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"Hybrid dragons are those which have parents with different Races . They're usually weaker than pure-blooded dragons but have access to the abilities of both parents, however, they're despised and are always cast out from their tribes . "

"Correct . What about the Buria Empire . "

The Joker's cold and stern look pierced the little girl, who waste no time in answering every question he asked .

"The Buria Empire came into being five hundred years after the Void Era, it was ruled by Emperor G'am Tir, a human . In just two hundred years, the empire managed to expand its borders and dominated a third of the Cloud Sea Universe . The might of the empire caused outside forces to ally together in retaliation, fearing that the greed of G'am Tir would push him to expand to other Universes . The Empire soon crumbled after the Emperor was assassinated by The Black Seat of Death from Black Rose . "

The Joker happily clapped his hand while asking again

"And what's the identity of the Black Seat of Death?"

"Zodiak, a traveler from the future, who acquired that position by killing his predecessor . He's also the one who created Dark Magic, the power daddy uses . "

"Well, he didn't 'create' it but he's indeed the one who made it how it is today . "

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After pausing for a second, the Joker turned toward the green board and wrote something using an ancient language .

"What does this mean?"

The girl struggled to read the weirdly-shaped word and managed to answer only after a minute, to which the Joker didn't say berate her as usual but patiently waited, not bothered by the long time it took her to comprehend such a complex and archaic word .

"T-titan?"

He nodded his head and wrote 'Titan' right under the previous word .

"What are titans?"

This time, he didn't expect her to answer as it's the first time she heard of the Race . He taught her the archaic language before introducing her to the titans to make it easier to understand a lot of things later .

"Titans are one of the strongest Races that existed before and after the Void Era . If you ask me, they were an arrogant bunch but they weren't evil or bad, unlike the God Race . They had enormous bodies and unmatched physical Strength, I've even seen one particular Titan who had a body with the size of

half of a solar system but, unfortunately, it was dead, so I couldn't fight it *sigh* . Anyway, the Titans' numbers decreased after the Void Era and only a few dozen of them remained . Back then, with the disappearance of Gods, people were afraid that the Titans would take the reign so they hunted every last one of them, not sparing even the ones who willingly surrendered... at least that's what every history record would say but I just happen to know one last titan whom I'm hiding as he I owe him a favor . Anyways..."

The girl focused on what he said and carefully noted the important parts . And so... inside that room that resembled a classroom, the lesson peacefully continued without any disturbance .

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Outside of Leiu's manor, in that supposedly 'small courtyard' or so it was described by the Joker, Astrith was finally done fighting Milkan .

"As Master Arthur's companion, you need not just loyalty but sufficient strength to protect his family and aid him when necessary . You're a being born from Lightning, a beast who was given consciousness and evolved thanks to the Celestial Tribulation but that doesn't make you special . Look around you, everyone nowadays is special and has plenty of unique abilities . If you remain the same, you'll only be a hindrance, a nuisance to Master Arthur . When the time comes, you'll only be able to stand there and watch, unable to complete your destined duty . "

Milkan, the large and creepy looking beast opened its mouth and talked to Astrith, who became several times larger and grew an additional tail which had a different color than the other one . This tail was made from red lightning and emitted a Heavenly aura, very similar to the tribulation .

"Enough, Milkan, I didn't summon you to lecture him . "

The Nameless Knight appeared next to the dark beast, signaling him to stop . The beast lowered its body and kept its silence .

"Did it go well?"

"I did my part, you should get Onyx to finish the job . "

Milkan uttered those words before vanishing into the darkness, leaving a pondering Leiu . The young man glanced at the silent Astrith then mumbled

'Heed my call! StarSpeed Leopard, Onyx!'

Just like with Milkan, another entity was summoned next to its master and companion . A black leopard with some bloody red lines on its body, its two eyes resembled two shining stars . When you look at the beast's eyes, you'll see the universe itself within, a wondrous and mysterious feeling will surge inside of you .

"Time is of the essence . I'm counting on you, Onyx . "

The leopard respectfully bowed to the knight while speaking with a deep and chilling voice

"I shan't disappoint you, Master . "

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Some would say there is no such thing as coincidence in this world . The only thing is hitsuzen, Hitsuzen... A naturally fore-ordained event . A state which all other outcomes are impossible .

Maybe it was through a fluke, or perhaps the meddling of fate or the machination of time, whatever it was called, it managed to create a weak link, which may or may not reverse the tides and create new future paths . The meeting between a lowly, mortal demon and an esteemed prince, two who are completely different, in every sense of the word .

The curiosity of the prince and the anxiousness and impatience of the demon allowed the two to stumble upon each other, though only for a brief, instantaneous moment .

A cloaked silhouette, which bumped into a disguised prince in a secluded alley and there's where their tale began . A scholar once said 'We do not create our destiny; we participate in its unfolding . Synchronicity works as a catalyst toward the working of that destiny . ' And some would partially believe these words after witnessing certain events in their lives .

What a tale it was, one that brought with it a desired change, one that was born through a simple accident .

On that 'fated' day, Isadore Marfront and Taliya met...

'If I spoke about Reincarnation, would you think I'm crazy? If I spoke about past lives, would you believe me? Then what about eternal love? Ever-lasting Romance which many noble ladies dream about? Nonsense, is it?'

A man sat before a well-decorated grave and talked to it .

'They shunned me, exiled me, called me names but you know what? I didn't care for I knew I was right . Yes, I am but a mortal, a weak and fragile mortal but sometimes, a mortal can achieve things no other God could . Ah what I would give to see your smile again, to feel your touch and hear your sweet voice . '

Tear tricked down his pale face, he leaned on the grave while thinking to himself

'I know... I know I failed you . I wanted to prove them wrong, I-I was too foolish and blinded but... I truly loved you . I caused your death and my punishment shall be death too . '

He retrieved a sharp dagger and brought closer to his neck before uttering those last words

'What I saw does not include us but I believe! I believe we'll meet again and at that time, I'll never let go of you . '

Then, without any hesitation, he slit his own throat . Blood gushed like a fountain from his cut neck yet the man didn't care, he leaned on the grave and closed his eyes, a sad smile on his pale face...

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After a long talk, Arthur managed to convince Jian Si to accompany them and Lucy would act as someone from her sect to attract less attention . The girl wanted to immediately start learning

[Heavenly Slash] but her strongly objected, telling her that it's better to try to grasp it once she's out the Secret Realm . Nevertheless, Jian Si was really a sword genius as she managed to unleash that skill after he imparted her with it .

It was a very weak and incomplete version but succeeded which proved that she's not the strongest sword cultivator in Green Leaf for nothing .

Arthur possessed Lucy again and hid there while she quietly followed Cold Sword after wearing a robe that proved her fake identity .

The trip to the entrance of the dragon's lair was rather peaceful, no one caused trouble and all the monsters were disposed off by a rather energetic Jian Si, who unceasingly used [Heavenly Slash], wanting to master it as soon as possible .

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North of the Secret Realm, a fair distance from the Paradise Garden, two silhouettes were conversing together . One was a scarred old man whose face was a bit pale and the other was an indifferent looking woman with a silver hair .

"So you've met her?"

"Yes, she was amongst the contestants . I tried to talk to her but she strongly rejected me . "

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With a hand on his chin, the butler contemplated the situation before asking again

"What do you think her objective was? She must've known your identity yet she entered the garden . "

Angelina shrugged her shoulders and replied:

"Not exactly sure but it seemed to be a reward from the third level . Neither she nor the man with her seemed to be interested in the fourth level as they both forfeited . "

"And what about their strength? Compared to you, of course . "

"They had hidden quite well . If not for the fairy's intervention, I wouldn't have found out . As for their strength, I never saw them fight seriously but... one thing for sure, that man with her is the Dark Magic user!"

"Yeah, I noticed that too . It's going to be more troublesome than I thought . "

"Troublesome? Even if he's strong, I don't think he can face you . "

The butler shook his head while retorting

"Dark Magic isn't infamous for nothing . Moreover, that man is able to shapeshift... then there's that damned Wrath, many powers are butting in and protecting them, this may be our last chance so we better bring her back . "

He seemed resolute and prepared to do anything to get Lucy and bring her to her mother . Angelina shared his thoughts and agreed to help him while disregarding her initial goals, which were to go to the dragon's lair and obtain a few Godly and Mysterious ranked treasures .

Nine months after Lucy and Arthur left Astria, the war that raged on for months and killed countless people finally quietened down . As she led the undead army, Anastassia pulverized the invading forces, killing most of them and forcing the rest to retreat .

The Itas Continent's current state was even worse than the Western Continent . It became a land scorched by the evil God's fire . Half of the World Tree turned into ashes while the other half is still suffering from the flames .

Many Ice and Water mages were dispatched to lessen the damage caused by the fire but it was still futile .

The once calm and peaceful forest was nowhere to be seen, it became a land devoid of life, just like the Human Continent, which sank into the sea .

90% of the Undead remained on that continent since the harsh environment didn't affect them . The rest were guarding the MoonStar Sect while helping the survivors of the war, whether it's by escorting them or pulling carriages .

A fleet of a ten thousand ghost ships was sailing on the coast of the Western Continent . Some were used by merchants for a fee while others remained motionless, waiting for Anastassia's orders .

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MoonStar City, High Tower, in a large room equipped with various hospital equipment brought from Earth, There were three figures talking . One of them was an old man who excused herself right after her job was done, as for the other two, one was Anastassia and the other was Mary, who was holding a newborn cute baby .

The baby loudly cried and only quietened down when his mother held him in her warm embrace . The pale-faced and sweating Anastassia softly smiled as she stared at the baby .

She experienced excruciating pain to give birth to this little boy .

"It's very cute!"

