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In less than a day, the news about the army of death reached the ears of every person in Green-Leaf, however, it didn't stop there . The unstoppable moving force which encompassed hundreds of millions of moving corpses grabbed the attention of several powerful factions, including the Holy Dominion .

What was especially eye-catching was the sight of the Lich King Aborak, the two mythical beings and the four Divine Beats guarding each direction of the army . Surprisingly, Isadore Marfront, King of Green-Leaf, didn't deploy any forces to stop or resist the incoming army, which was clearly heading toward the capital .

In fact, he remained unusually silent, neither comforting his subjects or doing any public statement . Though the army was incredibly huge, its marching speed was fairly moderate . The Bone Dragons already started circling around the capital, freaking out its citizens, who persistently tried to convince the king to make a move as they were afraid of the incoming doom .

One more strange thing is that almost all of the sects residing inside the capital took the same stance as the king as if they were previously notified about this huge event . The sole exception was the Five Phoenix Kingdom, which actually sent its top experts to try and stop the moving army .

The newly appointed Patriarch of the Five Phoenix Kingdom heard the reports talking about a grey-haired man at the center of the army . He was protected by the two mythical beings and didn't personally make a move yet .

Though there was a lot of objection, most of the powerful individuals of the sect still sided with the young Patriarch, choosing to believe in him and try to exact revenge on Arthur, who killed the last Patriarch a while ago .

Unfortunately for the Flame Crown Prince, there were another factions there rose to power inside his sect a while ago . Its leader, none other than Elo Huo, the prince's cousin . He was firmly opposed to facing Arthur's army so he gathered his troops and successfully raided the HQ of the Five Phoenix Kingdom, taking control of it while the experts were outside the city, preparing to face the undead .

Many people witnessed the short, one-sided fight that occurred a few miles away from the capital . More than thirty experts of the Five Phoenix Kingdom, including an old ancestor, were slaughtered within seconds .

The Undead didn't even have to make a move as the Divine Beast guarding the North of the Army was able to dispose of all the enemies with one simple attack .

The Black Tortoise of the North easily subjugated the enemies and trapped them in illusion then spent a few seconds personally taking care of the old ancestor .

What was more astonishing, however, is that Arthur, who was at the center of the army, appeared before the corpses of the fallen experts and actually revived them!

Even the old ancestor, who was a half-Overgod was brought back to life as an undead . Though it consumed a lot of his Mental Power and he required the help of his Quad-Spirit, Arthur's attempt was still successful and the new soldiers he just got were a considerable boost to his army's power .

Though the revived ancestor wasn't as strong as when he was alive, he was still able to fight Peak Sovereigns, which made him a valuable soldier .

Many sects, clans, and citizens spectated this fight and were absolutely terrified of this army, which was a small distance away from their home .

Contrary to everyone's expectation, the army of death didn't siege the city or do anything, it just started floating in the air, heading directly toward the humongous portal West of the capital .

Standing at the top of the Royal Castle, Isadore gazed at the enormous shadow of the floating army, unconsciously swallowing some saliva .

"It seems the army's aura is contained... that's a relief . "

Wrath, who was standing behind the king, commented while letting out a sigh . He wasn't someone easily amazed yet even his soul was shaken by the sight of this great army . Whether it is the white roc which shook the city with its shriek or the ominous-looking double-headed red lizard which was silently following Arthur .

"It seems my doubts were for nothing . If it's this army, I'm sure it'll cause quite the impact on the Divine Planet . "

Isadore chuckled and glanced at the white-haired Saly, who was also speechless when she saw the army and especially her father .

"Aren't you going to join him now?"

She shook her head, eyes still glued on her father, and replied:

"Uncle said not to interfere until the time is right . "

The young king pondered for a moment before he turned around and faced Christopher, his childhood friend and one of most his trusted confidants .

"It's almost time, start preparing . "

The fat minister wriggled his body while trying to stop his body from shaking and hesitantly replied:

"Y-your Majesty, are you sure this is the right decision?"

In response, Isadore smiled and added:

"Of course it is . We have common enemies and despite our different goals, joining hands can only benefit both of us . "

Then he swiftly left the room, seemingly ready to set his plans into motion .

It took Arthur's army exactly two days to arrive at the capital of Green-Leaf and use the portal to transport the whole army . Furthermore, it'll take quite a while to teleport all the undead from Green Leaf to the Bard Realm .

In the meantime, these shocking news reached the ears of many powers but only a few started mobilizing forces to stop this army .

It's not like they had anything against Arthur but they simply cannot tolerate the existence of such an evil army . One has to know that the aura of this army, if it's not contained, can kill a whole city without having to attack a single person .

A faction like the Holy Dominion, for example, despises anything related to Darkness and Death and considers corrupted or 'Unholy' so it came at no surprise when it was the first party to act . After a brief public statement, a sizable army composed of Holy Knights were dispatched to the Bard Realm, fully ready to meet the undead army .

Unfortunately, the reports they received from other parties and spies were not that accurate so the number of Holy Knights wasn't nearly enough to stop such a malevolent force .

The army of the Holy Dominion had more than 500 Holy Knights, two Commanders, and Three Cardinals . Five Overgods were sent to get rid of this unusual enemy, plus, they were going to ambush Arthur as soon as he appears .

Clearly, he was the leader of the army so he was their primary target . From their perspective, if he falls then the army would be like a headless chicken .

Sadly, they didn't take into account Aborak's role and the four Divine Beast, which remained oddly silent and unresponsive .

"How accurate are the reports?"

Katrina was reading some documents while questioning her little brother, Benson . Unlike her, he didn't know that Arthur was leading that army toward the White Specter Clan so he was confused as to why his big sister, the Matriarch, was interested in this matter .

After all, the Divine Planet was vast and it is still not confirmed yet that the army's destination is this place .

"They're accurate, alright . "

He paused for a slight second before asking

"But sister, why are yo-"

She cut him off mid-sentence and coldly said

"Stop asking questions and start preparing . We need to stop that army . "

Benson frowned and asked again

"Why? It'll be a huge waste of resources . It doesn't concern us so why try to stop it? Furthermore, the Holy Dominion already sent a strong force to annihilate the undead . "

"Hmpf! Do you think I don't know? Sooner or later, the Holy Knights will perish . We have to prepare for the worst!"

She didn't even let him talk again as she vanished from his sight .

Inside a well-decorated room which was equipped with everything a cultivator wants, Lucy sat cross-legged, her eyes closed and her aura contained . She was still unaware of what's happening on the outside but she knew that Arthur will come for her .

Her meditation was cut short as a figure knocked on the sliding door a few times before entering the room . It was none other than her mother, Katrina .

Lucy opened her eyes, gazing at her mother, whose expression was different than usual . Lucy's eye shone with a blue luster as it focused on her mother's face . A crooked smile appeared on the daughter's face as she snickered and said:

"Panicking, are we?"

"Do you realize what you have done?"

Still smiling, Lucy stared back at her mother and retorted

"I've done nothing to be ashamed of . "

Katrina massaged her temples and let out a sigh before talking again;

"Look, I was like you in the past, helplessly in love with a man, however, there are things that are not meant to be in this world . If he was a human, I wouldn't have been against your relationship with him but he's a parasite! An abomination that is only meant to ruin this world and its people . "

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Lucy scoffed at her mother and said:

"Don't kid yourself, regardless of his Race, you would have acted the same . Love was never about race, age, or background and if we have to kill thousands to be together then so be it!"

Katrina shook her head while lamenting:

"Ah! Eva, why must you act like this . "

Lucy only got more triggered after hearing her mother call her by 'that' name . While clicking her tongue, she said with a bone-chilling voice

"I told you my name is Lucy!"

Her eye shone with blinding blue light which alarmed Katrina . Unfortunately, by the time she reacted, a strange grey and white flame already struck her chest .

Due to the big difference in cultivation, the flame wasn't able to kill her but it still managed to burn her clothes and push her back a few times .

What's strange is that she wasn't even able to see her daughter move, much less cast that flame . What she was unaware of is that Lucy's eye allowed to her to momentarily stop time but the cost was too high as she wasn't used to her new ability yet .

Nevertheless, she still managed to land a blow on her own mother and was planning to attack again .

Before Lucy could initiate the second attack, she was struck by an overwhelming aura that immobilized her, rendering her unable to open her mouth or lift finger .

Katrina stared at her daughter with a gaze that contained many emotions, she walked close to the latter and took a close look at her face . She attempted to caress her cheek but Lucy's glare made her halt her actions and retract her hand .

In the end, the Matriarch let out a helpless sigh and said:

"You'll stay here until the matter outside has been taken care of . "

She turned around and left right after, though she didn't forget to isolate this place, making anyone or anything unable to enter or leave this private residence .

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The gate that transported the undead from Green-Leaf to the Bard Realm wasn't big enough to teleport the whole army at once, nevertheless, it was able to teleport a few millions every few seconds .

Aborak accompanied the first bulk and appeared in the Bard Realm only to witness an organized army composed of Righteous Holy Knights . Five differently clothes figures stood at the front of the army, each and every one of them emitted a powerful and unique aura .

The Lich King wasn't the least bit fazed by this sight, he banged his dusty staff on the ground, causing all the present undead to unsheathe their weapons and bang their foot on the ground, ready to finally start fighting .

There was only ten million undead, more or less, however, every dozen of seconds, the gate behind the Lich King would flash with a blinding light and another batch of undead appears .

