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Chapter 791: Third Event Champion

The audience did not notice and even the players that are competing, but the timer ran out. Just as the Two Headed Dragon of the 62nd Devil God is only 15% health; the time ran out and every player got pushed out of the event map.

The players jumped out of their pod and immediately looked at the score board as they wanted to know who won the event. Too bad for them, the scoreboard is still calculating all their achievements. The anticipation of the announcement of the winner made everyone's anxiousness reaches its peak.

The teams, who knew that they did not reach the quota, could only watch in envy as those that held hope had their eyes glued to the projected screen. The announcer suddenly came towards the stage and started to announce the results while clips of the event are flashing in the projected screens.

“Such intense battles have been fought in this battle. In order to make the others anticipate even more, the winner of this event and the MVP are actually from different teams! The MVP is decided by the player that made the greatest contribution and that includes the damage they dealt to the Two Headed Dragon of the 62nd Devil God. Without further ado, show the results!” The announcer stated.

All the projected screens then showed the ranking ladder with three spots. Each of the names of the national teams started to get jumbled as they waited in anticipation. After a few seconds, the names stopped and the three teams that got the rankings are showed.

Forest Hunter Ranking

1. Sweden – 591 points
2. United States – 590 points
3. United Kingdom – 408 points

MVP: Totem from the United States National Team

The crowd that was silent suddenly shouted with a victorious chant. The Swedish national team got the first ranking due to the huge contribution that Frey worked hard to obtain. The downside is that almost all of her special skills is now public information, but they still celebrated the hard-earned victory.

Totem felt a bit bitter with the results as they only got beaten with one point, but he got comforted by his team members that he did his best as their captain. In fact, the crowd knew that if Totem did not incapacitate the poison breathing head of the Two Headed Dragon of the 62nd Devil God then they would have been continuously wiped out.

Frey even walked towards Totem and shook his hand to just say that he earned her respect. In fact, all of the players looked at him with respect as he was the reason that they could at least show their

cool side in the event. If he did not break the jaw of the Two Headed Dragon of the 62nd Devil God, then they would have been continuously dying at the hands of the SSS rank monster.

“As a celebration for the winners and the MVP. Let us give them a big round of applause!” The announcer stated but the players got a standing ovation instead as they really made the audience get their blood pumping with their fight against the Two Headed Dragon of the 62nd Devil God.

“If you are wondering what happened to the Two Headed Dragon of the 62nd Devil God, let us see what its fate is.” The announcer stated which made the crowd sit back on their seats and even made the contestants look at the screen.

The hellfire spewing half of the Two Headed Dragon of the 62nd Devil God could be seen heavily bruised and beaten. It walked towards the lifeless corpse of its other half and tried merging with it in order to complete its body once again.

The Two Headed Dragon of the 62nd Devil God wanted to return back to Hell to recover but the area of the map suddenly got flooded with darkness. The map of the third event got covered in complete darkness and it made the SSS rank monster tremble like a child.

The sky that was dark suddenly flashed a blinding light as a creature could be seen in the air. A creature so large that it covered the whole map with just its body alone. An eastern looking dragon that had scales of pure darkness and blinding light.

The head of the eastern dragon that had two opposing attributes suddenly pierced the light and showed its magnificence. The dragon had four eyes and six horns with its body lined with glorious black and white scales.

This dragon looked at the trembling Two Headed Dragon of the 62nd Devil God. The dragon of light and darkness had four halos revolving around its body. It used these four halos and encircled the Two Headed Dragon of the 62nd Devil God. Darkness and light suddenly started to surround the body of the SSS rank monster as its life started to get extinguished.

The dragon of light and darkness screamed in pain and later breath its last breath. The dragon of light and darkness then collected all the energy of the Two Headed Dragon of the 62nd Devil God and turned it into an orb.

“A perfect gift for my King.” The dragon of light and darkness stated as all the light and darkness got absorbed into a black hole and it vanished. The map of the third event became quiet and lifeless once again.

“There you go folks! For those that wondered what happened to the Two Headed Dragon of the 62nd Devil God. It got turned into a mysterious orb. Who is this mysterious cool looking dragon that looked almost godlike that it managed to easily kill the Two Headed Dragon of the 62nd Devil God? For those that want to know, stay tuned!

Congratulations to the Winners of the Forest Hunter Event once again!” The announcer stated as he gave the stage back to the players that won the event.

Even though the audience cheered once again, they still wondered what that mysterious dragon is again. The contestants eventually knew that it must be related to the last event that even the event coordinators were extremely quiet about.

Chapter 792: The Fourth Event

The third event became successful as the viewership of the event is at an all-time high. Even ordinary news outlets are reporting on the results of the events. Pandemonium is now getting more recognition than ever before. Back then it is only gaming news channels that covered them but now it is mainstream.

Even the Hall of Fame videos are getting tons of views and even older videos have rising video counts. The videos that are rising in viewership are those that have story lines of the world of Pandemonium. The lore that Pandemonium has is giving rise to people playing the game and registering as they envisioned themselves as the protagonist of their own story.

The contestants however are speculating on the video shown yesterday when the event ended. They could more or less surmise that the dragon that they saw might be the King in the 'Advent of the King' event. That would have hold true if that dragon did not speak as if it will gift the Two Headed Dragon of the 62nd Devil God to the one it refers as its 'King'.

Just as the curiosity of the last event is skyrocketing, Atlas Inc. stated that they will give another spoiler about the last event after the fourth event. The fourth event is different than the other events as its timeline is not fixed. It could end in one day or two days depending on the results of the matches.

The Fourth Event is called Monarch and it is the real PVP event in the competition. The other matches tested the players against the environment and Ai enemies, but the fourth event is against players. The winners of the fourth event will be called Monarchs as they will be crowned as some sort of rulers amongst players.

"Welcome everyone! Today is the day that the Fourth Event will start. To keep it fair, the contestants will now draw lots on who will be their opponents. National Team Captains please line up in order of rank in the previous competition and pick your enemies!" The announcer stated as he brought a ballot to the center stage.

