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The first tournament soon began without any disturbance, Arthur's match was not the first so he sat back and watched the fights .

They were not that exciting yet not that boring too, in most of the matches, the participants fought each other except a few matches were a participant fought a disciple of one of the four clans .

Tenhi, the master of the Locus Clan watched from above, each time a talented or strong participant joins he would nod in satisfaction, all people knew he would recruit everyone that pleased his eyes to his clan and that was an opportunity no one would want to miss so everyone that fought tried to show off the best he can as to maybe grab Tenhi's attention.

After 13 matches, it was the bald daoist's turn to fight, Arthur waited for this match since the beginning as he wanted to see what this man was capable of, after all, he was in the Heavenly Realm and he was the only one amongst the participants to be in this Realm .

Actually, all the clan masters were in the Heavenly Realm except Anastassia, Arthur didn't why but he was sure that although she's still in the Spirit Realm, her strength was probably much stronger than that

The bald daoist went up to the arena while rubbing his hands awkwardly, his opponent was a disciple from the Xi Clan, since each clan only put 5 disciples to participate then that only meant that each of these disciples is very strong.

The rules were simple, once the two of them entered the arena, they have 20 seconds to get ready then the battle will automatically begin whether they are ready or not .

The disciple from the Xi Clan looked at the bald daoist coldly and hastily retrieved a short cane which had a small red gem on top of it .

As for the bald man, he just walked while staggering toward the disciple, he literally looked like a beggar or a homeless person .

"Youth! This daoist is willing to spare you for some gold . . what do you say?"

The disciple furrowed his brows for a couple of seconds before he felt he was underestimated and given a 'chance' by this beggar, he was easily angered and wanted to teach this bald man a lesson .

Once the 20 seconds were finished, the disciple waved the cane in the air which resulted in 3-meter fire cyclone to spawn and charge at the bald daoist .

Although a fire cyclone was quite simple, that didn't mean it was slow or weak, the more the person has intelligence the more his attribute will deal more damage to the enemies, for example, Lucy's magma melted the Grand Elder who was considered very strong.

The bald daoist looked at the incoming fire cyclone with surprise, his face paled and he appeared frightened and scared shitless .

He jumped with what seemed to be all his strength to the right, barely dodging the cyclone, but unfortunately for him, the disciple was very adept at controlling the cyclone as it immediately follows after the bald man.

The daoist looked like a chicken as he jumped around multiple times, everytime dodging by a hair's breath, however, his ragged clothes was slightly burned in the sides .

He really appeared to be struggling and trying his best to evade .

The disciple got more irritated, with another wave of his hand several 30-inch fireballs were created and thrown at the daoist .

The bald man just landed on the ground after evading the cyclone when he saw the fireballs coming at him, so for the first time in the match, he used his magic or skill or whatever it was, a metal shield was created around his hand, he quickly raised it and prepared himself for the impact.

He, fortunately, managed to dodge 12 balls just by 'luck' like always then, also by a streak of good luck, managed to defend against the rest, each time a ball hit him he would advance little by little as if he was struggling against them.

The disciple was surprised by this but he didn't dare attack lightly anymore, he created 2 other fire cyclone and soon they rushed at the poor bald man .

Arthur looked at this while laughing inside as this bald daoist really deserved the Oscar prize for his act as there is no way in hell he is not acting, he was in the Heavenly Realm so struggling against a Mortal Realm is simply nonsense.

But he got to give it to him, he really knew how to act, his expressions and actions are precise that even he would be fooled if he didn't appraise him and see his Realm .

The daoist, seeing all 3 directions blocked by the fire cyclones, showed a terrified face and created a metal sphere around himself to protect for the fire .

In no time, the cyclone hit the metal sphere and began melting it easily, however, for some odd reason, metal was being created as the last one was melted, it was a continuous process and it lasted until the cyclone disappeared.

The disciple was satisfied by his attack but when he saw the bald man come out of the sphere with only several burns on his arms and face, his eyes widened .

The daoist was running at the disciple, who unconsciously backed away as he was weak in close combat, after all, he was a fire mage .

While backing away, he threw fireballs at the incoming enemy non-stop but they all missed as he was not concentrating enough and couldn't aim right .

The bald man was extremely smart as he slowly chased the youth until he led him to the edges of the arena then punched him weakly making him fall from the stage, as per the rules said, if one of the two people fell out from the arena then he's disqualified.

And just like that, the daoist won after a long 'struggle', as Arthur glanced at Tenhi, he too didn't appear to be able to see through the bald man which indicated how much is good at acting.

"This penniless Daoist is in need of gold . . . if you gave me you might have won, you are very strong after all"

After he said that, the daoist strolled out of the arena then he resumed begging the people for some gold again, he didn't seem to get tired of it .

The next few matches weren't worth watching, Arthur simply took a book and began reading leisurely, he would sometimes glance at the fights if they are a bit interesting, but except that he didn't do anything .

He already saw Lucy, Saly sitting in the back rows of the audience, Mary and Sonia were also present and sitting next to them, Saly was watching excitedly, as for Lucy, she too was observing the fights but she didn't seem much interested, she would sometimes throw some glances at Arthur.

She knew him best and immediately recognized him even with that robe, after all, there was only a few who were covering themselves and Zodiak's robe was a bit unique and hard to miss .

As he heard the next announcement, Arthur put down his book and stared at the arena, it was not yet his turn but the mysterious bandaged guy was going to fight right now and he was curious about his abilities, he was in the Spirit Realm but he emitted a strange and somewhat suffocating aura.

His opponent was a participant from the nearby crowd, it was an old man in the Mortal Realm, he was LVL834 and had a long cane as a weapon .

Unlike last time's fight, this one ended very fast, the bandaged guy kept mumbling some incomprehensible words as he went to the arena, as for his opponent, he stayed silent and cast some barriers around him before the 20 seconds were up.

The bandaged guy slowly lifted his hand which caused his white bandage to suddenly stretch out and with lightning speed strike the old man .

Fortunately, the old man was an experienced mage and cast several barriers but they were easily broken by the fast bandage, it struck his rib cage and he was sent flying out of the arena.

He was shocked and stared with disbelief at the bandaged guy, he was unwilling to lose like this but rules were rules and he didn't dare protest, he could only angrily go out of the stage .

The bandaged guy also went back and sat at a corner by himself.

The matches resumed and after 2 more matches, Arthur name was announced, so he got up and headed for the arena, and as for his enemy, it was a disciple from the Ma Clan, he wanted to fight others but his luck was apparently rotten .

His opponent was a tall muscular man, he wore the disciple robe of the Ma Clan, Arthur obviously didn't know these disciples, him being Elder doesn't mean he had to know all disciples and just by the look of it, this muscular man appeared to be a brainless fool who relied on strength too much .

Arthur wanted to fight people like the bandaged guy or the daoist, not this one so he decided to finish fast and hope his next match would be against a better opponent .

The 20 seconds were quickly up and the muscular man activated his defensive skill and rushed at Arthur .

For someone with his build, he was quite decent but for Arthur he was slower than a turtle, he didn't want to attract much attention by a one-hit win so he clashed with the muscular man and exchanged a few hits with him, although it was called an exchange, he evaded all the attacks and weakly used simple punches and kicks to overwhelm the muscular man.

The poor man was pushed back again and again until finally, Arthur what seemed to be a strong wind wave to push the opponent out of the arena .

For the spectators he only appeared to be a good fighter who did a surprise attack to win, they didn't consider him that strong .

Arthur then returned to his previous location and retrieved his book to read .

After Arthur's match, the girl from before fought a disciple from the Yun Family, although the disciple seemed a strong girl as she attacked with ice spears and formed several thick ice barriers to defend, she was easily defeated by an elegant kick from that girl.

The crowd was just crazy over her as they were attracted by her charm, the cheers didn't stop until a couple of minutes later when the next match began .

At the 30th match, the first round of the tournament was over, and the participants were given a 30minute pause, although they truly didn't need it, it was only a lame pretext for them to arrange the name and the opponents.

30 minutes passed in the blink of an eye as Arthur was reading the book, he could finish the book in minutes but he enjoyed slowly reading a book, it's just that he liked it more that way.

The names and opponents were arranged and this time, Arthur's name 'MoonStar' was called at the first match which surprised him a little but it made him feel a bit more excited too .

His opponent was a disciple from a clan yet again, it was a woman from the Yan Clan, and just by appraising her LVL, he guessed she is the strongest, she was LVL973, almost at the Spirit Realm and she had a small dagger on her waist .

The two of them headed for the arena and stared at each other waiting for the 20 seconds to pass .

Arthur wanted to fight her, of course not seriously but just have some fun, after all, that's what he came for right?

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When the time was up, she didn't attack him but continued to stare at him arrogantly, she saw him fight earlier but wasn't that impressed, she held complete confidence in herself.

As for Arthur, he slowly walked toward her while attacking with his wind attribute, although it was not as fast as dark magic or as destructive as the godly lightning or the ancient fire, it was not weak, after all, he had it in advanced, which is the peak unless he unlocks a special kind of wind or special skills.

Invisible wind blades were attacking her from all directions, Arthur held back and didn't create strong wind blades but if he did, they would, at best, hurt someone like an Elder, and just lightly, it would not even scratch someone like Anastassia .

Sensing the incoming attacks, the woman struck the air with her hand which emitted a faint white light, and just by doing that, the wind blades vanished easily .

Arthur had already guessed that attacks of that caliber wouldn't work but he wanted to try it anyway .

While she was defending against those wind blades, he was already rushing at her with a moderate speed and in just seconds he was near her, he struck with his palm aiming at her waist but she surprisingly evaded and rotated her body while sending a kick straight at his head.

'What a ruthless woman!' Although it was only a match, a kick like that would surely kill, if he was the muscular man from earlier, for example, he would have certainly died by that kick .

With a perfect reaction time, he raised his left hand defending against the incoming kick, but once he blocked it, he saw the woman throw her dagger exactly at his heart.

She was really going for the kill, opponents can accidentally die so she didn't care but what unfortunately for her, Arthur was no ordinary opponent .

The dagger was caught by Arthur right arm, he could let it struck him and he would still receive no damage but that would bring too much attention, for a fast and piercing dagger like this one to not deal damage to him seemed rather suspicious .

As the woman was going to retract her leg which was used to kick him in his head, she was surprised to see Arthur use his left hand and tightly hold her leg, no matter what how she struggled, she couldn't free her leg, so she used her other leg to kick him again but this time, her leg emitted a strong white light followed by a tiger roar as it was directed at his abdomen.

Arthur was smirking as he saw her try to free himself which was impossible, then she used her other leg but before it could reach him, he lifted her up in the air and slammed her body into the ground, if he used all his strength, then she would literally turn into a minced meat or a blood pool, so he used minimum strength .

Despite doing that, the attack was ruthless as there was a small crater on the ground, he backed away 2 steps and watched as the woman got up from the ground with some blood leaking down from her lips.

Her clothes were dirtied by the previous impact and her slender legs had a few bruises, she couldn't help but feel a bit of fear from him as she couldn't retaliate when he slammed her down, even someone such as her, who is the best disciple in the Yan Clan younger generation, couldn't measure to his strength .

She was quick-witted and understood that he had some immense brute strength, there was still a hand sign on her leg, it was the place he gripped her from, she even felt some pain coming from it, the bones were surely cracked .

She stared intensely at Arthur, she previously thought he was not that strong after observing him in his last match but he surprisingly was a monster, he didn't show off that much so she clearly underestimated him .

The only way for her is to overcome his strength and strike him with a strong attack, she wasn't a good mage to kite him or she could only use her speed to attack him .

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Diyun, the woman who was fighting Arthur, was now depressed as she discovered that he not only had immense strength, his speed was equal to her, she could only circle around while trying her best to evade his attacks .

After 5 minutes of continuous struggle, an opportunity finally arose so she didn't waste it as she appeared behind him and strike with her hand, which was doing a claw sign, behind that hand an illusory image of white and golden claws appeared .

What Diyun didn't know was that Arthur purposely created that opportunity for her to finish this, he had gotten bored quickly, she was not that strong, to begin with, and he wanted to fight the bald daoist and not this one .

The claw attack was almost going to hit him when he half turned his body and used [Rotating punch] which was a martial art technique, it was not that strong but he didn't want to beat her with just a normal punch to not attract the attention of Tenhi, he didn't want to bother by him later on .

Just as the name indicated, [Rotating punch] was a punch which had a rotating Qi inside it and it would create something similar to a tornado wave from the punch .

The two attacks struck each other and strong winds were created from the impact, a heavy sound resulted from the clash and after just a few seconds, Diyun was sent flying out of the arena.

She struck the wall of the Colosseum and fell on the ground, she coughed some mouthfuls of blood before being helped by her fellow disciples, they carried her to their clans Area while giving Arthur some furious gazes, but he completely ignored them and left the arena.

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The next matches were slightly better than the ones on the next round as it the fighters were better, but that's to be expected considering they won the first round .

There were martial artists, mages, and some dual classes but the most common one was mages .

It is known that not all people can use 'Qi', so that's why there was not a lot of martial artists from the participants .

Of course there can be some fighters and people who use normal close combat skills using mana, but the techniques which required Qi are stronger, this didn't apply on all cases but generally, the techniques and skills with the Qi are better.

Most of the participants were mages, and that's totally normal as mages can kite and even without Qi, people can still deal a lot of damage and possibly one shot someone.

So although there were people unable to use Qi, they relied on their talent for magic to become great mages and came here to try their luck and show their flashy skills .

The matches proceeded normally, the bandaged guy and the pretty woman won easily like the last round .

As for the bald daoist who was named Gobu, he won exactly like last time, he struggled against a girl from the Yun Clan before pushing her off the arena, simple yet effective .

The audience opinion about him seemed to decrease, they didn't like his way of fighting as he was always evading and didn't attack, he would sneakily come from behind and strike so they kept booing him .

Very soon, the 15 matches were done and the 15 winners were given another half an hour pause .

Since there were 15 people, there is a person who would be left alone without an opponent so they decided to let him fight against a random person from the winners of this round .

This person was decided by luck, and apparently, it was a disciple from the Ma clan, it was a short girl who appeared to be shy but Arthur knew she was powerful, just previously she nearly one hit her opponent, too fierce!

As for Arthur, his opponent was a person from the Xi Clan.

The matches were even more exciting, the skills and techniques used damaged the arena, but fortunately, it was a large one so it didn't cause any problems .

Arthur's match was decent, he won again by attacking consistently with his kicks and punches while using some wind cyclone and tornados every now and then to suppress the enemy .

It worked perfectly, plus he was weaker than Diyun so it didn't take him long to lose

The third round was finished after an hour of fighting, the shy small girl won against a random person who also won in the third round, he was disqualified because he lost to her and she proceeded to the fourth round .

Same thing for Gobu, the bandaged guy, and that pretty girl .

There were 7 participants left, the girl from the Ma clan, Arthur and the 3 other monsters and 2 final people, one was a girl from the Yun Family while the other was the dark robed person from earlier .

Arthur was surprised when he saw this dark robed person proceed to the fourth round, nonetheless, he had already decided not to let him leave this island alive, that's for sure .

This time's competition was surprising as usually, the people proceeding to the fourth round and 70% disciples from the clan, but this time, the majority were participants coming from outside .

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Yet another half an hour was given and the names and opponents were arranged .

Arthur's opponent was the little shy girl from the Ma clan, and surprisingly, the bandaged guy and the pretty girl who was named 'SilentFlower' were against each other, as for Gobu, he was against the guy from the Xi Clan, while the girl from the Yun family will fight later against a random winner.

Arthur's name was called first followed by Mia, the shy girl's name, she kept an embarrassed look as she slowly walked to the arena .

Arthur also headed for the arena and waited for the time to pass so the fight can begin . To be honest, he wasn't interested in fighting her, well fighting anyone from the Ma clan generally, because it's needless, he wanted to fight others, why not was he not put against that guy from the Xi Clan, he appeared to be pretty good, his purple fire was very strong and his attack seemed accurate and his decisions were perfect .

