rolling was very much clear to them.

Thump—

Roll, roll, roll—

“...!”

“...!”

“...!”

“...!”

The entire world was terrified. Sword Emperor Ellie, the emperor of Eivelis empire and strongest and best NPC in Asgan Continent and the person hailed as the Continental Emperor, had died. This was both shocking and terrifying. Lee Minhwa, the Special Players Management Team that was watching this, suddenly covered her eyes as tears began to fall on her cheeks.

“No...”

Ellie was a cold-hearted empress, an empress that would not bleed or cry when stabbed by someone. But Lee Minhwa had seen how Empress Ellie expressed her emotions clearly, whether through smiling or crying, whenever she met with Minhyuk. She was a woman that fought for her people, even though the decision was very foolish and undesirable. She was also both a sister and a friend to Minhyuk.

Lee Minhwa saw a head roll on the ground from the hazy screen. She was sure that this was Ellie’s head. The thought of Minhyuk’s frustration and anger at her death made Minhwa feel sad both for him and the future of Asgan Continent.

“*Sob, sob, sob, sob...*”

However, Lee Minhwa was an employee of Joy Co. Ltd. She had to gather herself together and force herself to accept this more calmly than the players. But no matter how hard she tried, Lee Minhwa could not do so. There were also the real-time comments displayed on her screen posted by the viewers.

[E, Ellie... died...? She died just like that? She died in vain? Without doing anything?]

[Shit... Empress Ellie has died?]

[This must be a nightmare...]

[No...]

Ellie's death also came as a huge shock to the viewers. This was because Ellie was someone that wielded a huge power and was of great importance to Athenae. While Lee Minhwa wiped the tears away, Team Leader Park Minggyu continued to stare at the monitor, his hands clenched tightly into fists.

Then, he suddenly jumped up, which made Lee Minhwa jerk back and look at him, as he shouted, "It's not Ellie...!"

"...What?"

Lee Minhwa slowly turned to look back at the monitor. The blood that covered the lenses of the cameras slowly dripped down until it finally revealed the truth. The monitor displayed a man gripping Asura's hand tightly as he forced the monstrous demigod to his knees while Ellie breathed heavily, catching the breath that she almost lost.

As for the head that fell on the ground? It was one of Asura's heads, the leftmost head.

Team Leader Park Minggyu felt a flame burn hot in his heart as he said, "The Food God has made his move."

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Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang—

The only sound ringing in the battlefield was the sound of Asura's exploding Blood Carnival. Plenty chose to flee in order to survive, but they still died after being swept away by the horrendous explosion. Elpis, Conir, Cerberus, Locke, and the others focused on protecting Legion Commander Park and the troops of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom, until their bodies were battered, bruised and torn.

However, something shocking happened right at that very moment.

Grrrrrrrrr—

The dragons, wrapped in dozens of shields, moved and used their huge bodies to cover the ragged and torn bodies of the members of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom.

"Why...?" Ascar, who was already vomiting blood, asked the dragon in front of her.

"I also want to ask myself that question," Dragon Genesis said as he hugged and protected Ascar with his gigantic body. Genesis then smiled and continued, "This was because of our blunder. This is caused by our foolishness. This is our sin."

On the surface, it was a solid reason, but in fact, the dragons just wanted to protect these humans that fought together alongside them.

"...Is that so?" Ascar smiled bitterly. Although Genesis was speaking in a roundabout way, Ascar could tell what he truly felt. Then...

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang—

...a huge explosion bloomed and swept away the area, hitting Genesis, Dragon Elder Velach and the other dragons that protected the Beyond the Heavens guild members, NPCs, and troops. The dragons' bodies were ripped apart, blood spurting up like a fountain. However, they did not give in.

As for Ascar, she saw through the gaps of Genesis' body how Ellie ran toward Asura to stop the explosions. But Asura just grabbed Ellie by the collar and raised one of his arms to cut off her neck, as if he expected this to happen.

"N, no..."

Twitch—

Unfortunately, Ascar did not have any more power to help Ellie. All she could do was cry as she watched the gruesome scene unfold in front of her. Meanwhile, Asura looked at Ellie as if she was an annoying pest. She was just a mere human but she dared to rush at him like this. Asura decided then and there that he would remove this pesky human in front of him as quickly as possible.