One of the three Cardinals glanced at the excited army before focusing his gaze on the eerie Lich King .

"This is not a place for you to do as you please . Let us not resort to bloodshed and end this peacefully . "

Unfortunately, Aborak turned a deaf ear to the Cardinal . The commander of the undead army pointed his staff at the army of knights before them and released a loud and chilling screech .

Like a pack of hungry wolves, all the undead ran toward the Holy Knights . Although there were only five hundred or so Holy Knights, their individual strength was extraordinary .

Sadly, they greatly underestimated the number of undead as the normal skeletons would descend on the knights and cling onto their limbs, bounding them while their comrades finished the job .

It was a horrific sight as even these god-like knights weren't able to defend against ten million skeletons . Furthermore, with each passing second, the number of undead drastically increased .

Within a minute, a third of the Holy Knights were killed, as for the undead, one million were turned into ash . However, what was more astonishing is that Aborak would re-summon those falling undead in a split second .

The five leaders of the holy knights finally decided to make a move and personally target the Lich King . Three Cardinals joined hands to execute a powerful light attack while the two commanders of the Holy Order raised their swords and flew at the undead leader .

Five Overgods, experts in their own fields and experienced fighters launched a joint attack . Were Aborak alone amidst this army, he surely wouldn't have been able to resist but the truth was completely different .

The Cardinals' attack was faster than the commanders' as a blinding arrow of light flew at Aborak, obliterating anything in its way and even purifying the nearby undead just by its aura .

When it was about to clash with the motionless Lich King, who showed no signs of resisting, a golden enveloped him and easily stopped the strengthened Holy Arrow .

In the end, the arrow wasn't able to penetrate through the barrier so it dispersed into countless specks of lights . The two commanders, who had incredible speed and were clad in golden armors were stopped in their track by a gigantic entity .

It stood proudly and majestically before the two Overgods, its abyss-like eyes locked onto them and its mouth wide open, showing its long and terrifying fangs .

It was none other than the White Tiger, the Divine Beast that specializes in speed and offense . However, it wasn't just the White Tiger, just next to the flashing gate was an enormous Black Turtle that quietly floated in the air while supporting the Lich King and defended the army from dangerous attacks .

Using its Gravity Magic, the turtle caused the two commanders to plummet downwards and this opportunity was grasped by the White Tiger which appeared before the commanders and slashed with its claws .

The two Overgods weren't newbies, they raised their shields and successfully blocked the strike but they didn't expect the tiger to spit some lethal acid at them .

They managed to block most of the incoming acid by conjuring a Holy Barrier but such a measure lasted for a few seconds before it crumbled like glass .

The two commanders didn't retreat as that would make the Divine Beast attack the army of Holy Knights . Such a decision was definitely foolish as the Tiger suddenly disappeared from their sight and by the next second, one of them was sent flying toward the Black Turtle . The other commander wanted to save his comrade but the large figure which blocked his sight while angrily growling caused him to abandon such thoughts and focus on the opponent before him .

The commander who was sent flying toward the turtle met his end merely seconds later . He was trapped in an illusion which he was unable to break from . In the end, he was killed by fifty Bone Dragons which relentlessly attacked him from all sides .

Normally, an Overgod can't be killed this easily but this commander was trapped in an illusion, his mind was elsewhere and his body was motionless and without protection . Moreover, Holy Magic is vulnerable to Death Magic so it wasn't that surprising to see fifty fully-grown Bone Dragons rip the commander into shreds .

The three Cardinals wanted to join the fight but were unable to as the Lich King cast some sort of a strange technique that imprisoned the three of them . A small cage made of bones appeared around them, trapping them like rats .

Although it didn't last for long, the time Aborak bought was enough for the Divine Beasts to finish the two commanders . It only got worse for the Holy Dominion when Arthur appeared along with Radolf and Midolf .

Arthur first glanced at the Holy Knights then at the two dead commanders before letting out a laugh . From then on, it was totally one-sided and a cruel sight to behold .

The Vermilion Bird and the Azure Dragon unleashed a torrent of attacks on the trapped Cardinals, literally roasting them alive and leaving them no chance to beg for forgiveness or retaliate .

As for the Holy Knights? Midolf's raging winds and Radolf's eternal black flames finished the remaining Holy Knights within minutes .

25 minutes after the beginning of this fight, all the undead appeared in the Bard Realm and the army of the Holy Dominion was thoroughly destroyed .

There were many spectators watching from afar but none dared to lend a hand or provoke Arthur after seeing what just happened . Some were even smart enough to record the fight in a crystal . The sequence of the fight spread to all corners of the realm in less than an hour, bringing fear to its inhabitants, who didn't know what Arthur's intentions were .

"A good fucking gain!"

Midolf waved his winds in excitement while angrily stomping on the dead cardinals . Arthur smirked and agreed with the white roc . With the help of Aborak, Radolf, and his Quad-Spirit, he closed his eye and raised his hands to the sky .

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An absurd amount of Death Energy emanated from their bodies and spread to all corners of the battlefield, quickly entering the lifeless corpses of the Holy Knights .

After ten minutes, the five hundred Holy Knights rose from the ground, picked their weapons and stood in an orderly manner while greeting their new leader .

As for the three Cardinals and two commanders, only three of those five were revived, and only after a great effort from Arthur's part . Expanding more Mental Power to forcefully revive them will only hinder him later on .

Nonetheless, his feat shocked the spectators and increased their dread .

"What? They were defeated? This fast?!"

Benson massaged his temples while hearing the reports coming from his spies . Never did he think the Holy Dominion would lose this quickly! It hasn't even been half a day yet there were thoroughly extinguished .

"Anything else?"

A black-clothed white specter stood before Benson and retrieved a crystal from his back pocket . He immediately activated it and showed the fight to his superior .

With a frown on his face, Benson watched at the crystal, becoming more and more surprised after seeing the might of the undead army . By the end, he became totally speechless, especially after seeing Arthur revive the dead Holy Knights . It was said that only old and experienced necromancers, with great difficulty, are able to revive Overgods yet Arthur was doing it so easily .

After pondering for a while, Benson said:

"Go back there and try to see what's their destination . Who are they planning to attack . "

"Yes!"

Inside a gigantic golden pagoda situated at the center of the Thousand Buddha Sect, Katrina sat opposite of a bald monk with a white beard that reached its legs . Unlike her usual demeanor, she seemed reserved and didn't dare act arrogant or cold .

"So you're saying you require our help to avoid casualties?"

"Yes, we cannot tolerate the existence of such evil . "

The old monk stroked his beard while looking at the events unfolding inside the crystal .

"Hmmm it is indeed troubling to have such an army roam our dear planet..."

He paused for a second, raised his head and studied the Matriarch's face before continuing:

"But I don't find it particularly threatening . As long as their leader isn't planning on wreaking havoc then I find it pointless to go out of my way to get rid of them . "

Katrina's face remained expressionless but her mind was filled with all kinds of thoughts . In the end, she decided to spit some of the truth to convince this monk .

"That man, the one who revived the dead knights... he's a parasite . "

When he heard that, the old man's body momentarily flinched before he started chuckling .

"Hehehe now this is a surprise . "

Still stroking his beard and smiling at Katrina, he said

"Very well, I'll provide you with three of our Senior Monks to help you, however..."

He raised one finger while his countenance changed:

"We won't provide assistance in fighting them and will only assist you in opening the gate of Oblivion .
Our job will be to banish the parasite, anything else will be your problem . "

Katrina bowed her head and replied

"Yes, thank you for your help . "

Her goal was exactly what he said, after all, the Thousand Buddha sect is pretty far away and even if a fight breaks out, they won't be affected .

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After the crushing defeat of the Holy Dominion, no other factions dared to block the undead army's way . Most of them followed from behind, silently watching the army and reporting to their higher-ups .

Not only did the Holy Knights lose, but their bodies were also added to the undead, empowering Arthur's forces and increasing his chances of success . He didn't personally act as he needs to save his skills for the ultimate fight against the White Specter .

His main priority is safely saving Lucy then focusing on the clan . He already warned Katrina so the death of whoever is going to die is solely the Matriarch's fault .

Along with the three Overgods he revived, there was an extra two that belonged to the five Phoenix Kingdom . They will be responsible for the strong individuals of the White Specter Clan, the four Divine Beasts will fight Katrina and the two mythical beings will provide support .

Everything was proceeding as planned and even if there are some forces who will aid Katrina, no faction will go out of their way to dispatch their strongest experts to fight a war that doesn't involve them . At most, they'll sacrifice a few disposable pawns that can be replaced .

Someone like Katrina obviously is aware of this but she'll still welcome their help . Although she's incredibly strong, she still can't face 400 million undead, it's just too much for her .

Unlike Arthur or Lucy, she'll get tired sooner or later, it's just a matter of time .

Back on Astria, Jakob was standing on the roof of the High Tower, seemingly contemplating something . It hasn't been long since Arthur departed with the army and despite his pleading, he was flatly rejected .

Jakob became a strong warrior but Arthur didn't let him come with him, telling him that he has to take care of the sect and especially his newborn son .

Suddenly, his closed eyes abruptly opened as if he sensed something . He quickly crouched and retrieved the long sniper rifle from his back . He laid on his stomach and instantly readied Ace(the name of the weapon) before taking aim .

The scoop of Ace is very different from the normal weapons that existed on Earth . It boosted the user's Dexterity and allowed him to see target miles away from his location .