Each of the national team captains picked from the ballot. This is to ensure that the fight is not rigged and to keep the competition exciting. If the parties involved prepared for their opponents, then the match would be boring as it would be one sided.

The national team captains showed the sphere that they have chosen as they will pick the number that they will go up against. It did not take long for all the slots to be filled and each national team gained the opponent that they have picked.

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1. United States Versus Brazil
 2. China Versus Poland
 3. Japan Versus South Korea

4. Germany Versus France
 5. United Kingdom Versus Canada
 6. Ukraine Versus Finland
 7. Sweden Versus Italy
 8. Russia Versus Australia
 9. Malaysia Versus Thailand
 10. Philippines Versus Taiwan
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The next thing that flashed is the rules of the game as the Monarch event is not just for team PVP as there will also be solo matches. There will be two solo matches that gives one point each and the team match will give one point if they win.

The MVP for this event will be two people which are an MVP for the solo matches and the MVP for the team match. Each team must give their representatives for the solo matches in the next ten minutes in order for the team to not be disqualified for the solo match event.

“Here are the rules for this event!” The announcer stated as the projected screens changed.

Fourth event Rules: Monarch

1. Only one competitor for solo matches and they cannot compete again for the other solo match.
 2. The match patterns would be SOLO MATCH – TEAM MATCH – SOLO MATCH.
 3. If a national team wins the solo match and the team match, then they will automatically go to the next match.
 4. The match ladder will determine the next opponents.
 5. Cheating is prohibited and will be subject to disqualification.
 6. No pets or mounts are allowed for this event.
 7. Items will also be banned for being used unless it is a class attacking method. Items must be inspected by the referees before the start of the event.
 8. The map for the match will be decided on the winner of the coin flip at the start of the map.
 9. Each solo match will be fifteen minutes in duration. If the time is up and both players do not die, then the one with the higher health will be the winner of the match.
 10. If the match ends in a draw, then there will be a sudden death round.
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The event rules are clear on the winner as it is a PVP match style. The two most important rules for this event are numbers three and nine as they dictate the winner of the event. If a team can win the solo and team match, then they are guaranteed to move to the next event.

The next thing that the players need to consider is their battleground as there seems to be different maps depending on the roll. The one who dictates the battleground will have the advantage as they will surely pick the map that they are more familiar with.

“Ok! I will now show the maps or the battlegrounds that are available for this event. The first one is an average battleground stadium with nothing special to it. Or is there something special there?”

The next map is the Island battleground where those that have aquatic abilities could reign supreme. The third map is a mountain region that is cold and covered in snow. The fourth map is a dense jungle that is great for those who are agile and stealthy.

The fifth map is a bit special as it is the talked about floating island located a bit south of the central continent. The floating island of Avalon! If someone cannot fly, then certain death is given to those that fall down.” The announcer stated as the maps are showed in the projected screens.

Chapter 793: United States Versus Brazil

“Without further ado as I know that everyone is excited as I am! Let the first round of challengers come here! The representative of the United States and Brazil team please come up to the stage!” The announcer stated as the two representatives came up the stage.

The representative for the United States team is the assassin player named Shado. The representative for the Brazilian national team is the mage player named Amazo. The two looked at each other and shook their hands as a way of showing sportsmanship.

“Let us now do a coin flip for the map selection.” The announcer stated as he asked Shado for the face of the coin that he wants.

“Tails.” Shado stated.

“Are you fine with heads?” The announcer asked Amazo.

“That is fine.” Amazo stated.

The announcer flipped the coin and it landed on tail in favor of the United States national team. Amazo looked a bit nervous as one of his advantages is already taken. In a fight between an assassin player and a mage player, the former usually wins as mages are glass cannons. As long as the assassin player gets close to the mages then they can deal a critical strike killing the latter with one or two hits.

“I choose the jungle battleground.” Shado stated as his class is better suited to fight in a jungle, but Amazo is actually smiling as his class is also suited for jungle warfare.

The two of them entered their respective gaming pods and are transported to the area of their match. The area is not that large as it is just half a kilometer in diameter. It is small to ensure that the match will not drag on as a hit and run style of battle is not exciting to watch.

Shado immediately vanished upon confirming his surroundings. He is now in search for his enemy in the dense jungle area. Amazo spawned not that far from Shado and immediately chanted a skill that turned a part of his skin into bark. If he wants to win then the first thing that he needed to do is not die in one hit from the assassin player.

The audience already knew the verdict of the match as they could predict that Shado could easily win this fight. He is not one of the best assassin players in the game for nothing and he is even famed for killing mages as one of his most famous missions was actually to kill a corrupted mage.

Amazo did not move after applying the buffs on his body. He even closed his eyes as if he is in a trance like state. Some people speculated that he already gave up but that is not the case. His shadow that is casting behind him suddenly sprung up and a dagger is aimed at his neck.

The audience thought that the match is already over with that strike, but they are surprised by the outcome. The trees that covered the dense jungle suddenly extended their branches and blocked the dagger that is aimed at Amazo's neck.

Amazo opened his eyes and smirked as he is now confident in his chances of winning. The branch then pulled the entity hiding in the shadow, but Shado cut the branches using his daggers. He then gained distance and slid back inside the shadow dimension.

“This is bad. To think that Shado picked the wrong map against such an opponent. That mage player, Amazo, is a student at the academy called the Green Thumb.” Totem stated.

“What is this Green Thumb?” Poison Ivy asked as she is not familiar with it.

“Basically, it is a school that was founded by one of the Great Druids. They are a secret school that adopts those that are naturally in tune with nature. They use nature magic which is the advance form of earth magic. In a dense forest, Shado is basically trapped in the territory of the enemy.” Totem stated.

Just like what Totem said, the expected outcome of the match of Shado easily winning did not arrive. Amazo is basically in his own element and could not be beaten using sneaky means. The members of Green Thumb are masters of nature magic to the point that they sacrifice other elements for mastery of this.

The earth and the trees are basically their other senses since nothing gets past them as long as it is inside an area where nature is bountiful. Even if Shado could dive in the shadow dimension, he has no chance of winning against Amazo when inside a jungle.