Arthur observed him from the very beginning and was a bit interested in him, unfortunately, he will lose against Gobu, that's for sure .

The 20 seconds soon passed and Mia rushed at Arthur using [Petal Footsteps], she was fast as she dashed towards him while throwing her punch at him .

Arthur easily blocked that punch with his palms but what special about this girl is that she is fast at attacking, she continuously attacked him as if she was boxing, but no matter how fast her fists were, they were unable to pass through his palms.

With each punch, he noticed her attacking speed increase a by a small amount and after dozens of punch, it became incredibly fast, this girl was really talented, if he was not her opponent but someone else, maybe she would have won, of course, if her opponent is not Arthur or either of the 3 other monsters.

Arthur decided to finish it fast so he lightly kicked her abdomen and sent her flying, he defended from the very beginning so Mia gained a bit of confidence but his high-speed kick which was like lightning surprised her and she couldn't react in time to evade or block .

She somehow managed to stabilize her body at the edges of the arena and crouched down holding her abdomen and showing a pained expression .

She only groaned for a couple of seconds before she adjusted her body and stared at Arthur with fear and excitement .

Mia loved fighting, especially when she met opponents stronger than her, so she rushed at Arthur yet again, but unfortunately for her, he wasn't in a mood to fight her so with a speed much faster than her, he rushed at her and while doing that, four walls of flames were created around her, completely shocking her as she thought he was only good at wind magic but those flames were clearly purple.

After he did that, he willed them to encircle her and strike her at the same time, however, she clever and jumped high in the sky to avoid them but that only resulted in being struck in the back by Arthur, who jumped behind her with lightning speed and attacked her without giving her enough time to react.

This time she couldn't stop her body from hitting the ground out of the arena, as she stared at him with shock, she was depressed as if this wasn't a tournament she would have continued the fight, it's such a pity, she pouted and headed back to her clan's area.

Arthur walked back to his previous place and gazed at the arena waiting for the next fight, he really wanted to watch the fight between SilentFlower and the bandaged guy.

Luckily, the next match was that fight so he relaxed his body and stared at the two of them, he really wished for something to eat right now, it's as if he was in a cinema about to watch a movie .

The two of them soon faced each other, the bandaged guy named Tianqi kept mumbling some nonsense while SilentFlower coldly stared at him, this time she unsheathed her double blades and prepared herself as she knew her opponent was simple like the others.

Those bandages were very fast and strong, the pierced several barriers like they were paper and even broke bones easily .

Just as the waiting time was done, the bandaged guy used the same attack to strike the girl, the bandage headed for her with fast speed but this time, it was blocked .

SilentFlower elegantly slashed her double swords at the bandage, her attack contained a hint of ice yet when Arthur saw it, it was clearly ice but it had a pink color .

The bandages were cut this time and some of it was deflected to the site, as for her two slashes, they transformed into two ice arrows which were aimed at the bandaged guy, their speed was faster than the bandage and they emitted a freezing aura, Arthur could feel it from that big distance.

The bandaged guy didn't move but the bandages got left his body and created a thick wall which blocked the arrows .

The wall was so thick that even after the arrows struck it deep into it, it couldn't pass through, no matter how much bandages left his body, they never ended .

SilentFlower didn't stay still and had already appeared near Tianqi who didn't seem surprised or startled by her speed, the bandages were already around him, forming another wall from that direction while some of them transformed into sharp spikes and attacked Silent Flower.

She sent several slashes at the spikes and avoided some of them, and in just seconds, she was in front of the thick wall of the bandages, she crossed both the blades and muttered something with a very low voice .

The crossed blades shined for a second before the ground turned into a weird colored ice and the thick wall was covered with ice, then with a hack from her, it crumbled .

The legs of Tianqi were covered in some ice as it was the cause of her previous attack, he was greatly slowed and before he could back away, the wall already crumbled and Silent Flower slashed with both the blades in a weird manner and to make matter worse, 3 ice arrows came flying at him from behind.

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She was really strong and capable, not only did she managed to break through his strong defense, she even counter-attacked and managed to attack him from both sides, she was really powerful.

With not enough time to defend against those two incoming attacks, Tianqi lifted both of his hands and the white bandages in his hands turned black then they blocked the two slashes of Silent Flower, they wrapped themselves around the blades with insane speed and froze them in mid-air.

Of the 3 arrows, one of them managed to strike his back as for the 2 others, they were blocked by a black bandage .

The arrow didn't heavily injure him, nonetheless, blood leaked out from the bloody bandages and he couldn't help but become alarmed .

He discovered that this was not a normal ice, the arrow dissipated and the ice invaded his body trying to freeze him from the inside, even when he tried to fight back he could barely hold on, after all, he had to fight her back too.

Seeing the arrow hit its target, Silent Flower smirked and back away 10 steps, the bandages were no longer wrapped around the blades .

When she looked at the bandaged guy, she frowned a little before regaining her usual expression. The bandages on his head came off a little and showed a blonde hair and a blue eye, unfortunately, only part of his head was shown so apart from his right eye and half of his hair, nothing else was shown.

Even Arthur was shocked, he expected an ugly person behind the bandages or at least some hideous scars and not some blondie with a blue eye, maybe the other part of his face was injured, who knows? What intrigued him more was the bandages and the ice, he was the fight with his blood boiling .

Very quickly, all the bandages turned black and some violet fog was coming out of it, the aura was chilling and he emanated an intimidating pressure .

Silent Flower was not surprised by this, she expected him to have something up his sleeve and it seemed he finally became serious so it's time for her to become serious too .

She put her blades on their sheath then she drew some strange symbols in the air, and in just 10 or so seconds, a blue circle with a star inside it and some strange runes appeared mid-air where she was waving her hands a moment ago, the runes and symbols were pink coloured and began to shine brightly until it vanished inside her chest.

And at that moment, all the arena ground turned was frozen by the ice and she transformed into ice, literally, all her clothes were gone and she turned into an ice pink woman, well it was pink yet purple, a little of the two, she held both of her blades which turned into ice too but they were normal ice and charged at Tianqi.

She really emitted chilling cold and even the audience began feeling it, her speed more than doubled and with but a simple slash of hers, a big ice wave would be created, it was terrifying.

Tianqi also wasn't weak, his aura was not suppressed by her ice and they both clashed creating explosions and craters all over the arena which was already frozen .

The only place which wasn't frozen was where he stood, and whenever he moved, the ground he stepped on would either be melted or the ice would disappear, he became more and more ferocious as the battle continued .

They were equal in power but because she somehow could use the cold environment and the frozen arena, she held a slight advantage, ice spears or arrows would appear out of nowhere to attack him, it was endless, furthermore, she used strong skills to overwhelm him but his black bandages were like a vacuum, sucking out the power of her attacks and making it almost non existent.

It continued like this for almost 10 minutes when suddenly, Silent Flower backed away and stared at Tianqi angrily, he was pretty persistent and even with her personal ice domain, she couldn't win, it was almost time for it to run out so she could only use her strongest attack and gamble on it .

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Tenhi, who was enjoying the fight from way earlier, was smiling as he looked at Silent Flower 'To be able to create an ice domain since a young age, truly a genius ha ha ha . . . . however, she's unlucky to be against that guy' Then he looked at Tianqi with a somewhat interested gaze, he too didn't know what those bandages were even with vast knowledge and it would be a lie to say he wasn't interested, maybe if he won he'll ask him to join and then ask him about it .

Silent Flower threw both of her blades up in the air, they floated a couple of meters above her head, she then closed her eyes and lifted her hands and soon, all the ice in the arena began to concentrate at the same location which was where the blades floated .

Tianqi looked at this from afar and didn't waste this opportunity to use his black bandages to secretly attack her, a lightning fast back spike came flying at her but it was completely blocked by an invisible barrier.

He continued doing that but it didn't work as the invisible barrier blocked everything, and after 30 seconds passed, the ice began forming and its coldness seemed about to freeze the whole Colosseum, some spectators were even trembling while others stared with awe at the big pink lotus flower with now was formed .

it 70meters in height and 10 meters in length, pretty big and beautiful, truly too beautiful yet it emitted a freezing aura, Arthur stared at it with curiosity and excitement .

He wished to fight her as she was really strong, just this fight made him not regret participating in this competition .

Tianqi backed away several meters as he felt the terrifying pressure and coldness coming out of the big lotus, it was very dangerous so he had to take the appropriate measures .

The bandages began unfolding and soon a black sword formed in front of him, it was floating and had some black bandages in its hilt, the rest of it was made from the violet fog but now it seemed much denser, the sword was created in an instant but you could notice Tianqi staggering as he created it, it seems the process to create it quickly did something to him, maybe a backlash of some sort?

Silent Flower then mumbled some final words to finish her attack then waved her hand toward Tianqi and in the next moment, the ice lotus flower was thrown at him, it wasn't that fast but nor that slow

either, although it's slow, Tianqi had no place to escape and he didn't intend to do so, he gritted his teeth and willed the dark and violet sword to charge at the incoming attack .

Compared to the big lotus, the sword was very small, but at the moment of the impact, an eardeafening sound was created and the arena split in half, strong waves of ice were emitted from the lotus as for the sword, the violet fog formed some sort of invisible wall which stopped the lotus from advancing further .

Albeit the violet fog creating a transparent wall, the lotus began suppressing it and slowly advancing toward Tianqi, but surprisingly, 2 other similar swords flew from his position and struck the lotus completely stopping it from advancing .

The clash remained like that for half a minute, and just 30 seconds, the arena was broken in half with a huge crater formed under the impact of the attacks and a ringing sound was coming from the lotus .

It suddenly lit up and exploded creating a big explosion, only a small portion was left from the arena and the 3 swords seemed to vanish .

Some of the spectators were hit by the impact too and some had some parts frozen, Arthur glanced at Lucy to check but nothing happened, a simple barrier was created by her which protected her and the nearby people from any harm .

Dust was around the arena, blocking the view of almost everyone and the had to wait a couple of seconds for it to vanish and went it did, they saw 2 figures, one was kneeling on the ground while coughing blood non-stop, there was even a bloody wound in his leg, while the other was struggling to get up from the ground while having her hand burned up and there was a deep scar near her shoulder.

At a closer look, the bandaged guy was still in the arena but Silent Flower was out of it, although she first tried to get up, once she saw the wall of the Colosseum so close, she knew she lost so she stopped struggling, as for Tianqi, he breathed heavily as he swallowed a couple of pills and tended to his wounds

He was very hurt and now you can see his face as he had an exceptionally handsome face with blue eyes, small nose and straight nose and sword-shaped eyebrows, and a blonde long hair .

His face was pale as blood leaked out of his mouth, he soon realized his face shown so very quickly white bandages were covering him again and he returned to his mummy appearance .

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The battle between Tianqi and Silent Flower was so intense that the crowd stayed silent after that last explosion, it took them a couple of minutes to realize what just happened .

The cheers were loud as they called out both their names, however, Tianqi walked back with some mustered strength, as for Silent Flower, she layed on the ground for some time before she could stand up and walk back, she gritted her teeth and was unwilling to accept defeat but she was sent out of the arena and she can't refute that .

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Due to how damaged the arena became, the other match will be held up in an hour . Some disciples of the Locus Clan came and started fixing the arena, it didn't even take them 10 minutes to fix it so it's confusing on why they said 1 hour .

Anyways, Arthur didn't just stay still, instead, he surprisingly walked next to Silent Flower, who was tending her wounds and said

"Here, drink this"

He said that while stretching his hand which hat the Miraculous Healing Potion .

The reason he decided to give her and not Tianqi is that she seemed more approachable? He seemed to be the kind of guy to not like others, Arthur even guessed that he would be ignored if he talked to him .

Silent Flower was lifted her head and saw a black robed person covering his head, handing her fist-sized red Potion, but she didn't take it and stared at him with a confused look .

Seeing her act like this, Arthur put the Potion on the ground then went back to where he was, he only did that because he wanted to form a friendly relationship with her, someone who can use a special kind of ice is by no means normal, she must have a powerful backing or something similar, if not then she perhaps was born with that kind of ice .

Maybe if they became friends, she could teach him how to use that ice .

He didn't bother with her anymore and retrieved a book to read until the next match is up .

Silent Flower frowned at his actions and didn't pick the potion until 20 minutes later, she didn't know why a complete stranger would do this but she couldn't find a reason he would hurt her, a direct reason that is, he may want something in return but since he didn't say it then it doesn't matter right?

First, she drank just a little bit to confirm it's not poison, but just when it invaded her body, a warm feeling covered her and her wounds were healing much faster. Surprised by this, she gulped the Potion straight away which made her wounds heal at an incredible speed.

Just after 5 minutes of consuming it, all her wounds healed except that serious one on her shoulder, although it didn't fully heal, it was less painful .

She gazed at the empty bottle with widened eyes then she shifted her gaze to Arthur, who was leisurely sitting and reading a book .

She doesn't want to fill indebted to someone so she slowly walked next to him and hesitantly said

"T-Thank you, I owe you a fav-vour . . "

Arthur lowered the book and chuckled before replying

"No problem, no problem! Ah ah, for that favor, I would like to use it now . . "

Startled by this, Silent Flower began regretting even coming to thank him, she guessed he would ask for something precious or ridiculous so she clenched her fists and retorted

"W-What do you want?"

"Hai! Let's become friends then . . what do you say?"

She stayed silent for an unknown amount of time before she spoke with a low voice

"Isn't it e-early to become friends? I just met you . . . "

Hearing this, Arthur waved his hand as if he was annoyed and said

"Ah . . then consider it a gift . . no need to return the favor . "

Silent Flower would feel guilty if she did that, her honor and pride wouldn't let her do that .

'He just wants to be your friend! What are you afraid of?' After successfully reassuring herself, she stretched her hand as if she wanted to shake his and said

"Pleased to become your f-friend . . "

Arthur laughed heartily and immediately replied while shaking her hand rapidly

"Ha ha ha, the pleasure is mine, sit sit!"

He indicated at the chair next to him, telling her to sit as he wanted to chat with her about that ice, he was very curious about it .

However, from a while back, he could feel killing intent coming from the audience, he didn't dare look as he knew Lucy was gazing at him with piercing eyes.

It's not like he was flirting with Silent Flower or wanted her to become his woman, he approached her for different reasons, but it seems Lucy misunderstood or is being jealous for no apparent reason.

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From the very beginning, Silent Flower impression on Arthur was not that bad, she just felt he was a bit strong as she saw him fight earlier, she didn't think he could win against her, but he was decently strong and after he helped her, he seemed like an friendly and kind person, although it seemed strange as to why he covered his face .

The two chatted for a couple of minutes before they stopped, they only talked about simple things like the participants and the bandaged guy, Arthur discovered that it would be hard to make her speak of her strange ice so he stopped talking and resumed reading his book.

The silence was awkward but he didn't mind that and acted normally, as for her, she closed her eyes and seemed to be trying to treat her shoulder .

The one hour was finally done and the next match was announced, Arthur was extremely overjoyed as he heard the announcement as his opponent was Gobu .

He finally gotten what he wished for, he really wanted to see what will the great actor do when he realises his opponent has seen through him .

Arthur jumped on the new arena followed by Gobu who acted the same . Arthur didn't know how strong a Heavenly Realm person is, but he knew he is strong, at least compared to others, however, he didn't

dare to be reckless so he decided to fight seriously, he would only use Makaze, if it gets hard then he will use his dark magic and the others .

He wouldn't use his full speed as he it but he would fight seriously, at least he wouldn't hold back his attacks .

Soon, the two of them were on the arena, Gobu was barely standing as if he would fall at any moment, as if Arthur, he already took a special sword stance while holding Makaze.

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Anastassia, who was watching the next match with depressed eyes because her clan was out was shocked once her eyes landed on that black katana .

There is no way there are other swords similar to Arthur's, with just one look, she was sure it was the same sword, so the one holding it must be Arthur . .