Within a few seconds, he located his target and focused on the descending figure . At first, when his eye landed on that figure, he was momentarily shocked, unable to think straight .

She had silver hair and looked exactly like Lucy, however, Jakob knew better . There's no way Lucy would show up here out of all places, and so randomly, at that .

It just didn't make sense... Arthur didn't go through all that trouble just so his wife would spontaneously appear on Astria just like that . So, the only explanation is that it's either an illusion or a trap .

Nonetheless, Jakob hesitated for a slight second before he pulled the trigger, sending a powerful rotating bullet flying straight at the woman's throat .

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No matter who it was, be it the king of Green Leaf or this mysterious woman, are not allowed on Astria . It's an iron rule set by Arthur and being his temporary replacement, Jakob would resort to any means to get rid of unwelcome invaders .

Just as the bullet was about to hit Angelina, she raised her hand and blocked the fast projectile with her bare hands . The difference in strength was so big hence the miserably failed attack of Jakob .

In times like this, where a strong person happens to invade Astria, Arthur prepared many precautions . He can't always be here so the best way to handle such situations is formations .

Not only was the MoonStar City protected by a very powerful defensive formation, but there are also many formations laid in the sect's remaining territory, guaranteeing its safety from hostile creatures . Even if the Cthulhu were to strike again, they wouldn't even be able to get past the first formation .

So, being the temporary master of the sect, Jakob was the one in charge of controlling the formations . If an opponent he can't handle were to appear, he's free to use any means to subdue them or kill them, those were Arthur's exact orders .

Angelina, who just appeared on Astria, was immediately attacked . Fortunately, the assailant wasn't strong but he was a fair distance away from her .

She stretched her senses and discovered a big settlement dozens of miles away, however, before she could locate the exact location of the attacker, the ground under her started shaking violently .

By the time she reacted, two gigantic hands made of black earth rose from the ground and tried to squash her . She swiftly flew into the sky, successfully dodging the large hands but that was only the beginning .

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A few hours later, after several failed attempts, Jakob managed to subdue a heavily injured Angelina . She was decently strong but she was unable to do nothing but continuously dodge the attacks of many formations . In the end, she exhausted all her energy and was ruthlessly bombarded by many heavy attacks that paralyzed her .

Currently, she laid on a dark ground, bloodied and barely able to move . A prison made of bones was trapping her inside while the ground under her was slowly but surely sucking the remaining energy out of her body and weakening her .

It was only when he was certain that she's no longer a threat did Jakob show himself in front of Angelina . With the sniper rifle pointed at her, he approached her with slow steps while coldly saying

"Who are you and what are you doing here?"

Her vision red, her breathing ragged, Angelina raised her head and gazed at the muscular bronze-skinned man approaching the prison of bones .

"Is this Astria?"

"Why do you care?"

Despite her miserable situation, she stared at him with an unwavering gaze and repeated:

"Is this Astria?"

'BAM'

Jakob pulled the trigger, shooting her at the right side of her chest, causing a lot of blood to gush out . In her current state, even a bullet from Ace can kill her, much less injure her .

Angelina spent a couple of minutes to catch her breath and spit some blood before saying:

"I, I'm Lucy's sister . "

"So?"

Honestly, Jakob didn't care if she's Lucy's relative or not, what matters is that she came here uninvited . Furthermore, didn't Arthur go to save Lucy from her family? This was more of a reason to eliminate this threat .

Just as he was about to finish this once and for all, a person appeared next to him and lowered the long sniper rifle .

"Stop it! She means no harm . "

It was none other than Taliya, who arrived at the nick of time . Jakob shoved her hand away and raised the weapon again, ready to shoot . He was forced to stop only when Taliya stood between him and the wounded Angelina .

"Are you really going to be like this?"

"Arthur left me in charge so either move or face the consequences . "

The demon snorted, crossed her arms and retorted

"What? Are you going to kill me too?"

Jackob coldly glared at Taliya, Ace still raised and pointed at the latter . Only after a minute or so did he lower his weapon but the killing intent emanating from him was still present .

"If something happens, you'll take full responsibility . "

He threw one last glance at the imprisoned Angelina before taking off, leaving the two women alone .

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"You're here again, young man . "

An old man glanced at the incoming figure while letting out a chuckle and motioning for the latter to sit beside him . This elderly had wrinkles all over his face, unusually pale skin and a bent back . His limbs were extremely thin, showcasing how old and perhaps malnourished he was . Moreover, the old man was blind and his eyes were jet black like a bottomless abyss though he rarely opens them for he knew that anyone who sees his eyes will cower in fear .

The 'young man' he was talking to was none other than Jackob, who captured Angelina a while ago . He was eerily silent and would come here every time he had a lot of things to think about . It could be described as a place of relaxation .

In response, Jackob merely glanced at the old man but said nothing . He sat next to the elderly and gazed at the bustling city, which was shining with all kinds of light despite the fall of the cloak of night .

"Facing another hurdle, are we? Ohohohoho"

The old man chuckled at the grumpy Jackob, who didn't seem too bothered by the former's remarks . The temporary leader of the MoonStar sect let out a sigh and said:

"In the end, what is the right thing to do?"

Though he wasn't staring at the blind old man, the question was most certainly meant for the person next to him .

After a short bout of silence, an answer, albeit complicated, was given;

"The right thing? There is no such thing . Our different opinions, past experiences, and standpoints are what separates from whom we call 'enemies' . Our perspectives are different so we blame each other and each one is thinking he's doing the 'right' thing . Right? Wrong? Those are words invented to justify their actions . "

"..."-Jackob

Jackob kept his silence and pondered about the answer given by the old man . He felt conflicted on what to do in the future, how will things proceed? Who will live and who will die?

An unknown amount of time passed yet neither of the two opened their mouths . When the weather started getting a bit chilly, the old man shakily got up, threw one last glance at Jackob before saying

"For we who walk before may lead those who walk after . "

It didn't take long for Angelina to be transported to the High Tower . She was still trapped inside the prison of bones but that didn't stop Taliya from trying to communicate with her .

In an underground and spacious room under the High Tower, Angelina was surrounded by several people . There was Robin, Sonia, Mary, Taliya, Jakob, and Gutcha, who was shrouded in darkness .

"Is she still not responsive?"

Robin asked Taliya, who repeatedly tried to talk to Angelina but the white specter kept her mouth shut for some reason .

Furthermore, Angelina was glaring at Jakob, clearly bearing a grudge against him . The man wasn't fazed and completely ignored her, appearing more interested in what to do with her instead of pointlessly trying to force answers out of her mouth .

"Let's let her recover, she'll talk when she's ready . "-Taliya

"We cannot afford to wait, Arthur will reach the Divine Planet very soon . "

Hearing this, Angelina suddenly raised her head and spoke

"W-what?"

"What do you mean 'What'? You guys abducted Lucy to Arthur went to get her back . "-Mary

The female beastmen glared at Angelina and gave a quick explanation of the situation .

"He'll die . "

"Yeah... I ain't sure about that . "

This time, it was Gutcha who talked . He walked close to the prison of bones, crouched to meet the woman face to face then stretched his hands, which released a large amount of Dark Magic which wrapped itself around the victim's body .

After making sure her Dantian and Meridians were corrupted with his Dark Magic, Gutcha stood up and said to the silent Jakob

"From what I've heard, the Matriarch highly values her daughter . We can use her as a hostage to boost Arthur's chances of survival . "

"What? How can you say that?"-Taliya

Gutcha gave the demon a chilling glare while retorting

"Woman, we're at war, so we'll use anything to assure our victory . Even if the enemy is a sage, he's still our enemy and should be killed or used accordingly . Sect Master didn't spare her life just because you begged . "

Taliya, incensed, was about to talk back to the pigolo only for Jakob to interrupt her and say

"Fine, deliver her to Arthur as fast as possible . "

"Right away, sect master . "-Gutcha

The pigolo bowed to Jakob and waved his hand, causing the Dark Magic to completely envelop Angelina, who couldn't even move, much less resist . Within seconds, both Gutcha and the white specter vanished from that room .

Although Sonia agreed with Taliya and thought it was wrong to use Angelina as a hostage, she still kept her silence . As Gutcha said, this was war and they want Lucy to be saved so dawdling over the means to do that is only a waste of time .

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Gutcha didn't waste any second, he appeared on Green-Leaf and immediately started heading toward the capital, planning to join Arthur's forces . Angelina, who planned to break free once she recuperated some of her energy, was left in a helpless situation as the Dark Magic sucked the life out of her, slowly turning her into a mortal .

She may be stronger than Gutcha if they fight on equal terms but it was never about fairness . No one forced her to appear on Astria, she was driven there out of curiosity and it clearly cost her much .

Zutis Galaxy, Clock Planet .

This was a planet shrouded in darkness and devoid of any souls, it is a forbidden place many would willingly avoid . Somewhere on this planet, there was an enormous black castle, ominous and eerily quiet . This was 'X's planet and his 'headquarters' .

Only his trusted confidant, Belos, is allowed to enter this place and report to his master .

Currently, X was pacing around in his office, pondering about something while his servant was preparing things for his departure .

"Master, you were right, Arthur is indeed leading that undead army . However, his appearance is very different and he seems to be the Dark Magic user that appeared on Green Leaf a while ago . "

X's steps came to a sudden halt, he turned his blurry face toward his servant and asked

"The Dark Magic user? Are you sure?"