The forest bowed to his will like his guardian deity. He has the blessing of the forest and in turn he takes care of it. That is the code of conduct for the members of Green Thumb. They are invincible when inside a forest but weak when out of their element.

Shado may be able to hide in the shadow dimension, but he cannot stay there forever as his health will be reduced if his mana runs out.

Amazo then started chanting a spell and trees around him suddenly started to glow. The trees in this map do not have this ability but it is a spell that Amazo used to expel the shadows that his opponent utilized. This spell is called Biolumen where it forces the excess light absorbed by the trees to be expelled.

Amazo illuminated the area and exposed the hiding Shado. When the shadows can no longer be used, Shado's body just popped out of nowhere as if he got puked by the darkness. Amazo then proceeded to use his next spells to bound Shado. He used the branches of the trees to keep him from running away and used Wrath of the Forest to turn his opponent into particles of light.

The audience is dumbfounded by this exchange as they did not expect Amazo to win. This solidified the thinking that nothing is certain in the world unless you see for yourself. Sadly, only Amazo won the match since they easily lost the team match, and the last solo match was fought by Totem.

Still, the audience gave both teams a standing ovation as all the fights were exciting. No one backed down even though the other team was stronger. Each team fought for their countries and that resonated clearly with the audience.

The team captains for each team shook their hands while the other team members bowed towards their opponents for gratitude. The losing team did their best to hold their tears when on stage and only poured their hearts out off stage.

Chapter 794: Japan Versus South Korea I

The fight between China Versus Poland ended with the victory of the Chinese national team. The solo match is won by Hou Yiwei himself. The player from the Polish national team did well but he is outclassed by the rank one player.

The team battle is the same as the Polish team fought to the bitter end but the Twin Blades and Hou Yiwei being serious made them almost undefeatable. The battle is not entirely one sided as the Polish team made the Chinese national team release their hidden cards as they also did the same.

The next match between the two countries is the most heated of all due to their history. The match between Japan and South Korea is the most anticipated of the early matches. The bets for this match would be the Japanese team due to their all-star line up.

The solo match of the two teams is announced and the players that came forth are Blade and Ain. The second ranked player versus Ain who is currently fifth ranked and the guild master of Valor. The two entered their gaming pods as soon as Ain chose the Avalon battleground.

Unlike the others that are sent a bit far from each other, the both of them materialized only ten meters away from each other. The Avalon map is not that big as it is held on a miniature island instead of the main island location. There are no buildings though as it is only just the floating island as the designated battlefield.

The two did not show any ceremony and started their clash. Blade used the incredible reach of his blade to aim towards Ain's neck, but the latter managed to evade it by just an inch. Ain use the chance as Blade is still mid swing to aim for the latter's abdomen.

Ain used a palm strike which made Blade recoil a few feet away as a result. Blade's health decreased by 3% as a result of that attack. The damage might not be that much, but Blade can now evaluate the strength of his opponent.

The rankings are just an indication of character level and not actual combat potential. This is the reason why some of the players in Pandemonium regard Equinox, the Demon, as the strongest player. If you ask others, then they will answer Eldritch as he already defeated Hou Yiwei back then as well. But the prestige of the rank is still there.

Blade did not want to disappoint his team members and reinitiated the attack but this time he increased his focus. He aimed not for the neck this time but for Ain's shoulder. Just as what happened before, Ain dodged the attack again by just a hair's breadth and counterattacked.

Ain aimed for Blade's chest this time as he wanted to deal an attack that can decide the match. Ain's palm is suddenly covered by a mist like aura that is sky blue in color.

"Cascading Waterfall Palm Strike!" Ain stated as his palm connected with Blade's chest.

Blade did not expect the high damage that he received and is sent flying in the sky. He became airborne and Ain followed up his attacks one after another.

"Swallowing Crane!" Ain stated.

Ain's right foot got covered in the sky-blue aura that he used earlier and chained his attacks against Blade. Blade could not do anything as he is under the effects of 'Disoriented' status ailment. He became a punching bag mid-air and his health started to decline rapidly.

When Blade's health reached 20%, he managed to recover from the status ailment that he received. He can now move once again but Ain looked like he wanted to finish the match immediately. Blade could see Ain charging his body with the aura that covered him.

Blade knew that he would lose unless he used one of his hidden skills. He decided that losing this match might make them lose the competition as a team battle against a necromancer is not easy. He weighed the options and decided to use his exclusive job class skill.

"Shattering Rain!" Ain stated as his whole body got covered in his aura. He intends to finish the event quickly. In a battle of stamina, he would be in equal terms against Blade, but he has far too low damage output compared to the rank 2 player.

"Demon Sword: Awaken!" Blade shouted as a dark red aura suddenly exploded from his sword that covered his whole body.

The two players clashed in mid-air which resulted in their auras colliding against each other. When both their aura's collided against each other, a huge pillar of smoke covered the whole area which impeded the view of the match.

When the smoke cleared, they saw the two still in mid-air. Ain's foot that is covered in aura is being blocked by the Blade's katana. Ain looked the same but the same cannot be true for Blade. His clothes that were a mixture of blue and green is now black and red in color scheme.

The clothes are not the only thing that changed as Blade's face is now covered by a mask that looked like a demon character. The demon mask has two horns on the temple instead of the head like that of an imp. But the one who verified that it was indeed a demon mask would be none other than Adrian.

"Are you really sure that is a demon?" Marlon asked as he knows that demons are not that in facial feature.

"That is because, he is not yet fully using his weapon to the fullest. That mask is meant to parody the demons which is why it does not look accurate. If you also look at his right hand, it is not a human's hand anymore but a demon's hand.

His left hand remains that of a human which means he is not fully demonized. Inside of that katana that he holds must be one of the sealed demons back then." Adrian stated.

Chapter 795: Japan Versus South Korea II

Adrian then told the tale of the demons that were punished back then as a result of them being troublemakers. Five demons of different abilities and strengths were sealed in weapons in order to contain their volatile personalities.

Unlike ordinary demons that balanced creation and destruction, the five demons of disaster leaned more into the destruction faction. As a result of becoming unfavorable to the goddess of life and the god of death, they were stripped off their ability to wield the arcane.

