

## **S vs Rebirth 261**

### Chapter 261 Strength

"You..." Wendy leaped forth while slashing her sword.

Dimitri also waved his sword, striking her sword.

Wendy's blood sword suddenly splashed like a normal blood and each droplet acted like a nail, puncturing Dimitri's body.

However, Dimitri covered his body with black energy, absorbing all those droplets before making a complete swing due to the dispersed blood.

"!!!" Wendy suddenly felt immense danger from that one full swing alone. Even though the sword didn't even reach her, her instinct was telling her that if she didn't move away, she would die.

Hence, Wendy chose to trust her instinct and leaped back before a sharp pain struck her neck.

Wendy widened her eyes in shock and tried to press the area where the pain came, only to find blood covering her hand.

Wendy was shocked because this kind of attack shouldn't have happened. But because she leaped back, her vision became wider and she spotted the shadow reflected by the moonlight.

The shadow of the blade looped around Dimitri and curved straight to her shadow's neck. That was the reason why she got this injury. But to think that Dimitri could kill someone just by using their shadow, even she was shocked.

"Kh." Wendy realized that even though their rank was about the same, it seemed that Dimitri's strength was far beyond her. It wasn't just about the Spiritual Energy, it was about the utilization of the Spiritual Energy. And Dimitri won that area by a landslide.

Dimitri, of course, didn't plan to drag this fight, so he leaped forth while waving his blade. His shadow also began to move, so Wendy had to look at both him and his shadow attacks.

Wendy gritted her teeth and covered the ground with her blood again. This would drain her Spiritual Energy, but this was the only way for her to stop Dimitri.

However, Dimitri was never afraid of challenge. Seeing that his shadow was blocked, Dimitri covered his sword with dark energy before striking Wendy's sword.

It didn't seem to be extraordinary attack, but Wendy had learned a lot from that the previous slash, so she stomped the ground while observing anything before striking Dimitri's sword, stopping him.

'There's truly nothing behind it?' Wendy thought because she didn't see any Spiritual Energy fluctuation or any change in the shadow.

Meanwhile, Dimitri continued slashing his swords as if trying to overwhelm her. He even looped around her to find any weak spots, but Wendy's swordsmanship was better than he originally expected because each slash was contained easily.

"Do you think I'll lose against you in terms of swordsmanship?" Wendy snorted, stopping Dimitri's blade again.

Upon hearing this challenge, Dimitri only smiled because there was a single purpose for him holding back in the swordsmanship. But because it had been achieved, Dimitri used more strength in pushing her back.

Even Wendy had to hold her sword with two hands to stop his push alone, but Dimitri didn't stop there.

A dark blade began to form around his arms and looped around to strike Wendy's body.

'Huh? Blades? Where did it come from?' Wendy was dumbfounded when she saw the blades formed. After all, she had blocked the shadow... "Shadow?!"

As soon as she came into realization, she tried to leap back, albeit the blades were faster. Two blades impaled her shoulder and her waist.

"Kh" Wendy endured the pain while pointing her palm at him. "Die."

A blood tornado came out of her palm. If she used this to her carriage, she would be able to devour the carriage with ease. So, Dimitri had to dodge this if he didn't want to be destroyed.

"Why do you want to give me the power to attack you?" Dimitri smirked. Instead of dodging, Dimitri planned to challenge this blood tornado.

He waved his sword downwards as if he was planning to cut the tornado, but nothing happened.

But right before the blood tornado reached him, a black energy suddenly stopped the tornado before splitting it into two.

The gap between the tornado gave birth to another shadow, extending this slash. The process repeated until Dimitri's sword strike reached the base of the tornado.

"!!!" Wendy widened her eyes in shock and threw herself to the side as the shadow came through her tornado and almost cut her. Still, her movement was a bit too late and the shadow strike managed to cut her left arm.

"Kh." Wendy gritted her teeth. 'Just like the blades earlier... He is using the shadow cast by the moon to form those blades. I might be able to cover the ground, but I can't cover a single thing. He can simply put his hand in front of his body and the hand will be covered with the shadow of his body.'