"Absolutely . In addition, he seems to be in possession of Evil Wind . "

Clearly a little bit angry, X banged his cane on the floor while clicking his tongue .

"Well, it matters not . If things get complicated, I will just snatch the orb and leave, there's no need for a fight . Though, I'm curious about his whereabouts for the last few years..."

Belos, who was half-kneeling, raised his head and added:

"We're still investigating his background . From the looks of it, he has a feud with the White Specter Clan hence his present actions . There is also news about the Matriarch, who visited the Thousand Buddha Sect yesterday . "

As if he heard a joke, X burst out in laughter while saying

"Hahahahahaha does she really think those impotent old men will help her? Simply ludicrous!"

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"Arghhh stop it stop it!"

From the agonizing pain, Thordan wriggled his body and pushed the skilled Physician . Although Katrina did destroy his Dantian and cripple him, that doesn't mean he'll give up that easily . He belongs to the best alchemy sect in the Cloud Sea Universe so they obviously have many means to restore his lost cultivation .

It was supposed to be simple yet a hurdle appeared and caused everything to crumble . The mark of the Dark Blade's oath was sucking all the medicinal energy that enters his body, rendering it completely useless .

Fortunately, Thordan's status within his sect is quite high so even after becoming a cripple, not a soul dared to mock him . Furthermore, they shared his hate as they, too, lost a precious talent under the hands of the White Specter Clan .

Thordan turned toward a young man standing at the corner and angrily asked:

"Did you send them?"

The young man bowed his head and replied:

"Yes, they should have arrived already . Please rest assured, the task will be completed without any mishap . "

Thordan waved his hand dismissively and let out a sigh . He shifted back his attention to the Physician sitting next to him and said:

"How's my condition?"

The Physician dropped his head and hesitated on whether to spill all the truth or try to reassure his patient .

"Just tell me, It's not like I haven't figured out a few things by myself . "

The Physician nodded his head and gave a brief explanation:

"Your body is in perfect condition, the only problem is that mark . It constantly releases Dark Magic which affects your emotions and consumes any kind of energy that enters your body . Moreover, it is slowly corrupting your mortal body, if this continues I'm afraid the worst will happen..."

Though he didn't directly say it, it was clear what he was implying . Thordan snorted but didn't lash out at the Physician, who excused himself a bit later .

As he sat alone in his room, Thordan clenched his fists and mumbled

"Soon, I'll get back everything I lost . "

The White Specter Clan, Forbidden territory .

Inside Katrina's residence, which became Lucy's home and prison, sat a lonesome figure . She was staring at the front in a daze while one of her eyes emitted a blue luster every now and then . It took her great effort just to activate the eye's ability, stopping time is too mentally taxing .

Everything was quiet and peaceful, as it always had been . However, this serenity was cut short by a small, almost unnoticeable sound which was clearly heard by the silent Lucy .

Her Dexterity was high enough for her to hear things even Overgods couldn't but the people who caused this noise were unaware that they were facing a Sovereign with inflated stats to the point that it's absurd!

The origin of the noise was far away from the residence but it was still a strange occurrence . She was trapped here but she knew that no one but Katrina, Angelina, and sometimes Hobson, are allowed to enter this place .

Furthermore, the 'guests' were trying to cause minimal sound which made the situation even more suspicious . Due to restrictions put by Katrina, most of Lucy's powers were sealed, nevertheless, she could still defend herself .

The silver revolver appeared in her hand while her blue-colored eye started scanning her surroundings . As expected, a few seconds later, several hooded figures managed to bypass the array protecting the residence and safely appeared around Lucy, clearly intending to harm her .

They didn't immediately attack and instead, inspected her from head to toe to confirm that she's their target before they took strange ropes made of literal lightning and circle around her .

Their actions were careful but it didn't seem they were worried about her but afraid of Katrina, who may appear at any time . They only dared to enter this place only because their sources informed them that the Matriarch is in the Thousand Buddha sect, still, they couldn't help but feel restless .

As they were closing in on her, Lucy abruptly raised the hand holding the revolver and pulled the trigger . Although her cultivation was weakened, her stats only decreased by 20% so she was still able to use the weapon .

Unlike the powerful bullets, Lucy used normal bullets that are injected with a monstrous amount of Mana . They aren't attribute-related but their penetrative power cannot be denied .

The moment the loud sound of the gunshot reverberated across the room, one of the figures around her fell on the ground with a large hole in his forehead .

He couldn't see the bullet, much less move out of the way or try to block it . As for the remaining enemies, once they saw the instantaneous fall of their comrades, they instinctively backed away and became highly-alert .

Lucy wasn't going to dawdle around and watch them as they collect their thoughts and gang up on her . She pointed the gun at another individual and started firing .

Approximatively thirty seconds later, Lucy empties her barrel but was able to kill three of them . The ones who're still alive have higher cultivation, furthermore, the commotion occurring him forced one additional enemy to enter and check on the situation .

Unlike the rest, he didn't hide his appearance and seemed to be much more powerful than them . Upon seeing three of his subordinates dead, he glared at the expressionless Lucy before saying

"Go secure an escape route, we're leaving now . "

"B-but Si-"

One of them, scared of Lucy's weapon, tried to warn his boss only for him to be yelled at

"Do as I say, there's no time to waste!"

The remaining hooded individuals dispersed soon after, leaving only their boss with Lucy . He was a man in his fifties, a thick black beard with some traces of white hair, sharp eyes and a somewhat lengthy dark hair . The most noticeable thing was his robe, which belonged to Thordan's sect .

"I've no intention to hurt you . You better come with me willingly or else I'll be forced to use extreme measures . "

Just as he finished, he found out that Lucy was fiddling with her revolver . She readied the powerful bullets and was about to attack again only for the man to throw a weird grey powder .

The effect of this weird concoction was almost immediate as Lucy fell on her knees, her skin reddened and her breathing quickened . A few seconds later, the man let out a sigh and walked up to Lucy, crouched down and was about to pick her up only for a loud, ear-deafening gunshot to enter his ear .

He was pushed backed three steps before falling on his butt, a bloody hole appearing on his left shoulder . Along with the new injury he just suffered, his whole arm became frozen from the after-effect of the Yin bullet .

The man didn't panic or get angry, he retrieved a pink pill and gulped it down while spraying some white ash on his wound, immediately dissolving the ice and stopping the bleeding . He slowly got up and focused on Lucy, who was supporting herself using her saber, Twilight's vow .

From the looks of it, she was hell-bent on resisting him or at least buy some time at least Katrina or Hobson arrive .

A few hours later, Katrina, who just appeared within her clan's territory, suddenly frowned and vanished from her spot, appearing inches away from a secluded forest .

This forest was the entrance to the forbidden territory which no one is allowed to enter . Right beside the entrance laid a heavily wounded Hobson, who noticed the appearance of his master so he struggled to get up but his wounds were too severe to properly move .

Katrina enveloped the old man with her energy, aiding him in healing his injuries while spreading her sense, quickly discovering the state of her residence, which was turned into a complete mess .

More than half of the magnificent pagoda and the courtyard were destroyed either by ice or flames . She also wasn't able to locate her daughter so she could only ask the servant for an explanation .

"*cough* people came and abducted Miss E-*cough* Eva"

A ghastly aura started surrounding the usually calm Matriarch . Illusory white wings and a long tail materialized behind her, a clear indication of her unstable emotions and her rising anger .

"Who was it?"

"The Five Lakes Sect . "

The woman creased her brows, appearing confused for a slight second before she guessed the real perpetrator behind all of this . It wasn't that hard to guess, as for their motive? It was more or less clear .

"Go to Elder Presley to get treated . I'll take care of this . "

Soon after, Katrina disappeared from Hobson's sight . She wasn't foolish enough to barge into the Five Lakes Sect, demanding her daughter back . Such behavior is predictable and will put her at a disadvantage .

She was a mother who deeply cared for her daughter and if she were to cause a mess in Thordan's sect, there's a strong chance he'll harm Lucy .

Five Lakes Sect, Thordan's room .

The man stared at the bound young woman while grinning from ear to ear . It's not like he was pleased to see his daughter but he was happy that his plan worked as intended .

He crouched down to meet her piercing glare and softly caressed her hair while saying

"Oh my dear daughter, I won't harm you, don't worry . I just need your husband to remove this mark . "

He showed her the ominous mark on his right hand and was about to continue speaking only to feel an inexplicable chilliness . Without a doubt, it was emanating from her .

Knowing her crazy and reckless actions, Thordan cowardly backed away then said to a man standing right behind Lucy .

"Are you sure she's harmless?"

The man who subdued Lucy and brought her here in one piece nodded his head and replied:

"Yes, she uses the cultivation ladder and the System but the latter is more dangerous . Her cultivation was already restricted so all I had to do is make use of this crystal to reduce her stats . "

He retrieved a weird-looking jet black crystal and passed it to Thordan .

"As long as you have this crystal, her life is in her hands . "

The father grinned while repeatedly saying

"Good good..."

As for Lucy, she remained silent and only glared at the man in front of her eyes . He clearly needs Arthur's help to remove the mark of the Dark Blade so there will come a time when her husband will free her of her current shackles and at that time, she'll kill this man .

He didn't seem to care about Lucy or Angelina and only sought power, it truly made her disgusted and added the number of reasons that justify killing him .