This should have been punishment enough but the five changed their existence to cope with their disability. Demons who lost their ability to wield the arcane managed to grasp other concepts of power. Even though each concept of power is limited to one, they easily mastered the concepts that they adapted and used that to exact their revenge.

One of such concepts that one of the exiled demons learned is carnage. He grew powerful for every battle that he participated in. The bloodier the battle then the stronger that he becomes. He has been dubbed as the Demon of Carnage due to his thirst for battle.

Numerous demons were needed just to seal the Demon of Carnage in the weapon that it used. The one who sealed the Demon of Carnage, and the four other is none other than the Asmodian Soul Summoner at that time. The Soul Summoner along with the envoys of life and death, separated the Demon of Carnage from his physical body and sealed his soul into the weapon that Blade holds now.

"Each sealed weapon is thereby termed as Cursed Weapons as the soul of the five demons in the weapons will try to take over its holder. The weapons themselves are powerful and unmatched but they must resist the control of the exiled demons inside of them." Adrian stated.

"Woah! I did not know that! Does that mean there are four other weapons like that!" Marlon stated.

“Is there a chance that the demon will fully takeover the wielder of the weapons?” Jade asked.

“There is a high chance as there have been accounts in history of people massacring an entire country with just one weapon.” Adrian replied which made the other’s attention focus back on the match.

[You have awakened the Demon Soul: Talim inside of your demon blade, Black Star.]

[Your current level of possession: 30%]

[All stats will increase by 15%.]

Blade is now different from earlier as his strength increasing is just the tip of the iceberg.

“Sword Art: Night Sky!” Blade muttered with his echoing voice.

With his sword art, Blade managed to block the Shattering Rain skill that Ain used. Blade’s speed now matches the speed that Ain attacks. With their speed now equal, Blade used this chance to counterattack.

He used his strength to push Ain down to the ground. Blade did it with ease as he is now a couple stronger than Ain.

“Sword Art: Falling Night Sky!” Blade muttered as his katana got covered by his aura.

Ain could not block the attack just by using one foot which is why he decided to follow up with the other foot. Even with the added force, Blade managed to overpower Ain. Blade sent Ain crashing to the ground, but the latter managed to use a skill to soften his landing.

“Sage Arts: Flowing River!” Ain stated as his body got covered by his aura.

Ain crashed to the ground, but he only lost 2% of his health as a result of his aura cushioning his fall. Blade descended a few meters away from Ain. He did not strike his opponent with a follow up attack because he could feel that Ain was waiting for him to do that.

“I see. No wonder you are stronger than the Martial Artists that I have fought constantly in the eastern continent. You are not a Martial Artist but the superior job class above it which is Martial Sage. I am truly impressed.” Blade stated as he filled his katana with his sword aura.

“You are correct in assuming that I am a Martial Sage but that does not mean that all Martial Sage’s are equal. If you know that already then I should not hold back as well since you did the same.” Ain stated as his eyes suddenly changed to that of the yin and yang symbol.

“Sage Arts: Worldly Pull!” Ain stated.

Ain then motioned in a flowing circular manner which sort of created a black hole like sucking force towards him. Blade tried to resist the pulling motion, but his body did not function like he

wanted to. Blade's body got pulled towards Ain who is still building his aura and condensing it to the extreme.

"Martial Sage Arts: Order of Yin and Yang!" Ain stated.

Ain then created a circle below his feet which generated the yin and yang symbol. The moment that he did that, the world felt like it slowed down from the perspective of the audience. In truth, they are now seeing the perspective of Ain that activated the Martial Sage Art that used worldly energy.

"This is bad, Blade. You have called for me too late. You should have used me at the start of the battle if you knew that your opponent is a Martial Sage." Talim, the demon soul in the katana, transmitted via telepathy to Blade.

Blade did not retort the statement of the demon soul as he only just recently found out as well. Martial Sages are rare in the eastern continent. For a player to achieve this would mean that they have great ability.

The moment Blade entered the yin and yang circle, he got rained by numerous palms strikes by Ain himself. Ain looked like an asura that descended onto the world and punished one of the unworthy. Blade did not stand a chance of even retaliating as he got killed under three seconds once he got inside of the yin and yang circle.

Chapter 796: Japan Versus South Korea III

Blade's fast defeat came at a surprise to the audience as they never thought that the second ranked player would be defeated quickly. Ain had a look of relief when he exited the gaming pod as his plan of only showing a Martial Artist's skills on the first few events managed to pay off.

Unlike other events, his job class is focused more on fighting which is why he knows that he will shine in the fourth event. Even he thinks that he has a high chance of defeating Hou Yiwei as long as he can shorten the distance between them.

"Who would have thought that Blade will be defeated but that does not mean that the Japanese national team is out of the waters! If the South Korean national team wants to advance to the next battle, then they need to also win the team match!" The announcer stated as he guided the players to their gamepods.

The captain of each team flipped coins and it landed in favor of the South Korean national team. Ain chose the first battleground which is the stadium as they would be severely weaker in other battlegrounds. Their team is not really equipped for tactical confrontation.

The stadium battleground is modeled after the Roman Colosseum but with the audience being empty. The two teams materialized in the stadium, but they were not allowed to move immediately. In a stage located in the center bleachers of the stadium, a figure of someone suddenly appeared.

"Welcome gladiators! If you manage to impress me then I might give you something in exchange for the joy of battle that all of you challengers bring. I, the God of War, Ares would welcome those that can make me see the joy in battle." Ares, The God of War, stated in his echoing voice.

The players did not know what the God of War stated but Ares then clapped his hands. The arena is suddenly filled with people looking at them. Each of these viewers are actually people that are logged inside the game and is watching the event there. They managed to get lucky to get chosen as an audience in the actual match.

Two bars are then floating with the names of the two national team under them. They did not know what that bar meant but they had a hunch that it is related to the God of War.

“Start the battle!” Ares, the God of War, announced with his resounding voice. The movement restriction is now lifted, and the players can now move.