'And that strike from earlier... He is utilizing the shadow between the tornado to extend his attack. His shadow manipulation is too much.'

She gritted her teeth, not finding any way to defeat Dimitri. If that was the case, there was only one thing to do.

Turning around, Wendy leaped away.

"Running away?" Dimitri smiled and chased after her. Obviously, he was much faster than her, especially with the fact that he attached his own shadow to Wendy to make sure she couldn't escape that fast.

In an instant, Dimitri caught up and swung his sword.

"No!" Wendy shouted while striking Dimitri's sword. Her blood splattered again, but this time, they turned into blades to kill Dimitri.

Unfortunately for her, the blood blades were cut into pieces together with her right arm by the shadow cast by their own.

If one took a look, the shadow of those blades as well as Wendy's arm had been sliced by numerous blades from Dimitri's shadow.

And now without any hands, Wendy wasn't an opponent anymore.

"Wait—" Wendy tried her last resort, which was to reason. But Dimitri didn't care much about her opinion, so he cut her in half, eliminating a bishop of the Supreme Devil Organization.

The fight between two people of the same level was simply overwhelming. They never expected that Wendy couldn't even hold a candle against this mysterious guy that helped them.

Seeing this man, vice captain Joseph furrowed his eyebrows, muttering, "Dimitri... Shadow... Spirit Grandmaster... Wait a minute. Don't tell me you are..."

Dimitri smiled and dragged Wendy's corpses to them before saying, "I am just a butler. If that happens to be another way because of your Demon Observer Squad, I don't mind removing the brat Septa."

No one dared to call Septa a brat even though he was young. After all, his strength was truly unparalleled, but Joseph knew that Dimitri truly had the power to do so.

He gulped down and nodded his head. "I understand. I promise you that—"

Joseph suddenly stopped after the glare from Dimitri and hurriedly corrected himself. "I don't see anything. We haven't seen anything. We only see there's a weird demon killing the Bloody Queen."

"Much better." Dimitri nodded, satisfied as he turned into shadow again, leaving them away.

Joseph's body was trembling while his subordinates were staring at him as if asking him about Dimitri's identity. After all, there was no way such a person would be this hidden. Even if he was just a butler, his strength should be enough to give some reputation. So, it was weird.

But Joseph could only say, "Just remember this. We haven't seen anything. If you say a single thing, Demon Observer Squad might have to change all of their personnel..."

#### Chapter 262 Change

Meanwhile, Noel and the others were heading to the other town where they could find the branch of the Demon Banner Army to seek some treatment.

Noel was riding with Anna. Due to her exhaustion, Anna was curling up, sleeping. Noel had to carry her while riding the horse without complaining. After all, Anna had truly exhausted all her Spiritual Energy and stamina to bring a reinforcement.

On the other hand, Lokhar was riding with Kirika in Anna's horse. This would probably be their last ride, considering Kirika had to go back after this.

Suddenly, Kirika moved her horse closer and said, "Sorry about this, Noel. And thank you for everything... Even now, I can't do anything to repay you and end up owing you more."

She looked down, feeling ashamed of her weakness.

Even though Anna looked sleeping, she was still conscious. She heard her words and thought, 'Kirika is one of the most talented people in this generation. If I didn't regress, Noel might end up getting some help from her.'

'Now that I think about it, after that incident, Noel was the one subjugating Kirika. Knowing that there was a Devil Bishop playing in this scheme... Wait a minute. Did Noel actually pair up with Kirika in my past life?

'He somehow got caught and experienced the pain Lokhar had to endure? And Kirika was sent to the Devil Bishop? But Noel should be able to escape by using his strength, unless Noel had done that but he couldn't defeat a Spirit Wielder in the past. After all, Noel had become far stronger compared to his past at this point.