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The Divine Planet is surrounded by raging winds and unforgiving storms and there are only a few areas where the intensity of this hellish weather is slightly toned down . This 'gap' isn't nearly enough to fit the whole undead army but Arthur wasn't worried for he knew that no one is foolish enough to attack him in the middle of this disadvantageous environment .

If Katrina is planning to attack first, the best timing would be when he's entering the Divine Planet and slowly guiding his army to his unimaginably big piece of land .

The White Specter Clan may not have many people but each and every disciple is strong . Furthermore, there are a considerable amount of elders who reached the Overgod Realm . There's also Katrina, who's an Exalted God .

Of course, Arthur took into account other nearby sects and clans which may lend a hand to the Matriarch . They won't send all their forces but they'll dispatch a few exceptional foes which will definitely cause some problems later on .

When the decisive fight finally begins, there will be no turning back and everyone will be someone or something . Lich King Aborak will be the one leading all the undead and coordinating them while making use of the Elemental Wheel . Radolf and Midolf will support Arthur and the four Divine Beast will defend the undead from Katrina, who'll surely try to get rid of Arthur or Aborak first to weaken the army of death .

On the 11th day, when Arthur was just about to leave the Bard Realm and start heading toward the Divine Planet, a figure came running from the back . It left a trail of black flames behind it and dived straight through the undead, directly heading toward the center of the army, precisely Arthur .

Arthur already sensed the figure and was confused at first, however, when he saw who the pigolo was bringing with him, he was momentarily surprised . With a creased brow and deadpan face, Arthur gazed at the smirking Pigolo, who politely performed a short bow before presenting a bound and weakened Angelina to his boss .

"What happened?"

Arthur wasted no time and asked the pigolo, who gave a brief explanation:

"She was captured by Jakob on Astria . We discussed it and concluded that she's a valuable hostage that could be used as a bargaining tool if things go south . "

Arthur glanced at the bound and silent Angelina, who was also staring back at him venomously . Due to the Dark Magic weighing down on her, she couldn't even open her mouth, much less move . Though, it's not like Arthur wished to hear her opinion on the matter .

After pondering for a few moments, Arthur nodded his head and dragged Pigolo to the side and whispered a few things into his ear .

Sometime later, the army started flying in the sky and only Gutcha remained behind . When he made sure the army successfully left the Bard Realm and was making its way to the ginormous planet in plain view, he glanced around and smirked right before an ominous darkness enveloped him and vanished right after, leaving no trace whatsoever .

Unlike any other day, the White Specter Clan was currently in total chaos . Almost everyone was gearing up and readying themselves . The Matriarch just publicly said that the army of undead was heading toward their way so they should prepare for the upcoming fight .

She didn't force anyone and even told the elderly and children to hide in the Ancestral Grounds, which is a small dimension inaccessible by none but the clan master . Without her approval, no one can enter or leave the dimension and even someone as powerful as the Joker cannot break into it using brute force or clever tricks .

Only a few higher-ups knew the reason this war was happening, as for the common soldiers? They just wanted to protect their home from the corrupt living dead .

There was one more thing that greatly boosted everyone's morale . It was the presence of three senior monks floating above the sect .

They were holding intersecting golden silk and repeatedly praying to their God .

Senior Monks are peak Overgods and their presence here reassured the white specters, who believed that the undead army will surely crumble before the might of the Matriarch and the monks .

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"A Mi Tuo Fo, I can sense their aura from here . "

One of the three monks glanced North-West while clenching the golden silk in his hands . He was the youngest of the three and had the least experience but his prowess shouldn't be underestimated .

"Amitabha Amitabha, what you're sensing is the aura of the corrupt . Their miserable cries as they're forced to fight even after death still echoes in my ear . "

A monk with a mustache and frail physique and short height commented on the incoming army while focusing on the golden silk .

The last monk to talk was the oldest, he looked like a 90-year-old old man and had an extremely long grey beard . He chuckled and uttered:

"Hohoho by Buddha's name we shall banish the Parasite and return things to their course . The walking dead will be dealt with by the esteemed Matriarch . "

The two others nodded their head while repeatedly saying

"A Mi Tuo Fo!"

Along with the Thousand Buddha Sect, only one other power sent experts to lend a hand . It's neither a sect, a clan, or a kingdom but a race that managed to win a place in the Divine Planet and remain strong for a long period of time despite their irreparable feud with the parasites since times of old . For more than one occasion, this race, who built a city called the Sea Citadel, resisted the attacks of several parasites despite losing a considerable number of their own .

Their hatred for the parasite is deeply rooted and the moment they heard about Arthur being a parasite, they immediately sent a few of their strongest warriors to eliminate the 'abomination' .

Oddly enough, after their crushing defeat, the Holy Dominion remained silent, neither publicly commenting about what happened nor sending a larger force to take care of the army of death, which they deem as an evil existence that should be purified .

As per his prediction, Arthur was able to safely get the army to the Divine Planet without being ambushed . It seems Katrina decided to face him in her territory rather than go to him . Moreover, she seems aware that it's past the time of trying to solve this with words which is exactly why she started readying her forces .

Katrina was confident in being able to deal with Arthur and his Divine Beasts but getting rid of 400 million undead along with the few unique beings accompanying is a bit too much, even for an Exalted God .

If it were only 400 million undead minus the divine beasts and the mythical beings, she wouldn't have been this meticulous and would have just gone to fight by herself .

Due to the immensity of the Divine Planet and the big distance between the landing of Arthur's army and the White Specter Sect, it took Arthur ten whole days to arrive .

During those ten days, the news about his arrival on the Divine Planet spread like wildfire . In the dominating force of this planet, the Cloud Sea Sect was informed but it remained neutral and strangely unresponsive .

To begin with, the White Specter Clan and the Cloud Sea Sect were never friendly with each other so it's quite expected to see the latter behave like this .

Almost every part of the Cloud Sea Universe heard about the marching dead and their leader, a mysterious grey-haired middle-aged man whose origins and name are still unknown . On the 5th day, a

rumor stating that the leader of the undead was none other than the infamous Dark Magic-user and most likely Zodiak's successor .

Many rogue cultivators and smaller factions wanted to witness the battle between the specters and the undead . Unfortunately, Katrina declared that anyone seen near her sect would be killed on sight, no matter who they were . So, unless someone was insanely brave, they wouldn't dare trespass into the territory of the white specters .

Bard Realm, Velvet City .

This city was not only prosperous but it's also the city of desires . Whatever one wishes, they'll find here, whether it's pleasure, money or women . The best inn in the vicinity was a ten-story building made from shiny violent stone and heavily decorated with banners and all kinds of symbols .

Inside one of the expensive and luxurious suites, there sat two females, one was sickly-looking and had a pale face while the other was frowning and lost in her thoughts .

Both of the females were gazing at a recording crystal, which showed them an outrageously big army that had countless kinds of undead . At the center of the army stood a scarred man who was protected by two enormous beings .

"It's him, right?"

The pale-faced woman asked her sister, who snapped out of her daze and nodded her head while saying "It's definitely him . I didn't think he'll resort to such extreme means to get her back . "

These two women were none other than Delia and her sister, who was heavily injured by both Arthur and Lucy . Though she was a genius and an expert in battles, she still couldn't prevail against the monstrous couple . Delia not only backstabbed the Holy Dominion, but she also dragged her sister out of the fight so these too were deemed as traitors and are currently being chased by the Holy Dominion/

Ever since what happened in the Dragon's lair, the two disappeared and laid low to avoid the prying eyes of the dominion .

"What should we do?"

As she heard her sister ask her with a worried expression, Delia caressed her cheek then used both of her hands to start healing her sister again .

"There's nothing we can do . First, you should recover then we'll decide on how to proceed . "

As the sick woman laid on the bed and closed her eyes, Delia's hands started emitting a blinding light that covered the whole room . The once foolish and carefree Goddess was pouring her heart and soul in healing her dear friend, who's like a sister to her .

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Both were parties were ready to fight, one was protected by a gigantic barrier that enveloped the whole area and the other was surrounded by four divine beasts and commanded by a Lich King .

The army of death finally finished its march toward the White Specter Clan and stopped a mile or so from the entrance . Almost all of the disciples of the clan were standing in an orderly fashion in front of the gates, fully equipped with powerful equipment .

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Even so, some of them couldn't help but feel anxious and a bit afraid after witnessing the enemy's prowess with their own eyes . There was just no end to the undead, they stretched from North to South and every single one of them looked domineering . The revived Holy Knights were also standing at the very front, their shields and swords now corrupted but still effective .

Every Overgod that was revived will provide assistance to Arthur as the enemy will mainly focus on him . Aborak is to lead the army and slowly demolish this place, turning it upside down .

Amidst this intense and nerve-wracking silence, a chilling breeze passed through the two parties, alarming the specters, who clutched their weapons and mustered their courage . They're here to defend their home and Katrina made it really clear that not all of them will remain alive by the end of this sudden war .

Arthur appeared in front of the army and gazed at the floating figure of the Matriarch, who was glaring at him with eyes filled with contempt and killing intent .

She loathed the parasites and despite having a human soul, she still considered him an abomination, an atrocity that shouldn't exist amongst the living . His very act of leading such a large army of dead goes against the unwritten rules of the multiverse as the very existence of this many undead can automatically kill millions of mortals .

"What? Are you so unhappy to see your 'son-in-law'?"