The Japanese national team started the attack with both Vayu and Blade immediately reaching the opposing team. Blade went for Ain’s neck while Vayu aimed for Creepysoo’s body. Ain did not panic and evaded the attack with a hair’s breadth as last time while Creepysoo summoned a bone wall to stop the attack.

Mariposa of the Japanese national team then released her beetle, mantis, and butterfly soulbounds. The other two members of the Japanese national team used their support spells to buff their two front line members.

“You seem to be rushing too much old man.” Creepysoo’s voice came from behind the bone wall.

“Knowing you, little boy. You are the most dangerous one out of all of us here.” Vayu answered as he knows that the Prince of the Undead is the one that they need to be careful of

“I do not know about that. Summon Don Quixote.” Creepysoo stated as he summoned his undead knight.

The undead knight then charged towards Vayu and kept him from easily attacking the Prince of the Undead. Vayu could not easily overpower Don Quixote because the undead knight has great stamina and strength compared to him that has great speed and strength.

When Creepysoo got a few breather moments, he then summoned Robin Hoodie to aid his remaining team members. The soulbounds that Mariposa summoned are pressuring the three supporting members of the South Korean national team.

Vayu knew that he could not defeat Creepysoo with just half-hearted attacks. He decided to gather the wind elementals in the stadium while continuing his attacks on Creepysoo. He is a bit thankful to Mariposa as Creepysoo’s attention is now halved since he is also controlling the undead knight Robin Hoodie.

What Vayu did not notice is that Creepysoo is also doing something sneaky while dodging the attacks of the former. If they learned one thing while battling with Adrian, then that would be to look at the overall situation.

Creepysoo might not perfectly imitate what Adrian does during battle where he is constantly planning and assessing the situation mid battle, but he can multitask to some extent. Every time that he moves away, he would leave small magic circles on the ground that turn invisible after a split second.

He managed to do this while evading Vayu's attacks that are becoming faster and more powerful. Dodging alone could not solve that as Don Quixote will bear the brunt of Vayu's attack if Creepysoo cannot dodge it. This made the undead knight's health fall down to half already.

Vayu's relentless attacks finally paid off as his sword now glows in greenish energy. With one swing from his katana, a large tornado is released that aimed for Creepysoo and those behind him. Creepysoo knew that dodging would make his team get hit.

If he gets hit, then he might get combo 'ed to death by Vayu as he knows that the old man can attack mid-air. Creepysoo is left with no choice but to activate the magic circles that he planted on the ground. The number of magic circles might be lacking to the original number that he wants but that does not mean it would not be useful.

"Activate: Welcome to the World of the Undead!" Creepysoo stated as he slammed his staff on the ground.

The small magic circles that he placed on the ground suddenly showed itself and expanded to cover the whole stadium. The stadium suddenly started to get covered with the death god's miasma. Some tombstones even appeared in some random locations of the map.

[The area affected by Welcome to the World of the Undead will be polluted by the God of Death's miasma.]

[Those that do not have the Blessing of the God of Death or in a party with those that have the blessing will receive debuffs.]

[Reduce the defense of those without the blessing by 5%.]

[Those without the blessing will lose 0.01% of their mana per second. If they have no mana, then they will lose 0.01% of their health per second instead.]

[All undead in the area will have their strength and health regeneration be increased by 50%.]

[Ten magic circles have been applied in the area. The duration of this skill would be 10 minutes.]

The bored Ares suddenly sat upright in the throne that he is sitting upon as his satisfaction meter for the South Korean National Team's side increased. The audience noticed this, but they were more focused on the battle happening in the stadium.

Don Quixote and Robin Hoodie increased the pace of their attacks which pushed their opponents back. The weakening of the defense might have been small but strong attacks will make this small debuff a big game changer. Plus. Creepysoo is not yet finished but he needed to block the tornado heading his way.

"Armor of Darkness!" Creepysoo stated as he equipped all his allies with an armor made of pure shadow.

[Can block one attack as long as Armor of Darkness is equipped. This can only trigger once. DPS attacks will get blocked from affecting the wearer as well.]

One of the Legendary skills that Creepysoo learned is the spell called Armor of Darkness. Even Vayu does not know this skill as only Adrian has seen it being used. The skill is so perfect that it even blocked the instant kill function of the twin daggers primordial armament.

The tornado heading towards Creepysoo is then blocked by Don Quixote that is wearing the Armor of Darkness. Creepysoo knew that this tornado is not something that can be blocked with one Armor of Darkness, but the tornado just passed through Don Quixote as he thought.

The tornado passed right through him as well while the Armor of Darkness got dispersed since it already fulfilled its purpose. The other team members are safe as well, but the Armor of Darkness is consumed. With the chance given to them, they managed to turn the tides of the battle.

Blade is sent flying by Ain once again and the Japanese National Team is suddenly backed into the corner. They cannot be reckless and save their strengths at his stage of the competition.

“Mariposa, buy us some time.” Blade stated as he needed to fully integrate with the demon soul this time.

Both Blade and Vayu started to use the skills that they are saving up for the finals. Blade is covered in a darkish red flame while Vayu is covered in a sphere made of wind. Mariposa knew that she needed to step up her game as well which is why she used the skill given to summoners at level 200.

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"Limit Break!" Mariposa stated as she unleashed the level 200 skill given to summoners.

With one skill, Mariposa unleashed all the soulbounds in her arsenal. Seven bug soulbounds are now present in the battlefield. The Undaunting Stag Beetle, the Psychedelic Butterfly, the Crystal Mantis, the Generator Centipede, the Sonic Dragonfly, the Stink Bug, and the Wyvern Hopper is now released in the battlefield.

[All soulbounds of the player Mariposa has been released due to the Limit Break skill.]

[Soulbounds will have 50% more stats for the ten minutes that they are summoned.]

The spacious stadium suddenly started to feel small with all the bug soulbounds in the area. All the gigantic bug soulbounds started rampaging towards the enemy team. The one team member of the South Korean national team could not keep up with the onslaught and died as a result.

Creepysoo is also backed into the corner as he cannot deal with seven monsters at the same time. He had no choice but to also summon all his undead knights as well. He summoned Moomie and Voodoo Marie.