But just when he was about to swing his arm...

Graaaaab—

Ellie grabbed Asura's arm with one hand.

"Ho?" Asura breathed out in surprise. But he just grabbed Ellie's hand and snapped it.

Crack—

Asura looked at the woman in front of him in awe. Despite her neck being grabbed and her hand being cracked, Ellie remained silent. She did not let a single moan or scream escape from the seams of her mouth. In fact, even her glaring eyes remained fierce and firm. Asura found it very amusing so he tried to cut her neck once again.

But before he could do so, a golden light burst out from behind him. The golden light shone brightly, just like a beacon, amidst this dark, red and gloomy atmosphere created by the exploding blood.

"Done," a cold voice rang behind Asura, bringing chills down his spine.

The first thought that flashed in Asura's mind was to quickly finish the woman in his hands. He firmly believed that it was possible for him to kill this woman before the owner of that voice could make a move. Everything was still within Asura's calculations.

Just when he was about to swing his greatsword once again...

Slap—

...the owner of the voice was already standing in front of Asura. The man slapped away the arm that was brandishing the greatsword toward Ellie. As...

Slash—

Thump—

Roll—

...Asura's leftmost head fell on the ground.

Spuuuurt—

Blood spurted out from the neck where Asura's leftmost head was attached just a few moments prior. Asura's two remaining heads turned to the left at the same time, their expression turning horribly distorted and ugly.

"How dare you, measly human..."

"My head..."

The two heads roared furiously as Asura tried to crush the hand that slapped and grabbed his own. After all, his power far surpassed that of any being in the human realm. But...

Grab—

...he could not move. Asura was perplexed. How could a mere human being stop him with just one hand? Furthermore...

Crack—

Minhyuk exerted a slight pressure in his hands, snapping Asura's wrist as he said, "...Worship."

Thuuuuuuuud—

Asura's knees folded helplessly in front of everyone. At this moment, Asura felt a huge sense of shame, a feeling that he has never felt before in his life.

'I'm... kneeling in front of a human...?'

After the Blood Carnival's explosion, Velach took a look around, while left in a helpless state as his regenerative power tried to mend the damage in his body. He could see that the other dragons were in a very similar situation to him.

Right now all of the dragons present were staring wide-eyed at Minhyuk.

"How..."

Then...

Slash—

While everyone was stunned at the sight presented to them, Minhyuk raised his sword and cut down Asura's rightmost head.

Thud—

Roll—

The entire world looked at Asura, who had lost two heads in a row, in shock.

'How is this possible?'

The answer to that question was simple. It was all thanks to the Food God's strongest skill collaboration, the combination of Double Food and Overlapping Delight. The dish that Minhyuk

decided to cook under the protection of Let's Have a Meal was none other than 'Chicken Mayo Rice'.

It was a dish that was made with rice topped with well-fried boneless chicken, mayonnaise and another special sauce. On top of being delicious, it was very convenient to eat. The greatest advantage of this dish was that it was quick and easy to make.

Once the decision had been made, Minhyuk immediately started to cook. After all, he knew that the longer he spent cooking, the more disadvantageous the situation was for him and his allies.

Unfortunately, chicken mayo rice only came out as an 'epic' grade dish. But with the help of Double Food, Minhyuk was able to replicate another chicken mayo rice. And with Overlapping Delight, Minhyuk was able to receive the buff effects of the two dishes at the same time. Thankfully, Minhyuk was able to get '5', when he threw the Overlapping Delight's die.

[The die has been cast! You have rolled a five!]

[The Overlapping Delight's buff effect will last for four minutes!]

[You have received the effects of the Epic Grade Chicken Mayo Rice and the Epic Grade Chicken Mayo Rice!]

[All of your stats will increase by 34%!]

[Your sword's basic attack has increased by 300%!]

[Ellie's Swordsmanship's skill level has increased by +2!]

[Ellie's Swordsmanship's MP consumption and Cooldown has decreased by 20%!]

Even though the dish that Minhyuk made was only epic grade, the buff effects that he received was almost on par with a god grade dish, thanks to the effects of Overlapping Delight.