'That's probably the reason. This is such a coincidence. To think I haven't changed the future, only alter it slightly with Lokhar replacing Noel's position... I haven't altered too much of the future, so I guess we're good for the time being.' Anna thought and felt at ease, knowing that she could still expect something from the future. Now that her heart had calmed down, she gradually drifted to the dream world.

On the other hand, Noel caught a glimpse of Kirika's ashamed face. He said, "Then, make sure you have a good reception for us if we ever visit your family in the future."

"Huh?!" Kirika was baffled for a moment before understanding Noel's words. She was sad because she ended up relying on her family again despite wanting to be independent.

Noel sighed as his usual motivation side took over. He pulled out his sword and showed it to her. "This is my family heirloom. Even if I have lost my family, I still rely on my family. Have you ever said this saying? No one can choose their birth parents.

"Yes, it's not your fault to be born in a noble family. But what you do is the problem. You might be born with silver spoon, but if you end up losing that silver spoon before you die, that's your fault.

"That's why you don't have to be ashamed relying on your family. Even if you don't have anything to rely on, you can create a connection with those in power. The key is simple... Communication." Noel glanced to the side as if implying that Lokhar didn't need to be down either.

"!!!" Kirika noticed Noel's gaze and looked at Lokhar. That was right. Lokhar was born from an ordinary family, so he had to do everything by himself. And Noel had hinted the connection and her family.

Kirika understood what he wanted to say, so she turned her head and said to Lokhar. "I owe you this much from what you have done, Lokhar. If you ever feel too troubled or just want to stay away from any fight, come to my Loetzel Family in the Greenwood Kingdom. With your strength, becoming a knight shouldn't be a problem."

Lokhar was surprised by Kirika's invitation. After all, this favor was overwhelming to an ordinary person like him. Even though she would be leaving soon, she still gave her a huge gift.

A smile appeared on Lokhar's face. "Certainly. Thank you, Kirika."

Kirika smiled. She had another determination when going back to her family. To make sure that she could repay Lokhar's favor in the future, she had to become the leader. Political marriage? She wouldn't accept any of those. If they dared to push that matter to her, she would just show her strength to overcome anything to the point her father had no choice but to give his position to her.

She couldn't choose her family, but she could choose her future. Instead of complaining and falling into despair like other women in noble families, she wanted to be strong and fight for herself.

Upon that realization, Kirika politely bowed to Noel. "Thank you, Noel."

"I didn't do anything. You are strong, Kirika. And that's how it'll go from now on."

"Hehe." Kirika smiled as an image of their first meeting flashed in her mind. Noel simply said a few words, but those words changed her. Even after eight years, nothing had changed.

The image of a chubby girl talking to the uninterested Noel had now been replaced by the stronger Kirika getting another advice from the gentle Noel.

Lokhar raised his fist and said, "Thank you, Noel. I apologize that at first... I actually looked down on you. Sorry. And thank you for everything."

"No problem." Noel nodded and bumped his fist. "After this, you're alone, so you might have to work even harder."

"I'm prepared to do that." Lokhar chuckled.

The three were smiling at each other.

If Anna was still awake, she would have said, 'Just another dose of motivation from Noel.'

She just wondered how many people that Noel had changed in the past. Not all of them would participate in that rebellion after all.

Helping a hundred thousand people, changing tens of thousand people. This was Noel's strength.

Anna didn't regret her choice in this life. In fact, she had done all the worst possible things to Noel in the past, so she wanted to change her way of living this time.

Anna hadn't realized yet that she was also one from the tens of thousands people that Noel had changed.

#### Chapter 263 Overthinking

"This is the proof of your completion." Joseph handed them several proof of completion to them. Each of them got one, but because this was a task from Shale, Noel's group also got another one for their group mission. It meant Noel and Anna only had one Individual Mission to finish the requirement to graduate.

Still, Joseph had a weird expression when handing the proof to Noel. It was so obvious that Noel knew he was a bit stiff. This was unacceptable for the Demon Observer Squad's vice captain, so he wondered what happened.