'damned fool! Why would he disguise himself to join?' She was irritated because he not only participated disguised but also because he beat the only clan member still in the competition, plus, why would he even participate, with his strength, it's a piece of cake to win the first tournament and even the second .

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Once the 20 seconds were up, Arthur used [Petal Footsteps] to rush at Gobu, who was dumbstruck by the speed of his opponent .

The speed Arthur displayed was just slightly slower than Anastassia, so Gobu who was preparing himself to start the act was caught off guard .

As he was rushing at the daoist, Arthur already used [Lone sword] 2 times and sent 2 slashes ahead of him .

This time, the bald man didn't dare act and retrieved a golden shield from his storage .

It was a big gold shield which was 1 meter in height and 10 centimeters thick, it looked dazling as a bright light came out of it .

Even the calm Tenhi who was leisurely watching the fight was stunned 2 times in less than 5 seconds, first because of the fast and powerful attacks of Arthur which were very fast, then by the golden shield, he couldn't help but mumbly

"Artifact . . !"

Once the two slashes of Arthur struck the shield, they vanished, it was not cut or destroyed, and that greatly shocked Arthur, however, he didn't dare back away, instead he increased his speed even more.

Even if it was a shield, it was not a normal one for it to be able to block a slash from [Lone Sword], it's true he didn't use all his strength but he used quite an amount that would even injure a Spirit Realm.

With his godly speed, he appeared behind the still startled Gobu and thrusted his sword at his back with accuracy and fast speed .

Somehow, the golden shield which was put in front of Gobu, appeared behind him and blocked the thrust of Makaze, but this time, it didn't stay put, but it was pushed back a couple of meters, pushing Gobu with it .

Although astonished that Makaze couldn't go through the shield, Arthur didn't stop there, instead, he used Natural Lightning which descended from the sky and kept striking Gobu .

The bald daoist was completely with what just happened, he still couldn't believe what he is seeing, he just thought of Arthur as a regular participant, maybe slightly stronger than others but he by no means did he think he was a Heavenly Realm like him .

As to why he thought he is Heavenly Realm? Well, obviously it's because with that kind of speed and power of attacks! Only people in that Realm or above could perform like that and show mind-numbing strength .

He desperately dodged those lightning but a few of them hit him, it didn't hurt for a couple of seconds until he felt his inside twist a bit and the pain followed that .

With no way but to take out his few treasures, he retrieved yet another shield which was purple and held it in the air, he then quickly mumbled some few words and the purple shield floated above him, completely blocking the streaks of lightning.

Then he flew high in the sky, to avoid the incoming Arthur, but the latter was coming at him even when he flew and his speed seemed to increase even more .

Although the daoist's speed was not that fast, he had that golden shield which would teleport at every place Arthur slashed or thrusted his sword, the priest would be sent flying 50 or so meters until he stopped and adjusted his body.

He couldn't even counter-attack as Arthur speed was too fast for him to be able to accurately hit him .

The golden shield protected him from all direction except above, but he had the purple one to do the job from that direction, they two shield had similar runes and symbols except the purple one was a bit smaller .

Arthur increased his speed even more until he was like a black blur, the audience was flabbergasted as they saw the flying priest get pushed a couple of meters every second by an invisible force .

Arthur tried his best to attack him but the shield kept blocking so he finally raised his speed and strength to the max and decided to use powerful skills .

The Godly lightning would take 10 seconds to hit which is a big amount of time in a battle like this one, he first prepared a Godly lightning which will be followed by a 10m ball of ancient fire to strike Gobu from above then he flew around Gobu with his full speed making the enemy unable to locate his exact position .

Even the calm Tenhi stood up from his chair and stared with widened eyes at Arthur, even him someone in the Deity Realm can barely keep up with him, much less Gobu who was depressed right now as he never thought he would encounter such an enemy in the first tournament.

As the 10 seconds were up, a white thick streak of lightning came from above, as it was descending, it fused with the ball of red fire and transformed into a 15m red and white arrow, it's speed was outstanding as it struck the purple shield, Arthur also appeared in front of Gobu and used [Dark Burst] to slash at the dumbfounded bald man.

Unfortunately, even with his godly speed, the golden shield appeared in front of the slash and blocked it but this time, but the impact of the slash and the arrow on both of the shield made a deafening explosion .

The shockwaves were ravaging as even though they are fighting high up in the air, the shockwaves broke the arena and the colosseum, some of the nearby spectators fell unconscious or were sent flying from the power of the impact.

The golden shield managed to block that powerful strike of Arthur but the purple shield only lasted for a second before it broke in two, almost all the arrow vanished, it was now only a 2m arrow, it struck the pale-faced Gobu who created a metal shield from his magic just in time to block the arrow but it was not that effective as he was sent flying down until he struck the broke arena.

He was quite lucky as he hit the center of it, but it was broken into pieces and a huge crater was created from that impact, it couldn't be called an arena right now, it was just scattered rocks .

Gobu barely managed to stand up as there was burn marks on his face and shoulders and blood leaked out of his lips, he stared at Arthur with a anger and some fear, that arrow was reduced to just 2 meters but the damage it did to him was serious .

He could feel some of his organs to being melted by that fire and his bones were crushed by that lightning . Not only his opponent was a monster in close-combat, he was a freaking Wizard and could use a special type of fire and lightning .

Arthur was delighted by the outcome, he expected no less from that arrow, now that the purple shield is gone, the streaks of nature lightning resumed attacking Gobu who started dodging .

He looked more pitiful than ever, with a burnt clothes and sorry state, he previously was acting but now he was dodging for real, he couldn't help but laugh at himself as he wanted to try fooling Arthur too.

Arthur didn't just stay in the air, he rushed at the bald man with his fastest speed and attacked with slashes and kicks, he didn't want to win by pushing him out of the arena he wanted to defeat him normally, furthermore, the golden shield annoyed him and he really wanted to break into to, but unfortunately he was unable too, even with a slash supported by [Dark burst].

He appeared behind Gobu and was ready to slash yet again when he felt extremely heavy and was slowed down by a huge margin, and to make thing worse, the golden shield appeared in front of him and brightly shined then the elephant symbol which was imprinted in it seemed to move and an illusory image of the creature came out of it and slammed into him .

It felt like he was struck by a mountain as he was sent flying, for someone with his defense to be sent flying like this was really shocking, that attack was very powerful as he almost fell on the ground out of the 'arena', so long as he flying, even if it's out of the arena range then it's alright but if he touched the ground then he's out.

Some of his bones appeared damaged, but it was nothing serious, fortunately .

Gobu, who thought the attack now was enough to win, stared at Arthur with eyes full of disbelief as he really couldn't believe this was a person in front of him .

The golden shield is a strange artifact he had gotten his hands on and it is by no means weak, it can defend against attacks from a person in the Deity Realm and it's offensive is great too, that attack can slaughter Heavenly Realm people like chicken so why was he not dead? It only left one conclusion and it's that Arthur is certainly a Deity Realm .

Tenhi could not calm down, this fight was not like anything he had seen before, that previous attack of the golden shield could even hurt him, and what's with that speed of the black-robed man? He began to feel suspicious about the two of them and was on full alert, he must investigate properly their identities

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Arthur stabilized his body and stared intensely at the golden shield, the previous attack was powerful and he really wanted to have a similar shield, however, he was not going to rob it or murder Gobu then take it as he had good ones in his storage too, they just didn't entirely suit his style of combat.

this time, he didn't rush at Gobu, instead, he put his katana back at its sheath then flew a bit high in the sky .

Gobu was surprised to see this strange act of Arthur, he knew something was fishy and he was probably changing tactic, nonetheless, he didn't budge from his position and glared cautiously at his opponent.

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Arthur started concentrating and in just seconds, several dark red fireballs were created, each ball was was 3m and emitted some intense heat, in just seconds there were dozens of those balls .

Gobu was petrified as he felt a shiver down his spines, that 5m fire ball from earlier almost melted him, so when he saw this many, he couldn't help but feel afraid .

Arthur then threw all the balls at the same time toward Gobu, he made sure they struck him from all direction while Godly lightning struck him from above .

The poor daoist clenched his hands and formed several metal walls around him hoping for the best but they were easily melted and by the fireballs, they didn't hold them even for a millisecond as they passed through it as if it was air .

Fortunately, the shield was very fast, even with all the balls attacking from all directions, it would teleport instantly and block it, but with several hitting at the same time, it was practically impossible to defend against all at the same time no matter how fast it is .

None of the balls hit Gobu, but some of the fire landed on his body and burned him a little, although it was just a bit of the fireball that managed to hit him, it was enough to cause damage to him, especially when several bits of fire landed on him .

Even to a strong destructive fire such as the ancient fire, the golden shield was able to defend which astonished Arthur, but even seeing that, he didn't stop his bombarding.

The Godly lightning was even more destructive than the ancient fire, but it's only con is that it's slow so with Gobu's speed, he managed to evade it, but it caused more flames to touch him, his state became even more miserable as he was almost naked, his ragged clothes were almost fully burned and he had much more burn marks each time the fire touched him.

The bombarding continued until Gobu finally fell into despair and yelled

"I give up, I give up, stop! This penniless daoist cannot fight anymore, have mercy!"

Arthur smirked when he heard this and stopped, he knew that the tactic he just used was very useful and if it continued a couple more minutes, he would've been able to defeat him and seriously injure him but it seemed Gobu was wise and knew when to give up or else the consequences would have been dire

He could have used [Dark Magic] but he didn't, he didn't want to show it for several reasons so he refrained from using it yet .

The arrow from earlier did some considerable damage to Gobu and as time passed, he felt that his insides are melting and each time the fire touched him, the pain became even more agonizing, he could not hold off anymore, if he continued, it would have been life-threatening, he wasn't dumb enough to fight to death with this madman.

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Silent Flower, who was not that interested in the fight from the very beginning, closed her eyes and was tending her injured shoulder, but once the fight started and she heard the cries of surprise of the spectators, she opened her eyes only to see a shocking scene .

Arthur's speed was so fast that she literally couldn't follow it and his attacks were extremely strong, she also was stunned by those shields .

Once the big arrow struck the purple shield and broke it in two, and the huge impact happened, her eyes and mode were wide open as she stared at the scene in disbelief, she previously thought of Arthur as a somewhat strong participant but not a monster.

Even if she used her ice domain she can't defend against that arrow, no way in hell, she would die miserably, her opinion of him greatly changed as she stared at him with awe and curiosity.

When she saw him bombarding the poor daoist, she felt a bit fearful of those flames as even though some distance were separating them, she still felt the strong heat and pressure coming out of it, Gobu was really lucky to have a shield like that or he would have been roasted by those fireballs .

As the fight was done, nothing was left of the arena, even some of the walls of the Colosseum were either melted or destroyed by the impact of the explosions and fireballs, to say that Arthur is weak right now is just spouting non sense, previously none thought he is that strong but now they believed he will surely win this tournament.

This battle was even more ravaging and shocking than the previous, the damage was done to the surroundings numerous times higher than the last one, at least previously some part of the stage was left intact, however, the arena looked became miserable with several big craters scattered in all its corners, it couldn't be called an arena anymore.

Gobu was breathing heavily as he summoned back his golden shield and panted, he walked back while staggering and holding his chest, he would cough some blood every now and then .

Arthur wasn't feeling tired or anything like that, that attack previously did hurt him a bit with his illogical recovering speed as the injury was healing at fast speed, it would be fine in 10 minutes or so .

He went back to his previous location and was going to resume reading as if nothing happened when all of a sudden, an explosion resounded in the 'arena'.

The black-robed man who was going to fight the disciple from the Xi Clan was floating a couple of meters in the air while removing his black hood .

It revealed a very sinister and hideous face full of scars, the man was hysterically laughing and staring at Tenhi .

Arthur thought they were here for a reason but he didn't think they would act up this early, this person emitted the familiar aura the people from 'Medusa' did, well not all of them but the ones which were a bit more experienced in using [Dark magic].

When he appraised him earlier he discovered his LVL to be 561, it was not that high compared to the other participant but for some odd reason, he kept winning, he didn't use dark magic earlier not to alert him as he didn't want to attract his attention, he wanted to know what they were here for, last time they attacked Belic and Robin for some item, so they must be here for a reason.

Although it was only one guy, he was sure there are some others hiding somewhere, each time he met paths with them there was always more than one person .

Tenhi furrowed his brows when he saw the ugly man laughing while staring at him, then he sensed danger, he suddenly disappeared from his sit and appeared high up in the sky, and in his previous location was a dozen of black daggers than appeared out of nowhere .

Arthur also this process and was a bit shocked when he saw the dark blue daggers, it seemed this person was using [Chaotic dark magic] which was the first evolution of dark magic, also, why were the daggers speed very fast?

He appraised the ugly man again and was shocked to see his LVL, it was literally increasing at a rapid pace .

When he appraised it was already 1403 but only 10 seconds passed and it was 1600+, this was insane and incomprehensible .

The aura around the ugly man was becoming more and more overbearing as he began attacking Tenhi and everyone else, the dark magic attacks were aimed randomly at everyone and his Lvl kept increasing rapidly .

His attacks were so fast that he killed more than a hundred spectators in just seconds, even some of the nearby participants got struck by the dark magic and fell soundlessly on the ground .

The area of the clans was protected by the clan masters as they formed a barrier to protect from the dark magic but it didn't hold much at is began shattering when the attacks become more ferocious .

In less than a minute, the appraisal showed Arthur that this man was already in the Heavenly Realm, however, his aura didn't stop rising, instead, it kept increasing even faster which shocked him .

He became full alert, he didn't know how much it would increase but it didn't it would stop soon .

The clan masters already retreated and none attacked the ugly mad man, dark magic chains, spears, spikes were beeing created endlessly from all around him as he threw them at everyone while he kept laughing.

Suddenly, Tenhi appeared in front of him and struck with his fist, but to his surprise, it was blocked by the ugly black-robed man, he unexpectedly managed to react in time and form a dark blue shield in front of the punch, but it was not able to hold on much as it shattered and the fist sent him flying until he struck the Colosseum wall.

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## 'Astrith!'

As Arthur called out for Astrith, the blue lightning beast appeared and dashed towards Lucy and Saly where at, he was previously instructed to protect Saly and this ugly man was dangerous so he had to send Astrith .

Astrith was fast and appeared near Saly and Lucy in seconds, he took Saly, Sonia, and Mary and flew out of the Colosseum with lightning speed, as for Lucy, she appeared next to Arthur, who was staring at the ugly madman.

He doesn't have anything to do with him but anyone who wanted him dead is his enemy, no matter who he is, maybe this man wasn't aiming for him, but he sure as hell seemed non-caring about the lives of who he killed .

Tensui, which was the name of the ugly man, stood up from the ground and continued to laugh although he was sent flying by Tenhi not oo long ago .

This time, he dashed at the middle-aged man while wielding a dark blue sword in both of his hands, he madly slashed out at Tenhi while sending the random dark magic attacks to his surroundings.

The clans already evacuated and only the clan masters were flying not too far away and observing the situation, as for the spectators, more than half of them died and the rest managed to escape from the Colosseum .

The sight was gory and nauseating, blood was all over the walls and ground and hundreds of lifeless corpses were laying on the ground .

The appraisal of Arthur was still ON, and by this time, he already reached the Deity Realm, the madman was fighting with Tenhi, albeit being sent flying much time and being struck by numerous skills of the middle-aged man, he would always get up and strike again .

At some point, Tenhi couldn't suppress him anymore and felt like Tensui's aura become even more ferocious, he didn't know why 'Medusa' would attack him or his competition suddenly but he didn't have the time to think about it right now .

Obviously, someone with a clan like his and a strength in the Deity Realm, he knew about the existence of Medusa and he knew there was a lot of strong people in it, but what was confusing as to why they would act against him now .

"Careful, he's in the Deity Realm and his strength is still increasing . . "

Arthur warned Lucy before they engaged in the fight, unlike him, she wasn't immune to the dark magic so a strike from him would hurt her and he knew he couldn't convince her to escape .