Arthur crossed his arms and taunted her while smirking, unaffected by the aura of the Exalted God or her piercing glare . In response, Katrina snorted and said

"I have no relation with no monstrosity like you . "

"I believe your daughter will say otherwise . "-Arthur

"You should have pretended to be dead and continued on with your life without causing this much trouble and destruction . "

Hearing this, Arthur shrugged his shoulders and replied

"Initially, I didn't want to implicate myself with you but it's you guys who persistently chased after us . You can only blame yourself for what's about to happen . "

Just as he finished talking, a burst of energy smashed into him with the intent of killing him with one blow . Unfortunately, Arthur turned into a strange-looking dark cloud, which swiftly returned to its owner .

Arthur wasn't foolish enough to defenselessly appear before the leader of the enemy . Knowing her aggressive character, it's wasn't difficult to predict her actions . She'll want to get rid of Arthur as soon as possible so a sneak attack like this is to be expected .

When her attack failed, a loud laugh reverberated from afar:

"Hahahaha you had one chance to kill me before and you failed so don't expect to succeed this time . "

Arthur, who already unsheathed Makaze, declared that then glanced at Aborak, who nodded his skeletal head .

The Lich King banged his cane then emitted an ear-deafening screech, signaling the undead to start their assault . The flying bone dragons started diving toward the white specters while the countless skeletons raised their weapons and madly ran at the thousands of disciples standing at the front .

Before the two parties could clash, Katrina waved her hand and pulverized the running undead and the flying bone dragons, causing them to turn into nothingness .

However, it wasn't nearly enough to stop the incoming force . Moreover, the undead felt no fear so they weren't fazed by Katrina's demonstration of power .

The Matriarch knew that it was useless to try and stop the whole army herself, there were just too many of them to defend all sides .

Dozens of seconds later, the undead finally clashed with the disciples, who were much stronger, individually .

The experts of the White Specter Clan remained on standby, waiting for the Divine Beasts or Arthur to make move .

The only people who were reckless and rushed toward Arthur were the sea people originating from the Sea Citadel . They resembled fish but had a humanoid body covered in blue scales .

Arthur was about to send Radolf and Midolf to deal with the weird-looking fish but Aborak stopped him and said

"I'll handle them, take care of the Senior Elders, they're more dangerous . "

Arthur nodded his head and vanished from the fish men's sight and dived into the army of undead, possessing one of them and diving underground, quickly escaping the enemies' senses .

Before they could turn around and make chase, Aborak already made his move . The enormous elemental wheel which was imprinted under the undead's feet started acting, the black arrow started spinning and stopped on the flaming red color .

Countless tall zombies standing at the back jumped in the air, each one of them covering in flames . These were the Elemental Zombies, a special combat force that is extremely strong .

In total, there were 150,000 Elemental Zombies and once they're strengthened by the Elemental Wheel, they're an unstoppable force .

Fortunately, the fishmen from the Sea Citadel weren't Overgods but they were nevertheless strong .

There were 4 fish men and when they saw the descending zombies, they took formation and wrapped themselves with a bubble of water .

Each passing second, dozens of flaming zombies fell on the bubble of water and exploded, however, the explosions did close to no damage .

Only when a thousand zombies exploded next to the bubble did it start showing signs of shaking . Though, by this time, the fishmen were already able to reconstruct it and launch a counter-attack . Sadly, the number of zombies was too much and it was an old Lich King who was controlling them so it was too early for the fishmen to celebrate their victory .

A violent tsunami was unleashed by the four fishmen, it engulfed not only the flying zombies but thousands of skeletons below . When everything cleared, there were no signs of the flaming zombies, which made the fishmen breathe a sigh of relief only to feel an unimaginable heat come from below them .

Before they could react, a 10-meter long red zombie appeared, it was holding a flaming halberd and staring at the fishmen . Slowly, it raised its halberd and smashed it on the bubble of water, shaking it and destroying half of it . Through the newly-made gap, several flaming zombies fell from the sky, exploding right next to the fishmen .

"Matriarch, what do we do?"

Several elders stood behind the silent Katrina, waiting for her answer . After gazing at the brutal battles happening a distance away, she pointed at the Divine Beasts and said

"Get rid of those four, I'll kill that parasite and if I can't, I'll subdue him until the Senior Monks are done with their preparation . "

Indeed, the three Senior Monks were still praying right above the clan . They paid no attention to the war occurring at the entrance and solely focused on finishing with their chant .

Though it was barely noticeable, a transparent and outrageously large archaic gate started appeared above the three old men .

It took Katrina a few seconds to locate Arthur, who was madly drilling into the ground, trying to escape her sense . Unfortunately, he failed but when she started taking actions, an Azure Dragon appeared before her, opened its mouth and spat a massive amount of illusory-looking red flames which spread to all directions .

The elders standing behind her were about to take actions only for them to suddenly plummet in the ground and before they could retaliate, a white shadow passed through them and spat lethal acid which went through their clothes and melted their skin .

It wasn't enough to heavily injure them or kill them, however, it rendered them useless for a couple of seconds .

Seeing the interference of the Divine Beasts, which demonstrated flawless cooperation and incredibly strength, Katrina frowned but wasn't afraid of the Dragon's Breath .

She raised her hand and unleashed flames of her own, the unique flames of the White Specter . They were illusory white flames which pushed away the dragon's flames and even landed on the Azure beast, causing it to writhe from agony .

A loud screech reverberated across the area and by the next second, a bird covered in flames descended from the sky, directly charging at the calm Matriarch .

Still not moving, Katrina simply waved her hand yet it was enough to send the Vermilion Bird to be sent flying in the other direction . Just as the bird was flung away, a white shadow appeared behind the woman and slashed its claws at her .

Unfortunately, this attack was also a failure as the long and golden claws of the White Tiger weren't even able to cause a scratch on the Matriarch . She turned around, clutched the sharp claws with her bare hands then spun around, throwing the enormous beast far away .

"Did you really think they could stop me?"

Her sense was still locked into Arthur, who was making his way inside the clan . Like a bullet, she dived straight at the army of undead, precisely where Arthur was, planning to attack him only for her to come face to face with a creepy-looking rotten hand that appeared from thin air .

The hand was small but it was actually able to halt her movement for a few seconds . She snorted and chopped the 'thing' with her and, causing it to vanish .

Her stopped descent was about to continue only for a surprisingly dangerous wind storm to block her . Katrina was actually forced to stop mid-way and glance at an enormous white roc that was waving its wings .

"Bitch! Come at me!"

Midolf taunted her while Radolf raised its two heads and spat two over-sized red balls that flew high in the sky and started emitting dense blood fogs .

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Katrina wanted to chase after Arthur but the timely intervention of Midolf and Radolf rendered her unable to focus on them and ignore the main opponent for a bit .

Actually, the Matriarch thought that Arthur was planning to search for Lucy and save her first before dealing with the clan but that couldn't be more wrong . He knew that Lucy was safe and he has no doubts that he'll save her, what's more urgent is the White Specter Clan, which needs to be obliterated .

For that reason, he bypassed all the enemies, including Katrina, and dived underground, heading directly toward the residential area of the clan . He was planning to destroy this place and cause it to crumble with the use of Atomic Bombs created by his Lost Magic and the assistance of the Quad-Spirit .

There is a strong protective formation laid around the clan, protecting from all sides like a dome but penetrating through it or breaking it isn't a difficult feat for Arthur, who possessed ancient formation masters who were well-versed in this kind of field .

Furthermore, he has the Demonic Lightning, a special power that has a high chance of shattering arrays, formations, and illusions . Were he still in possession of the eye, it would've been much easier to breakthrough .

A large shark made of spiky blackened bone drilled through the soft ground until it was met with a semi-transparent white wall . The frontal tip of the bone shark started crackling with black lightning and after a few seconds, a thick thunderbolt was unleashed, violently hitting the transparent wall .

Unfortunately, it did no damage and didn't even crack the barrier, nevertheless, Arthur didn't give up and started banging the sharp tip of his body onto the barrier while wielding the black lightning and continuously striking the formation .

He could feel violent tremors occurring every now and then, probably due to the destructive fight between the two mythical beings and Katrina, who was still locking her sense on Arthur .

One minute later, Arthur managed to successfully create a hole into the semi-transparent wall . He immediately left his current body and started drawing strange rune then pushed them into the hole, stopping its rapid contraction .

Slowly but surely, the runes started expanding the hole which quickly became big enough to pass through . Without hesitation, Arthur entered it and retrieved the large-sized Atomic Bombs he previously prepared .

"You know what to do . "-Arthur

"Yes, Master, I'm on it . "

The Quad-spirit left his consciousness and began its preparation . The Atomic Bombs maybe be feared and destructive on Earth, however, their damage is minimal in a high-realm such as the Divine Planet . Nonetheless, that doesn't mean they're completely useless .

They don't rely on any kind of energy so they cannot be negated by traditional means, plus, the quad-spirit will make sure the whole area will fall into a bottomless abyss .

Even if Arthur's army were to lose, at least he would have demolished this place and got rid of their precious home . Very soon, using the ARK's calculative abilities, he started planting the atomic bombs in strategic locations while the quad-spirit flew straight at the largest Pagoda and started acting .

Above the crazily fighting specters and undead, Katrina was pissed as she was relentlessly attacked by Radolf and Midolf, who didn't let her breathe for even a second . What made things worse were the Divine Beasts, which, despite their weak attacks, are still dangerous if one were to ignore their perfect coordination .