Unfortunately, Joseph didn't plan to tell him anything.



In the end, they were seen off after they got the proof while Lokhar had to stay for a few more days to recuperate.

"In that case, we'll be returning first. See you, Lokhar." Noel waved his hand with a smile.

"Yeah. Once again, thanks, Noel." Lokhar nodded.

After bidding their goodbye, Noel and Anna immediately rode their horse back to the Demon Banner Army headquarter as they finally had some time off to rest their bodies.

When they handed the report to Shale, the latter thanked them personally. "Thank you for your help in this mission. Thanks to you, we've managed to defeat a Devil Bishop and several Devil Inspectors."

"No, no. I messed up a bit back then. But thankfully, it's solved." Noel shook his head.

"Alright. It seems that you two need some rest. So, you should go back. Or you'd rather to have the last individual mission before getting some rest?"

"No, we'd like to get some rest."

"I understand. You also have garnered some points, do you want to use it? You can go to the person in charge of treasury to get the catalog."

"Can I exchange another Ancient Spirit Technique with my current point?" Noel asked.

"Mhm... Not yet." Shale recounted the memory a bit and continued, "An Ancient Spirit Technique usually cost around 10,000 points. Currently, you have 7,200 points, so I don't think it's enough for the time being. However, you can get some good equipment with this. It'll definitely help you after you graduate."

"Is that so? I don't think I need another equipment. But thanks for the suggestion." Noel nodded. He had a flexible armor and Ardagan Sword, so there was no other piece of equipment that interested him.

"Alright then." Shale recorded everything and gave their token backs.

After that, Noel and Anna walked away. Before reaching their rooms, Anna asked, "What are we going to do next? I mean, we still have another three months before graduation. A single individual mission will only take around two weeks. So, what are we going to do in the last two and a half months?"

"Do you remember when I told you that we'll create a stage where you killed me?"

"Yes." Anna nodded.

"It's going to put a stain in your name, you know. After all, I'm trying to build up my reputation."

"I know that. The stain in my name will make me leave the army, allowing me to start investigating the royal family."

"After that, we won't be able to meet easily, right? So, I'm planning to get the Body Strengthening Liquid first before our graduation."

"Wait, do you mean..."

"Yeah. We're going to spend the remaining time here for the individual mission and the liquid. Then, we'll graduate even if it's going to be a bit faster. In fact, it's better if we're a bit faster because after you kill me, I can use my second identity to reach the squad again, showing that I just got there after graduation."

"Ah!" Anna nodded in understanding. "So, you mind telling me your second identity now? Even though you have been playing ignorant all this time?"

"This is just the basic of cooperation. What you should worry is not about my second identity, but the timing for us to meet to give each other information."

"That's true."

"Anyway, we'll be talking about the timing and other details later. For now, I'm tired."

"Me too."

Noel and Anna agreed and went separate ways. As soon as Noel returned to his room, he had to clean up the room as well because the dust had been sitting on his room after leaving it for a few months.

He then lied down on the bed while furrowing his eyebrows. "The first step is done. I just have to start using my second identity before approaching the Third Prince. But still... to think all my hatred to Anna was just a plan. I don't know what to feel.

"On the one hand, Anna was just a pawn in this entire scheme. On the other hand, my father is toying with my emotion. I don't even know what to feel about Anna now that all my hatred is forcefully taken away like this."

Noel bit his lips. He felt like he was trapped inside a muddy field. He wanted to go to the nearest land, but he had a hard time to move and his body started itching because he just wanted to get this done already.

Even Noel didn't know what to do.

"What's the point of sowing discord between me and Anna, Father? Ah, right. I should have hit you once right after we meet... I shouldn't forget about this. Anyway, the point of the hatred is... Is he leading me to Anna?

"What if Anna doesn't join the Demon Banner Army? Now that I think about it, Anna in the past is far different than the current Anna. She has refused it, but what's the reason of her sudden change? It feels surreal."

p Noel couldn't help but remember the meeting with the Sword Saint. If everything went according to his father's plan, his father must want to make them meet through this hatred.