Very soon, both him and Lucy rushed at the madman who was fighting Tenhi, Lucy waved her hand and several big magma balls were thrown at Tensui while Arthur unsheathed Makaze and launched [Lone Sword] 5 times using all his strength .

5 dark arcs made from the skills were aimed at Tensui and rushed at him with a speed faster than Lucy's magma balls .

Tensui, who was busy fighting Tenhi, was surprised by the sudden sneak-attack and was barely able to dodge 3 slashes before the 2 others hit him and made 2 deep cuts, one in his abdomen while the other in his shoulder.

He was shocked by the force of the slashes but he didn't have time to think about it as several big magma balls were coming at him, they were fortunately slow enough for him to dodge but just as he dodged, a silver-haired woman appeared at his right and sent a kick at his waist .

The strength of the kick was so strong that it shattered some of his bones and sent him flying with so much speed that he couldn't even stabilize his body in mid-air, for him, a person in the Deity Realm to be damaged like this with just a kick is astonishing, however, it didn't just end like this .

He was sent flying in the air by that kick which was instantly followed by a black shadow appearing above him and using both of its arms to strike his stomach and sending him flying to the ground yet again, but this strike was more powerful than the first one as he coughed blood continuously, his insides were totally crushed .

Arthur not only used all his strength, he even slipped some natural energy in that strike, it invaded Tensui's stomach and damaged his organs, but surprisingly he was very tough and had a high defense for some reason, maybe because he was in the Deity Realm?

The poor ugly man struck the ground and a huge crater appeared, Tenhi who was fighting the blackrobed man was caught off guard by the attacks of those two and was more surprised when he saw them continuously attack Tensui and send him flying numerous times as if he was a ball. Arthur descended and stood next to Lucy as he stared at the huge hole in the ground where Tensui landed, he didn't know if he was unconscious or not but that last strike surely damaged him greatly.

Soon enough, a hand stretched out from the hole and a pale Tensui appeared, blood came out of his mouth and eyes but for some reason, his aura never ceased to increase, there was even black fog coming out of him and there were dark symbols shining in his back .

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Tensui was angry, he didn't expect those two to be this strong, it's true Arthur demonstrated amazing power earlier but he didn't pay that much attention as he was busy channeling the spell .

In fact, he was only able to increase his strength like this because he used a forbidden spell which consumed the soul energy of the subordinates of 'Medusa' to strengthen him for some time .

The lives spent to increase his energy to Deity Realm were countless, probably in the tens of thousands and it didn't seem to diminish, he could feel himself almost breaking through to the next Realm .

He could feel his body healing at godly speed and powerful energy surge in his body, he felt like a god, even the wounds he had gotten from Arthur and Lucy and not painful anymore .

He was in the A category which is considered very high in the organization and he got a mission from the 'statue' to perform a spell and use the subordinates life, he had to cause disturbances in the competition and kill as many people as he could, he wasn't given a reason and he didn't ask for one as it was an order from the 'statue'.

Not even 10 seconds after he got up from that hole, his hands and legs turned got bigger and claws came out of them, there were some brown scales on them and he felt something come out of his head.

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Arthur's expression turned ugly as he saw the ugly man change appearance just as the statue indicated 'Immortal Realm', the aura he emanated was no joke, even he felt suppressed and a bit fearful .

He didn't hesitate as he used [Transmutation], his body transformed into a green lightning and he became covered with it, he looked like Yamak when he used that skill .

His stats were risen by 25% but only for a short amount of time, he needed to take this seriously and just by the pressure coming out of Tensui, he knew there is no time to think about it .

"Stay back and assist me with your magic, remember don't come close!"

As he Arthur said that, he launched himself at Tensui while several dark spikes were created and thrown at Tensui . . .

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Author's Note: Hey there, it's crow, obviously . . .

So, there's this guy called Baisiwa1 who is going around and giving 1 star to all stories for no specific reason, he is making reviews left and right every single minute and I checked his profile and it's full of 1 star reviews except one . it will really help me if you would report him . Much thanks .

PS: I'm not saying my story doesn't deserve 1 star, perhaps it does, however, I would appreciate it if you point out anything bad about it in the review, so I could at least fix it . . or improve it .

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Arthur transformed into a green streak of lightning as he dashed at Tensui, who was laughing and checking his body .

The pressure was too overwhelming, even for someone such as Arthur, who have insane stats .

He didn't use [Petal Footsteps] because when using [Transmutation] and the lightning form, his speed would be higher than when using that mouvement technique .

Fortunately, the chaotic dark magic used by Tensui didn't damage Arthur, he was quite worried for Lucy as she may be hit but he can always instant teleport if something were to happen.

Tenhi, who was dazed from a while ago, snapped out of it as he felt the terrifying aura coming from Tensui, although right now, he didn't look like a human, not in the slightest, his skin has already turned black and he grew 1 meter taller.

It's better to call it a monstrosity, hideous face with long sharp claws in his arms and legs with a violet tail coming out of his lower back, he had what appeared to be violet scales in his knees and shoulders and a dense black fog was emanating from him .

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Arthur's speed could be considered godly as he appeared next to the monster in a split second, he didn't hesitate as he used all his power and launched a [Lone Sword], but that wasn't all of it, several orange and dark red spears were coming at Tensui.

Arthur didn't use Dark magic this time because he had a feeling that it may do the opposite effect, maybe it was just his imagination but he didn't dare use it until he is sure it would not strengthen him .

The good thing is that his power ceased to increase once he reached the Immortal Realm, but just being in that Realm made him a terrifying being, his appearance was no longer recognizable .

The slash of Arthur finally landed on Tensui's abdomen, followed by a bombardment of spears made from ancient fire and eclipse magic .

Surprisingly, Tensui didn't move as he grinned at Arthur and looked at him as if looking at a struggling ant, but that look changed dramatically when the ancient fire spears struck him .

The slash didn't even scratch him but the spears clearly injured him as was pushed back a couple of meters with blood flowing from the newly made wounds, clearly the ancient fire was effective as it melted his black body .

His arrogant look changed as he gazed at the incoming spears, the Eclipse magic also injured him but it not as much as the ancient fire did .

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Arthur didn't sit around during this time when Tensui was pushed back, he teleported behind him and used [Buddha Palm] his strongest palm attack currently, and struck the monster's back without holding back .

Just as his hand touched Tensui, he felt a bit numb and there was not any apparent damage to him, he was only pushed yet again but just 2 steps .

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But just those two steps were enough for Tensui to be distracted by Arthur as suddenly three 5 meter Magma balls struck him .

For some reason, he was quite vulnerable against fire or magma, the three balls struck him successively as he was sent flying while black blood came out of him, his scales began melting and he was wailing with a deafening sound .

Tensui never reached the Immortal Realm so he was not accustomed to his new power and strength, moreover, those two were very powerful, although Arthur's physical attacks didn't injure him, his magical ones were deadly, same goes for Lucy.

He quickly got up from the ground as he gritted his sharp teeth and screamed from the pain, but suddenly, he could feel a mysterious energy, it didn't even take him a second to realize that this is called 'Immortal Energy' and it is quite special.

He began using it unconsciously and with its help, the pain became less and less and a black transparent energy covered his entire body .

Tensui felt lighter and the wounds he received from the spears and balls were healing rapidly, as he discovered that, he couldn't help but smirk and launch and stare at Arthur and Lucy.

Dozens of dark blue spikes were created in a second and thrown at both of them, their speed was godly and they emanated some ominous aura, but his smirk soon turned into shock and astonishment .

The spikes didn't as much as scratch Arthur, they just struck him and disappeared, as for Lucy, they shattered when they hit what appeared to be a black barrier surrounding her .

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Tenhi, who was previously fighting Tensui, already flew away and stared at this fight from afar, just from their speed and powerful attacks he already knew he got no chance, that one spike can severely injure him so why should he risk it?

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Since Physical attacks like [Lone Sword] and [Buddha palm] are not working, Arthur decided to try another tactic, while still bombarding Tensui with his fire spears, a white streak of lightning struck him and a white spear formed in his hand .

With a 'bzzzt' sound, the spear kept hitting the ground and making a few craters, he knew that trying to hitting Tensui with godly lightning is close to impossible since it was slow, even the fire spears were slow but it's just that Tensui previously underestimated them, but since he knew their effect, he would surely be much more cautious.

Arthur dashed at Tensui yet again while lucy seemed to be chanting something, normally she never used them but if she is going to do a very powerful attack then they are needed to make the process faster .

The distance separating them was more than 50m so he couldn't instantly teleport, but he already had an idea, with his insane speed, he crossed the distance separating them in a split second and just as he entered the 50m range .

He teleported while leaving a shadow clone of himself, unfortunately, the duration of the clone was just too short but it was enough to distract Tensui .

He reappeared just behind the monster and thrusted the spear with all his strength, Physical attacks don't work, but a magic as destructive as this lightning will surely harm him .

What Arthur didn't expect is that Tensui reacted in time and inclined his body to barely dodge the spear, normally it would literally be impossible to do this, however, he just did it, although he 'evaded', some of the lightning managed to strike him on the left side of his waist which made a bloody wound, it didn't look that serious but on a closer look, one can even some bones which now looked black too, just like his skin.

Arthur's clone had only 10% of his stats but he wasn't that weak either, it dashed at the monster using [Petal Footsteps] and struck with a [Dark Burst], of course, it may not hurt Tensui but it would probably push him back .

The reason his clone managed to came and attack without Tensui countering is that the latter was dazed for some reason but once he saw the incoming punch of the 'clone', he used the new Immortal energy and stricken the clone.

It was just a simple punch but the clone was sent flying with a fast speed until it crashed into the wall of the Colosseum which was followed by a notification telling Arthur that his clone is dead .

Tensui didn't just stop at this, his tail which was now 1m in length, struck Arthur who was behind him with a speed that dumbfounded Arthur, he couldn't do anything except cross his arms to try and block it

Arthur was flying in the air as the force of the strike was too immense, he could feel the bones in his hands flying away, even with his fast regeneration, recovering both of his hands would take minutes.

As he was flying in the air from that attack, Tensui dashed at him with no attention to stop and used his knee to strike Arthur's stomach, making him fall on the ground and make a hole similar to the one he was in earlier, but this one was deeper and wider and even a crater was formed .

Next thing he did was turn his head to stare at Lucy who was still preparing her skill, he grinned and rushed at her .

His speed was unbelievable, it was slower than Arthur but that didn't mean it was slow, quite the opposite, there were approximately 250m meters separating Tensui and Lucy but it was crossed in a flash.

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Although felt his body numb as he managed to 'leave' Zodiak's corpse at the final moment before he crushed, albeit that, he still was injured as Tensui's attacks were ruthless and powerful, now that he is using his original body, blood leaked out of his lips but he didn't care about that .

He transformed into lightning and immediately followed Tensui without even recovering Zodiak's body .

His speed was faster than Tensui but the monster already dashed at Lucy a second or so before him so even with incredible speed, it was akin to impossible to catch up to him in time .

But that wasn't what he wanted to, he just wanted to be just 50m from him to be able to stop him which finally happened, Arthur exercised all the speed he could muster and managed to teleport in front of Tensui who was dumbstruck by the sudden appearance of Arthur.

Arthur didn't waste time and stabbed with his white spear, not only that, 2 fireballs were prepared in advance and thrown at Tensui from both directions, leaving him only a single route to escape from .

Although Tensui knew he was very powerful and just by how he sent Arthur flying a second ago, he knew he held a big advantage, nonetheless, he felt fearful toward this strange lightning and that fire, his injury in the waist was hurting him albeit using the Immortal energy.

Furthermore, no matter how many attacks landed on Arthur, the wouldn't work, only physical attacks would, he thought that his black magic is supposed to even slay gods yet it couldn't scratch this fellow which made him perplexed.

He honestly didn't want to face this one head on, plus, the fireballs were very big and emitted intense heat, even with his newly discovered energy, it would still heavily injure him if it struck him .

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Arthur already expected him to do so, he knew that this monster would choose not to confront his attacks head-on as they would damage him, it seemed only his appearance changed and he still had rational thinking .

It was a bit of a pity, he was betting on the chance of him turning into a beast so that he can defeat him with clever tactics but it didn't it would work .

Just as Tensui backed away, Lucy finally finished what she was preparing so she immediately spoke

"Arthur . . it's ready!"

When he heard her, he felt a bit delighted but he was still tensed and on full alert .

If one looked above, high in the sky, they would see a gigantic bow, yes, it's a bow, precisely it's a bow made of very dense magma, it didn't even look like magma but like red iron, it was so condensed that the heat it emitted was overwhelming Tensui, someone in the Immortal Realm.

When his eyes landed on that terrifyingly big bow, he furrowed his long brows and stared at it wth disbelief, he could feel pressure coming from that bow .

As for Arthur, he just smirked and nodded at Lucy, he fastly descended from above and landed next to Lucy .

"Buy me 20 seconds . . . no 15 seconds are enough, just 15!"

Lucy didn't reply as she nodded her head and rushed at Tensui, who was still dumbstruck and staring at the bow .

Sensing danger, he turned his head only to see numerous lava waves coming at him, they looked like huge water waves, but instead of water, it was magma, a very strong magma.

The range of her attacks was very wide and he got no choice but to back away and evade it, since Lucy only needed to buy time, there was no use coming near him but what she didn't expect is that Tensui suddenly rushed straight at the magma waves .

Some sort of a cubic dark wall was formed in front of him, and just as he hit the magma waves, the wall melted slowly until it was finally gone which resulted in him being slightly injured by the waves, fortunately for him, he managed to pass the waves, so he continued to rush at Lucy.

Seeing him come at her with insane speed, Lucy didn't just stay still, two 3m big magma hands appeared from the ground and slammed at him, who was just 20m away from her .

Although the attack appeared suddenly, he kind of expected it, so with a wave of his hand, more than 10 dark blue shields appeared around him, pushing the hands and letting him through .

No matter how fast Lucy is at launching attacks, the last attack of hers was barely enough, if she wanted to thoroughly block him, she needed to create a magma wall or barrier or something similar, but even that would not be created in enough time .

Tensui finally arrived in front of the silver-haired woman who gave him a headache, he still felt fearful of the bow so he decided to take care of her first, or else he would surely regret it .

Tensui's attack was simple but deadly, he launched a punch at Lucy who tried to back away but the punch was faster, fortunately for her, the barrier made of dark magic was still surrounding her so his punch was stopped a little before the barrier shattered and it finally landed on her.

She managed to cross her arms to try to minimize the damage but what she didn't expect is the black tail striking her waist from who knows where, she instantly coughed blood as she was sent flying until she struck a nearby wall, but it was also destroyed and she kept flying from the force of the tail whip until a few walls were destroyed .

Her state looked pitiful as there was a bloody wound on her abdomen, unlike Arthur, her stats were lower than him, and even without the stats, he had defensive technique while she didn't, from the very

beginning, she was a mage, and a mage clearly doesn't have a good defense, it's just that she has better defense than others because of the soul link .

Tensui didn't stop there, he wanted to thoroughly kill her so he can get rid of the bow, she is the one who created it, so naturally, if she's dead then it would disappear along with her.

Arthur watched this but he could only grit his teeth and continue to concentrate, he wanted to rush there and interrupt Tensui but just couldn't or else all the work she did would have gone to waste .

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Tensui appeared next to Lucy, who was trying to stand and used his tail to hold her by her neck, he started exercising some strength into his grip to suffocate her, however, things didn't go as planned as a violet fire spike struck him from the ground, it was so sudden so he couldn't dodge, all he could do was try to use his Immortan energy to receive less damage.

Even with the help of the new energy, the fire spike was very sharp and emanated a heat that could even suffocate him, both of his legs were damaged as some of the scales in his knees were melting.

He, fortunately, had the Immortal energy or else his legs would have vanished, Tensui naturally backed away from his previous location while letting go of Lucy .

The pain from the fire was seriously no joke, Tensui was both fearful and curious about that pair, not only they were very mysterious, they were also extremely powerful so how come he doesn't know about them? He never even heard about people similar to them .