As the fight was focused on Creepysoo because of his flashy spells and undead knights, the Japanese Team did not notice that Ain is already near them. Mariposa also noticed too late because the Armor of Darkness that covered Ain is yet to be used which made him become camouflaged in the dreary atmosphere of the stadium.

Ain did quick work of the two other team members of the Japanese National team since they are not tanky enough to soak all the damage that he dealt. He was supposed to kill Mariposa as well but the Crystal Mantis with the support of the Psychedelic Butterfly blocked him from hurting her.

The sharp claws of the Crystal Mantis could easily cut a person in half just like what happened to Ain's fallen team member. The Psychedelic Butterfly is also using the powder that it is releasing in order to buff the other bug soulbounds.

It did not take long for another of the South Korean National Team's player to fall. The Sonic Dragonfly managed to kill their priest player. Without the help of the priest player, the tank player of the South Korean national team fell as well. He did manage to use a skill called damage reversal that killed the Generator Centipede.

Mariposa might be alone to protect the two ace players in her team but that does not mean she cannot do it. She is now exhibiting the true reason why summoners are dangerous in the battlefield. She coordinated the soulbounds in a manner that pinned Creepysoo and Ain.

She only needed to buy five minutes of time and they would be assured of their victory. She believed this but she forgot a crucial thing on one of the undead knights that Creepysoo holds. When she noticed that nails and strings were already manifesting above her, it was too late to move away.

A small doll that is likened to Mariposa is created in front of Creepysoo. The damage that the doll receives will reflect to a total of 75% of the target's health when cast upon a player. Mariposa is suddenly losing health rapidly due to the effect of the skill. She had no choice but to divert the damage to one of her soulbounds.

The damage is diverted to the Undaunting Stag Beetle, but she noticed something wrong again. With just one damage transfer that dealt 50% of her health, her soulbound immediately turned into particles of light. Mariposa then suddenly coughed up blood as a result.

The doll that represented the target that Voodoo Marie creates is not something that can be easily broken with transference skills or spells. She marks the spirit or soul of the target instead of the body which makes this skill dangerous for summoner players.

Creepysoo used this on Equinox during their battle, but the latter just used Rewind to undo all the damage. Mariposa lost 40% of her health as a result since the sudden death of a soulbound also made her take damage. The satisfaction bar that Ares has continued to rise for both teams as they battled to their utmost capabilities.

Ain managed to grasp the attack patterns of the Crystal Mantis and continued with his counterattack. The weakness of bug soulbounds is that some only use their instincts. The Crystal Mantis is one of those bug monsters that heavily relied on instincts which meant that being read meant death.

Ain continued his attacks until the Crystal Mantis fell in battle. He then used his sage arts to pull the Psychedelic Butterfly and beat it to death as well. The Stink Bug and the Sonic Dragonfly noticed that their master is defenseless which is why they left their current battle to aid her.

The Sonic Dragonfly managed to out speed Ain to a large degree with the support of the Stink bug that uses stench to decrease the stats of the enemies. Creepysoo is now free from the other soulbounds but the Wyvern Hopper is not easy to deal with as it is considered as a low rank dragon.

Moomie is currently defending against the Wyvern Hopper, but its boosted stats are not easy to deal even with four undead knights fighting. Don Quixote is almost dead just by taking one of the hits of the Wyvern Hopper. If Voodoo Marie did not heal Don Quixote might have fallen earlier.

Creepysoo and Ain might look calm and composed but they knew that they need to finish the battle now as they can feel the immense power from the two players gathering strength. Ain knew that in

order to defeat the soulbounds, the summoner must first be defeated but he cannot get close to Mariposa.

"No choice. Martial Sage Arts: Fox Hunt!" Ain stated as he suddenly vanished from the stadium.

The audience wondered where Ain vanished, but they cannot see him. Exactly one second later, Mariposa, who was flying, suddenly dropped to the ground.. Her soulbounds also turning into particles of light.

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"No choice. Martial Sage Arts: Fox Hunt!"

When Ain uttered those words, he used his most powerful single target ability. He surpassed the speed of light for a second and pierced Mariposa's chest. He managed to steal the Mariposa's heart and crushed it with his hands.

[You managed to successfully activate Fox Hunt. Due to the intense backlash since your body is not yet a Sage's body, you will enter a weakened state.]

[All stats will decrease by 50% for one day.]

The audience had their mouths open when they saw Mariposa turning into particles of light. Ain would have celebrated but the two warriors have finished condensing their power. From the dark flames, a demonized Blade comes forth.

His body is covered with the same runic letters just like Adrian's, but the runic letters are glowing red. The sclera of his eyes is black while the iris is red, and the pupil is black as well. Two horns are growing out of his head like that of an imp.

His skin tone that should be purplish in skin tone is also different as it is pinkish in skin tone. The hair that Blade has that was black in color is now gray. His clothes changed in color, and it is now revealing some of his skin more which made his fangirls scream louder amongst others.

Vayu changed as well as his flowing hair now feels like it is not made of organic hair but wind itself. His hair became flowing, and the dimensions is off as the ends could not be seen by the naked eye. His eyes are now just green glowing light, and his breath would release vast amount of pressure that can make anyone cower in fear.

The clouds present on his clothes started to move and some even materialized into the physical plane. His feet also looked like it flickered in and out of existence. His body did this as well, but it felt more solid to look at than his feet.

As soon as Blade gained control of his body, he immediately went straight towards Ain. He then slashed his katana towards Ain, but the latter managed to create a shield using his aura. The shield would have hold normally but his serious decrease in stats is not something helpful in a situation such as this.

Ain is sent flying and his health dropped immediately to 30%. From the audience' perspective, Blade only slashed once but he actually slashed five times. The slashes were so fast that Ain received three hits while blocked the other two.

Creepysoo is about to help Ain, but a katana is suddenly thrusting towards his head. He wanted to defend but he had no time. He had no choice but to use 'Corpse Swap' with Moomie. Creepysoo, who was supposed to receive the attack, switched places with his semi tank undead knight Moomie.