'I have to finish it quickly.'

Asura, who was left with only one head, panicked for a moment.

As for Minhyuk? He was in a hurry. All he needed to do was cut off the final head and everything would be over.

Swoooooooooosh—

So, he swung his sword as quickly as he could. But the stunned state that covered Asura's body from Worship had already been released. Tremendous bloody energy exploded from Asura's body and covered the entire area the moment the state was released.

Baaaaaaaaaam—

[Asura's Wrath has been triggered.]

[Asura's physical and magical defenses have decreased by 60%. However, as compensation, his physical and magical attack will increase by 20%.]

[Asura's AGI will increase by 30%.]

[Asura has now received the effects.]

Baaaaaaaaaaaaang—

Red streams of light began to seep out of Asura's body as he pulled back slightly and shot toward Minhyuk. The attack made Minhyuk fly back.

Dash—

Asura, whose AGI had increased by 30%, was as fast as the speed of light, if not faster. His figure was almost invisible to the eye with his current speed.

Asura aimed his six greatswords at Minhyuk. It was clear that Minhyuk would be forced to log out the moment those six greatswords made contact with his body. But just when Asura's attack was about to reach Minhyuk...

Baaaaaaaang—

Ellie dropped from the skies and landed a kick on Asura's shoulders, forcing the trajectory of the attack to change.

Swoooooosh—

Asura's swords only cut through air. Minhyuk, who was still flying from the impact of the attack earlier, shouted, "Mei Wei!!!"

"Roger! Bread Shuttle!!!" Bread Shuttle Mei Wei shouted as she squeezed through the gaps of the dragon that protected her. She immediately understood Minhyuk's 'one line' call.

Ellie currently had a buff effect, but it was far worse than the buff effect that Minhyuk had. Minhyuk's call was an order for her to give Ellie a buff to make her stronger. The only consideration was that Ellie had the effects of a buff dish and Athenae was a game that prevented buffs from overlapping most of the time.

[Altering God's Blessings.]

[A buff can overlap with another buff.]

[All of your stats will increase by 12%.]

[Your AGI will increase by 20%.]

The Altering God's Blessings was one of Mei Wei's weakest buff skills. It was still a ridiculous skill, since it could allow buff effects to overlap. The skill was so ridiculous that it devoured 20% of Mei Wei's MP in one go. However, the sacrifice was worth it since it allowed Ellie to gain a stronger power.

Baaaaaaaang—

Ellie flew forward, blocking three of Asura's greatswords. When Asura moved to chase after Ellie, Minhyuk immediately found his bearings, dug in and restrained his movements.

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang—

The sound of their swords colliding was so loud that it caught everyone's attention.

"Crazy..."

Prince Votto and the knights of the Warrior's Nation were all stunned and tongue-tied as they watched this scene unfold. Ellie was the Sword Emperor and the Absolute Supreme NPC. She was both a sister and a teacher to Minhyuk. On the other hand, Minhyuk was a swordsman that was on par with Dawoul, an Olympic Gold Medalist. The combination of these two people was enough to bring shivers down the spine of everyone watching them.

'I also want to fight like them.'

Sweat pooled in the hands of everyone present as they cheered for the two of them. Ellie's sword sent Asura high in the sky.

Baaaaaaaang—

Minhyuk immediately followed and slammed his sword down on Asura.

Claaaaaaaang—

Asura blocked Minhyuk's sword with one hand, as another hand immediately tried to attack Minhyuk. But Ellie flew up and helped Minhyuk out of Asura's attack range. Then, Minhyuk grabbed Ellie's ankle and threw her down, adding momentum to her downward fall and giving her more speed as she pressured Asura.

Clang, clang, clang, clang, clang—

Minhyuk, who was also falling down, cut off one of Asura's arms.

“Keuaaaaaaaaack!”

Ellie took advantage of Asura's pain and cut off another one of his arms as he shrieked loudly. With two arms cut off, Asura's range of attack had narrowed even more, allowing them more time to breathe and more freedom to move.

Ping!

Slash!

However, Asura's HP was ridiculously high. On top of that, Asura seemed like he was not going to be reckless anymore, as he protected his remaining head.