Mary sat next to Anastassia and commented while poking the small baby, who became very docile .

"Yes, he looks much like his father . "

"Eeeh? Really? The way I see it, he has your soft and tender skin . "

The two women happily chatted for a few some time before Mary left, telling her friend to get a much-needed rest .

Anastassia spent the whole day hugging her sleeping child, her expression melancholic .

Midnight, a black-cloaked old man with a grey hair and a grumpy expression appeared in that room . He gazed at the sleeping baby before shifting his attention to the mother .

"You asked for time and I gave you ample time . It's time to go . "

Anastassia gently put her baby in his small bed and caressed his face while smiling before covering him with a blanket . She turned toward the old man and said

"You'll fulfill your end of the deal, right?"

As if he was insulted, the old man retorted

"Who do you take me for? I always stay true to my promises . "

He waved his hand, causing two lifeless bodies to appear on the ground . He inspected them while saying

"You're quite lucky to have found them a short time after their death . Any second later and it would've been impossible to revive them, even with my abilities . "

Anastassia didn't talk, she waited for him to bring them back to life with a hopeful look . Seeing her expression, the old man snorted and shot out two thin threads of black lights from his fingers, each hitting the foreheads of the corpses .

Upon a closer look, one of the corpses was actually Jakob while the other was her little sister, Sonia . They both died fighting the Cthulhu, in fact, if Anastassia arrived an hour earlier, she might've been able to save them .

At that time, the vice-leader sank deep into despair and only regained hope when this old man, who proclaimed to be Death itself, appeared before her and struck a once-in-a-lifetime deal .

He asked her to become his successor and in return, he'll arrive her dead family members . She demanded he gave her some time so she can give birth and time was she given .

Very soon, the pale skin of the two corpses gained some color and the two began breathing .

"It's done, they will wake up within an hour . Let's go . "

Anastassia nodded her head, she crouched next to the unconscious Jakob and gave him a kiss on the forehead . She did the same to Sonia before glancing one last time at her child .

From that night, Anastassia, the vice-leader of the MoonStar sect was no more . She disappeared without a trace and followed Death, who immediately started granting her his powers .

A huge commotion occurred an hour later when Jakob and Sonia woke up . They were dumbfounded and thought this was after-life, only when Mary accidentally entered the room to check on the baby did the situation became clear .

From that day onward, the position of Vice-Leader was passed to Jakob, who meticulously did his job with the help of his assistant, Sonia .

The newborn baby, who was the couple's only kid, was named Ragnar and grew up into an extremely powerful individual, using daggers just like his mother but... that's a story for another time .

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A few days after Arthur met with Jian Si, the trio arrived at the entrance of the cave where countless cultivators were patiently waiting for a semi-transparent barrier to vanish .

The barrier was put by the Space Dragon and it would disappear when the ancient beast gives birth as it'll focus all its energy to protect its baby .

Amongst the cultivators, Lucy saw the pink-haired girl, Clara, accompanied by the Flame Crown Prince . Elo Huo, the kid who lost an arm in the Tomb above Amidel's city was also present .

He no longer had this haughty look around him, his expression was serious as he was the only meditating in his group . All the others were either provoking rival sects, chatting, or gazing at the barrier .

Shu Ru, Emily, and the princess were also here . The Goddess of Green Leaf was chatting with a cheeky looking young man who had a tanned skin and a muscular body . He wore a white robe and had a wooden staff on his back .

This young man, who looked like an adult was the famous Sacred Priest of the Holy Academy .

This Academy had ties with the Holy Academy as they worshiped the same God but they weren't necessarily allies .

Jian Si's arrival attracted many gazes but none dared to provoke her or talk to her . The girl quietly sat next to her sect members, who were also afraid of her .

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Lucy scanned the surroundings but found no signs of the Holy Dominion forces or Angelina, for now, at least . Many of Jian Si's juniors threw curious glances at Lucy but they didn't say anything . They knew each other well so they immediately noticed this stranger who was wearing their sect's clothes .

They thought it's some kind of scheme orchestrated by Jian Si so they kept their silence, unwilling to interfere .

"Hey Missy! Me heard you got stronger! Wanna spar with meself?"

The burly-looking priest brazenly walked to the meditating Jian Si and voiced his thoughts, uncaring about the unfriendly gazes he was getting from the others .

Jian Si ignored the youngster and kept thinking about the skill Arthur gave her . She wanted to fully understand how it works and perfectly executes it .

If not for Arthur's voice which rang in her ears, she wouldn't have given the Sacred Priest a single glance .

"I'm also curious, why don't you show me your progress? Who knows, if you give me a pleasant surprise, I may teach you another thing or two . "

His words ignited her spirit, causing her to abruptly stand up and unsheathe her red sword . Seeing her actions, the Sacred Priest became excited, he retrieved his staff from his back and beckoned her to an open area .

Many of the young talents present were interested in the fight . They followed the duo, wanting to witness the fight . Green-Leaf may be a middle-Realm but it is rather famous in the High-Realms, especially thanks to Isadore, whose achievements are extraordinary for a mortal .

No words were needed between the two parties, after they chose an empty and flat area, the two started battling . A thick and murderous aura emanated from the expressionless Jian Si . The Sacred Priest laughed as a golden layer enveloped his body and strengthened his bulging muscles .

The two had the same cultivation so only techniques mattered . The two didn't hesitate in using their God Spirits, which appeared behind them, causing the weaker cultivators to take a few steps due to the suffocating pressure .

Jian Si's God Spirit was a blood-red figure with four pairs of arms, similar to Ashura . The priest's God Spirit was strange as it was vastly different from the normal ones . It was a wooden staff just like the one he was wielding, its size became smaller until it merged with his staff, turning it golden with runes engraved on every part of it .

The two didn't waste time and charged at other, a sword and a staff clashed with each other, causing a crater under the two of them . The Ashura behind Jian Si used its arms to hit the priest, who would wave his staff in a mysterious way to block the aggressive attacks .

Jian Si then would follow with a stab from her sword only to be easily deflected by the resistant golden staff . She backed away and threw her sword at the grinning youth and just when it was about to hit him, she vanished and appeared before him, grabbing the same flying sword .

She rotated her body and slashed her sword from above, causing the priest to raise the staff and block . Like her earlier attacks, this one was also blocked but not before a sharp and savage sword essence to travel from her sword to the priest, injuring him and surprising him at the same time .

She flawlessly controlled her Sword Essence and attacked with it instead of her sword, this was only thanks to Arthur's teaching, who allowed her to use her Sword Essence as a weapon .

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The fight lasted for ten minutes before the priest lost to Cold Sword's new skill; [Heavenly Slash] . Her execution of the skill was rather lacking but the burst of sword essence was more than enough to send the Sacred Priest flying .

"Too many flashy moves and you wasted time summoning your God Spirit . "

Arthur berated her and harshly complained about her fighting style to which Jian Si snorted but said nothing . The cultivators were amazed by the show of power and carefully watched the fight, wanting to learn from these two rising talents .

Clara wasn't that interested in the priest but had the urge to spar with Cold Sword . She didn't expect much of the geniuses of a middle-Realm but Jian Si seemed to be a special case . Just as she was about

to challenge her, a golden ship appeared from the horizon, appearing in front of the barrier within seconds .

Many golden-armored knights left the ship and joined the other cultivators . Two robbed old men and one woman clad in a shiny white armor were leading this group of fifty people .

They were obviously from the Holy Dominion and from the looks of it, they wanted to enter the dragon's lair too . Lucy noticed a silent blond-haired woman staying in the middle of the group . She was none other than Delia, who appeared rather distressed .

Unlike the non-threatening Deacon from last time, Arthur could feel the pressure of these three leading individuals, who looked calm as they glanced at every cultivator, inspecting them carefully .

They didn't find anyone suspicious so they walked to the camp of the Holy Academy and started conversing with the Sacred Priest, who wasn't in the mood to talk after his loss to Jian Si .

They asked him about Arthur and Lucy but received no useful answers . A few minutes later, another person arrived to whom the three leaders of the Holy Dominion group reacted rather fiercely .

The two old men glared at the dark-haired middle-aged man but didn't say anything . The woman knight seemed rather nonchalant as she happily chatted with the reluctant Delia .

Apparently, the two were close friends or so speculated Lucy . Without having to hear Arthur's thoughts, Lucy said

"Don't worry, if things go out of control, I won't hesitate to kill her if she attacks . "

Arthur gave no response as he was busy talking with Claud

'One of the two old men is an Overgod, the other is a Half-God who acquired more than half of his Celestial Body . The woman is an enigma, probably a 7-star God Monarch, possibly more . '

Wrath, who just arrived, leisurely laid on the ground and closed his eyes, taking a nap, totally ignoring the strange gazes he was getting .

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As the two sat next to each other, still gazing at the ever-expanding crack far away, a tall and beautiful figure appeared a distance away . The two immediately noticed her, glancing at her but showing no signs of surprise as if expecting her arrival .

With soft white fur covering parts of her body, two sky-blue pupils and a very long hair as white as snow . She walked up to the two men and respectfully bowed

"Uncle, Teacher, it's been a long time . "

Leiu softly smiled and nodded his head while the Joker got up and inspected the woman from head to toe before saying

"I see no signs of the crybaby from before . My sweet and dear student, you've grown up . "

He gently caressed her head then said

"I believe you know why you're here and are fully aware of the danger . "

The woman nodded her head and replied

"To let things proceed as planned, everything must go according to the Prophecy... but I want to fight alongside you..."

This time, the Nameless Knight was the one who talked . He shook his head and said

"That is not possible . I made a promise and it shall be kept . I'm not saying you're weak but the outcome is unclear even if the future is set in stone . "

For her, Leiu's words are as important as her father's if not more . For countless time did he tell her to always listen to her uncle and follow his words .