A thick fog made of blood covered the skies and blocked Katrina's view, Radolf's black flames spread across all direction, surrounding the Matriarch .

Midolf was the aggressive type, choosing to go all-out to trap Katrina and buy some time for Arthur, who should be done really soon .

"Stop it, while I'm still asking nicely . "

Katrina floated at the center of this dense fog and spoke with a cold voice while glaring at the double-headed lizard, which was silently looking back at her while opening both of its mouths .

"Thy actions contradict thy words, mortal . "

Radolf seemed unfazed by the thick killing intent revolving around the white specter, who frowned upon hearing his words .

"Yeah bitch! You can't do shit to us!"-Midolf

What the roc said was actually true, unless she gets rid of them both simultaneously, she'll never defeat them no matter how strong she is . Being a creature born from Life Energy, Midolf's recovery ability is unmatched, better even than a Phoenix . As for Radolf, he can control Death, so if they join hands, they can support themselves and recover from any wounds in a matter of seconds .

The illusory tail behind Katrina and the phantom shadow above her head became more realistic, causing her aura to drastically increase . For the first time since this war started, Katrina was about to get serious .

Her eyes became white and an ear-deafening screech reverberated across the whole battlefield, causing all the other specter to follow her actions . Her scream was akin to a banshee's, powerful and soul-shaking . Much of the blood-red fog was dispersed for a second before it started clustering around the Matriarch again .

All the other disciples and elders who heard her scream transformed too, unleashing a continuous streak of screeches . Though they were doing fine despite their lower number, the white specter still lost a considerable amount of soldiers, however, when they awakened, their strength was boosted and caused them to slowly start pushing the incoming undead . They started obliterating the skeletons left and right so Aborak had to change tactic, choosing to deploy the special blood skeletons that were physically enhanced by none other than Radolf .

These skeletons were quietly sitting in the back and awaiting for their turn, so, when Aborak's cane hit the ground and signaled them, they unsheathed their weapons and charged at the enemies . All the other undead opened a path for this battalion of strange-looking skeletons .

There were around 2 . 8 million blood skeletons and they were all clad in a blood-red heavy armor and wielded large black shields and long lances . Moreover, some of these skeletons were riding special sturdy steeds that spat Radolf eternal black flames though only in small quantities .

Around the center of the undead army, the fishmen were still struggling against the elemental zombies, which were endlessly striking the enemy, not leaving them a second to take a breather or counter-attack .

Aborak marvelously controlled these zombies and made great use of them, managing to kill one of the four fishmen . In addition to the humongous flaming zombie which sprung from the ground, two more equally threatening zombies made their appearance . One was covered in sticky mud and the other was

wearing a golden armor . The three zombies bombarded the fishmen and used all kinds of abilities while the flying exploding zombies were still falling from above .

As long as the zombies successfully get rid of all the fishmen, they would have finished their job so Aborak didn't hold back and went all out .

Meanwhile, the fight between the Four Divine Beasts and the elders grew fiercer and bloodier . In fact, at some point, there was an explosion which alerted everyone, including Arthur and Katrina .

It was followed by a blinding light that momentarily halted all the fights and scared the white specters . Upon a closer look, a miniature red sun appeared in the sky but it only lasted for a second before it exploded into a sea of flames which engulfed two elders, turning them into ash in a matter of seconds .

One additional elder was hit by this attack but managed to successfully escape death and just when he was about to breath a sigh of relief, a large flying bird covered in flames descended on him and used its sharp claws to slash at him .

Fortunately, the head of elders, who was an old man called Talos, intervened just in time and clashed with the bird . The old man wielded a lengthy jet black spear which was swept at the assailant's claws, breaking half of them and pushing the Divine Beast away .

A white shadow appear next to the bird and opened its mouth, spitting acid on Talos, who used the white specter flames to push the incoming liquid then he made use of spear techniques to slash the empty air before him, strangely causing a large bloody hole to appear on the White Tiger, which madly roared and vanished from its spot, choosing to retreat .

Before Talos could give chase, an irresistible gravitational force causing his body to become unstable and plummet a few meters toward the ground then he suddenly found himself in an empty icy field . Obviously, Talos knew he was trapped inside a very realistic illusion so he tightly grasped his spear and stabbed the frozen ground, causing black threads to come out of the spear's tip and slowly shatter this false reality .

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"I hafta say, choosing Aborak was the best decision he made . "

A tall man wearing a white and purple costume was crossing his arms and commenting on the show occurring a distance away from him . He looked relaxed as he spectated the fight between the numerous undead and the awakened white specters . This man was none other than Arthur's brother, the Joker .

Just next to the Joker was a youth clad in a jet black armor, he was silently gazing at the bloody fight while letting out a sigh .

"If you taught your disciple properly, none of this would have happened . "

Hearing this, the Joker frowned and retorted

"How is this my problem? I'm not the one who has an inflated ego and thinks they're superior just because they became an Exalted God . Tsk tsk! Though, if I knew she would turn out like this, I wouldn't have trained her . "

"Well, what's done is done . Let's see how it will proceed... if things go out of order, be ready to rescue Arthur but get rid of that ARK . "

The Joker shrugged his shoulders and replied

"I know I know, you don't have to nag all day long . "

"Ohohoho ain't this a surprise . "

An old voice interrupted their conversation, it was soon followed by two figures which appeared from the void and stood before the two brothers . One was a thin and pale-skinned old man wearing a black robe and the other was a young woman with jet black hair and cold air emanating from her body, more precisely, her Dantian .

Seeing the two guests, the Joker laughed and said

"Lookie here, it's the dumb fucker!"

Leiu maintained his silence but he was giving an unfriendly look to Death, who was smiling back at the two of them .

"Is that how you're supposed to be talking to an entity that could end your life?"

"Hahahahahaha I'd like to see you try!"

The Joker held his deck of cards and walked closer to the short elderly . Death didn't back off as he started emitting an archaic and withered aura, however, their exchange was short-lived as Anastassia intervened .

"Master, this isn't why we're here . "

Death gazed back at the smiling Joker for a few more seconds before letting out a cough and backing out while glancing at Leiu, who was giving him a truly chilling glare .

"Thoroughly think about what you'll do next because I don't give second chances . "-Leiu

Hearing this, the old man chuckled and replied:

"Don't worry, I'm not going to interfere, I just came here because my disciple begged me to come here .
"

He turned to look at the massive undead army and commented:

"As this rate, I don't doubt the win of your friend, however, there are a lot of prying eyes and they're all waiting for the perfect moment to show themselves . "

BOOM *BOOM* *BOOM*

As if things couldn't get worse, a series of long explosions were heard by the busy Katrina, who was finally gaining the upper hand against the two mythical beings . Those explosions originated from the residential area of the clan and the moment she turned her head, she saw a truly shocking sight .

At first, it was a powerful tremor followed by countless cracks that split the ground and swallowed many of the houses . However, this was but the beginning, it was like there was a humongous beast devouring the whole area as it started sinking underground . Even the tall and majestic pagodas weren't spared and started slowly crumbling .

Katrina tried to fly there to stop it to be stopped yet again but not by Radolf and Midolf . The unsettling sky was covered by countless Dark Arrows which all descended upon the Matriarch, each one stronger than the last .

In retaliation, Katrina raised her hand and clutched the air and pulled it, diverting the directions of the incoming arrows and even shattering a few in the process .

Just as the arrows were easily deflected, a golden beam flew straight at her head, intending to finish her . Just like earlier, she made use of her racial flames to block the golden slash which wasn't strong enough to cause her any worry .

Arthur, who has been throwing long-ranged attacks, retreated a few hundred meters then raised Makaze, intending to unleash the first wave of [Thousand Waves] .

As for Katrina, she grew annoyed so she pointed her index at Arthur and fired bullet-like projectiles which were covered in illusory white flames .

Just as she counterattacked, an enormous tornado made of Midolf's winds and Radolf's blood magic spun around the Matriarch, distracting her . A rotten hand that was half the size of the double-headed lizard sprung from beneath Katrina and clutched her body, momentarily immobilizing her .

Unfortunately, Katrina wasn't playing around as both the rotten hand and the tornado was dispersed two seconds later . All she did was unleash the aura of the Exalted Aura, which was way superior to the duo's combined skills .

The projectile she threw at Arthur' wasn't intimidating but it had a terrifying amount of concentrated energy and was able to heavily injure Arthur if not kill him .

Just as it was about hit him, a strange jet black cube appeared from nothingness and trapped him inside, protecting him from any exterior attacks . In addition to the cube, the ground started moving by itself and formed a dome around the cube . Last but not least, a wall of thick flames blocked the flying projectile, stopping its flight for a few seconds before crumbling .

This was the handy-work of the Quad-Spirit, which finally showed itself and started retaliation against the Matriarch . Though it may not be as strong as Arthur, it is still powerful enough to threaten Overgods .

"We pray that you grant us your acceptance!"

The oldest of the monks said those words and the other repeated it while closing their eyes and holding the golden rope-like object in their hands . This artifact was emitting more and more golden light, becoming more noticeable even from afar . Furthermore, a terrifying blood-red gate started appearing

above them, it was covered in dried blood in all sides and thick black chains were wrapped around it, stopping it from opening .

A chilling and savage aura was seeping through the small gaps in the gates but it wasn't threatening, it only indicated that whatever was behind this gate was a monstrosity, something that shouldn't exist .