Moomie actually flinched upon receiving the attack and lost half its health immediately. The fact that his semi tank undead lost half his health with one sword thrust meant that it was a killing move towards Creepysoo.

[Your team member, Ain, has died.]

Creepysoo is shocked with the announcement that he received as he did not think that Ain would fall this fast. He knew about the status reduction, but Ain had many skills that can help him dodge physical attacks. While this is happening, Ares' satisfaction meter for the Japanese national team suddenly filled to the brim.

[The God of War, Ares, is pleased with the performance of the Japanese National Team.]

[All damage dealt will be increased by 10%.]

Creepysoo, who is already cornered, thought that the buff could not have come at the most unfortunate time for him. Voodoo Marie could not lock in Blade or Vayu so she cannot make a doll to damage their souls.

Moomie tried binding them with his bandages, but the two transformed warriors easily broke free. The most dangerous of the two is actually Blade that becomes increasingly stronger as the battle becomes longer. Creepysoo noticed this because Blade could not cut down the Bone Wall that he uses for defense.

Creepysoo did not give up because he has one last chip up on his sleeve. A skill that can turn the tides of battle to one's favor. A skill that can instantly turn the battlefield into your own playground.

"Underworld Domain: Limbo!" Creepysoo stated as his body emitted a strong aura of death.

The aura of death then manifested into a coffin that pulled Creepysoo inside of it then slammed shut. The coffin then sunk to the ground and turned the whole arena into a graveyard. A man in a suit suddenly appeared in the middle of the stadium. The man in a suit then looked at Ares and waved at him then tapped his cane on the ground before disappearing.

The Japanese national team did not notice that whenever a South Korean National team member died, a tombstone would mark the area where they died. They would soon learn that the dead team members rose from their graves as undead.

The four undead members were not shocked when they got revived because they already got the announcement from Creepysoo beforehand. They are now undead with unlimited stamina and boosted by Creepysoo's Prince of the Undead title. They are now considered as undead subordinates. Even the undead knights that died are revived due to Creepysoo summoning the domain of Limbo where Baron Samedi has great control over.

Creepysoo then emerged from a coffin as a fully dressed gentleman. Creepysoo then tapped his staff on the ground which made smoke gather behind him. The smoke is actually the souls of those in Limbo that manifested as wraiths.

"Let us begin the party!" Creepysoo shouted with an energetic smile.

The wraiths and all the undead in the arena then charged towards Blade and Vayu.. Both tried to resist the tide of undead but ultimately fell as they got suppressed by the domain skill that Creepysoo used.

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The audience and even the other contestants were shocked when they saw a real domain skill being used. They knew for a fact that a domain skill is what separates the powerful individuals in Pandemonium. For the Prince of the Undead to have this meant that he can become a being equal to a demigod.

[Congratulations to the South Korean National Team for advancing to the next round.]

The battle ended with the domain skill overpowering the two transformed warriors. The gloomy atmosphere could be seen on the Japanese Team side as they lost the battle, but the audience cheered for them.

For the audience, the battle between South Korea and Japan did not create losers. They gave an electrifying match that will be considered as one of the best matches. The audience even forgot the previous matches when they finished watching the match between Japan and South Korea.

The next few matches were fierce as well but the thrill from watching the Japan versus South Korea match was not overshadowed. The battle between Germany Versus France ended with Germany's resounding victory in the team fight as Faust and Eis were a pair that cannot be easily toppled.

The next fight between United Kingdom and Canada ended in the victory of the former as Pendragon participated in the solo match. Merlin then decimated the enemy team in the team match as all her spells covered almost the entire arena.

The match between Ukraine and Finland ended in the victory of the latter as Cersei's curses are difficult to dispel with the aspect of Vepar fighting beside her. Sweden and Italy match could be said to be the most predictable one as Frey did not hold back one bit. She proceeded to decimate the enemy team in three minutes.

The Russia versus Australia match could be said as a bad matchup for the latter as the Australian team does not have a high burst damager to instantly kill Sveto. The Malaysia versus Thailand team ended the match as 1:2 as the latter lost the team match due to the former team being better in team plays.

The last qualifying match is the most anticipated one right now as they want to know who will represent the solo matches. Dupe might be great, but she is outclassed in one-on-one situations. Apolaki is already a given, but the audience want to know who the other one would be.

"Other than Creepysoo and Old Man Vayu's match, the other matches were almost one sided. I hope the last qualifying match is great." Marlon grumbled as the excitement he felt from their friend's match was really something else.

"Who do you think will be the solo player for our country? It would surely be Apolaki." Jade stated.

"I think it would be that summoner named Arsenal." Adrian muttered as he felt that Apolaki wants to hide as much as possible.

"Oh? Why do you say so?" Jade asked.

"Just a hunch." Adrian answered.

Just as Adrian predicted, the player from the Philippine National Team is the summoner named Arsenal. From the Taiwan national team side, Nishui is the first one to be in battle as they expected that Apolaki would be the one to handle the first solo match. They might have predicted wrong, but they thought that they lucked out.

The Taiwan National Team thought that they have this match in the bag as they just needed to get the island battleground for the team match. The player named Dupe might be troublesome in the team match but if Renyu floods the whole area then they would win regardless.

"Both players enter your gaming pods." The announcer stated as the battlefield chosen is the stadium since Arsenal won the coin flip.

He chose the stadium map as he wanted to avoid the places where he could die due to the environment or those with water. Arsenal thanked his luck that it managed to at least make the match not totally against him.

As soon as the two materialized in the stadium, the God of War, Ares, made his speech once again. The stadium is once again filled with spectators.

Nishui thought that Arsenal would be an easy match because he did not do much in the previous events. He mainly just supported the team using his soulbounds that were not mostly for support as well. He only used three soulbounds that were the chameleon, a monkey that plays the cymbals and the hornbill that can launch projectiles of the things that it eats.

Before the match....

"Are you sure about sending Arsenal instead of you?" Dupe asked Apolaki.

"I am sure as we will not win if I bring out all my cards. The undead boy has a domain skill that no one in our team possess. Our only chance of winning the team match against them would be to win against Ain which I can do.