Although reluctant, the woman nodded her head and gazed at something above the ominous crack . It was a red sun, the thing which was emitting a dangerous heat that could even destroy planets and stars .

There was no need to waste time chatting pointlessly . She flew toward the red sun, which was about to reach completion and cause unrepairable chaos .

She transformed from a woman to an unbelievably large white wolf, its size was even bigger than the Divine Planet!

The wolf, known as the legendary Fenrir, appeared before the sun, which would melt everything and opened its mouth . Slowly but surely, the sun was being devoured by the monstrously-sized wolf .

As he watched this event unfold, the Joker said

"So this is what the Norse Gods meant . Ragnarok... end of the world... calamity... doesn't matter its name . When the end is near, the wolf will devour the Sun . "

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More and more cultivators started appearing near the entrance of the dragon's lair . Most of them remained far the back, unwilling to mingle with the great shots .

The once unbreakable barrier put up by the million-year-old Space Dragon was now on the verge of crumbling . The young talents were filled with anticipation as they wanted to get their hands on the ancient treasures in the dragon's possession .

Some were foolish enough to think about stealing the newborn baby but such a feat isn't easy, perhaps only the cream of the crop would stand a chance and that's while excluding the fighting that'll occur between all of them .

At some point, Lucy's sister, Angelina, appeared in the entrance too but wasn't interested in the weakened barrier but the present cultivators .

She spent a long time gazing at every person, wanting to find her hiding sister, if she's here, that is . Fortunately, the butler didn't accompany here but he may be watching from afar .

Claud assured him it wasn't the case as Wrath was here and the old man won't dare come here and cause a ruckus . The butler's mission was to retrieve Lucy, pointlessly fighting one of the seven deadly sins is a huge waste of energy and time .

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Ever since a few hours ago, Arthur's heartbeat has been accelerating, it was a weird feeling, almost like a calling . He grew restless as his body was acting strangely, the Dark Magic within him became chaotic and out of control .

If not for possessing Lucy, he would have been discovered . This mysterious feeling intensified with every passing hour, forcing Arthur to try and think of a solution .

Were Lucy to abruptly leave this place while everyone was impatiently waiting, it would be far too suspicious . However, the Holy Dominion group was so close to him and they're quite perceptive to Dark Magic, if even a bit of Dark Magic leaks out of Lucy's body, it'll alert the enemies .

This wasn't like the agonizing pain he went through due to the ARK, it was quite the opposite, it made him restless yet at ease, an inexplicable sensation .

Slowly but surely, Lucy's body started emitting a black miasma, which, at first, didn't attract attention but was quickly noticed by the napping Wrath .

He curiously glanced at Lucy but said nothing, his penetrating gaze inspected every inch of her body .

'Hmm I smell a White Specter... and Arthur? Two in one?'

He could feel two souls in one body but Arthur's was faint, almost unnoticeable . He kept his silence and contemplated the situation .

Left with no choice, Lucy stood up, attracting the attention of the meditating Jian Si and the other disciples . She said nothing as she chose one direction and walked away, unfortunately, the black miasma became denser, causing the two old men leading the Holy Knights to frown .

Just as Lucy was about to make a run for it, time suddenly stopped . It wasn't like Arthur's time stop, no, it was vastly different .

Everyone froze, except for Lucy, who became dumbfounded . Before she could comprehend what just happened, a dark figure appeared in front of her .

Upon a closer look, she saw a person clad in an ominous dark armor, from his head to his toes . A thick and long black sword on his back .

Without having her husband tell her, she immediately knew the identity of this person . However, she didn't know how to react or what to say .

The knight took the helmet off his head, revealing a pale-faced young man with hair and eyes as dark as a bottomless abyss . While holding his helmet under his armpit, he performed a respectful bow while saying

"Although it's the first time you meet me, it is always a pleasure seeing you, Miss Lucy . I am called Leiu .
"

A small and expanding whirlpool appeared near Lucy for a split second before Arthur appeared . He gazed at the youth with a strange gaze . Without a doubt, it was the same person whom he handed that black sword to back in the Westia Continent .

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They were the same person yet this one looked much, much stronger . Neither his Appraisal nor his eye ability worked on him . Fortunately, he sensed no hostility whatsoever from the youth .

"The pleasure is all mine . "

Lucy didn't know why the young man would behave like that but she couldn't keep her indifferent attitude when facing someone like the Nameless Knight, an individual that dominates the whole multiverse .

Leiu then shifted his gaze to Arthur, who remained silent and a bit startled by the sudden unfolding of this event .

"Though in unfavorable circumstances, we meet again . "

As he felt the immense invisible pressure naturally leaking from the Nameless Knight, Arthur asked

"Last time I saw you, you were but a mortal . How'd you get this strong? And why did you take Makaze?"

Hearing the bombardment of question, Leiu chuckled and waved his hand, causing three black chairs to appear . He signaled for them to sit while saying

"We still have some time so I don't mind a small chat, I owe you that, at the very least . "

The couple did as asked of them and sat next to each other, both facing the easy-going youngster, who's supposed to a unique and ultimate existence which brings fear to every Overgod .

"Now then, what's on your mind?"

He put the black helmet and crossed his hand while leaning on the comfortable chair . Arthur collected his thoughts before questioning the knight

"Why did you take Makaze from Losha?"

Leiu chuckled and nodded his head while saying

"Why indeed... from your perspective, what I did was antagonistic as I took you blade and partner away, however, small and big events are timed, they cannot happen after or before their appointed time . Mayhap it is an insufficient reason for my actions but you must understand, the flap of a butterfly can cause a typhoon halfway around the world . In due time, you will know exactly why . "

Arthur pondered for a moment before asking again:

"How did you get this strong?"

This time, Leiu smirked and snapped his fingers, causing their environment to drastically change . The couple was flabbergasted to find themselves floating in the void, they were surrounded by nothingness, only lights from far away stars could be seen .

"Believe in your infinite potential . Your only limitations are those you set upon yourself . It doesn't matter whether you're a human, a demon, a dwarf... or even a parasite . "

Arthur flinched upon hearing the last word but still continued to listen to the Nameless Knight

"You'll reach the apex when you reach a stage where progress doesn't matter . When you only fight and don't care about anything else... Sword God? Who cares about titles and premises... what is important is the blade in your hand and your still standing enemies . Be Spiteful, be evil, be hated... but never be merciful, especially not to your enemies . "

Leiu glanced at Lucy and added:

"From what I see, you're still lacking compared to Lucy . One look at her is enough to feel her resoluteness to do everything for you... if it means killing a whole Universe and all the innocent lives in it . Then again, what would you do if the positions were switched? Would you turn against the whole world for her? For your family? Would you slaughter millions just for a life?"

Without any hesitation, Arthur retorted

"You know I would!"

The youth spread his hands and said

"Yet in saving one you save none... would you still do it?"

"I still would!"

"Hahahaha I bet you will!"

"You still haven't told me how exactly you got this strong . "

Leiu shrugged and gave an honest reply

"I fought and I fought... and I fought! Till there was no fight left to fight, no one left to kill . "

Not knowing how to react to such an answer, Arthur and Lucy stared at the young man, who said:

"Unbelievable, isn't it? After all those countless battles, I feel tired and I yearn for a rest, something I cannot have for there are things that require my attention... for we who walk before may lead those who walk after . "

After an unknown amount of time passed, Arthur asked yet another question:

"Why appear now of all times?"

"Because it needs to be now, not tomorrow and not yesterday . As unfair as it is to you both, it needs to be done and I'm sure you will manage for you are..."

He stopped his sentence half-way and raised his hand and snapped his fingers, teleporting them back to the Secret Realm .

A frown appeared on Arthur's face, a bad premonition surged inside of him .

"Evil Wind, Makaze, it shall finally return to its rightful owner . "

He waved his hand, causing a sheathed dark blade to appear in front of the couple . The Dark Blade vibrated intensely as it floated toward Arthur, who caught it and carefully inspected and unsheathed it .

The blade was no longer broken, it became whole again and seemed much sharper and stronger .

The Nameless Knight stood up and uttered a few last words before vanishing .

"Claud Venis, I really hope you find what you seek, let your end be not as miserable as the first . Farewell . "

A few seconds after the knight disappeared, the frozen times returned to its usual course . The two old men, who were about to stop Lucy, became extremely astonished as the realm became a world of Darkness .

A deep and deafening roar resounded across the whole realm, startling even the Space Dragon .

"O'partner of mine, we finally reunite! By the Dark Oath do I call thee, Makaze!"

And so, for the first time in a long time, the dark blade left its sheath, releasing a cry so loud and powerful it shook the whole realm, bringing devastation to the land .

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An encroaching darkness, different from the cloak of the night, covered the sky, a chilling aura with Arthur at the center, spread to all directions, causing weaker cultivators to fall unconscious . Everyone was affected by this sudden darkness, even mighty figures like Wrath and the old man leading the Holy Dominion group .

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Although it lasted only for a few seconds before it vanished, it still brought fear to the closest people . The pink-haired girl, who never expected such a sight when coming here, retreated to the back with a pale face and a shocked expression . Even when the Dark Magic user fought back in the capital, it wasn't like this... this intense .

The Flame Crown Prince's expression turned uglier, he glared at the man wrapped in darkness, murderous intent leaking from him .

When everything became clear again, two figures were standing next to each other, facing the not-so-ready Holy Knights . One with two wings erecting from his back, one white and the other black, while the other was a woman with a silver-hair, she had a striking resemblance to Angelina, who was also surprised by what just happened .

"What are you staring at them for?! GET THEM!"