“How long?”

“Two minutes!”

Ellie and Minhyuk were in a very urgent situation. After all, Minhyuk's buff effect only had two minutes left. Then, Mei Wei suddenly thought of a way to shave off Asura's ridiculously high HP, “How about using Dragon and Tiger?!”

Dragon and Tiger was the skill that Khan and Ares used before. Mei Wei had recently acquired Skill Copy, a God's Agent's Secret Skill, that allowed Mei Wei to copy the skills of other people and bestow it upon another.

“Okay!”

Then, the figure of a tiger suddenly appeared behind Minhyuk.

Shwaaaaaaa—

While a roaring dragon appeared behind Ellie.

[Dragon and Tiger.]

[The dragon and tiger fighting together and inflicting continuous damages will give you greater power.]

[Additional 200% damage will be inflicted for every successful attack made within 0.9 seconds of the previous attack.]

[The dragon and tiger will be granted an invincible state for three seconds. The invincibility will extend for every successful linked attack.]

Each successful attack would have 200% additional damage and would even allow them invincibility as long as the link was not broken. The first to move was Ellie as she slashed toward Asura.

Ping—

Minhyuk immediately followed, punching Asura's back with his fists.

Punch! Ping, ping, ping, ping, ping, ping—

The two people continuously sent attacks toward Asura, who was still in the air.

Swoosh—

Asura swung his fists at them but as long as Minhyuk and Ellie's attacks were successfully linked, the two would remain invincible. They sent linked attacks ten, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty times in a row. Only thirty seconds had passed since they started their attacks but...

[Successful link! Damage will increase by 200%!]

[Your invincible state will remain.]

[Your invincible state...]

[You have achieved marvelous continuous attacks. You will incur additional 2,000% damage!]

[You have incurred a total of 9,000% damage!]

[Your invincible state...]

[Successful link!]

[Your invincible state...]

[You have achieved marvelous continuous attacks. You will incur additional 2,000% damage!]

[You have incurred a total of 20,000% damage!]

The entire world was left speechless at Minhyuk and Ellie's crazy display of tacit understanding and power. Only a minute and a half had passed by but the two of them had already dealt over a hundred linked attacks on Asura. Everyone was surprised at their perfect combination which easily surpassed Khan and Ares' combination.

At first Asura only suffered minor injuries, but as time went on, the damage that he received piled on top of each other. Now, Asura would stagger from the impact of a fist or a kick. Blood would

spurt out of Asura's body with every attack that he received. After all, his physical defense had been drastically reduced with the triggering of his 'Wrath'.

"Keuaaaaaaaaaack!" Asura's screams echoed loudly. But, he remained helpless and could only passively receive Minhyuk and Ellie's rapid linked attacks, while moaning and groaning from the bone breaking and flesh tearing pain.

Meanwhile, Ellie and Minhyuk were both calculating the time for...

'20, 19, 18...'

...Minhyuk's buff to end. With only a few seconds left, the two of them stood on each side of Asura and cast their skills at the same time. Minhyuk's Ellie's Swordsmanship was originally Ellie's own. In other words, they were both using the same skill. And the skill that both of them used on Asura right now was the most powerful skill used when targeting an individual.

"Sword of Frenzy."

"Sword of Frenzy."

The two of them cast the same skill at the same time...

Stab—

Stab—

Two swords stabbed at Asura's vital points as the 20,000% damage from Dragon and Tiger Skill overlapped with their skill's effects.

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang—

Ping, ping, ping, ping, ping, ping—

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang—

Ping, ping, ping, ping, ping, ping—

Asura's body exploded from the strong force that flowed through his flanks, his blood gushing out like a fountain and dyeing the world red. Then, the notification rang.

[You have successfully hunted Demigod Asura.]

Chapter 520: Victory

Musashi Kentaro, the best player in Japan, was able to stand at the summit with the help of none other than Minhyuk. This very same Kentaro was currently in the Japanese Server, having a meeting with Japan's top guild masters and rankers to discuss the server consolidation that would happen in the near future.