But he wanted to solve the hatred between them by forcefully taking away the hatred and the Sword Saint even came out to tell them about the story of the Ardagan's ancestor and his sister. He even gave him the rings used for their marriage.

"Don't tell me... My father is planning to marry me to Anna? There's no way my father would know the content of the inheritance of the Sword Saint, right... RIGHT?"

"I must be overthinking..."

Chapter 264 Spiritual Energy Reserve

The next morning.

Noel closed his eyes for a moment as an image of Anna appeared in the darkness, wielding her sword.

Suddenly, she jumped forth while waving her blade.

Noel raised his sword to strike this blade, but once he stopped it, the lightning started spreading to his sword and eventually reached his hand, numbing it. Noel tried his hardest to stop it, but the numbness of his hands weakened them, causing the blade to fail to stop this strike.

In the end, Anna's sword cut his neck.

"Ha..." Noel gasped for air because the image was too real. This was his training with the Imaginary Battlefield.

At first, he could still put up some fight against Anna, but when Anna showed the progress of her training, he simply had no way to defeat her right now.

"How do I even fight against the lightning?" Noel murmured while looking at Ardagan. He remembered that the Sword Saint told him that Ardagan was perfect and no runes should be embedded to him.

"Spirit... Spirit Weapon, no Spirit Weaponry was it? The ability to slash the Spiritual Energy itself. That's right... What if I utilize the Spirit Weaponry in every swing?

"The Spirit Weaponry itself is going to cost me a lot of Spiritual Energy and if I actually add it into my Everchanging Emotion Sword Style, it'll become even stronger. Also, I have realized something.

"Why did Ardagan not give me any mission for the last rescue mission? Also, I have managed to increase three levels in Ardagan Swordsmanship. Why did he not give me any Spirit Abilities?"

Noel took half an hour to think about it before reaching the conclusion. "That's right. The Everchanging Emotion Sword Style itself is perfect for me. If I put Anger into the sword, the sword will become the sharpest. This is similar to the Mega Slash.

"On the other hand, if I put fear, the slash will become quicker. After all, if we're in fear, we often do something a bit faster simply because we're panicking... This power is similar to Swift Strike.

"If that's the case, haven't I received a total of ten new skills? My Everchanging Emotion Sword Style has ten emotions. Fear, Anger, Shame, Contempt, Disgust, Guilt, Distress, Interest, Surprise, and Joy. Basically, they're translated as Quick, Sharp, Penetrate, Precise, Blunt, Hesitate, Desperate, Examine, Defense, and Protect.

"Each of them is equal to a Spirit Ability if I manage to master them. That's why Ardagan didn't give me any Sword Abilities after increasing the level of my Swordsmanship.

"Then, how about the mission? Normally, Ardagan would have taken out a mission. At the very least, a mission to save Kirika and Lokhar would appear. Yet, the mission was nowhere to be seen. Even right now, I haven't received any medal in a while.

"I have thought that I could control the mission system a bit after the two missions about the liquid and the firebird, but it seems that I haven't understood Ardagan completely."

Noel sighed while scratching the back of his head, trying to figure out Ardagan. This felt like a challenge from Ardagan itself.

After a while, Noel closed his eyes again, meditating to enter his consciousness.

That was when he met Heisk. Instead of a snowflake symbol, Heisk showed her new appearance after absorbing the ice pearl.

She had a humanoid figure, but her size itself was only around the size of his palm. She had a pair of translucent wings and her body was covered in blue light.

"Master!"

"Heisk?" Noel raised his palm and Heisk landed on top of it. "Where is Ardagan?"

"He is somewhere around here. Do you want me to call him?"

"Before that, what are you doing here? Usually, Ardagan would be the one to meet me first."

"Ah! I want to tell you about something."

"And that is?" Noel furrowed his eyebrows. Usually, Ardagan would be the one giving him all kinds of explanations. It seemed that Ardagan was the one sending Heisk to deal with him.