The old man loudly shouted at his subordinates . His yell snapped them out of their daze, they unsheathed their weapons, raised their shield and approached Arthur and Lucy .

As he saw the incoming bunch, Arthur's hand turned illusory and before anyone could react, the sixteen Holy Knights which acted as a vanguard lifelessly fell on the ground, their bodies missing their heads .

The spectators could only see Arthur's only eye shine with a blue light and then his hand turn illusory, they couldn't see what he did or when he did it .

In a second, sixteen peak God Monarchs were killed without being able to resist . The ground under the sixteen bodies quickly turned jet black, pulling them inside .

"T-this..."

Cardinal Zeves, the old man leading the group, became speechless upon witnessing what just happened . Even an Overgod like himself wasn't able to see what happened .

He exchanged glances with the other elder accompanying him then jumped to the front . The woman who was previously talking with Delia also joined the two old men . She held a thick two-handed sword which caused a strong reaction from Makaze .

'A Divine Sword?'

'Definitely a Divine Sword! It's Eclipse, Reaver of the Flame . '

'Oh well... it matters not, all enemies shall be killed today . '

With Makaze in his hand, Lucy by his side, there's little chance they'll be defeated .

The woman holding the Divine Sword was hesitating as her mind was busy talking to Delia, who repeatedly told her not to act . Unfortunately, with the situation turning like this, she can't sit there and watch after sixteen of her comrades were slaughtered .

"You don't understand! You can't defeat him... not after he got his blade back! Please!"

The woman ignored the pleading Delia and glared at Arthur, not bothering to hide her rising killing intent . She was also a high-ranking individual from the Holy Dominion and it's her duty to apprehend or kill evil people, especially those who use malevolent powers .

The whole area behind Arthur and Lucy was divided into one of the darkness and one of Ice . Just like her husband, Lucy held Twilight's Vow, her enhanced saber and prepared to face the remaining enemies .

'I'll handle the woman, you get rid of the two old men . '

Arthur nodded his head and vanished from her side, appearing in front of the weaker old man, the one who was a Half-Overgod . Their cultivation was sealed so they can't demonstrate their real powers, nevertheless, they weren't pushovers either .

As he saw the enemy before him, the old man raised his hand, which emanated a blinding light . The light disappeared almost instantly as Arthur's free hand unleashed an ominous darkness that devoured the light . Makaze didn't lag behind as Arthur slashed at the old man, cleanly cutting off his left arm .

This was but a series of small yet deadly attacks, green lightning bolts entered the old man's bodies through the gaping hole in his shoulder .

Cardinal Zeves finished casting one of his superior spells, resulting in a being of light to materialize and leap at Arthur, whose attention was solely on the retreating old man .

He used [Faster Than Movement], appearing behind the Half-Overgod and spat a large amount of lethal acid . The liquid which could melt everything in its landed on the back of the old man, causing him to shout from the excruciating pain .

Nonetheless, he was a person from the Holy Dominion and they especially excelled in Healing . A gentle golden light enveloped the old man, healing his heavy injuries . Unfortunately, before he could fully heal himself, his body froze while his expression turned inexplicably pale .

Just like that, he fell on the ground, unable to even understand how he died . Natural Lightning was swift and deadlier than any poison, it didn't take Arthur much effort to stealthily guide it to the victim's heart and burst it .

Cultivators will try to protect their Dantian before anything else, moreover, the old man never noticed the thin lightning bolts that invaded his body .

Now that he took care of the Half-Overgod, the remaining enemy was the Overgod, who isn't going to be easily killed .

On the other side, Lucy and the woman started their fierce fight . The woman never intended to attack Lucy but the latter charged at her and started relentlessly attacking .

There were many other Holy Knights still at the back but none of them dared to join the battle . The opponents were just too strong and they weren't tasked to fight but to set a formation .

Sneakily, they positioned themselves around Arthur, Lucy, and co then knelt on the ground and raised their hands, praying to their almighty God .

The thin and soft white saber wasn't a match for the woman's Divine Sword so Lucy quickly stored her weapon and started getting serious .

A chilling aura emanated from her, freezing the ground and causing countless snowflakes to appear around the two women .

As she noticed this change in environment, the woman creased her brows and tightly held her thick two-handed sword .

"I'm not here to play, let's end it . "

A silver object appeared in Lucy's hand . The woman's instincts alerted her about the incoming danger and repeatedly told her to retreat . In this Secret Realm, her powers were greatly reduced, contrary to the enemy .

Silent Moon was pointed at the woman, who, instead of retreating, rushed at Lucy . The Divine Sword started burning with a golden flame .

As one of the nine Divine Swords, Eclipse had a special ability too . It can use unleash any flame it had devoured so the woman decided to use the Golden Crow's flame to counter the ever-so-expanding Ice territory .

Noticing the golden flames, Lucy grinned and pulled the trigger, firing the 4th-Grade Yin Bullet . This bullet is one of her strongest and it can even injure Arthur .

As one would expect, even with the Divine Sword, the woman wasn't able to block neither the bullet nor the burst of Yin it unleashed upon contact .

She was sent flying like a kite, stopping only when her body coincidentally crashed in the barrier blocking the entrance to the dragon's lair .

The bullet's damage wasn't just that, for as far as the eye could see, the place turned into ice . An Ice storm made the younger talents unable to see clearly but the creepy Ice that was slowly freezing their bodies was more than enough to scare them .

Wrath, who went back to napping, waved his hand, causing a semi-transparent grey barrier to envelop him yet even such a barrier showed signs of crumbling as ice-covered more than half of it .

Almost all the cultivators, even the Holy Knights, quickly retreated but it was a bit too late for some as they were completely frozen, unable to escape from the after-effect of the Yin Bullet .

The only unaffected people were Arthur and the Overgod, who were fighting a bit far away .

Angelina, whose gaze was locked onto Lucy, activated her Dark Void Physique while retreating a few hundred meters . Her foot was half frozen, just like her hands and shoulders . She gritted her teeth and resisted the coldness, not paying attention to the condition of her body .

Even with her Physique, she wasn't spared which shows how powerful the bullet was .

Actually, something occurred which shocked the nearby spectators . The dragon's barrier was also hit by the ice and showed signs of crumbling . Instead of a half-transparent barrier, it became a wall of Ice which had countless cracks on it .

Many rejoiced while others remained skeptical, unwilling to approach the entrance for fear of being affected by the still raging snowstorm .

"W-what the hell?"

Clara, who was accompanying the silent Flame Crown Prince, witnessed what happened with a gaping mouth and constricted pupils .

Emily also recognized the couple but chose to retreat far away, even dragging the princess with her . Isadore's little sister was hell bent on watching the fight but was forcefully dragged by her best friend, who advised her to leave now lest they suffer the consequences .

"There is no need to panic like this . "

She pointed at the far away Wrath while assuring Emily

"See? Wrath is here so there's no need to over-react . "

Emily shook her head and, with a grave look on her usually cute and young face, retorted

"You just don't know . Come on! You'll thank me later!"

The princess could only sigh and follow her friend . Shu Ru retreated to the far back with her sect members .

Cold Sword was wise enough to leave this area . She wanted to see Arthur fight with his sword but upon seeing the scale of this battle, it was wise to retreat to a safe distance .

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Far East, in the peaceful forest which is inhabited by only a few strong beasts, the scarred old man was flying in the sky, obviously heading toward the center of the secret realm .

He clearly felt Makaze's aura and the Dark Magic and it didn't take a fool to know that Lucy is with him . Although there is a strong chance that Wrath is there, the butler resolved himself to use anything to bring Lucy, even if it means sacrificing his life .

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Cardinal Zeves glared at Arthur, angry and enraged that he's comrades died like that . His hate toward this evil person grew stronger by the second .

As for Arthur, he couldn't care less about what he did . He faced the old man and held the dark blade in his hand . He wasn't going to waste time trying new skills or whatever as it clearly wasn't the time for it .

He could feel the chilliness coming where Lucy was which means she used Silent Moon . It's far likely that her fight was over which means he should finish his too .

'Ahh it's been such a long time since I used a sword skill . '

He grabbed the blade's hilt with his two hands and slowly raised it . Zeves wasn't standing there and watching the opponent prepare his attack, he retrieved a short silver scepter and started mumbling again . He didn't summon the white being as it was easily killed by Arthur, who only needed one swing to finish it .

A dark silhouette crept behind the old man and was about to crash onto him only to hit some sort of a golden shield which appeared for a split second before disappearing .

Another silhouette, this one very similar to Arthur, attacked the old man's left side while the other creepy creature, which was created by using the corrupted Holy Arts, attacked from the right .

No matter the clone or this creature born from Dark Magic, they weren't able to touch the old man, who never paid them any attention .

The black flames enveloping Makaze suddenly disappeared as a thick amount of Sword Essence condensed in its tip before being unleashed by Arthur, who sent down the blade .

The old man, who was focusing on Arthur, who startled to see the world around him turn into complete darkness, he was able to neither feel, hear, or see anything .

[Assault of Darkness] is a unique skill that can affect even Overgods so Zeves wasn't an exception as became trapped in that world of darkness for a few seconds .

When everything went back to normal, a grotesque and ugly black skull was flying straight at him . He raised his silver scepter and mumbled

"O'Light bringer! Grant me your protection!"

The Cardinal was enveloped by a golden barrier which grumbled the moment the dark skull made contact with it . The old man crossed his arms and received the full blow as the skull crashed into him, pushing him a hundred or so meters .

Although it didn't kill him, it still did considerable damage as his robe was ribbed apart and blood leaked out of his lips . He waved the scepter, causing a Holy Light to envelop him and heal his new injuries . Unfortunately, the light healed exterior injuries but couldn't get rid of the Dark Magic, which already invaded his body and started consuming his energy while slowly killing him .