This time, while observing the surroundings and confirming that there is no hidden traps or spikes, he launched himself on Lucy, who was panting heavily and when he was just 1 meter in front of her, he disappeared and appeared right behind her, and unsurprisingly, yet another fire spike appeared in the same location he was just in .

A look of surprise appeared in Lucy's eyes, but it was too late to react now as she felt intense pain in her back, apparently, Tensui punched her back, breaking some of her bones, even the ribcage was damaged, which explains how much his strength is insane.

She couldn't stabilize or body as she was sent flying in the opposite direction but suddenly, two warm hands appeared from nowhere and gently held her, stopping her from flying any further and adjusting her body while not touching the heavy injuries .

Who else could it be but Arthur? He already finished what he was appearing, as he saw the bloody body of Lucy, his face turned ugly but an evil smile couldn't help but form on his face, normally, although one of his eyes turned grey, it would only be like that when he fought, in normal days, both of his eyes are blood red but now, one eye was grey while the other was black.

A notification was shown in front of him which made him a bit relieved as his plan worked .

[Heavenly arrow] and [Heavenly Bow] have successfully synchronized!

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Just as the notification showed in front of Arthur, the atmosphere around the island completely changed, it's like changing from a peaceful and quiet island with a few sounds of explosions here and there to a literal Hell.

The calm sea became raging and even a few tall water cyclone appeared .

The clan masters who sneakily watched the fight from afar became more alerted since the red bow appeared but now the horrifying arrow appeared, they didn't dare stay close, they left the island perimeter and gazed at the Colosseum from very far .

With their stats, seeing from that distance with no big deal, furthermore, sensing the overwhelming aura of the arrow, how could they still near it?

Anastassia who already knew about the identity of the black-robed man was now extremely shocked, here she thought that Arthur was equal to her in terms of strength but now, with her own eyes, saw him fight face to face to a peak Deity Realm if not Immortal Realm .

She couldn't exactly confirm the monster's Realm, but it was very apparent that he was above Deity Realm, even Tenhi couldn't face him before he transformed, much less now .

Tenhi also backed away when the arrow appeared, since a while ago he felt helpless against that monster much less now, it was kind of fortunate those pair were here or else he would certainly have died earlier.

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The arrow was pure black with a sharp white edge in the front from the godly lightning, and in the back corners of it there were several sharp ancient flames spikes, it didn't exactly like an arrow but it was rather similar.

The [Heavenly Arrow] synchronized itself with the bow as it positioned itself in the middle of the bow and was ready to be launched at any second but every second passed its aura became more and more terrifying.

Streaks of white lightning struck the Colosseum, completely destroying it until it looked no more than ruins, but it didn't stop and kept striking the ground surroundings the arrow .

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Tensui who sensed the sudden change in atmosphere and the great pressure noticed the arrow, his face whitened as he stared at this dangerous combination of two attacks .

He turned his head to Arthur and Lucy and was going to launch himself on them but he felt that the pressure coming from them is way stronger than the arrow .

Lucy and Arthur were already under the arrow so if Tensui wanted to attack them, he would be surely struck by the arrow .

The monster surprisingly used one of his sharp hands and stabbed his heart, and even after 10 seconds, he didn't seem to have died, instead, violet energy surrounded him and a violet sickle was formed from that energy.

It looked like an ancient sickle, very ancient, it emitted some ripples around it, and even Tensui's hand which was holding it was shaking non-stop, blood oozed from all the holes in his face.

Arthur didn't wait for the monster to finish preparing, gently, he held Lucy's soft hands and took a stance with her as if they were holding a bow .

Just like that, transparent white hands appeared in mid-air, these two hands were very big, as big as the arrow as it held it firmly, the pressure became several times stronger and a mysterious silver metal formed around the arrow .

Arthur and Lucy, who were holding what appeared to be an invisible arrow, closed both their eyes, if you look closer, you could even notice that their breathing is absolutely synchronized .

Tensui felt fear and danger, all his instincts were alarming him and telling him to flee but it was too late for that, the sickle almost flew from his hand as it's power was too much for him, without hesitation, he flew in the air, toward the direction of the pair while slashing furiously with his violet sickle.

Anyone could guess that the stance the pair were taking and the motions as if they were holding a bow were the cause of the appearance of the two transparent big hands which were holding the bow .

With a calm look, both of them released the arrow and that at that time, the two big hands which held the arrow and bow, released it instantly, creating a sound so loud that it created powerful soundwaves, Tenhi who was the closer was sent flying until he sunk deeply into the sea, one could even see blood coming out of his mouth as he was pushed by the soundwaves.

The arrow seemed to disappear when it was thrown, Tensui who just slashed with his sickle, was more than shocked as the sound shockwaves already stopped his slash, only a little was left of it, but that wasn't all, the arrow's speed was so fast that it was already in front of him in a split second.

It was a very big arrow, approximately 100 meters in length and 5 meters thick, it may be smaller than the previous arrow Arthur created but it is the most powerful, that's for sure .

The tip and sharp edge of the arrow which had a tinge of silver shining metal on it struck Tensui chest, surprisingly, it stopped there, previously Arthur would let the arrow continue it's way even though the enemy was dead, but now, he specifically controlled so it strikes Tensui and completely kills him, after all, even making all his body vanish may not be enough, perhaps an Immortal Realm may have tricks to survive that .

As the arrow struck Tensui, a deafening shriek came out of his mouth, he seemed to be as if he was being purified, there was an extremely bright silver light when the arrow struck him and even the pale clan master who was very far away were blinded by this light.

They were pushed back even further by the sound shockwaves and there is even some who were injured, so they retreated even further but the light still blinded them .

The explosion caused after the shiny silver light was a complete terror, fortunately, the arrow was created by Arthur, so he wasn't injured, neither was Lucy but all the nearby people who thought they were safe received heavy damage due to the explosion.

The whole island literally vanished, there was just nothing left, just a gigantic hole with the sea filling it rapidly, the sight was horrifying, furthermore, there was a huge wind and dust cyclone which spanned 3 kilometers, from afar it looked like it's a calamity.

It wasn't that harmful in reality but it limited the sight of many people . Anastassia and a few lucky clan masters managed to only receive light injuries but the Xi Clan master had lost his left leg and blood flowed endlessly as the elder of his clan helped him, he had a pale face and had a look of extreme regret, he thought that with his protective armor and divine fire shield, he would be able to withhold the damages but they were both easily shattered .

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Lucy and Arthur were quite weak, this synchronization wasn't easy and it consumed a lot of energy, albeit their infinite stamina that didn't mean they can use this endlessly, the result was much more astonishing than what Arthur was expecting.

He held Lucy in his arms as she was more injured than him and left the area, surely the body of Tensui wouldn't be left and even if it was, he seemed to be using a special kind of technique and it was not his real strength so even after possessing he would only gain his original stats, which is a real shame .

He fed her a Minor and Miraculous Healing Potions which helped her recover faster and treated the heavy injury on her back and waist .

He was feeling weak too but it shouldn't be a problem for him to fly and move . After 10 minutes, he arrived near the Itas Continent where he found Astrith waiting there along with the others, even Anastassia somehow came here .

She looked at Arthur with eyes full of disbelief, that arrow what just heaven-defying, it obliterated the whole island along with that monster, and here she thought he was only in the Spirit Realm, was he acting that day against the elder of in the spar?

Although she had countless questions, she didn't dare ask them, she saw the weak and pale Lucy in his arms and knew that he greatly cared her so she kept silent .

Arthur ignored the others and descended on Astrith's back, mentally telling him to go back to the clan, now that Astrith was transporting them, he felt a bit relaxed as he gazed at the weak Lucy .

He layed her on Astrith with her upper body leaning on his chest, Saly was worried but she didn't cry or show childish behavior, she just sat next to them while holding Lucy's hand and stared at her .

In a gloomy underground rocky room, there stood a kneeling man, he had a pale face and wore a black robe, he was involuntarily shaking as he didn't have the guts to look up to the stone statue .

The statue was in the shape of an adult woman, a voluptuous body with two peaks in her chest that would seemed as if they would explode at any moment although it was only a statue, it looked very real, she had a book in her waist and if Arthur saw it, he would immediately recognize it, it was exactly like the book of the damned he found near Zodiak.

"Reporting to the Lord, t-the mission ff--faile-ed . . . . . please forgive this one, an unexpected problem occurred!"

His body was trembling even more as he spoke, his voice was shaky, if one saw him act like this they would be astonished, he was one of the people in the S category in 'Medusa' but he was still so afraid of the statue to the point of shaking non-stop.

A snort came out of the statue followed by a very cold and piercing voice

"Incompetent dogs! Since a while ago, all you do is failing missions, this was supposed to be important, how can a person in the Immortal Realm be killed like that and you are just saying 'Unexpected Problem' this is a big problem, tell me! What exactly happened!"

While still kneeling, the old man didn't dare delay as he replied immediately .

"Reporting to the Lord, Tensui used the forbidden spell as instructed and by sacrificing exactly 54.314 soul, he managed to ascend to the Immortal Realm, we don't know who exactly killed him but what we know is that it's a black-robed man and a silver-haired woman, their attack apparently obliterated the whole island, leaving no trace of Tensui, that's what our spies saw ."

As if pondering for a bit, the statue finally spoke again after a couple of minutes of silence

"Black-robed man? Silver-haired woman? A few months ago, one of the dogs also told me of similar individuals . . . but I just ignored them . . . it seems I have to personally come?"

As she said that, the lifeless eyes of the statue shined with a dark and violet light and the big statue shook for a couple of seconds before it regained its usual state .

Even after a couple of minutes passed, no sound came from the statue, so the kneeling old man concluded that 'the Lord' is gone, for now .

He breathed a sigh of relief, and after a final kowtow, he left the room in a hurry, he couldn't help but wipe the invisible cold sweat in his forehead as if he avoided death by a hair's breath .

# Chapter 67

Arthur and the rest went back to the Clan, he and Lucy passed the next few days resting as the last fight consumed a bit of their power, it wasn't only mana, but the synchronization needed the stats 'mental power', Arthur didn't fully comprehend how to grasp it but he managed to find a few uses for it, one is for the lost magic and the second is the synchronization but the latter would make him exhausted after using it .

The incident became known very quickly, although the clans usually keep a low profile, an explosion like that cannot be unnoticed, heck! A whole island disappeared .

After 5 days, Arthur and Lucy went back to where the explosion happened, he wanted to find Zodiak's corpse as he may be useful to him, you must know that it saved him last time .

When they arrived there, they saw several disciples of the clans standing guard, however, with their insane speed, they easily passed without being caught, and even if they were caught, it's not like anyone can stop them?

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Arthur already had [Advanced water magic] which allowed him to create a special bubble allowing him to breathe underwater for a couple of hours, he created one for him and Lucy and they dived into the water .

The explosion made such a big hole that from afar, it looked like a huge black hole albeit it being filled with water .

He didn't know if Zodiak's body is still intact but he strongly believed it's still undamaged, knowing how powerful Zodiak is, even an explosion like may not injure his bones, they survived countless years in that tomb so that shows how hard they are .

Especially after Zodiak saved him last time, he felt a strange aura coming out of them, it was almost nonexistent but he still managed to sense it, he didn't pay it much attention at first but it was surely an after-effect of the sudden revival or Zodiak.

The duo searched for Zodiak's water for an hour or so before they finally found it very deep in the sea, you can't see any light in there, there was some big and strong beast but the strongest one was barely LVL 817, he was easily killed by Lucy's magma, even the water couldn't stop it or slow it, it melted the huge beast until nothing was left of it.

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After storing the corpse, they didn't immediately go back, Arthur wanted to search for Tensui's corpse, maybe if he possessed him he would gain his previous power but the chance was very low as he probably was obliterated by that arrow, nonetheless, they kept searching for two hours until they stumbled upon something.

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It was actually the violent sickle he used in his last struggle, it was shining and emitting dark fog around it, Arthur's familiarity with dark magic was extremely strong, so he managed to sense it for miles away.

It was dozens of kilometers away from the explosion, maybe it was sent flying from the impact, none of that mattered, Arthur picked up and as soon as he touched it, it shined even more brightly and dispersed, it no longer was a sickle but just violet fog, it entered Arthur body slowly.

All it took is 5 minutes for it to completely fuse with Arthur, and in when that was happening, he was feeling very comfortable and he sensed that his powers are growing at an astonishing speed, and when it finally vanished, a notification popped.

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[Dark magic] pure dark essence absorbed: Intelligence and Dexterity increased, check your status window for more details .

Another portion of Zodiak's powers has been unlocked!

You gained a new skill(passive) : [Pure Dark Essence]: All your movements, be it skills or techniques or simple attacks will contain Pure Dark Essence which will increasingly make them deadly: +25% damage

Your stats have increased! Please check your status window for more details .

Congratulations! You reached the Deity Realm!

'Already?' Arthur was a bit startled as he saw the last notification, it hasn't been a month since he became Heavenly realm yet here he is in the Deity Realm already, what surprised him, even more, is that when he appraised Lucy right now, he discovered she is in the Deity Realm too.

He still couldn't understand what are the requirements but they must have to do with stats? Or else why would Lucy jump 2 whole Realms, she was in the Spirit Realm but suddenly became in the Deity Realm when he unlocked a portion of Zodiak's powers .

Without hesitation, he opened his status window .

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TITLE : MEAT GRINDER / SEEKER OF KNOWLEDGE / ONE WITH THE SWORD / ARK???
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Level: ???? Class: Dark ARK Parasite

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Realm : Deity
Strength: 7.2m
Intelligence: 7.4m
Agility: 10.9m
Wisdom: 6.2m
Vitality: 5.7m
Dexterity: 6.6m
Health: 6.4m Health Regen: 5781/s
Mana: 7. Om Mana Regen: 11843/s
Stamina: infinite Stamina Regen: ????
Creation: 10
Attack: 6.9m
Defense: 6.3m
Magic defense : 2 . 9m
Enigma abilities : Telekinesis / Ancient Threads / Sixth sense / ARK??
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Mental Power: 503 --Elemental Resistances: Fire: 100% Water: 60% Wind: 35% Earth: 75% Light/holy: 5%(-15%) Shadow: 30% Lightning: 100% Ice: 30%

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His stats have definitely risen but it's not that much, he thought that the threshold of 10m is for the next Realm but it wasn't the case, only his Agility is above 10m, Arthur pondered for a moment before he made a theory .

It's that the Realms have something to do with the Mental Power and nothing else except that, the sudden rise in stats is because of the upgrade of a realm and not because of the portion of Zodiak, sure his portion must give a lot of stats but not enough to do add 1m or more .

His Mental Power has just passed (500), so maybe just maybe it is the cause he passed to the next Realm

As a matter of fact, the Mental Power stat was also added to Lucy since a while ago and when she opened her status window right now, he saw that her Mental Power was 501, so it affirmed his theories and he strongly believed that Mental Power has a relation with the Realms.

But he had no way of increasing it, possessing monsters or people will not increase it, he didn't even know how it increased right now, maybe that violet fog increased it?

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He didn't dwell on it that much, he decided to stick with that theory until he discovers something else, he also decided to try to increase his mental power, since it's the requirements for upgrading to the next Realm, furthermore, in the previous fight, he saw how big is the difference between the Deity Realm and the Immortal Realm, the difference was just too big.

While they were searching for those 3 whole hours, they killed close to 30 big beasts which had a decent LVL, Lucy stored them for him so he can possess them later .

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They didn't go back home immediately after that, it has almost been a month since he went to Robin to ask her for that favor, so it's time to visit her and see if she gathered enough .

With Arthur's speed, crossing half of that continent required him half an hour, it is quite illogical, and everyone would call him a liar if he said that, but it was the truth, if he was on Earth then it would take him a very short time to travel from a continent to another considering Earth was much smaller than this planet.

Arthur wanted to check something before going to Robin and Belic, thus he and Lucy went toward the gigantic World tree .

He was curious about it since a long time and wondered if he could possess it, but deep inside, he knew it's a bit difficult, he could feel pure nature energy coming out of it and surrounding it completely, like some kind of barrier.