"Amitabha! We seek the path of enlightenment and purify whatever evil enters our world!"

Slowly but surely, the chains wrapped around the gates started loosening and the dried blood was becoming fresh and disgusting . The smell was nauseating and the savage aura lingering around the gate was mentally damaging .

If you look closely, you'll see that there are exactly seven chains sealing the closed-shut red gate . All seven were loosened by they were still acting as a seal and it falls on the senior monks to temporarily snap the chains .

"A Mi Tuo Fo! Our faith is the price, our heart is the path! Break the first Heaven!"

Just as the oldest monk finished his prayer, one of the chains started wriggling before it snapped in half and fell down . As that happened, the closed gate opened by a bit, causing a suffocating heat to come out from within and spread into the sky, however, it was quickly absorbed by the golden rope the monks were tightly holding .

The projectile thrown by Katrina only managed to destroy the flame barrier and the dome, as for the black cube, it was still unscathed . Arthur, who was inside, raised Makaze and swung it down, splitting the cube in two and turning the sky jet black . A malevolent energy revolved around the dark blade before it was unleashed as a strike targeting the Matriarch .

Unlike her previous actions, she took this attack quite seriously as she flew straight at the incoming black arc and clashed with it with her bare hands .

She was trying to use brute force to break it but it was useless as Dark Magic seeped into her body and caused her to let out a painful groan . Unfortunately, the Dark Magic was quickly expelled out of her body and the first wave was successfully blocked . Arthur wasn't a person sit around and watch after he unleashed an attack, in fact, the moment he finished the first wave, he waved Makaze five more times, sending creepy looking black skulls flying at the silver-haired woman .

Furthermore, dozens of detonators followed the flying skulls and once they were close enough to her, they all exploded .

Sadly, the woman's defense was unbreakable by such attacks and her white flames were able to deflect almost everything .

It was then that Radolf and Midolf made their move, each attacking from one side . The lizard changed his form and became a youth, as for Midolf, he transformed into an invisible figure that merged with the wind .

Using his red halberd, Radolf stabbed Katrina while Midolf latched himself into Arthur, greatly boosting his movement speed . In addition to the mythical being's support, Arthur used a Space and Lightning Talisman, further increasing his Agility .

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"Look at you, how are you any different from an abomination?"

As she saw his transformation, Katrina uttered those words and grabbed the incoming halberd . She waved her hand and sent both Radolf and his weapon crashing into the ground, her actions were swift and seemed extremely natural as if she was blocking a punch from a baby rather than a deadly strike a creature of death .

Arthur ignored his 'mother-in-law' and spread his wings, one jet black like a bat's and the other majestic and pure white like an angel's . With Makaze in his hand, Arthur vanished from his spot and appeared before his opponent .

He used the dark blade to stab her and despite her late reaction, the tip of Evil Wind was resisted by the white flames, which automatically moved on its own to protect its owner .

Like a ghost, Arthur disappeared against and attack from the behind but his attack was once against resisted . Nonetheless, he kept attacking from all sides, his speed so fast that not even an Exalted God was able to follow him with her eyes .

As he swung down the whistling dark blade, Radolf joined in and used his rotten hand to absorb a portion of the white flames, creating a small opening for his master .

Arthur successfully grasped this opportunity and managed to slash Katrina . Though the blade cut her clothes and touched her skin, it still didn't cause any blood to come out . Makaze was one of the sharpest blades that ever existed but the huge disparity in cultivation allowed her to remain unscathed even after being slashed down .

She has a Celestial Body which is coated by a pure and dense amount of Nether Energy, so, to injure her, simply relying on continuous slashes won't cut it .

As Arthur vanished again, disappearing from the Matriarch's sight, she clutched the air and pulled, causing the space to distort and pushing away the missing Arthur and Radolf . Both were flung dozens of meters away, unable to resist the sudden shift in the space fabric .

She was merely using her high cultivation to launch simple attacks yet they were effective and dangerous, to say the least . Unexpectedly, Katrina was suddenly sent flying and crashed into the ground .

A small bloody wound appeared on her back, indicating that Arthur's previous blow was effective .

Actually, the one who injured her wasn't Arthur but Midolf, who went through the gap opened by Radolf and used his wind abilities to attack . He waited for her to counterattack and initiated and successful sneak-attack .

Arthur's different-colored wings started flapping at a rapid pace and emanating a grey and white auras which merged together and formed a strange whirlpool which slowly closed in on Katrina .

Out of the blue, the woman released an ear-deafening screech just like earlier, however, this one was damaging . The sound waves were potent, shaking the ground and causing Radolf and Arthur to bleed from their ears and feel slightly dizzy .

Radolf's body became unstable as he fell on one knee and held his head, however, Arthur's managed to resist this 'stun debuff' thanks to the passives he gained from possessing the White Tiger .

Fortunately, her screeching was cut short and a black cube rose from the ground and trapped her inside, blocking the spreading sound waves . The Quad-Spirit was aware that one cube wasn't nearly enough so it continuously conjured several cubes layered on top of each other .

Moreover, as if it read his thoughts, the spirit opened a gap for Arthur to unleash one of his ultimate skills, Rizaki .

He appeared before this minuscule gap and immediately used [Assault of Darkness] then activated a Rizaki that was fueled by the Vermilion Bird's flames .

[Assault of Darkness] would trap the target in a world of darkness for 10 seconds, however, considering the difference between the caster and the target, it'll only last for two or three seconds at most .

Those three long seconds quietly passed and when Katrina was freed from that skill, she saw a very small speck of red light that was emitting dangerous heat .

Before she could free or get rid of it, the speck of red light exploded, shattering the layered black cubes and pushing Arthur and Radolf a couple of hundred meters .

It was like a firework show as the orange flames rose to the sky and spread to all directions like a raging sea . The clouds were dispersed and the sky turned red, furthermore, you could see an enormous crater at the very center of the explosion .

Standing at the center of the crater was a single silhouette, covered in orange and white flames . The orange flames lasted only for a few seconds before they were overpowered by Katrina's fire, nonetheless, some of her clothes were burned and her usually snow-white skin was a bit blackened .

While Katrina was getting rid of the remnant fire resulted from Rizaki, Arthur disappeared from the area and in just a matter of seconds, traveled all around the battlefield, throwing what seemed to be oversized gas bombs .

The gas bombs exploded in the air and transformed into a green fog that covered the whole place . In less than a minute, this fog started showing pleasant results as the white specters were weakened and started coughing a bit of blood .

Though the effects of these gas bombs were minimal, any slight distraction would cause to one's death in such a bloody battle . Plus, the undead had the advantage in number and they could fight for days so it was only a matter of time before all the white specters are wiped .

Up to this moment, six hundred white specters were killed, which is not a big number considering that more than 25 million skeletons were defeated .

The stronger white specter could obliterate thousands of the normal skeletons in one sweep so it is not surprising to see such Arthur's army suffer such a big loss, nevertheless, the Divine Beasts are still here and there are much, much more skeletons still 'alive' and kicking .

After throwing the bombs, Arthur was planning to return to Katrina only to stop flying and raise a Dark Barrier . He used [Faster Than Death] while leaving a Shadow Clone in his original position . His instantaneous reaction to the incoming danger was spot on as the Shadow Clone was engulfed in white flames and vanished a second later .

Relying on his fast speed, Arthur was about to distance himself only for a suffocating pressure to immobilize him . Katrina appeared before him and was about to grab him only for thick black chains to appear from within Arthur's chest and attempt to hit her the enemy .

Sadly, the chains were crushed by her ever-increasing pressure, however, it wasn't the end as a large double-headed lizard came flying from the back and hit the Matriarch .

In response, she used one hand to completely stop Radolf's charge then she kicked him, shattering many of his bones . Growing annoyed by him, Katrina raised her hand and faced her palm toward the falling mythical beings, trying to kill him once and for all .

A beam of red light emitted from her palm and went straight at Radolf but when it was just about hit him, an invisible gale of wind appeared in between the two and diverted the beam's direction with great difficulty .

Midolf, who faced the beam head-on, was also flung away, however, he quickly regained his senses and started healing himself as the red beam contained some sort of malicious kind of energy which was rapidly spreading inside all of his body, aiming straight at his vital spots .

After getting rid of the two annoying defenders, Katrina turned her head toward Arthur, who didn't seem too anxious despite being bound by her .

"When I learned that you're alive, I could've given chase but I didn't, do you know why?"

Arthur chuckled and replied:

"Look around you, are you really in a position to be this bossy?"

He glanced at the residential area of the clan, which turned into a mess as half of it sunk underground and the other half was hit by the flame Rizaki and received much collateral damage .

Katrina kept staring at him and raised her hand and swung down, clearly about to stab his chest . She didn't want to kill him but to destroy his cultivation by shattering his Dantian and ripping his Meridians .

Just as she was about to do that, Arthur said

"Stop . "

Unexpectedly, her hand stopped mid-way but it wasn't because she listened to his words . In fact, Katrina found herself unwillingly obeying his order . It was an uncontrollable thing, the unique power of the dragons; Dragons words .

It is like Pride's ability yet different, and the good thing about it is that it works on almost anyone . If a mortal had a strong mental power, he could subdue an Overgod with just dragon words, however, no mortal could use this ability, after all, it is only meant for dragons . Though, Arthur is an exception since he's a parasite .