Accompanied with some sake and light drinking, their meeting continued. However, no matter what they discussed, their eyes could not stray away from the TV screen. The screen was broadcasting the Asgan Continent's disaster. In fact, it was not only them, many people in Japan and the rest of

the world that watched and paid attention to the happenings in Asgan Continent through their TVs, Ztube, or even their computers at home.

The screen was currently displaying the superb display of understanding and cooperation between Minhyuk and Ellie.

“C, Crazy...”

“How can they do that...”

“Ho...”

Ellie and Minhyuk’s cooperation was a never-before-seen situation. The two moved as if they were one as they put pressure on Asura until blood dripped down his body. Just one mistake and the two of them would lose the power that the skill granted them but they were making it look so easy. It was beyond shocking.

As he watched everything unfold on the screen, he felt cold sweat pool in his palms. Then, the two stabbed Asura in his abdomen and back causing a huge wave of blood to erupt from Asura’s body and dyeing the entire screen red. Only when that scene flashed by did Kentaro’s tightly clenched fists loosened up.

Kentaro looked down at his sweaty palms and asked himself, *‘How far will you go?’*

Kentaro felt complicated emotions stirring. On one hand, he felt jealous of the moves and decisions that Minhyuk had made. On the other hand, he felt happy that his friend and idol was strong and powerful.

Meanwhile, everyone else wondered about the same thing, *‘What kind of reward will he get for hunting a demigod?’?*

After all, humans were born with great curiosity in their bodies. The rewards for successfully hunting a boss monster? Tremendous. Then, what kind of reward would they get for successfully killing a being that could not be hunted in years, no, perhaps even hundreds of years, in the game? That was what they were thinking.

Kentaro felt his lips twitch as he said, “You know...”

“Yeah. Kentaro!”

“Yeah!”

The top guild members and high rankers that were looking intently on the TV all turned to look at Kentaro. What would Kentaro, the best player and the master of the strongest guild in Japan, say after witnessing such a spectacular scene like this?

“...I’m really close with the Food God,” Kentaro’s lips stretched into a wide smile as he said those words. Yes, that was right. Kentaro was bragging, just like those people who had celebrity friends that suddenly appeared on the TV in front of them. His words sounded strangely like, *‘I’m friends with them, you know~? We just had a meal a few days ago too!’?*

But the reaction of the people around him was also quite shocking.

“Su, sugoi...!”

“I’ve heard that you’re close with the Food God Minhyuk but it seems like you’re really good friends!”

“Am, amazing... that’s really great!!!”

“Kentaro, that’s really amazing... wow...”

The Japanese rankers and guild masters were looking at Kentaro with utter jealousy. The look in their eyes made Kentaro feel like his shoulders had grown wider and taller as he smirked triumphantly, showcasing a cute side that no one had ever seen before.

Asura’s blood covered the entire area the moment Ellie and Minhyuk hit him with their Sword of Frenzy. As if on cue, the Hell Warriors that were still wreaking havoc on the ground slowly started to disappear. The injured and battered dragons, the people of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom, the rest of the survivors, and the viewers watching the broadcast only had one thing flashing in their heads...

‘They won?’

Then, the notifications rang in the ears of all of the players present in the area.

[You have succeeded in hunting Demigod Asura.]

[The rewards for hunting a demigod will be distributed based on your contributions.]

Another set of notifications rang in the ears of the players present.

[Common Reward. You will receive 60% EXP Buff for two weeks.]

[Common Reward. You have gained +3 in all of your stats.]

[Common Reward. You have gained 1 platinum.]

[You have gained 714,000,000 EXP as a reward for your contributions.]

[You have gained 20 platinum as a reward for your contributions.]

[You have acquired 1 SP.]

“...!”

“...!”

“...!”

“...!”

All of the players on site were shocked by the ridiculous list of rewards presented to them. These rewards were just the common rewards, but they were already shocking.

‘What about the rewards based on contributions?’

All of them turned to look at one place, to where Minhyuk was all sprawled out on and panting heavily.

‘I wonder what kind of rewards Minhyuk received?’

‘I’m so curious.’

‘He should have received the rewards now, right?’

None of them felt jealous at the fact that Minhyuk had monopolized most of the good rewards. After all, Beyond the Heavens Kingdom and the Food God had taken greater risks and dangers and fought more fiercely than them in this battle. At the same time, the notifications rang in the ears of Minhyuk, who was lying down on the ground.