Once he was half a mile away from it, the natural energy around it became denser and it became quite difficult to move .

Without hesitation, he launched his Demonic Lightning, trying to destroy what seemed to be a barrier but to no avail, the lightning passed through it, it didn't seem to be a barrier, nonetheless, when he was 200 meters from the tree, he could no longer advance, literally, it's like a mountain is pressing on him.

Suddenly, when he was struggling to take another step, a deep yet melodic voice rang in his ears

"Go back, this is no place for you, I can smell 'his' aura coming out of you from miles away"

Just as the sound stopped, Arthur was sent flying in the air, he couldn't even stabilize his body until a couple of miles away, fortunately, he didn't bring Lucy this close and told her to stay away or else the same would have happened to her.

It seemed as if that dense energy condensed into a huge palm and pushed him which resulted in that sudden attack, it seemed simple yet fatal, he could feel his rib cage damaged and some of his blood vessels blocked by that nature energy, only after he managed to get up with the help of the nearby Lucy did the nature energy back away.

The tree was already far away from him but he could feel it still staring at him if he dared come any closer then maybe it wouldn't be as merciful as before .

The power that struck him felt even more powerful than Tensui, he was completely helpless against it, it was merciful or else he would turn into a corpse in a split second .

He rested a couple of minutes to let his body recover and heal its injuries and in no time, he was fine, as if nothing happened .

"Let's go, time to collect the favor"

Lucy nodded at him while holding his arm and they both flew toward the HeadQuarters of the E-clips Company .

A few minutes later, they were already flying above the tall building which Arthur barged in last time . They disappeared one last time and appeared in that meeting room, but unlike last time, it was totally empty which was a bit surprising .

It's not like they came in the middle of the night, and this room is the office of the head of the company, so where could she be?

It's not like Arthur and Lucy had anything to do, they sat on a comfortable sofa not far away from the window and snuggled into each other's embrace as if they were in their home .

2 hours passed when finally the door leading to outside opened and a pretty young woman entering, she was wearing a long white dress .

"But Grandpa . . Why do we have to go that meeting . . it's not like our Clan was participating in that competition . . AHH!"

She shrieked once her eyes landed on the pair sitting leisurely on her sofa, she couldn't even finish her sentence as he stared with widened eyes at Arthur and Lucy.

Belic who was following Robin was a bit startled by her cry, but he soon understood why she reacted like that when he saw Arthur .

Unlike her, he remained calm and smiled while saying

"If it's not Sir Arthur and Mrs . Lucy, it's good to see you, we have already accumulated enough corpses as per your request"

Belic knew that the only reason Arthur would come is because of that request, so he immediately dived into the matter without delay .

Arthur who enjoying his time with Lucy, looked up at the smiling old man and nodded

"Good, why don't you show me how much you gathered and their LVLs, I'm thrilled!"

He and Lucy soon got up from the sofa and went near Belic to inspect the corpses .

The old man didn't waste any time and handed Lucy and storage ring which had the monsters' corpses .

As for Arthur, he injected a bit of mana and began inspecting them, there was exactly 1098 beast corpse with the lower one being LVL124 and the highest being 273.

The result was quite satisfactory, so he smiled back at the old man and said

"Um! You did a great job! Why don't you keep gathering, this time, I will pay, gather as much as you can and I'll pay whatever the cost it, what do you say?"

This time, it was Robin who talked, she seemed a bit angry as Arthur didn't seem grateful enough

"Hmpf! What do you know? It took great effort to get all those corpses yet you want more? Even if you payed a lot we won't do it!"

What she said what true, for them, although being a powerful company, killing so many beasts in a month required a strong manpower that they could not afford so they had to hire mercenaries all over the continent which cost them quite an amount .

Even Belic looked a bit distressed, this was no easy matter for him to accomplish and getting more will be more difficult so albeit knowing the power of Arthur, he didn't dare accept .

# Arthur merely chuckled and added

"I seem to remember you guys are from the Qin Clan? Furthermore, you were talking about a competition when you entered, so I presume you were talking about that Martial competition that happened in that island? I was there and I just happen to be an Elder from the Ma Clan, so maybe I could help you out in exchange for gathering the corpses again?"

Hearing this, the angry Robin had her mouth wide open and was goggle-eyed, she didn't seem to believe it at first but Arthur retrieved a golden Token from his storage and showed it to them so they could believe him without further questioning .

As for Belic, he was mentally shaken by that, it took him several minutes to realize and absorb what just happened, he hastily took Arthur's hand and shook it while resuming his smile

"Of course, of course, why didn't you tell us that from the beginning? Please sit so we can talk about it . "

The four of them soon sat and Belic expression was of fear and happiness, he was fearful because Arthur's statue was very high, their clan is not considered powerful and the Ma Clan could crush them, plus he was an Elder from the Ma Clan so he must be at least in the Spirit Realm!

He first didn't believe him but there is no way you could fake that Token, it emitted a strange yet powerful aura that was unique, and each clan had its own token, only Elders, and grand Elders had one, of course including the clan master, so when a person has it then he must be very powerful.

His view of Arthur escalated dramatically and he couldn't help but feel overjoyed to encounter him, he previously thought Arthur was a strong traveler, but now that he saw the token, everything became Clear .

# Chapter 68

After spending half an hour discussing the terms of the agreement, Arthur and Lucy finally departed .

Belic and Robin would gather corpses for them as long as their clans create an alliance, for the clans, it may be a big thing but for Arthur? It didn't matter, he asked Belic for the day of the meeting of all the clans, he would surely attend it and ask Anastassia to make the alliance.

Surely the Qin clan would not refuse it, neither would Arthur, he already had the strength to become the clan master but he doesn't want to, and even someone such as Tenhi can't oppose him .

He eagerly went back to the Clan and directly headed home along with Lucy, he had more than a thousand corpse to possess, and that's a lot of stats .

He didn't start harvesting right away, Arthur spent some time playing with Saly and giving her some pieces of advice, the little lass already reached LVL64 with the help of Astrith who guided her to the dungeon every day to let her practice and gain experience.

No matter how powerful the monsters are, they couldn't defeat the little girl, first because Astrith protected her and second because she was strong.

Not overpowered but she really trained every day and became more and more strong, in terms of strength, she can probably fight evenly against a lvl 100 beast, which is considered pretty good .

She specialized in speed and defense, Lucy gave her a couple of strong Earth skill books, such as [Earthen Waves] and [Earth Pillard], they usually help her either sneak up on the enemy or attack them by surprise, however, those are only support skills, she mostly relied on her strong physique and Qi techniques to overcome her enemies.

She trained the defensive skill [Turtle Shell] which is a very powerful defensive technique, as for the mouvement technique, Anastassia personally taught her the strongest mouvement technique that existed in this clan, it's called [Imaginary Steps]

Anastassia didn't use this technique because she was not compatible with it but Saly's affinity with the technique was beyond Anastassia's expectation .

Even though this woman is usually cold and rarely talks when she's with her sister or Saly, she becomes quite talkative, she would even sometimes ask Saly some questions about Arthur.

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After spending some time with Saly, Arthur went to his room with Lucy and they both engaged in their usual routine of passionate love, although Arthur thought that with Saly's presence, it would be impossible to make love to Lucy as they can't just do it in front of the kid, Saly used all her day either practicing or playing with Astrith, she didn't bother them a lot, but it's not like they ignored it her too.

Lucy would sometimes spend all day long chatting and playing with the little girl, same goes for Arthur, it's just that these past few days, with what previously happened and so on, there wasn't much time .

Fortunately, Saly was happy and always smiling, albeit fighting monsters every day in the dungeon, the thought of becoming stronger made her train even harder .

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Arthur was laying on the bed with Lucy in his embrace, his hand was snaking around her body as he groped her round chest, he never disliked this feeling and would sometimes spend a whole day doing that .

Lucy was leaning her head on his chest while a smile was hanging on her enchanting face, she was calm yet Arthur could feel she was feeling overjoyed .

# "What's the matter?"

Seeing her so happy, he couldn't help but blurt that question .

"He he he, nothing, I'm just happy that we are getting stronger . "

Arthur smiled and put one of his hands on her chin and lifted her head gently until their locked into each other, then he softly said

"Then, why don't we go there? I think it's time to end the unfinished business"

Hearing this, she didn't seem startled, her smile blossomed even more and after a couple of seconds, she slowly nodded at him, then she buried her face in his chest .

She never asked him to go to the Holy Church because she was afraid that he would get hurt because of her revenge, but now, their relationship was special, he was her and she was him, no matter what happenes, they would always stick together and there is no need to be reluctant or shy to ask anything from the other .

Lucy wasn't planning on telling him to go there, it's not like she forgot about that matter but it didn't bother her that much anymore, however, since he didn't mind going too then why not just go and finish this once and for all?

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After snuggling for some time, Arthur finally got up from the bed and started possessing those corpses while Lucy began training, unlike Arthur, by using [Meditation] she can slowly but surely increase her stats, due to her stats being so big, the amount increased would not be a lot but it still strengthened her, so when she got time, she would use that skill to improve herself.

Possessing a body would take a second if not less, and leaving it is also shorter than a second so basically, to possess more than 1100 corpses, it would at least need 1000 second .

After more or less 15 minutes, he possessed all the beast and absorbed them with [Death Touch], his stats have risen by a ridiculous amount, it was literally mind-boggling.

Each stats have at least risen by 8m, which is already more than his current stats, so his overall stats became even more astonishing .

TITLE : MEAT GRINDER / SEEKER OF KNOWLEDGE / ONE WITH THE SWORD / ARK???

Level: ???? Class: Dark ARK Parasite

Realm : Deity

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Strength: 16 . 5m

Intelligence: 16 . 7m

Agility: 20 . 4m

Wisdom: 15 . 8m

Vitality: 14 . 1m Dexterity: 15.5m Health: 14 . 9m Health Regen: 10242/s Mana: 15 . 7m Mana Regen: 18724/s Stamina: infinite Stamina Regen: ???? Creation: 10 Attack: 15.4m Defense: 15.0m Magic defense : 2 . 9m --Enigma abilities : Telekinesis / Ancient Threads / Sixth sense / ARK?? --Mental Power: 503 ---**Elemental Resistances:** Fire: 100% Water: 75%(+15%) Wind: 35% Earth: 75% Light/Holy:5% Shadow: 30% Lightning:100% Ice: 30% \*\*\*\* Due to having all stats above 10Million average in stats : +150 Mental Power Arthur was delighted, first because of the stats and most importantly is the Mental Power, it's true he has gotten so powerful but raising his Realm to the next one would surely make him even more powerful which made him very excited .

He didn't get any important skills, the disadvantage of possessing beasts is that not all skills he gets can be used with his human body, some required being a beast's body which is quite unfortunate, however, just getting the stats from them is already enough for him .

With the increase of his Mental Power, his [Sixth Sense]'s radius became one thousand meters and his other enigma abilities became more efficient and powerful.

Furthermore, with his [Lost Magic] the number of things he can create became broader, for example, except for weapons, he can now create clothes, it's not powerful equipment but he can create comfortable clothes and decent ones at that .

He tried creating a dress for Lucy and the result was a stunning black dress with made her look even more breath-taking .

Arthur also created more powerful flash grenades, he forgot to use them in the last fight but surely next time, he would remember, he also created several bombs, not powerful ones but they could be useful in some ways .

He came to understand that this Mental Power is the base of everything, even Necromancy, he already reached the limit of powerful summons with his stats, the more his Mental Power increases the more powerful his summons is .

A simple skeleton now wears a black armor with shoulder and leg guard, a black shield and a long dark sword, their speed and strength increased and they also had a more cold and domineering aura around them .

He planned to use his summons with the Holy Church, although he can manage to get rid of all their guards, it would surely be a pain in the ass and a waste of time, an army of skeletons can manage those guards, as for him and Lucy, he would get rid of the bigshots.

It's a bit, unfortunately, the Holy/Light attribute is the weakness of the skeletons, but with the numbers, he can overcome this disadvantage .

He can summon a dark knight, which can command up to 1,000 skeletons, and with the Bone Dragon, it would surely be enough .

What's even more fascinating is that he can summon skeleton mages which had long black staffs and strange bows, they would be able to bombard the church and obliterate it, he couldn't wait for that show .

They planned to head to the Human continent in a few days, and albeit Saly's begging, Arthur refused to take her along, it's true the Holy Church is weak compared to the clans, but he didn't dare act overconfident, not after what happened with that woman, it's better to keep Saly out of danger for the time being .

With Astrith guarding her, even Anastassia can't hurt her, one must know that whenever Arthur gets stronger, so does Astrith .

The lightning beast can probably fight Anastassia head to head and perhaps come out victorious, although Anastassia is in the Spirit Realm, she has the strength of a Heavenly Realm, so one must not underestimate her, or else, how come the Ma clan is one of the powerful clans?

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A few days passed peacefully, Lucy and Arthur finally departed after telling Anastassia that they had a matter to take care of .

Their speed was godly but the distance they have to cover is by no means small, they didn't stop at town or cities to relax, with the dark cloud, they simply sat on it and chatted .

After 15 hours of continuous travel, they finally arrived at the capital of the human continent, Itas continent was the smallest one, so they crossed it in less than an hour, but the distance between the two continents is so big so that's what prolonged their travel.

Arthur already knew where the HQ of the Holy Church is, but he didn't immediately head there, first, he and Lucy went to the emperor's castle, first to pay a visit and tell him on what's about to happen.

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This time, Arthur didn't respectfully go near the gate and wait for the guards to guide them since last time, Alexander told him to immediately go in .

They arrived around midday, so the first place Arthur and Lucy headed to is the main Hall, where the emperor's throne is and where the meetings are located at .

He didn't know where the emperor is so he decided to head there first and unsurprisingly, Alexander was indeed there with his son, Syth and his adviser, Cylmar .

They were discussing something when all of a sudden, 2 people appeared out of thin air, they stood next to Cylmar, who was startled and was taken aback by what just happened.

It took them a couple of seconds to snap out of their daze and the first one to react was Syth who walked toward Arthur and gently bowed while saying

"Sir Arthur, it's been a while!"

The youth was still using 'Heavenly Snake' the violet sword that Arthur gifted him, when Arthur appraised him, he was surprised to see that this youth is already LVL322, his progress is really astonishing.

He nodded at Syth, Lucy also smiled back at him as Syth acted extremely respectful toward both of them so there was no need to act emotionless or cold toward him .

Soon, Cylmar and Alexander came back to their senses, the emperor walked up to Arthur while smiling and shook hands with him as if greetings him while speaking some good words, as for the old man, he simply bowed at the pair and greeted them too.

"Sir Arthur, Mrs . Lucy, come come! This is no place to talk"

Alexander guided them to his lovely yard, Arthur already possessed the whole garden before he came here since every plant he possesses can be grown by him at any time, he didn't miss a single one, furthermore, Lucy adored those flowers so there was no need to hold back.

The four of them sat and a servant brought some desert and whine, unlike last time, Alexander offered them some of his finest wine and insisted on drinking it with Arthur, so the latter didn't refuse .

They chatted happily for half an hour, then Syth asked Arthur for a spar, he wanted to show him how much he improved .

Just like that, both of them sparred and the youth indeed greatly improved, his sword mastery has gotten way better than last time, it may not be flawless but it's considered very good .

Arthur spent a whole hour sparring with the youth, telling him what to improve and what to fix in his swordplay, and when they finished, the youth was panting heavily as always, he got a good beating from Arthur .

This time, Arthur only used a sword made from ice magic, for no special reason, he just felt like using one made from ice magic .

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After he went back to sit near Lucy, he finally spoke about the important matter .

"Your Majesty, the reason I came here today is just to warn you about something"

Just as he said that, Alexander's face stiffened and he thought that some of his relatives did something to anger Arthur yet again .