"I want to give you this technique." Heisk raised her hands as a system notification appeared.

Skill: Ice Infusion (0/2)

Requirement: 7 SP

"This is..." Noel narrowed his eyes. "Are you giving me an ability?"

"Yes. It's been a while since I have given you any ability."

"Oh, thank you." Noel nodded.

"There is one more thing. If you want more skills, you have to find something that suits us. Also, you have to get stronger too."

"What do you mean? I can understand the first one since I have seen you giving me the ability of the ice pearl after absorbing it. But the second one..."

Heisk raised her hand and formed a rectangle on the size of Noel's head. "Imagine this is your Spiritual Energy reserve."

"Energy reserve?"

"Yes. If you use your Spiritual Energy, it'll gradually chip away the reserve." The ice rectangle on top of her head gradually faded away, showing the consumption of the Spiritual Energy.

"So, if I recover my Spiritual Energy, it will return to its original shape?"

"That's right. However, this is only the consumption of your power. Meanwhile, you can't really utilize all of your reserve because the Spirit Abilities have taken some share." Heisk suddenly took out a smaller rectangle from the bigger one. "This is Sword Fall."

She then took out a triangle shape and said, "This is Sword Aura."

She continued by taking another few shapes from the rectangle. "This is Sword Fire, Freezing Crystal, Rune Mastery."

"Wait a moment... Are you telling me..." Noel squinted his eyes, understanding what she wanted to say.

"That's right. Each Spirit Ability you've learned will be ingrained into your Spiritual Energy reserve. It means, all the reserve doesn't go simply as your Spiritual Energy, a portion of them are still used to register those Spirit Abilities. You can say it's the price of our connection since we're lending you our ability."

"I see. I can understand that. Is that why you haven't given me any mission?"

"Yes. All these Spirit Abilities you have learned until today have taken a lot of toll in your reserve. If we take more than that, you will find yourself lacking Spiritual Energy. That's why you have to get stronger by taking more Spiritual Energy."

"Ah..." Noel sucked a cold breath, never expecting this was what truly happened inside his body. The fact that this knowledge hadn't become a common knowledge meant this was a special explanation only to him. But this also brought a lot of questions in Noel's mind.

Chapter 265 Ardagan's Promise?

"..." Noel thought for a moment and asked, "If I have to use a portion of my Spiritual Energy reserve to learn a new technique, doesn't that mean I have to be more careful about choosing my Spirit Abilities?"

"Not necessarily." Heisk shook her head. The Spirits were helping their master to improve, so even though she scared him about the possibility, Heisk had prepared for the solution. "We're the ones taking care of your Spiritual Energy reserve. That's why you haven't received any Spirit Abilities for a while."

"I see. But how can I know how much Spiritual Energy I do have and how much I have spent for the Spirit Abilities?"

"You can simply ask us. We're the one taking care of your Spiritual Energy, so if you ask us, we can make the rough calculation for you. For now, your Spirit Ability have taken sixty percent of your Spiritual Energy Reserve and forty percent are used for your consumption."

"For real? This whole time I have been using only forty percent of my Spiritual Energy?"



"Yes." Heisk nodded.

"But still, I can kinda understand about the reason why I have taken a lot of my Spiritual Energy Reserve for my Spirit Abilities. I have five Sword Abilities, three Fire Abilities, four Ice Abilities and Five Rune Abilities. Are the Spirit Techniques included?"

"Yes."

"It seems that my Everchanging Emotion Sword Style took a lot of it."

"Yes. It took twenty five percent. The second biggest will be the Undying Fire. You have to be careful if you want to increase the level of the Spirit Ability as well."

"I see." Noel scratched the back of his head. "This is going to be a problem. I have taken five types of abilities... I'm afraid that my Spiritual Energy Reserve won't be enough to handle all that."

"Don't worry, Master. Have you forgotten something?"