Do not worry as Arsenal has trained enough to match against a normal ranker in the right conditions. He also hid most of his skills, so he still has the element of surprise in his belt. You are weak against one on one's, so we have to trust in him." Apolaki stated as he sent Arsenal with a confident look.

The moment that the two moved, Nishui immediately decreased the distance against the two of them. If he could prevent the summoner to summon his soulbounds then he can easily win. His staff extended to hit Arsenal by the mouth, but the latter just jumped back in response.

"High Summon: Espada" Arsenal stated.

A magic circle that had the mark of a wolf and a sword suddenly appeared. From it, an armored wolf with a sword on its mouth came out and parried the oncoming staff attack from Nishui.

"High Summon: Pangil" Arsenal followed up as he had a breather.

A magic circle with a snake with its head having some features of a wolf suddenly appeared from the summoning.. Fang measured about twenty meters in length and could easily squish the opponent but its main attack is actually spitting poison to its enemies.

Chapter 800 – Philippines Versus Taiwan II

The Lycodon Naja is a rare evolution of a snake monster as they are said to have the characteristics of a dragon. It is even classified as a low-class dragon due to the small amount of dragon blood in its veins. It also has a poisonous breath attack as it can release large amounts of acidic poison. The soulbound Pangil is this type of monster.

Nishui did not fully avoid the poison breath attack as he got hit in the left shoulder. The armor that he wore could be seen getting melted by the breath attack. He could not take a breather also as Espada aimed for his neck at a fast speed. He dodged the attack, but he tripped and fell.

"High Summon: Ginto" Arsenal stated as he did not let this chance got to deal damage to his opponent.

He summoned a giant golden scaly ball on top of Nishui. Nishui could not dodge on time and got pummeled by the giant golden scaly ball. All the while, Arsenal is gaining the favor of the God of War.

Nishui thought that it would be an easy match and he got angry at himself for being so cocky. He activated a skill to strengthen himself and toss the giant golden scaly ball that is flattening him. With the ball monster out of the way, Nishui recollected himself and became serious.

The golden round scaly ball is actually a Golden Pangolin. A monster that is said to be very timid but boasts exceptional defense. All three of Arsenal's most powerful soulbounds is now present in the battlefield.

The Gladius Lupus named Espada which are monsters that have great speed and mastery over the sword. They are said to even use sword skills which could rival the Sword Saints if trained to the peak. The Lycodon Naja, a lower-class dragon, that can spit poisonous breath that can corrode everything.

Nishui noticed that his opponent clearly hid his strength in the previous matches. Rather, no one paid attention to them much as they were not really featured much in the first and second events. Sometimes being inconspicuous has its advantages. Nishui needed water to truly overpower his opponent since he started to show his cards.

"If there is no water then I would just summon it. Drizzle!" Nishui stated as he suddenly started to pound his chest.

The skies suddenly become dark as droplets of water suddenly start to fall down on the battlefield. Nishui started to increase his strength with the arrival of rain. The rain lasts for thirty minutes which means that he can finish the battle with the rain still taking effect.

Nishui's stats are increased whenever he is drenched in water or in bodies of water. He became twice as fast than he was previously and use that in his advantage. Nishui moved like a phantom in the rainy weather which became struggle to Arsenal.

Arsenal's soulbound named Pangil tried to spit its poisonous breath on Nishui, but the latter was too fast to be hit. Ginto, the Golden Pangolin tried to ram its body towards Nishui, but the latter got evaded easily as well. The only soulbound that could follow Nishui is Espada but even it could not hit the water goblin player.

Nishui bombarded Arsenal with his Staff Arts and almost sent the summoner to death's door. Arsenal transferred most of the damage to Ginto. The golden pangolin could be seen having cracks on its sturdy shell as a result of the damage transfer.

"I guess this match is already decided once that Nishui guy made it rain." One of the audiences muttered to his seatmate.

"Why does that name Arsenal seem familiar?" His seatmate stated.

"He probably just has someone with the same name that you have fought before." The one who originally spoke added.

"No! I remember now! There is actually a summoner that is ranked 50 in a city ruled by the Church of War. He must be that guy!" His seatmate stated but the other person did not believe it.

"It must be some other person as I also know of that rank 50 person that is said to be very elusive. He is also a summoner that used his soulbounds in a unique way." The person in the audience stated.

"The guy that summons swords is the one ranked 50. That guy has legit monster soulbounds." They said in unison, but the next scene made their jaws drop.

As Nishui is about to hit Arsenal in the head to try and finish off his opponent in battle, Arsenal suddenly became resolute and calm. Nishui suddenly had goosebumps when he felt the sudden transformation of his opponent, but he cannot stop his attack.

"Summoner Arts: Secret Sword – Gladius Lupus" Arsenal stated.

Arsenal who had no weapon in hand suddenly had a sword in hand. The base of the blade had an armored wolf as a motif with the blade coming out of its open mouth.

[Arsenal has gained the 50% damage increase provided by the Secret Sword – Gladius Lupus.]

[Arsenal has gained the 30% agility increase provided by the Secret Sword – Gladius Lupus.]

Arsenal now matching the speed of the buffed Nishui slashed his opponent. Nishui screamed in pain as his chest got slashed. Thankfully, his healing factor is also improved when in water.

"Summoner Arts: Secret Sword – Lycodon Naja" Arsenal stated.

Arsenal now carries two swords and aimed it towards Nishui. He first slashed using the wolf sword, but it got blocked by Nishui's staff. He then used the other sword to do a thrusting attack and succeeded.

[You have poisoned your opponent.]

[Your opponent will lose 5% of his health every minute. This effect can stack.]]

Nishui's eyes bulged as he did not resist the poison. He must finish off the summoner in front of him before he is the one that loses the battle.

"Water Crash: Tidal Slam!" Nishui stated as the water element around him empowered his staff and came crashing down on Arsenal.

"Summoner Arts: Secret Sword – Golden Pangolin" Arsenal muttered as a golden sword with hard scales blocked the attack that came from Nishui.