Annoyed by the presence of this ominous magic inside of him, the cardinal clicked his tongue and tapped his index on his forehead while mumbling a few words .

By the next second, a black miasma was being expelled from his body . It was the Dark Magic, which, for the first time since he acquired it, was being countered .

Arthur sheathed the blade and bent his knees with one hand holding the hilt while the other holding the dark sheathe .

[Golden Lone Sheath] was a skill that required precision and focus . Arthur's lone eye flashed with blue light, resulting in a momentary time-stop .

Evil Wind emitted a dark gold radiance which transformed into a fatal attack that arrived upon the enemy in a split second, leaving him with no time to dodge .

In retaliation, the old man raised his scepter again, conjuring a pillar of light which clashed with the golden radiance .

Unfortunately, Arthur wasn't done as he consecutively executed [Golden Lone Sheath] four more times . He didn't remain there to see the results of his attacks, his figure vanished as he possessed the White Tiger and activated [Transmutation] and [Eternium] .

Busy defending against the multiple golden arcs flying at him, the old man failed to notice a looming dark shadow fly in the sky, its wings flapping in the air, causing the wind to rage and the space to shatter .

The dark tiger opened its mouth and spat a mysterious grey orb barely the size of its fangs, the orb's speed was slow yet steady . It made its way toward the unsuspecting old man, who glanced at the tiger but didn't act as he continuously recited the incantations for his skills .

Then, the busily moving hands of Zeves halted mid-air as his body plummeted due to the increased Gravity . Arthur returned to his original body and unsheathed Makaze, ready to finish this fight with the first wave of [Thousand Waves] .

Between the approaching grey orb, the five golden arcs generated by [Golden Lone Sheath] or the Gravity Magic which made his body unstable, Cardinal Zeves wasn't able to resist all of them .

In the end, he deemed the grey orb the most dangerous one, he felt dense Death Energy inside of it . Unfortunately, before he could retaliate, a thick thunder descended from the cloudy sky and hit his body, scorching his hair and stunning him for a few moments .

Facing only the automatic golden shield that usually protects the cardinal, the grey orb 'devoured' the golden shield and entered the old man's body, making him freak out .

He blocked the five golden arcs but the uncomfortable feeling that surged inside of him once the grey orb entered his body made him panic as his heartbeat accelerated .

He could feel it inside of him but no pain whatsoever assaulted him which left him wondering the purpose of the orb . Just as he lifted his head to glare at the enemy, the cloudy sky turned jet black .

A chill run down the old man's spines and before he could understand what's going on, something devastating and ominous hit his body, literally cutting his body in two pieces, then four, then eight, until there was nothing but empty air .

The Cardinal Zeves couldn't even cry for help or see the attacks .

'First Wave, Black as night, Calamity Descends!'

This attack was one of the strongest in Arthur's arsenal, moreover, the enemy was greatly weakened . In fact, the grey orb was nothing but a high-level illusion . This illusion was only meant to momentarily distract the old man and from the looks of it, it worked wonders .

The reason Arthur completely annihilated the Overgod's power is because he can regenerate quite fast, especially if he leaves this secret realm .

'Don't rejoice yet, Dark Magic counter Light Magic and that old man isn't considered a powerful Overgod from what I've seen . There is a huge disparity even between Overgods . For example 'X' is amongst the top Overgods while this one is a newborn, at most . '

A few seconds after the fight ended, Arthur appeared next to Lucy, who stood in the middle of a frozen land, simply gazing at the struggling woman, who was bloodied and attempting to stand up .

The 4th Grade bullet marvelously did its job as it froze the woman countless times and each time she breaks free, she would receive more injuries, excluding the ones naturally caused by the lingering Yin Energy .

She hasn't even used other bullets, the ones that could slaughter cities . There's also the Golden Crow fire she acquired in the Paradise Garden, the Magma Magic, the Nine Star Yin technique, etc...

In this Secret Realm, no one is able to threaten them, or so thought the couple . Just as she was about to finish the woman clad in armor, several pillars of light appeared around them .

They were quite a distance away but they were easily noticeable . The area was now empty with the exception of Wrath, who was still leisurely sitting in front of the entrance . Even Angelina was forced to retreat for now .

There were twenty pillars of light, each emitting pure light energy which pierced the sky and caused five pentagons that laid on top of each other .

The pentagons covered the whole sky, forming some kind of a seal that entrapped any one within . Arthur frowned upon seeing this but wasn't that worried . He could feel a slight pressure emitting from above but it wasn't that dangerous .

Very soon, a blinding figure appeared in the center of the pentagons, its height surpassed fifty meters as it looked down at the couple . It wasn't human as it had no facial expressions, it was literally an entity born from light energy .

'What's this supposed to be?'-Arthur

'Hah! A fake manifestation of their supposed 'God of Light''

Unlike the Overgod, Arthur could sense the immense strength of this 'God' . While grinning from ear to ear, he looked at his wife, stretched his hand and said

"Shall we dance?"

She softly smiled back at him and held his warm hand .

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Wrath, who was nonchalantly watching the show, suddenly raised his head as a large bird appeared high up in the sky .

"So he can also turn into that?"

The Vermilion Bird glared at the being of light, even without resorting skills, flames were being unleashed from his slowly flapping birds .

Lucy standing on the bird's head, two types of flames joined hands, ready to create absolute chaos . There was an enemy but it was more troublesome than the rest . A golden hammer appeared in the God's hand, it slowly raised it and was about to bang it on the flame bird only for a deafening explosion to occur .

Arthur used [Cascading Flames], which caused much more destruction than he initially thought . The ground was scorched and obliterated, the frozen barrier melted and even Wrath was forced to retreat .

This, however, was but the beginning as Golden flame brighter than the sun appeared above the God of Light . Like a tsunami, the golden flames fell on the white being of light whilst the Vermilion fire enveloped it, dealing massive damage over time and weakening it .

Both the hammer and its wielder were pushed back, the 'God' heavily fell on the ground, causing an intense tremor . The two flames were relentless as they burned everything, shocking the spectators . Despite being far away, they could still feel the intense heat of the bird's flame and blinding light of the golden fire .

"W-what the hell? Is he a shapeshifter?"

Clara, dumbfounded by the spectacle, asked her the newly arrived Artid, who was smiling .

"Shapeshifters can change their aura and appearance but they can't use the abilities of the Race they turn into . "

Even the Flame Crown Prince, who's famous for his strong fire, could do nothing but retreat lest he gets melted . More than one time, he wanted to join the battle and kill Arthur but the disparity was just too big . Although unwilling, he still chose to back away and attack when the enemy is distracted .

'Yin and Golden Crow? How?'

Angelina was pushed further back, her clothes were either frozen or burned while her face was pale . She wasn't strong enough to help her sister or even get close . She wished for the butler to quickly arrive before the situation worsen .

With each flap of the lengthy bird's wings, monstrous flame waves would strike the struggling 'God' . Its size was humongous but it couldn't resist the bombardment of the couple .

The Twenty Holy Knights, who were literally sacrificing their Blood Essence to summon their God, sensed how the situation became worse than before .

Without having to talk to each other, they all simultaneously sacrificed everything they got to strengthen their God and complete the summoning .

Their faces became pale and their hair grey whiter . Delia, who was supporting one of the knights while also using her Blood Essence, hesitated as she gazed at the large flaming bird far away .

After an intense internal struggle, she bit her lips and retracted her hand, causing the knight's body to tremble . He was so focused on the prayer so he couldn't ask her why she did that .

As she wasn't as strong as the others, Delia could barely float a few meters in the air . Nonetheless, she used every ounce of her power to fly toward the battle area .

She stopped a distance away from the two fighting parties . She was heavily panting and profusely sweating, this place became a world of fire, hell itself!

Wherever she looked, there was only fire, it wasn't something she could resist or heal . She struggled to see through the fire and after much effort, she spotted a bloodied figure crawling on the ground .

Upon a closer look, it was the female knight who was shot by Lucy's revolver .

The User 'Lucy MoonStar' used [Engulfing Sun]

The User 'Arthur MoonStar' used [Quiet Flames]

... Requesting the permission to fuse [Engulfing Sun]+[Quiet Flames]

Cost: 5000 Mental Power

Cooldown: None

Y/N

Both Lucy and Arthur accepted the fusion . The God of Light, which was enveloped by a pillar thicker than being itself, stood up and waved its golden hammer, extinguishing the surroundings flames . The

Knights were doing their prayers wholeheartedly, however, Delia's role was important so, without her, the God couldn't reach its complete state .

It faced the couple and banged its hammer again only for it to be blocked by a golden barrier which absorbed 80% of the damage . The remaining 20% were negated by the Dark Barrier .

Lucy's eyes, which were closed for ten seconds, finally opened . Her two blood-red pupils shone with a golden light . A miniature golden sun appeared above the couple, illuminating the place and emitting a heat so intense it caused the far away Artid to grab Clara and quickly fly away, leaving her no time to react .

Wrath furrowed his brows and was tempted to join the fray only to hear a deep and dangerous growl come from the dragon's lair . He gulped some saliva and hesitantly retreated .

Coupled with two hundred meter long flaming wings of the bird, two more wings with the same length appeared . One wings painted the world in darkness and the other emanated a soothing and healing power .

Fusion...100% complete!

[Engulfing Sun]+[Quiet Flames] => [Star Nova]

The miniature golden sun expanded in size and the heat it was letting out became much more intense . The sheer pressure it was emanating caused the God of Light to not even be able to lift its hammer or retaliate .

For a moment, all sound seemed to disappear before a deafening explosion occurred . It was so powerful and destructive that it broke the natural Space Laws of the Secret Realm .