"What do you mean?" Noel tilted his head in confusion. He was worrying that he took too much energy by registering the skills. In the future, if he wasn't careful, he would be in a deep trouble for not being able to learn high level Spirit Ability simply because he didn't have enough Spiritual Energy Reserve.

However, Heisk simply said, "Don't forget that you have two Spirits in your body. That alone can allow you to register more Spirit Abilities compared to a normal person."

"Then, you have that training that increase your Spiritual Energy... The higher your Spiritual Energy, the higher the increase."

"Last but not least, you have medal that can increase your Spiritual Energy. The stronger you are, the harder the mission you will get. And at that time, your medal will be a lot better than now."

Listening to Heisk's explanation, Noel could finally understand that everything had been calculated. Ardagan was a Fire Sword Spirit, so he could use his natural absorption for the Sword Ability and the medal for the Fire Ability.

Then, he used the increase in training to supply enough energy for the Rune Ability.

On the other hand, Heisk took care of Ice Ability and Other Spirit Techniques. This way, Noel's body would be able to handle all those abilities within him.

The only thing he had to do was to get stronger and amass a greater amount of Spiritual Energy. In other words, he had to find more Demon Crystals.

Upon hearing it, Noel could see the concrete plan of the next few months before graduation.

"I see. It seems that I've been relying on you two." Noel nodded in understanding.

Heisk smiled and said, "I have to rely on Master as well for evolving to a Humanoid Spirit. I think you have aware of this but Spirit lives almost forever. I'm afraid that I'm serving you for a few decades just to evolve myself and live a better life after that."

"No. This is an equal transaction. You help me, I help you. Please continue supporting me and I'll do the same." Noel lowered his head.

"Yes." Heisk also lowered her head.

"Is that all?" Noel asked.

"Yes. I believe I have told you everything. What you are lacking right now is the Spiritual Energy. So, you have to gather a substantial amount of Spiritual Energy to become a Spirit Wielder."

"That's what I'm planning to do. Since you have told me everything, I have to move right away. You sure know how to make me excited." Noel pumped his fists. He understood the system that Ardagan had

built more clearly this time. The only reason why he hadn't given him anything for a while was because he was lacking in Spiritual Energy.

In other words, if he wanted to constantly improve, he had to increase the amount of his Spiritual Energy.

After confirming everything, Noel waved his hand and said, "Alright. Thank you, Heisk."

"Yes, Master." Heisk politely nodded while watching Noel leaving the consciousness.

As soon as he disappeared, Ardagan's voice echoed. "He is a peculiar host, isn't he?"

"Ardagan. You were here this whole time? Why didn't you show up?" Heisk asked, turning around to find the sword floating next to her.

"I shouldn't be the one explaining all that because it'll be seen as me burdening him with all that problem. And if he's grateful to me, it'll cause a lot of problems because he might end up becoming dependent."

"I don't know much about your resolve, but it seems that you have taken a great host after a thousand years."

"I'm simply choosing a great host. You can say I'm picky. That's the reason why I haven't gotten any host for a thousand years. I'm going to raise him to a great man."

"Even though, you can't evolve? Although your form is not a humanoid spirit, you're equal to one. So, I don't see the point of doing all this."

"You don't understand my goal. I'm simply trying to fulfill the condition of my creator."

"Your creator, eh?" Heisk closed her eyes and nodded. "Well, I'll be doing my best to make him stronger."

## Chapter 266 Becoming A Royalty?

Noel gradually opened his eyes, learning so many things in the last few minutes. He never thought that there was a secret in his body that formed his current power system.

"Now that I know what to do..." Noel smiled and walked out of his room to go straight to the training ground to find Anna.

It didn't take too long for him to meet Anna since the latter was about to knock his door. Yes, Anna was standing in front of his door.

"What—!" Noel was startled as he jumped back in surprise.

"I was about to knock your door..." Anna blinked a few times, staring at Noel dumbfoundedly. "I want to talk about something."