[You have successfully hunted Demigod Asura.]

[You have made the highest contribution. The rewards that you will receive will be better than the rewards received by the regular players.]

[You will receive a 200% EXP Buff for two weeks.]

[You have acquired a 1% increase in all of your stats.]

[You have gained 1,000 platinum.]

[You have gained 3,000,000, 000 EXP.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

[You have leveled up.]

[...leveled up.]

The rewards that Minhyuk had received based on his contributions were clearly different from the other players’ rewards. But the notifications were not yet over. There were still the rewards from Asura himself left.

[You have gained 24, 112 platinum.]

[You have gained 45,000,000,000 EXP.]

[You have gained 3 God’s SP.]

[You have acquired the Asura’s Successor’s Ring.]

[You have acquired Asura’s Bloody Buddhist Beads (3).]

[You have acquired Aeopus’ Stairway Parchment.]

[You have acquired Slaughterer’s Armor.]

Then, a notification rang in the ears of everyone present.

[‘Anonymous’ has been announced to the entire continent for your achievement in obtaining an artifact closest to God.]

A commotion broke out among the crowd. It was only natural. After all, the only one that could get a God-rank artifact here was none other than Minhyuk. While everyone was directing their heated gazes at Minhyuk, the notifications began to ring in Minhyuk's ears again.

[The One that hunted Demigod Asura will be given an additional reward.]

[Please choose the reward that you prefer.]

Without any hesitation, Minhyuk chose, "Food."

[You have chosen: Food.]

[Food. You can choose the dish that you want to eat. This dish will be made by the God of Cooking and will contain a special power.]

The moment he chose food, a person's face flashed in Minhyuk's head. The person that he first met in the Dragon King's Sea, who had been fishing for a long time while dreaming of taking revenge for his son. With Minhyuk's help, this person was able to get his revenge. Ever since then, he has stayed by Minhyuk's side. Despite the hardships, adversities and struggles, he stood firmly next to Minhyuk. And when Minhyuk was having a hard time...

'Your Majesty, here. Have some refreshing iced americano. Make sure to take a big sip. Hoho.'

...he would comfort Minhyuk with his words and actions.

But that person was no more. He was definitely gone. The thought alone caused Minhyuk's eyes to water once more, as tears threatened to drip down Minhyuk's cheeks once again. But before they could do so, Ben's voice seemed to ring in Minhyuk's head.

'Your Majesty. Just like always, make sure to live happily, eat all of the delicious food that you can get and eat all of the food that you want to eat. And one day, this old man will definitely come running back to your arms.'

Grip—

That was right. Minhyuk believed in Ben. He might have left but it would only be for a moment. One day, one day he definitely would be back by Minhyuk's side.

Minhyuk smiled. There was only one thing that he had to do while he waited for Ghost Spear Ben to return to his side, and that did not include being sad, regretful and frustrated.

"Eat delicious food. Enjoy life. Just like before."

All Minhyuk needed to do was act the same as usual. He just needed to eat happily and smile in this world, in Athenae, while waiting for him.

"Snow Crab."

Minhyuk chose the snow crab. Something that reminded him of the Blue Crab Ramyeon that he ate together with Ben during their first meeting. Just like how the two of them genuinely enjoyed and relished in the taste of that ramyeon back then, Minhyuk would also savor and relish this delicious

snow crab, whether it was a snow crab bibimbap or snow crab ramyeon, he would enjoy it thoroughly. After Minhyuk chose his reward, many people looked at him in wonder. What kind of reward did he get? But the viewers already knew Minhyuk very well.

[He'll run somewhere to eat again without checking the rewards, right?]

[We're talking about the Food God here. No one can take it away from him so he's going to eat it alone!!!]

Even the guild members and troops of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom thought the same thing. But the dragons and Baroque Kingdom's King Lloyd definitely did not know Minhyuk. They thought that Minhyuk would at least give them a hint of the rewards that he received.

However, this time, both guesses were wrong. Minhyuk took out a mysterious pouch from his chest pocket, smiled and looked at it for a long time. Then, he acted very secretively, climbing alone in his trailer. The trailer also had an enormous pot that could boil large amounts of water. What Minhyuk did was pour the coffee beans in the pouch in that pot.