The supposedly true 'God of Light' summoned by the Holy Knights vanished into nothingness as the golden sun, which exploded, took with it everything in its way .

Foolish cultivators who dared to remain close, the scorched land and even half of the dragon's lair disappeared . In the end, there was nothing but a gaping crater which looked more like a bottomless chasm .

The twenty Holy Knights, who were already weakened, were killed by the explosion . In total, one hundred and twelve people died from [Star Nova] .

Delia was smart enough to retreat the moment found the injured woman . Shu Ru was a bit close and received serious injuries but wasn't dead, fortunately .

Jian Si had long since left this place, knowing full well what her teachert is capable of .

Clara shook her head to get rid of the ringing sound inside of her ears, which only disappeared after a few minutes . She gazed at the golden sky and the raging winds with a half-open mouth, not knowing how to react .

There was only one person who was foolishly resisting the still scattered golden and orange flames while making her way toward the couple .

There was nothing but empty air all around them, flames burned deep inside the chasm and the sky was still painted golden due to the explosion .

The barrier blocking the entrance of the cave was no more but there was no one who entered . Half of the entrance was obliterated and the Natural Space Laws which acted as a restriction, were heavily damaged, causing many people to regain some of their real cultivation .

Unfortunately, the moment Angelina arrived, she only saw a large White Tiger . Her sister was tightly holding the fur of the tiger, which transformed into a bolt of lightning that soon vanished into the horizon . She could only let out a helpless sigh, just by seeing the sheer speed of the tiger, she was certain she'll never be able to catch up to them .

She looked around her in astonishment, the open field and the somewhat clear sky were nowhere to be seen . There was only a half-destroyed cave entrance and an abyss that had golden flames that burned deep inside .

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"Thy powers are truly wondrous . "

The Space Dragon gazed at the silent human sitting next to it and uttered those words with a lazy tone .

"Hahaha back then I thought that you'll get angry since I destroyed your Realm . "

The man was as calm as always . He would glance at the roof of this large cave but what he was expecting never came . He was sure the dragon was blocking the Time Wraiths, rendering those abominations unable to enter its Realm .

A few minutes later, the man sensed something, he got up and bowed to the dragon before picking a normal stick and drawing a line just at the entrance of this room .

Literally seconds after he did that, a group of cultivators dressed in red robes appeared in front of the man . They gazed at him with a strange look then sucked a deep breathe once they noticed the entity behind him .

The leader of this group was none other than the Flame Crown Prince, who venomously glared at Arthur, both surprised and confused about why he's here . He could've sworn he saw him head North .

This 'Arthur' calmly stared at the newcomers then pointed at the thin line at the entrance before saying

"Anyone who takes a step beyond this line will die . "

Then he leisurely sat in front of them while smiling .

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In just a few minutes, Arthur and Lucy were already far away . The White Tiger dived underground and transformed into a Bone Shark which drilled into the 'soft' ground . Although he escaped, Arthur was still feeling restless as if someone is still watching him .

Who else could it be but the butler, who arrived in front of lair's entrance just a few seconds after the couple departed . With a frown on his scarred face, he surveyed the destroyed area and spotted a dazed Angelina .

"What happened here?"

Hearing the old man's voice, Angelina snapped out of her daze and stared back at the old man, who inspected her body and breathed a sigh of relief when he found no fatal injuries . In fact, except a few burn marks or frozen spots, she was perfectly fine .

"They fought against the Holy Dominion, this... is the result . "

The old man rubbed his chin as he contemplated the situation . He glanced all around him then flew North after telling Angelina to enter the dragon's lair . She won't be able to help him so she must at least acquire a few treasures from the cave .

"What's the meaning of this? What are you doing here?"

Arthur turned a deaf ear to the shouting red-haired youth and silently meditated . No matter how many times he shouted, the Flame Crown Prince didn't recklessly cross the line . Elo Huo, his cousin, was startled when he saw Arthur . He dragged his closest brothers and told them to leave this place and search somewhere else in this lair .

The moment he saw Arthur, he knew it won't end up good if they provoke him . He learned that the hard way five years ago when he lost an arm . Due to the nature of Dark Magic, he wasn't even able to restore it which hindered his progress in cultivation .

He resented Arthur but didn't foolishly act for he knew he wasn't strong enough . Soundlessly, a group of six youngsters drifted away from the large group of cultivators standing in front of the line drawn by Arthur .

Half an hour passed yet no one was courageous enough to cross the line . Familiar faces appeared such as Shu Ru, Emily, and the princess, who gazed at the dragon then at Arthur, who didn't spare them even a glance .

When an hour passed, a person finally had enough . He had a burly and muscular body, tanned skin and wore a white robe, he was the youth from the Holy Academy, the Sacred Priest .

He seemed annoyed and wasn't the patient type, he pushed the other cultivators and walked in front of Arthur .

"Hey! What do you want? Why are you blocking us?"

Arthur lazily opened his eyes and glanced at the tall youth three meters away from him . He dismissively waved his hand and retorted

"This place is rather big and there's no lack of good treasures, go somewhere else and stop making noise . "

From anger, a vein popped from the youth's forehead, with creased eyebrows, he heavily breathed and after thinking for a bit, he retrieved his staff and said

"I'm going in!"

He didn't wait for the other cultivators to join him, he leapt at Arthur, clearly planning to get rid of him .

Unfortunately, the moment his foot crossed the line, the large body of the priest lifelessly fell on the ground .

A cold breeze passed through the shocked cultivators, who felt a chill down their spines . A head rolled next to their feet and only when realized whose it was done they freak out .

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People who knew Arthur like Shu Ru and Emily were shocked by this sudden brutality . From the looks of it, he wasn't going to let anyone in . They couldn't even see how the Sacred Priest died . It wasn't just a random cultivator but one of the top talents of Green-Leaf yet he died... just like that .

Arthur paid no heed to the fearful and strange gazes he was getting, he resumed his meditation as if nothing happened . Many started talking to each other with low voices but no matter how much they planned, they didn't have enough courage to cross the drawn line .

The Space Dragon, who was 'sleeping' started groaning in pain as its large stomach started pulsating . A strong, almost suffocating burst of energy was emanating from the dragon's abdomen . This indicated that the baby dragon was going to come out very soon .

Although some of the present cultivators were greedy for the baby dragon, which can grow up into an extremely powerful 'pet', most of them were drooling over the stash of various treasures just behind the silver dragon .

Whether it's Godly Artifacts or one-of-a-kind weapons, there was no lack of them, which only increased their greed .

Wiser ones chose to back off and search the rest of the cave, which is way bigger than it may seem on the outside .

A few minutes after the Sacred Priest was killed, a silver-haired woman entered the crowd . Many were pushing each other to get a better view of the dragon yet when Angelina arrived, everyone let her pass as if it was some unwritten rule .

Once she laid eyes on Arthur, her pupils constricted and she didn't take them off him for a very long time . Only after thoroughly inspecting every part of his body did she notice the changes between him and the one from earlier . He didn't have a scar on his eyes and he seemed 'different,' whether it's the aura around him or his cultivation, which isn't at stuck at the peak of the Divine Realm .

There were also two black sheaths hanging on his waist . She glanced at the headless corpse then at the line made by the stick . It didn't take a genius to understand what's happening .

"Why are you doing this?"

Her cold voice reverberated in this large cave, causing everyone to shut up and wait for Arthur's reply with fear and anticipation . They thought that if it's Angelina then mayhap she can force her way out and grant them an opportunity .

"Even if it's my own father, I'll also kill him!"

Lucy coldly stated while staring back at Arthur . They were discussing how to deal with the old man who's still chasing them . He's picking up her lingering scent even after she wore the bracelet . Whatever means he was using, it was clearly effective .

Fortunately, they were faster than him but they can't run forever . The encounter between the three of them is inevitable . As the butler is likely part of her clan and family, he didn't how to proceed . Either to fight him or keep fleeing .

It was then that Lucy said that, showing no hint of hesitation .

She raised her hand and caressed his cheek while tenderly gazing at him

"For me, I have only one family and that's you and Saly . It doesn't matter if they share my blood or surname, such things are meaningless . If it comes down to it, we'll kill every last one of them . "

Hearing such an answer, Arthur could only nod and give her a tight and warm hug . Due to their joined attack, the very laws of the Secret Realm were damaged . Nevertheless, the old man's cultivation shouldn't have returned to Overgod .

'Finally going all out?'

Claud commented while whistling inside that endless white space .

Since they resolved themselves to finish the old man once and for all, they have to carefully prepare the terrain .

What is best than a strong formation which can facilitate the upcoming battle . Lucy still has many powerful bullets that can be used, there's also [Thousand Waves], Rizaki and the Quad-Spirit, which, by Arthur's orders, didn't do anything in the last battle against the Holy Dominion .

The Mirage Formation is the strongest formation in the Mirage Era Hall, unfortunately, the materials needed to set it up are rare . Arthur only had half of the materials so he decided to give up on using it . There is one more formation which is neither a defensive nor an offensive formation; [Elemental Support] it was called and it enhanced the user's elemental attacks . The issue was it's based only on five elements so Arthur had to alter it .

More or less, he gained the knowledge of the two formation master from the Mirage Era Hall so altering a formation wasn't a difficult thing, or so thought Arthur, who didn't know how painstaking it is to change an already created formation, in fact, it's even harder than creating one from scratch .

'So if I do this then add more circle runes while injecting the attributes I want to add?'

Arthur asked the knowledgeable Claud, who carefully listened while inspecting the blueprint Arthur was drawing .

'Plausible . Go for it . '

As he received the green sign, Arthur meticulously set up the 'new' formation and felt relieved and pleased when he saw the area lit up with various colors, ten, to be precise .