"No need to be anxious, it has nothing to do with you, I just want to warn you so you don't employ you soldiers to fight with the Holy Church . . . Tomorrow, I will obliterate that Church and if you employ your soldiers to defend, they will only perish with it, so I'm only giving you a friendly advice as I consider you my friend"

Alexander and the company were dumbfounded, first, they thought they heard wrong, but once they saw the expressions on each other's face, they knew they didn't hear wrong .

"Sir Arthur . . . what . . "

Arthur immediately interrupted him and said

"I've already tolerated them for some time, it's time for them to perish, I've already held some deep grudges on them and it's time to end this, I know they are very powerful from your point view, but for me, they are mere ants, I'm sure you will benefit from this, you will be the true ruler of this continent once they are gone . . "

Alexander stayed silent for a couple of minutes before his demeanor turned serious, he looked at Arthur and said

"Alright, It's not like I have any choice, I will not send my soldiers to help them but are you sure you make the Holy Church vanish?"

Arthur heartily laughed and replied

"Ha ha ha, absolutely sure, no need to worry, since I've told you this, then I'll be on my way, I'll come visit you after the matter is over, stay tuned for the good news"

As he said that, he gave a final look to Alexander and Syth then disappeared with Lucy .

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The emperor stood there silent as if pondering about something .

"Your Majesty, are you sure about this? . . "

Hearing his adviser talk hesitantly, Alexander turned his head toward Cylmar, who appeared distressed and calmly said

"I'm willing to bet on him . . It's not like I have anything to lose, right?"

The Holy Church HeadQuarters is located, South of the Human continent, it is in the Holy City, a flourishing city which had a strong force and is probably bigger than the capital of the continent.

It is filled with guards from the Church and no one would dare to cause trouble .

50 kilometers from the city, Arthur stood there along with Lucy, and in front of them was a huge dark hole where countless skeletons are emerging every second .

There was black armored skeletons, mages skeletons and so on . The bone dragon look completely different right now, it had some crystalline armor around its body and a violet crystal above its lifeless eyes .

It was bigger than last time and had a more domineering aura .

Arthur already used some wraiths to scout, they were invisible to other so, within the perimeter of the city, there were a hundred or so guards but they can't see them from that distance .

He spent 7 hours summoning skeletons, and in front of him was an extremely big organized army of skeletons .

Exactly 50 dark knights, which means 50,000 skeletons with a bone dragon flying in the sky, roaring loudly .

There were 15,000 mages, 10,000 archers and the rest were skeleton warriors, the sight was terrifying as they were marching slowly toward the Holy city, Arthur planned to eradicate the whole city, only sparing the innocent bystanders, he already gave the orders to the skeleton to only spare those who do not resist and kill all those who fight back .

50 dark knights were leading the army, a big dark horse with a big framed figure riding it, it had either a huge axe on it's back or a huge violet sword, they were LVL350 and had immense fighting strength .

Maybe it was overkill, but Arthur planned to finish it once and for all without acting recklessly or go there alone while being overconfident .

They may be weak but they must surely have a trump card, or else how could they still exist albeit having the weak strength?

Arthur didn't create enough, but he gave 150 firearms to the skeletons, he couldn't create a lot as they consumed a lot of Mental Power, so he only managed to create 150 of them .

Their power was normal but they may be useful, with a few grenades here and there, the army could even defeat another with double it's number, as skeletons didn't feel pain or get tired so that was a bonus .

Arthur was already informed that the Holy Church had a lot of guards and people in it, maybe a bit less than his army but since they use the Holy attribute, they have an advantage, which is why he summoned so many skeletons .

He could summon more, but he thought it was enough, he was also there with them so nothing should go wrong .

As they marched toward their destination, slowly but surely they were nearing the Holy City, which can now be seen by the naked eye .

### Chapter 69

At the Holy Church Headquarters in Holy City, guards were running around in panic and warning each other, the undead army was only several kilometers away from the city and it is visible .

Holy City was kind of situated in a deserted area, so all its surroundings is void of any trees or forests which allowed the guards to see the army from some distance away .

The Pope, who was in his office handling some matters, was disturbed as by a very burly middle-aged man, he was covered in armor from head to toe and had a golden spear in his back, his appearance looked quite domineering.

The Holy General walked in front of the Pope and bowed respectfully but you could see his eyes flashing coldly, he then spoke in a somewhat hoarse voice .

"Our Lord, an army of undead was spotted marching toward Holy City, their numbers are in the thousands . "

Although he looked a bit in a hurry, he didn't show any anxiousness about that matter, he stopped for a second before he resumed

" . . . there was also a bone dragon and apparently a strong one at that . "

The Pope already heard the commotion before the Holy General came, he was sure something must have happened, however, never did he expect an undead army to invade his city!

He pondered for a moment

"Deploy the first division, I'll immediately tell the second division to help with the army too . "

The Holy Church was divided to two divisions, one with which his like an army, and the Holy General was in command of it, as for the second one, it's commanded by the Archbishop, it included priests and mages as for the first one it has the soldiers and warriors.

Usually, each division handled its own matters, but in times of crisis like this one, they would obviously join hands, after all, they were from the same Church .

Without further talking, the Holy General, Uguria, nodded at the Pope and left the room .

The Pope stayed alone in the room, his hand stroking his long beard and his eyes emitting a white light which pulsed every now and then .

'Demons? No, it can't be, although they have necromancers, they can't summon this amount of them . . who could it be?'

The Holy Church has several enemies, so he couldn't exactly guess the one who is currently attacking, nevertheless, it doesn't matter right now as he will try to fight them back anyways .

The undead army was slowly approaching the Holy City, Arthur and Lucy were on the black cloud which floated a couple of meters in front of the army .

By their current speed, they would arrive after approximately 20 minutes, more or less, Arthur didn't rush ahead and wanted to invade with the army .

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Time passed slowly but finally, the army was just 200 hundred meters away from the city, there were countless white armored soldiers from the Holy Church, there were formations and spells prepared, mages and priests at the back prepared to bombard with their magic and several cannons which didn't look quite impressive .

Arthur already guessed they would be prepared, so he just gave a single order to the dark knights and in just a second, the skeleton army which was slowly walking as if crawling, completely changed, all skeletons rushed at the enemy with insane speed, while the mage skeletons and skeleton archers already launched their spells and attacks .

The sky was filled with all kinds of attacks, from afar, it looked like fireworks .

Soon, the two sides clashes and although the Holy Attribute was lethal to the skeletons, they overcome this weakness by their numbers and strength, they were easily crushing the lines of the Holy Church soldiers .

In mere minutes, the ground was red from the blood of all the dead soldiers, as for the skeletons, they would fight until the end, even if their legs were crushed, they would slowly crawl toward the enemy, they had infinite stamina and felt no pain so that was in itself a huge advantage.

Arthur and Lucy didn't linger there that much, since the undead army was doing a great job taking care of the small fries, he flew away from the battle and headed toward the HeadQuarters of the Church .

It was actually a very tall white building with a golden bell on its roof, there were several buildings glued to it which almost made it look like a gigantic castle .

Excluding the army which was fighting outside of the city, there were thousands of soldiers still in the city, either keeping their position and guarding or waiting to see if there is any skeleton which managed to invade the city.

Arthur previously saw 4 cardinals in the fight outside, however, the dark knights alone were more than enough to finish them, those dark knights have immense strength and were quite ruthless, with a wave of their axe dozens of soldiers would be cut in two or turned into minced meat, the sight was very gory and brutal, but Arthur gave the order to spare those who do not resist, it's not his fault that those soldiers are fighting.

What if they are doing their job? It's not like he forced them to fight, one must know when to give up, when they saw how powerful the dark knights are, they must be wise and concede or else only death awaits them .

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While he was slowly roaming the city and seeing those guards, he would summon quite a few skeletons on the roof, which would jump on the cautious soldiers and start a fight with them, he already summoned more than hundred skeletons which managed to ambush quite a few soldiers .

He could summon dark knights, but unlike skeletons, they required Mental Power, and he didn't have that much of it, a single Dark Knight would requite 150 Mental Power and for it to completely recover, it needs around 30 minutes, so he didn't recklessly summon them, for now, skeletons were enough.

As he continued flying with Lucy, who kept silent from the very beginning, he spotted something that caught his interest .

In a somewhat big square, there stood 10 rows of well-armored soldiers, each had a golden shield and a white saber in their arms and each row had about 50 of those soldiers, so in total it was 500 soldier.

And in the very front, was a burly man with a long spear on is back, his back was facing Arthur so he couldn't see his appearance, but it was easy to guess that he was their commander .

He seemed to be talking to them but when Arthur jumped from the dark cloud followed by Lucy, they landed 100 meters from the soldiers, Uguria, who was previously ordering his subordinates was startled by the sudden noise behind him and when he turned his head, he was shocked to see two individuals .

One silver-haired woman who wore white leather clothes which suited her perfectly, and next to her was a man who was smirking at him .

The first thought that crossed Uguria's mind is how those two managed to come here, moreover, the fight only started several minutes ago, so it's near to impossible to have made it here unless they could fly?

His eyes then landed on the strange dark cloud above them, but it only lasted a short moment before it disappeared into thin air .

Being the Holy General, Uguria obviously knew about Lucy and how the Pope insisted several times for him to memorize her appearance, so after calming down, he guessed that it's definitely her, although she looked a bit different from the previous image he saw of her.

She now had blood red piercing eyes, and she looked more pretty, the atmosphere around here seemed completely different from what he was told .

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Arthur looked at Lucy and softly said

"I really don't want you to dirty your hands with them, but I also know that you want to do it personally, so I would only stand by your side and assist you, if you don't want to do it, all you got to do is say it, I'll handle it all . "

As he said that, he gently patted her head as he resolutely looked at her, a smile was blooming on his face .

Lucy returned his smile with a more enchanting smile as he stared at his deep red eyes, she nodded her head and replied to him

"Um! I want to do myself, thank you . . . . "

"Silly . . . still thanking when we are already husband and wife? There's nothing to thank me for, now go on, do whatever you feel like doing"

Lucy nodded yet again before she turned her head to look at the still dumbfounded Uguria, her gentle and breath-taking look suddenly changed, as she gazed at the burly man, killing intent emanated from her to the point of making all the white armored soldiers shiver non-stop, even Uguria couldn't help but slightly tremble, but he was able to somewhat resist her killing intent.

He was a warrior who fought countless battle, unlike those Cardinals or normal soldiers, his job was to conquer cities or do the dirty job of the Holy Church, he murdered countless people, so when he felt this strong killing intent he couldn't help but be amazed yet at the same time a bit fearful.

"Yo-you're Lucy, right? Why did you come here? Is the undead army yours?"

Lucy's hatred was mainly focused on the man who betrayed her and the Pope as they were the main ones who caused the suffering, but this Holy General also caused a bit of trouble of her as several of his trained soldiers chased for her quite some time, so how could she spare him? She already knew he slaughtered innocents without care, and the only excuse he would declare is that 'it's for the sake of good' or 'It's the Lord's orders'.

Lucy didn't reply to him, she merely launched herself at him . After some practice with Arthur, she managed to control her power a bit and her physical prowess is not to be underestimated .

Uguria, who was expecting an answer, was a bit shocked to see her rush at him with a great speed, however, due to his countless life and death experiences, he managed to react in time and take the spear from his back with lightning speed and counter-attack with a swipe of his spear.

He was known to be very ruthless, and that swipe proved it, from the very beginning, he used one of his strongest attacks risking it all, he felt danger from her, and her speed was slightly faster than his, so how could he not go all in?

He used the skill [Mad Swipe], it was one of the basic skill gained from [Spear Mastery], obviously Arthur had it too but he never used spears, as for swords, the skills similar to this, would most certainly deal more damage if used but they would slow down the attack, it was just by a little bit, but it was enough to change the outcome of the battle between two people in the Heavenly Realm for example.

Being proficient in the Holy Attribute, that swipe had some holy aura around it, Uguria was confident with his swipe and guessed that it would at least injure the opponent but no! His eyes were wide and full of disbelief as he saw Lucy's left hand catch the incoming spear with great ease and simply deflect it away with a wave of her hand, then she kicked with her right leg, aiming for the waist .

Lucy wanted to let him suffer first or else she would have finished him from that distance with her magic, it was a piece of cake for her to do that, but she wanted him to feel despair just like he did to her, she may not make him despair just like he did to her, but as long as she made him suffer that was enough for her .

She may have overcome her past but that never meant she had forgotten and forgave them for what they did, that was a completely different thing .

Uguria was pushed back a couple of meters, he barely had been able to stay standing as he supported himself while crouching on one knee .

Lucy didn't even put any force in her kick, this was just the beginning, her eyes flashed for a second as her killing intent intensified, she walked to the long spear which was deflected from his hand a moment ago and picked up.

"What are you staring at her for? Charge, all attack together!"

Uguria shouted at his subordinates, he knew that he was not her opponent so he had a sliver of hope and that is numbers! Yes, perhaps with numbers he could win, however, his pitiful hopes were mercilessly crushed as when he turned his head to look at his subordinates, he was shocked to see them all standing still, not moving an inch.

"Ha ha ha, now now, why don't you guys sit back and watch this show, it's no good to gang up on a woman . "

Arthur spoke mockingly, he didn't even move from his location but all the soldiers couldn't even move a muscle, he already used his threads to freeze them, they could never free themselves unless they are at least in the Heavenly Realm.

It was time for Lucy to enjoy her revenge, so how could he let them interfere, he would wait all day and a week if needed until she finishes with every single one of those who harmed her, specifically those higher-ups like this burly man.

Once he saw his subordinates struggling and red faces and heard Arthur, he was sure that this man used some kind of trick to bind them .

He merely gritted his teeth and got up from the ground, he could feel the intense pain coming from his waist, his spear was in Lucy's hand, so that made him more depressed .

One exchange!

Only one exchange and he was already without his weapon and was injured in the waist, him, the Holy General, either the Pope was bullshitting him about Lucy's power or it's not her!

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Lucy's eyes were looked on Uguria, who in return was looking at her with rage, anger, and fear .

She grasped the spear and snapped it in two, with a bit of force it was easily done, but this action of her made Uguria's expression turn extremely ugly, his face whitened and he seemed to be muttering something.

"This is impossible . . . it's a legendary weapon . . impossible!"

His spear was a special treasure of the Church and it was a legendary weapon from ancient times, yet it was snapped in two just like that, no matter how much the fights he fought were long and hard, the spear never suffered as much as a scratch, but here it is broken in two!

He became just speechless, he already gave up on the idea of trying to retrieve it, what could he two with a broken spear, it would not display its full strength, even the skills would probably not work .

"Fortunately for you, although you caused suffering to me, I do not hold strong grudges for you, what you are going to receive is merely justice for all what you have done, all the innocents you killed and the despair you caused me."

Lucy's voice rang in his ears, it was devoid of emotions and cold, he lifted his pale face to look at her approaching figure, she already threw the two pieces of the spear and slowly walked toward him .

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In panic, Uguria waved his left hand and 3 dark pills appeared in his hand, with no hesitation, he threw them into his mouth, but just as they were going to enter it(his mouth).

They stopped in mid-air, then they flew toward Arthur, who was looking at them with curiosity .

His [Telekinesis] was very useful in situations like this, although Uguria actions were fast, it was not THAT fast, for Arthur and Lucy, who had speed incomparable to him, if they used their full speed, those pills flying to his mouth to literally move at a very slow speed, so retrieving them with [Telekinesis] is as easy at it could .

Uguria stared helplessly at the flying pills and he began feeling despair and uneasiness, every step Lucy took toward him, he could feel his body unconsciously tremble on its own .

When she was only 1 step away from him, she lifted her head to look at him as he was a bit taller than her, then her figure blurred for a split second which was followed by two snapping sounds .

Uguria was already on his knees before he could realize it, he felt the agonizing pain coming from his knees, they were literally crushed into dust, blood flowed endlessly from them, there were no bones left, the two invisible strikes of her already turned his bones into nothingless.

He made some groaning sounds but he didn't scream loudly .