Originally, coffee beans needed to be ground finely, placed over a filter and poured water on. But Ben's coffee beans were different. They were both mysterious and amazing. All one needed to do was place the coffee beans in the water and it would make it into the most delicious coffee.

The moment the coffee beans were poured over the water, a bright golden light bursted out of the trailer while a notification rang for everyone present.

[The 'Legendary Coffee Beans' nurtured and made by the Legendary Barista for a very long time is expressing its power for the first time.]

[With its first display of power, the Legendary Coffee Beans can help you make coffee infinitely.]

[However, the infinite coffee's special effects would disappear after the first 24 hours.]

The bloody and gruesome battlefield was now filled with the delicious and fragrant scent of coffee. Just like the notifications had mentioned, these coffee beans would create an infinite amount of coffee. But after the first 24 hours from the initial use, the buff effects that accompanied the coffee would disappear and one could only savor its taste. What would happen if 24 hours had not yet passed?

'Everyone here can drink it.'

Minhyuk began to distribute coffee to all of the survivors. These coffee beans were a sign, a mark that he was in Beyond the Heavens Kingdom. It was a mark of who that man was. Everyone looked at the cup of coffee in their hands in confusion. Some received hot americano while others received cold americano. However, none of them took a sip of the coffee, until Minhyuk had taken his first one.

It was a very strange sight. The ones that sustained severe injuries, the ones that lost their limbs, the ones that were still struggling, those that suffered from the terrible war earlier all stood still and held a cup of coffee in their hands.

When Minhyuk was down to the last cup of warm americano, he carefully placed it on the ground before taking out a spear from his inventory. Those that have watched the old veteran's battle knew the identity of the spear in Minhyuk's hands. The spear with a red cloth tied near its tip was the

spear that Ghost Spear Ben used. Everyone was aware that the red cloth was the gift that Ben received from his son.

Stab—

Ben, a man that never learnt how to back down.

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Minhyuk stabbed the spear next to the cup of warm americano. He stared at the spear and the red cloth that flapped with the wind for a long time.

“The old veteran’s spear..” Velach murmured as he looked at it with pure awe and admiration.

Then, Minhyuk said, “For everyone that has shed their blood in this place. For everyone that has died here, never to return to the families that are waiting for them. For everyone that has died, leaving their dreams behind.”

And...

“For my teacher. For my friend. For Ghost Spear Ben that will come back to us one day.”

Minhyuk bowed, paying a silent tribute to those that they have lost in this battle.

Velach had personally witnessed the battle of the old veteran. And now, he was witnessing how Minhyuk honored the ones that stayed with him and the ones that made sacrifices for them, instead of getting drunk on the joys of victory.

‘He’s a great king.’

‘He’s a great liege.’

Velach and the other dragons also paid a silent tribute to Minhyuk’s men, together with the people of Beyond the Heavens Kingdom. Even Baroque Kingdom’s King Lloyd hurriedly jumped outside to pay his own tribute. Everyone present honored Ghost Spear Ben and those that sacrificed their lives in this battle.

Minhyuk felt as if he heard Ghost Spear Ben whisper in his ears, *‘Hoho~ Your Majesty, sluuuurp~. Have a sip from this cup of refreshing coffee.’* as he gulped down the iced americano in his hands. The refreshing flavor and magnificent taste of the coffee beans harvested by the Legendary Barista brought a thrill down his spine. Then, a white light surrounded Minhyuk’s body and healed his wounds and injuries.

Swiiiiish—

Then, the others began to drink their own coffee too, prompting a white light to burst out in the area. It was immediately followed by a set of notifications.

[The Legendary Coffee Beans made by the Legendary Barista have the power to heal the wounded and energize the exhausted and fatigued.]

[Your HP has recovered and reached 100%.]

[Your fatigue and exhaustion disappears as if it has been washed away.]

[Your consciousness returns to clarity.]

Ben had given them a present until the very end.

In the middle of the battlefield shrouded with a pristine white light, stood Ghost Spear Ben's spear with a red cloth tied on it, fluttering in the wind.