'Ting!'

The user 'Arthur MoonStar' successfully changed [Elemental Support] to [Elemental Wheel] .

Actually, the formation was some kind of multi-colored wheel with an ominous arrow made from black flames slowly spinning . It hardly resembled a formation but its effects are much-desired and helpful, to say the least .

They enhance any attribute-based skill he uses and its real effect shows itself when combined with [Thousand Waves] . Arthur handed Lucy dozens of Talismans, whether it's the supportive Light or Space Talismans or the offensive ones like the Death and Dark Talismans .

They can save lives if used in crucial moments, their damage is minimal compared to their raw physical strength or overpowered skills, however, they don't require cast time and they can hinder a busy opponent .

Meantime, Lucy was using the Nine Star Yin Technique, resulting in six lotuses to floated above her head . They were crystalline and pleasing to the eyes, they didn't look like a deadly weapon but a treasure that should be put in museums .

The butler should arrive in half an hour at most so the two started preparing the moment they found a suitable place . The formation was set and they were both at their peak state . They used many skills in their previous battle but their absurd Regeneration allowed them to recover in a few minutes .

The only thing that regenerates rather slowly was Mental Power . The couple expanded 5000 Mental Power to use their last skill, nonetheless, they still had more than enough for what's to come .

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After a short while, the couple readied themselves for the upcoming battle . The formation was set, both were armed with dozens of talismans and Arthur already started contaminating the air with formless poison .

His right hand was emanating a large amount of Death Energy which merged with the poison . No matter the means, they must weaken the old man then kill him .

Since he wants to bring her home, he won't try to kill her but the same couldn't be said to Arthur . The multi-colored wheel strangely engraved on the ground was pulsating with various colors while the black arrow was slowly rotating .

It didn't take much time for the butler to catch up . When he arrived, he noticed the large circle and felt the Death Energy coupled with the poison . Nevertheless, he bravely entered inside the formation and was greeted by his targets .

A silver-haired woman who was holding a thin white saber and a scarred man grasping a dangerous black blade which was vibrating from excitement .

The old man completely ignored Arthur and gazed at Lucy while saying

"Eva, it's futile to fight back . Go back with me . "

All he got in response was a cold snort from her .

"Your mother never ceased looking for you . I'm sure she'll be happy to see you come back . "

"The concept of parents is foreign to me and I wish not to meet this 'mother' of mine so why don't you go back and tell her that?"

Hearing her cold and threatening tone, the butler frowned and was unable to understand for her current behavior .

"For now, go back with me and meet your mother . If you don't want to stay there, you can always leave . "

Arthur chuckled and retorted:

"I bet you'll lock her up the moment she's there . The possibility of an arranged marriage is not unlikely either . "

The old man's expression turned ugly as he listened to this strange grey-haired man .

"So this is whom you picked as your 'husband'? A monster and a dark magic user . "

Unfortunately, the moment the old man uttered those words, Lucy was already in front of him, her saber stabbing his throat .

In retaliation, the old man raised his hand, ready to grab the thin saber only for it to vanish . Lucy let go of the saber and heavily punched the old man in his chest, causing him to stagger a few steps . This, however, was the beginning as six lotuses appeared above her head, they immediately bloomed, freezing the whole area and immobilizing the butler's feet .

Arthur followed right after as a burst of Dark Magic struck the immobile old man . The dark blade whistled as it was horizontally slashed at the target, planning to behead him .

For the first time in a long time, Makaze was met with resistance . A metallic sound could be heard as Evil Wind clashed with another sword .

The old man took out his weapon, a one-handed purple sword . Despite his high cultivation and the Celestial Body, the old man was unable to fully block Makaze, which was slowly pushing him .

The joint attack of the couple only began as Lucy joined the grey again, appearing behind the old man and viciously kicking his defenseless back .

The kick was so strong that it caused the old man's body to tremble . Some blood leaked out of his lips as she didn't hold back her Strength .

Such a basic attack wouldn't have worked were he not inside the Secret Realm, which restricted his cultivation, nevertheless, it wasn't a heavy injury so the butler was able to quickly stabilize his shaking body and receive Arthur's next strike .

A large and creepy black skull flew straight at the old man, who swung down his purple sword, causing a mysterious gentle energy to cut the skull in two .

The old man then jumped to the back, trying to dodge a burst of Golden Crow fire, which fell from the sky, ready to incinerate him .

When he thought he dodged it, the weird colorful wheel under him started acting up . The dark arrow that was slowly spinning stopped on the red color, causing the descending golden flames to transform into a gigantic illusory crow which clashed with the old man .

Just as the old man prepared himself to block the golden crow, the black arrow abruptly shifted from the red to the white color .

A deafening thunderclap reverberated across the whole region, startling the old man . The thunder bolt was thicker than the bolt, who was unable to react in time . It descended on him and stunned him while dealing massive damage .

The illusory golden crow was met with no resistance as it heavily crashed into the old man, causing golden flames to cover him .

The butler wasn't fazed as the gentle energy from before caused the golden flames to quickly disperse but not before a bloody wound appeared on his left shoulder . His body was emanating steam due to the flames and thunder, he spat some blood while glaring at Arthur then at the wheel under his feet .

For the first time since the fight started, the old man attacked instead of simply defending himself . His figure vanished and appeared in front of Arthur, who was slashed by the purple sword .

Sadly, the purple sword his nothing but a black mist which dispersed soon after . The old man, who was startled by what just happened, sensed imminent danger and stabbed his sword to the left .

The tip of the purple sword hit a dark shadow that, upon a closer look, was a damned rat! A dangerous violet energy was emanating from the rat, shocking the butler to the core .

A very miniscule part of his purple sword seemed to have been devoured .

'Void Magic?'

His suspicions were ascertained as countless creepy purple mouths assaulted him from above . Unwilling to get hit by them, the old man attempted to retreat only for thick black chains to appear from the ground, wrapping around his legs .

The old man let a out a soft sigh as he raised his sword to the sky . Arthur, who was about to grasp this opportunity to penetrate the old man's body and finish him, suddenly teleported away as he felt a dangerous aura emanate from the old man .

A large illusory object appeared above the old man, it had the same energy as his sword, gentle yet incredibly deadly .

The Godspirit finally appeared but the second it appeared, an explosive gunshot could be heard from not far away . It was a 1st-grade purple bullet, its grade was low but it was purely made from Void Magic .

The bullet struck illusory purple flower, which was the butler's Godspirit . The moment it approached the flower, the bullet transformed into a literal mini-black hole which started sucking the flower .

An expression of utter disbelief plastered itself on the old man's face . The more he fought the couple, the more surprised he gets .

Everything he just witnessed must be recounted to his master, Lucy's mother . From Void Magic, Yin Power, Golden Crow flames, Dark Magic and many other things .

The purple flower emitted a blinding light and one of its petals fell down, transforming into a purple sword which flew straight at the black hole, stabbing it .

Although it wasn't able to destroy it, it still caused the black hole to become smaller in size . The sky already shattered like glass and the ground only remained unscathed due to the presence of the formation, which was sturdier than it may look .

In order to fully get rid of the old man's God Spirit, Lucy also summoned hers, which was a gigantic blue lotus . As if a mountain hit it, the flower was suppressed by the slowly-blooming lotus . A third of the formation, as well as half of the purple flower, were frozen by the God Spirit .

The butler gritted his teeth and summoned back his God Spirit, fusing it with it and strengthening himself . A layer of purple aura covered the old man's skin, healing all of his injuries and increasing his pressure .

Just as he was about to act, he found himself trapped in a world of darkness, unable to see, feel or hear a thing .

Unlike other entrapped people, the old man was able to forcefully leave this strange world, startling Arthur, who was preparing his attack .

Lucy was a step faster than her husband as several flaming boulders fell from the sky . They had cores made from magma and golden crow fire covered these big rocks .

[Meteor Shower] was an extremely powerful skill that combined three attributes, something not many people could do .

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A few kilometers away from the Arthur, Lucy, and the battler, there was a lone figure gazing at the gigantic blue lotus and the purple flower which vanished all of a sudden .

She had a long dark hair and an expressionless face . The girl silently watched the battle while slightly fidgeting .

Jian Si previously escaped the area before Arthur started his fight with the Holy Dominion . It was only through a fluke did she spot the butler so she followed him .

Never did she believe that a fight would occur here . She raised her head and stared at the falling meteors, which robbed the light of the illuminating sun, covering it and casting a shadow on the ground, just like an eclipse .

When these boulders finally hit their target, the ground under feet violently shook before it began cracking, causing her to switch location .

She could feel the heat of those golden flames even from this distance, causing her to shiver . There was a time when she wanted to fight Lucy, just thinking about that made her soak with cold sweat .

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From his dignified appearance, the old man became haggard-looking and pale-faced . He was confident in defeating the couple but the two turned out to be monsters . The restriction of the Secret Realm greatly weakened him thus rendering him unable to face the two at the same time .

Since his goal is to bring back Lucy, he just needs to knock out Arthur for some time . He used his purple sword to support himself and took a few deep breaths before he straightened his back and took out another sword .

The new sword was made from a beautiful silver material which emitted a mesmerizing luster . All of a sudden, the pressure of the old man exploded, his cultivation, which was stuck in the God Realm, directly jumped to the Sovereign Realm .

Arthur, who was a distance away, couldn't react in time as two swords stabbed him . The met a slight resistance from the Dark Barrier before closing in on Arthur, who's eye shone with a blue light . As he used his eye ability too much today, he was barely able to slow down time .

Ten ominous looking talismans were flung from under his long sleeves, hitting the unsuspecting old man . Arthur was sent flying as two deep wounds appeared on his chest .