" . . . A bit brave to not laugh from a like this, but that does not change anything . . your fate remains unchanged"

Uguria couldn't concentrate with her voice as the pain was truly more than he could bear, if he wants to recover his legs, he needs a personal blessing from the holy goddess, which is close to impossible to have, he already sunk into the depths of despair as Lucy's figure was in front of him emitting some suffocating intense killing.

Now that he was in front of her, the pressure was more overwhelming, her cold voice invaded his ears and engraved deep fear into his hear which was supposed to be a heart of a fearless warrior who experienced countless battles .

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Lucy didn't make any mouvement, however, very soon the ground under Uguria changed, it turbed from it's usual appearance to dark red then white fog came out of it, then it completely transformed into lava which slowly rised and began to envelop the scared Uguria who no longer could keep his dignified and confident look.

His eyes stared at the lava, he finally couldn't hold it as it was melting him from all direction, the pain was more agonizing than before when his knees were crushed .

The screams and wails became louder and louder until they ceased after 5 minutes or so, there was literally nothing left of him, not even the strong armor he wore, his bones, skin melted along with everything else, he screamed until the last second as Lucy made sure to make him suffer without killing him .

The soldiers were stunned and scared shitless, although Arthur ordered the skeletons to spare those who do not resist and those soldiers probably would surrender too, but these were special, they were with Uguria, who was infamous for murdering innocent and even bystanders, and those soldiers naturally did the same thing .

Athough there was some good people in the Holy Church, the majority of them are corrupted which made Arthur perplexed, this kind of Church is supposed to aim for peace and have a lot of wise and good people and not this kind of individuals, it was really a pity.

With a mere thought, the long threads which were holding the soldiers flashed with green lightning and in an instant, all 500 of them fell on the ground, lifelessly .

Maybe spare those guards who did not participate on wars and slaughter as they were only doing their job and if they surrender now then it's alright, but spare those soldiers? Hell no! They maybe even raped helpless women, this kind of acts is usually conducted by those kind of people, Arthur would not be surprised to see them act like that, if not more heartless and ruthless .

Anyway, he disappeared and in just seconds, he stored all their bodies and appeared next to Lucy, who was still looking at where Uguria died .

He gave her a deep hug and patted her lovely head . Responding to him, she burried her head in his chest and tightly hugged him back .

They stayed like that for a minute or so before they finally seperated, although she was taking revenge, Lucy was softly smiling to Arthur .

She turned to look at the tall tower which is the HQ of the Church and coldly said

"That's one less scum, there are still others, let's go"

Arthur nodded, and both of them flew toward the tower, however this time, they didn't use the dark cloud .

# Chapter 70

In the Holy Church headquarters, precisely in that tall white tower which Arthur and Lucy are heading to, the Pope was sitting on the golden throne while 3 people are kneeling in front of him .

There was also an old woman standing next to him, she emitted a gentle and ancient aura around her, she looked extremely old and her face was full of wrinkles .

The 3 people kneeling were the 3 current bishops, 2 are new since the 2 former ones were killed and the last one is still alive, as for that old woman, she is the Archbishop .

# "Are you sure about that?"

The Pope's domineering voice rang out in the big and empty hall, it was full of coldness, for the bishops, the Pope was like a god to them, he is the messenger of their holy goddess and he would sometimes communicate with her which gave him a position much higher than the others, his strength is not to be reckoned with too, so since a long time, no one dares to mess with him or even disobey with him.

One of the kneeling bishops, who was a handsome young man, replied to the Pope

"Yes, my Lord! Several soldiers came a few minutes ago and informed me about the situation outside, it seems the undead army is winning and breaking through our defense, 3 Cardinals are already dead! What's more is that there were sneak attacks from the undead skeletons inside the city"

The Pope's wrinkled face turned ugly, he kept stroking his long white beard while gazing outside through the huge glass windows which had a picture of their goddess, Delia .

"Mhm . . Alex, you go to the frontline and stop them, it shouldn't be a problem for you, right? Cara, you go too"

Two of the kneeling bishops nodded and left without a word, only the handsome young man stayed behind, still kneeling in front of the Pope, he appeared calm although he was in front of the Pope which was surprising, but none of them were impressed, neither the Archbishop nor the Pope .

Arthur and Lucy flew to the tall tower, and just when they were in front of the front gate, it opened and several soldiers came out of it, holding their arms and shields .

There were hundreds of them, priests and mages are at the back and the close-combat fighters at the front .

Arthur knew that Lucy didn't want to deal with them and only wanted to deal with the big shots, such as the Pope, so mercilessly and easily slaughtered them with the Natural Lightning, it only took him a

simple wave of his hand to end their lives, After all, their LVL was just too low, even lower than the disciples of the Ma Clan .

It really left him confused, why such a force is still existing even with the clans around? Even the weakest Clan would probably have a Spirit Realm, and he was sure that the Pope is at best LVL500, so it would be very easy to finish him .

As they were entering the gate after collecting the corpses, two figures came at them with fast speed, if you look closely, it was a middle-aged man and a woman, each of them was heading for a target, the woman wielded a blue lance and the man had a white saber .

Just from their attire, Arthur knew they were bishops, and he also knew they were probably new, as he killed two and generally there are only 3, of course, he could be mistaken but who cares right?

Lucy didn't have a grudge with them, so there was no reason to thoroughly torture them, since they were higher rank in the Holy Church and not like the soldiers, maybe they would have some common sense, so he used his threads to totally freeze their movements then he calmly said

"I'm only going to say it once . If you surrender now, I'll probably let you live, if not then you'll die in despair and be slaughtered like a pig!"

In fact, he wasn't going to live them alive, he just wanted to get some answers from them .

"Ignorant! Wh . . "

Before the man could finish, he was beheaded by Arthur, the threads were more than enough to do the job, then Arthur's cold gaze turned toward the terrified woman.

It took her some time to realize what just happened, a second she was attacking the intruders and the next one she was frozen mid-air and her companion was already beheaded before he could resist, with fearful eyes she looked at Arthur and Lucy and hesitantly said

"Wh-what do you w-w . . want?"

Arthur smirked and spoke again

"Simple, I'm going to ask you few questions and you have to honestly reply"

The reason he wanted some answers is because he found out that he can't use his [Sixth Sense] to determine the position of the Pope, maybe there was some kind of array making him unable to do that, and he wanted to thoroughly finish the big shots before proceeding with the soldiers and such .

The woman slowly nodded, she was still scared shitless of those two, she saw how her comrade was easily killed and truthfully, she didn't want to end up dead like him because of her stupid pride, if there was a way out then she would take it .

From the very moment she was frozen in mid-air, she discovered that albeit her strong armor or the great enchantments on her gear, that was useless against what was restricting her movements, no matter how she struggled, it was utterly meaningless.

"Alright, where is the Pope"

"O-our lord is in the main hall, i-it's at the top of the t-t . . tower . . "

Arthur pondered for a bit then looked at Lucy, after all, she was the one who was going to take revenge, so maybe there are more people who she is looking for, for example, Sebastien, the man who she previously thought she loved but ended up horribly betrayed by him

"Then what about Sebastien, do you know who he is?"

The terrified woman didn't dare delay and immediately replied hastily

"S-sebastien, y-yes yes! I know, you must be talking about the Bishop Sebastien, that's the only person with the name 'Sebastian' that I know of!"

As he heard that, Arthur turned to look at Lucy and saw that her eyes were cold and full of killing intent as she heard about that name, he, obviously, knew about that man since she told him and he saw her memories, she didn't hide anything from him just as he didn't from her.

He had many other questions, but for now, that was enough, just as he was about to behead her too, Lucy's soft voice rang out

"Don't kill her"

He was a bit confused but since she said that, then he let the scared bishop go, after all, Lucy had her reasons and if she didn't want that woman killed then she won't be killed .

"Consider yourself lucky, you are probably the only person who would come out of here alive, if we ever meet path again, then that would truly be your end . . "

As he said that, Arthur and Lucy disappeared from there and flew to the top of the tower .

The woman shivered there for a couple of seconds before she ran out of the building without even looking back, she knew it was the end of the Church, not even the Pope made her feel that afraid, it was really terrifying and since she was somehow spared, she decided to flee.

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With their speed, Arthur and Lucy appeared in the big hall in a matter of seconds, it was empty, not even one soldier was there, only 3 people.

The appearance of two individuals naturally surprised the Pope and the rest, yet before they could react, they heard a loud scream .

The scream was coming out of the handsome young man who was kneeling a second ago in front of the Pope, he was now held by the back of his neck by a silver-haired woman.

The Pope and the old woman couldn't move as they felt something binding them, and in the next moment, a black-robed man appeared in front of the Pope, his back was facing the old man as he was silently looking at what was happening in front of him .

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When Lucy saw that handsome man, who was obviously Sebastien, she just couldn't control her emotions, she appeared behind him and instantly broke his knee then held him by the back of his neck while exerting enough force to cause him immense pain yet not kill him .

This sudden turn of events shocked all those who were present, the Pope had many tricks up his sleeves but this mysterious force binding him was too powerful and he couldn't dispel it even after muttering countless spells .

As for the old woman, she didn't try anything and merely gazed at the scene .

"Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh . . . . "

Lucy's killing intent reached its climax, the hall's atmosphere became extremely cold as even the Pope felt a shiver down his spines, he was afraid yet a bit happy when he saw Lucy's silhouette, he never thought she was the one who came, after several years searching for her, she finally came to his doorstep but surprisingly, he felt extreme fear as he looked at her and at the man in front of him .

"It's been a very long time . . . . Sebastien!"

Hearing the familiar yet chilling voice, Sebastien didn't need to turn his head at see her to know who it was, he was usually a scheming and cunning person and wouldn't expose his motives until he was sure he held the advantage, but never did he think this day would come .

"L-Lucy?.."

She didn't respond, instead, a small ball of magma began melting his left hand, and his loud screams resumed .

When almost all of his hand was gone, melted by the magma until it reached his shoulder, it suddenly stopped and vanished, what was left was only blood flowing endlessly and a gory scene, Sebastien face was extremely pale and he could barely hold his consciousness.

Actually, he passed out several times, but he somehow awakened by a mysterious energy which made this like hell for him, the pain was seriously unimaginable .

Lucy didn't even let him time to breath, she picked him up easily and then slammed him down on the ground, a small crater was a formed, blood and foam was leaking out of his lips as he stared fearfully at the cold Lucy in front of him .

His face was finally facing her, it took him a few seconds to adjust and focus on her face, his pale face became even paler as he shrieked, yet because of his special nature, he managed to calm down after breathing for some time, however, that didn't lessen the pain, his left shoulder was aching like crazy and all of the bones in his back were crushed .

"Hahaha \*cough\* \*cough\*, So it was you, hahaahhah"

He started laughing hysterically after seeing her figure, that calm attitude he showed normally wasn't present, just by what happened and seeing how he couldn't even retaliate, he knew it was his doom, so he exposed his true face, although he was on the verge of death, he still stared intensely at her while laughing, his gaze even had some lust and lewdness in it.

"S-So you \*cough\* came, hahaha, did you perhaps miss me? Or miss my . . "

Before he could finish, a sharp golden sword was thrust into his body's lower part, and what followed that is a scream even louder than any other one, this time, the pain Sebastien felt by far exceeded the previous ones, even his right hand is broken so he couldn't even move it to hold his lower part, he could only bear and stare at the sharp golden sword penetrating his precious body part.

Lucy's evilly smirked as she saw him stare at the sword, she didn't only do that, instead, she moved the sword while it was still thrust and caused him to wail even more, and while doing that she said

"Emm? It seems you are no longer a man? Here, let me help you out . . "

As she said that, a small yet terrifying magma ball, the size of a finger, rushed at his lower part, melting the sword and his body .

Sebastien never once stopped screaming, even his voice changed from all that wailing yet he couldn't stop, as for Lucy, her killing intent subdued a lot, she didn't torture him like he did to her, it's true, but all of this satisfied most of her urges, if it was back then, before she met Arthur, then if she ever caught him like then, she would have tortured him for years, but now, she overcame what he did to her, and this was merely punishment.

Several minutes passed and the Pope never ceased trying to dispel the strange spell cast on him, it was a pity it was not a spell but invisible threads, the more he witnessed what's happening, the more danger he felt, he only thought it was an attack by slightly powerful necromancer, and not by Lucy and Arthur.

Speaking of Arthur, the Pope already knew about him, he knew he was Lucy's companion when he was in the academy, and he helped her a lot, and he felt even more danger coming from this black-robed man.

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After some time struggling with the threads, he gave up and began chanting something else .

Obviously, Arthur knew about this and heard him chant but he knew it was useless, but once he heard him change his chant, he became alert, he already used the talisman to prevent any teleportation, however, although he knew how powerful he is in comparison to the Pope, he didn't dare act overconfident.

When the chant changed, he spared no time as Natural Lightning circulated in the threads and immediately damaged his vocal cord, permanently preventing the old man from ever chanting again, not only that, he even broke the bones of both his hands and feet .

Never would he underestimate someone again, especially not this man, if not for Lucy, he would have already killed him along with this old woman, it's just that he wanted Lucy to personally kill him, and perhaps ask him why was he so persistent to catch her .

With his voice gone, the Pope couldn't even scream from pain, his eyes were locked onto Arthur as he stared at him with a bit of fear and anger, he was still unwilling to give up, he lived more than 400 years and would never let his fate in the hands of this monster.

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"\*Cough\* \*cough\* Lucy \*cough\* hahah, good! Good! It seems I didn't educate you enough last \*cough\* time, even if you do this, you are mine! MINE! HAHAHAH! BITCH! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? JUST A MERE DITY DEMON!"

Although he was provoking her while cursing continuously at her, Lucy appeared calm as her gaze shifted to Arthur, in a split second, she already appeared next to him without even killing Sebastien .

Arthur patted her head while smiling softly, ignoring everything around them, since she wasn't going to kill him, he would do it instead, with a wave of his hand, dark red flames ignited on his body and began burning him very slowly.

The cursing stopped and was replaced by loud yells from him, and from time to time, you would even hear begging but it was useless, as Arthur and Lucy totally ignored him and turned to look at the Pope .

Now that he thought of it, what Arthur did was a bit stupid as now, he can't get answers from the Pope, but the didn't matter anymore, he knew the Holy Church's Pope was famous for his soul attacks and his soul was apparently weak, he didn't know if it became strong or not, but since he devoured 'Abhuva's soul, he couldn't devour anymore.

Lucy's didn't seem she was going to kill the Pope either, so Arthur didn't waste time and guided his Natural Lightning to finish the Pope, but just as the green lightning was going to crush his heart, a deep yet melodic voice rang out in the big hall, completely dispersing the lightning and binding Arthur's movements.

"Boy . . . stop"

Even though he heard that, Arthur didn't stop and concentrated his powers on the Pope, sending all the green lightning on to his heart, the threads also tightened and started to crush all his bones and trying to behead him .

"Ignorance! I told you to stop!"

As the voice rang out again, Arthur hastily held Lucy and covered her as they were both sent flying away from the Pope, what followed that was a bright light descending from a white crystal above the throne, it was 50 meters or so above it and had a diameter of 20m.

It emitted a very bright light, and a woman's silhouette came out of it, she seemed transparent as you couldn't see her features, but the aura she emanated was very overwhelming yet at the same time calm

Arthur could barely stand, not even against the Immortal did he feel that .

"Ohhh! Pope Geroge, you indeed managed to get that demon, It seems I need to reward you . . "

As she said that, the woman floating in the hall, stretched her bright white hand, and in the next second, a strong force came at Lucy, pushing her toward the Pope and the woman .

The woman's figure was very big, she was approximately 10m, the aura increased every second, Arthur couldn't even move to defend Lucy, he could only look helplessly.

As Lucy's was closing in slowly toward the woman, a cold yet deep voice rang out yet again, it was soul piercing and appeared angry .

"Delia! A goddess like you dares to bully juniors? Seriously gods these days think they are above all or what?"

A black-robed skeleton appeared in front of Lucy, the force that was controlling her a second ago vanished and the pressure coming of Delia didn't affect Arthur either .