Fortunately, the ten Death Talismans restored a big amount of Health which quickly healed the two new injuries . To be more precise, he healed 50% of the damage he received .

The butler angrily threw the talismans which latched themselves on his body . The aura of the talismans were making him uncomfortable and sucking the life out of him .

Just as he was about to attack Arthur again, he staggered, almost falling on the ground . He clutched his chest while coughing some blood .

Seeing this, Arthur smirked and unsheathed Makaze yet again, preparing to deal the finishing blow .

'Even an Overgod can't resist a continuous exposure to Death Energy and Uranium 235 . '

The blade was vertically raised above his head, it vibrated intensely as Dark Magic started emanating from both the wielder and the weapon .

'First Wave, Black as Night, Calamity Descends . '

The dark arrow slowly rotated until it stopped on the dark color .

The sky turned jet black and the ground was consumed by the scattered Dark Magic . Entrapped in this ominous 'world', the old man could do nothing but remain motionless, both from the weakening of the Death Energy and the pressure coming from Makaze .

'This isn't a simple matter anymore . '

For the first time since the fight had begun, the butler decided to go all out regardless of the consequences . He vowed no to hurt Lucy but he needs to remain alive to do that . The two were hell-bent on killing him so he has to retaliate .

As if a mountain was pressing down on him, the old man's body became engraved on the ground with a large crater around him . There was a hideous slash mark on his chest, black flames burned his body while blood gushed from this fatal wound .

With great difficulties, the old man retrieved a golden vial from under robe and attempted to drink it only for a freezing coldness to halt his movements .

The ground and the boulders scattered around were complete frozen, clearly affected by Lucy's Yin Power . She appeared before the old man and threw all her Ice-Talisman, causing his body to become immobilized .

The hand holding the golden vial couldn't move for it was frozen, however, the vial remained unscathed .

She waved her hand, causing the vial to fly far away and then, without any hesitation, she stabbed her white saber into the old man's head, wanting to finish him .

As he felt the thick killing intent emanating from her eyes and her absolute resolution, the old man couldn't understand why she was so against going back home .

The treatment she'll receive there are thousands of times better than here . Her mother would provide her with everything . With powers like hers, if she's given proper guidance, she'll easily become the clan's next Matriarch .

Just as the saber was about to penetrate the old man, he vanished from her sight, leaving only a purple mist .

Her senses soon located him, he was holding the golden vial and drinking a jet black liquid droplet .

Just as he gulped the mysterious liquid, his cultivation soared again, immediately jumping into the Overgod Realm .

"Lucy!"

Arthur warned her before raising Evil Wind again, this time causing dark clouds to cluster above them and white lightning to start randomly hitting the area .

'Second Wave: Thunderous God, Punishment for the Sinners!'

Almost immediately, a ginormous sword made of godly thunder descended from the dark sky . Deafening thunderclaps reverberated across all directions, startling even the refreshed old man, whose body instantly recovered the moment he regained his real cultivation .

That vial was a special liquid his master gave him . It allows him to ignore the secret realm's restriction and fight as an Overgod . It was a last resort but he had to use it now given how dangerous the situation became .

Things escalated so fast and the prowess of the couple is unimaginable .

'To think their cultivation is restricted yet they can do this... Once Eva is back . That man must be investigated!'

The old man wasn't overly worried about the incoming thunder sword, he stabbed both his swords on the ground then raised his hand . Using purely his Nether Energy, a large illusory hand grasped the descending sword and very naturally snapped in two .

Although he was able to resist Arthur's second wave that easily, burn marks still appeared on the Overgod's hand .

Seeing the failure of his attack, Arthur was prepared to unleash the third wave only for the butler to suddenly appear inches away from him .

The old man used his palm to hit Arthur's body only to feel an unexpected hardness, still, a hit from an Overgod isn't that easy to block .

Arthur flew like a kite and heavily crashed into the ground . Fortunately, he quickly got up despite receiving a lot of injuries just from one blow .

As he gazed at the bloodied Arthur, the old man frowned . He could see the bent arm and broken legs restore to normal in literally seconds .

Even peak God Monarchs aren't able to do that, much less a Sovereign . Sadly for Arthur, the old man was done playing, his silver sword appeared in his hand .

The old man's speed was really fast but just as he planned to slash down his target, his sword hit nothing but air . He accurately located the place where Arthur will appear and swung his sword again, unleashing unstoppable silver lines made from Sword Essence .

Arthur, who was unaware that [Faster Than Death] was seen through by the butler, was struck by the silver lines which pushed him on the ground then cut his inwardly and tendons, causing him to continuously cough blood .

'As I said, your body is sturdy enough to receive a few blows from an Overgod but to defeat him is just wishful thinking . Now, listen to me clearly and do what I say...'-Claud

Enraged, Lucy flew at the old man, who clutched his raised hand, causing her to be entrapped in some kind of a silver prison made from unbreakable bars .

The old man didn't want to hurt her so the best thing to do is just imprison her while he took care of her husband . Unfortunately for him, Lucy wasn't someone who submits this easily .

The killing intent she was emitting materialized itself as a savage red aura revolved around her . A frown appeared on the butler, who decided to knock her unconscious .

The silver-haired woman raised a silver revolver and prepared to fire at the startled old man . He could feel a mind-numbing amount of Mana travel from her body to the revolver, it was truly a monstrous amount .

Before he could act, his ears started ringing as the bullet already left the barrel, making its way toward him . The sheer amount of suppressed Mana that was unleashed caused the space to shatter .

The bullet she fired was a grey-one, a nuclear bullet . The deadliest one in her arsenal . Strangely enough, the bullet passed through the prison and hit the old man, who wasn't fast enough to dodge a bullet shot from Silent Moon .

The Overgod raised the sword to block the bullet but this minuscule thing exploded before it even reached its target . What followed after could only be described as a disaster . An explosion so powerful it alerted every cultivator in the Secret Realm .

A humongous mushroom cloud appeared, bringing with it destruction and absolute chaos . Whether it was the nearby mountains, valleys or the already damaged ground, they all vanished . This kind of bullet was fatal not only to the enemy but to the user too .

The prison created by the Overgod soon vanished as the old man couldn't focus on maintaining anymore . Currently, he looked absolute pitiful, he was half-naked with many burns marks on his Celestial Body . Even he, was surprised as he inspected the marks .

Radiation isn't a common thing in the Cloud Sea Universe, especially something as advanced as the one Arthur created .

The potency of the poison and nuclear was so strong that it affected the air, causing any cultivator, who's foolish enough to come here, to die within seconds, literally .

Even Jian Si was heavily injured . She dragged her bloodied body away from the scattering poison . Her face was incredibly pale as she swallowed a precious healing pill while mounting a flying sword, barely having the consciousness to control it .

The one who fired the bullet was in no better state either . She struggled to get up while coughing some blood . Still holding the silver revolver, she loaded another bullet, a newly created 5th-grade golden bullet made from Golden Crow fire .

With unsteady steps, she headed towards a random direction while trying to locate the missing Arthur . Very soon, a dark silhouette appeared in front of her . Fortunately, she quickly healed some of the injuries but the radiation was emptying her large pool Health bar so it was necessary to leave this place .

Although she was at first, once she felt the familiar Dark Magic coming from that silhouette, Lucy felt relieved . Arthur held her and checked the condition of her body before forcing her to drink one of the highest Healing Potion in his storage .

It didn't do much but coupled with the Life Energy he could wield, it allowed his wife to recover her full Health in merely a minute .

"Where is he?" She asked while studying Arthur's condition . He may appear alright but the butler's sword attack did considerable internal damage which may take time to heal .

"He was flung by the explosion but he's not dead... yet . "

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A fair distance from the couple, the old man stood there while coughing some blood . He noticed a stinging black tattoo appear on his right hand . He creased his brow as the tattoo wouldn't disappear despite using his Nether Energy to remove it . It made him uncomfortable and upon closer inspection, it had the same feel as the dark blade in Arthur's possession .

The elderly raised his head and gazed at the area but was unable to see naught but a dark and green fog which blocked the view and slowly weakened him . He tried clearing the dust and poison with his Nether Energy but to no avail, whatever Arthur used, it didn't rely on Energy .

While it's true it required Mana to shoot the bullet, it doesn't mean the bullet itself is made from Energy .

His sense, which is supposed to stretch to all corners of this small Secret Realm, was unable to even bypass the poison fog, going as much as ten miles then stopping as if blocked by something .

Arthur and Lucy, who were mentally tired after the fight with the Holy Dominion and the butler, didn't flee from there but located the lost old man and started preparing their last attack .

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Only thirty minutes later did the old man escape the large poison fog . His skin became green and contaminated while his Celestial Body was visible shaking ever-so-slightly .

Ever since a while ago, his senses were alarming him yet he continued to advance, unwilling to stay inside this fog any second longer .

"She's as crazy as her mother..."

When he recalled the savage killing intent Lucy unleashed, the butler remembered her mother, who'll do anything to protect her family .

As he saw the light of the day close by, the old man knew he was finally going to leave this godforsaken place . Unfortunately, the moment he stepped outside, he was greeted by an astonishing spectacle .

The amount of Nether Energy concentrating here was so thick it made him flush .

His target and her husband were floating in the sky, three hundred meters away from him . What made the butler speechless was the 'thing' above the couple .

Arthur was behind Lucy, holding her soft hands while both of them took the stance of shooting an arrow . This, without a doubt, is the ultimate attack of the combined strength of two overpowered beings .

An attack they only used once for it consumed too much and destroyed a whole island back then .

A figure so big it pierced the clouds and caused Spatial Vibrating was behind the couple . It was illusory but the pressure it was emanating was real...