Noel took a deep breath to calm his heart before asking, "Is it important? If it's not that important, we should talk about it on the way."

"It's not very important." Anna shook her head. "So, let's go for a walk."

"Sure." Noel immediately grabbed Ardagan and closed the door. While they were walking to the training ground, Noel asked, "So, what do you want to say?"

"I want to talk about runes."

"Yeah? Are you finally going to tell me from where you learn the runes?"

Anna ignored that question and told him about another thing. "You must have written a book about runes, right? And that book is probably at the Greenwood Kingdom."

"!!!" Noel widened his eyes in shock. Anna knowing about the book was one thing, but her knowing the book was in the Greenwood Kingdom was something that no one should know.

Anna knew this because the first one that popularized the book in her past life was the Greenwood Kingdom.

However, her concern was on another thing. It was the result of the book being popularize. She asked, "Do you have any thought about becoming a royalty?"

"What are you talking about?" Noel furrowed his eyebrows. "Are you high?"

"No. If you have the chance to become a royalty, will you do it? Or let's talk about another example... If the Royal Family is a part of the organization, how much are you planning to go?"

"..." Noel was stupefied by the question. If the royal family was a part of the organization, there was nothing they could do other than starting a rebellion to take down the royal family. After all, it would create a great unrest if the Supreme Devil Organization was allowed to grow even stronger.

However, that also created another problem because the Royal Family's spot would be empty. The best option would be the Third Prince.

But this kind of question made him misunderstand Anna's real intention. She thought Anna was thinking about Noel killing all royal family's heirs to ascend to the throne himself. He said, "It seems that you are trying to start a rebellion, Anna Stargaze."

"Rebellion, huh?" Anna's body was trembling, never expecting that Noel would even mention rebellion. "Did you misunderstand me or something?"

"Huh? Aren't you talking about me being a royalty?"

"Yes. What I mean is that the Greenwood Kingdom might popularize your book and after that, they'll track your history. Knowing that you are the descendant of a royalty, they might grant you the prince title. Since your gene is already far away from the royalty, you are probably going to marry a princess there and become the true royalty." Anna explained her real concern.

"Oh?" Noel nodded in understanding. The rune book was more complete than the Spirit Enchantment Book in the Greenwood Kingdom.

Noel, who knew about this book, was a huge treasure in their eyes. The Greenwood Kingdom would try to do everything to make him a part of them. If they couldn't do anything, he would probably be eliminated. After all, the fact that he knew about the basic runes meant he could develop it even further.

This would be a great threat to all kingdoms. And the best way to protect himself was to become a royalty.

Noel closed his eyes for a moment and said, "I can understand what you're talking about, but my goal is clear. If becoming a royalty can make me achieve that goal, I don't mind becoming one."

Anna looked down with a sad expression. Noel had changed, so she couldn't expect that Noel to reject it like the past life. In the end, she couldn't hold him here.

There was even a greater disappointment that she didn't know where it did come from. She just felt empty knowing Noel would leave.

However, that disappointment disappeared when she heard Noel's next words.

"Unfortunately, being a royalty won't allow me to achieve my goal."

"Eh?" Anna turned to him in shock. "You are not going to be a part of royalty?"

Noel shook his head, confirming it. "I have my goal and that's what I'm going to fulfill."

"I see. That's a relief..." Anna smiled as if a great burden was just lifted from her heart. "Ah, wait. Why did I say it's a relief? The fact that you're not going to be a royalty means you are going to face a harder future, you know."

"Hahaha!" Noel chuckled and said, "That's why I'm going to take advantage of you before graduation."

"Mhm?" Anna furrowed her eyebrows, wondering what Noel had for her.

"What's the best way to get Demon Crystals?"

"Huh? That's your plan?" Anna hesitated for a moment and said, "There are three ways to get a huge number of Demon Crystals. The first would be to hunt it yourself. With that overwhelming power, you should be able to amass a huge number of Low and Mid Quality Crystals. Once you become stronger, you gather Advanced Quality Crystals and repeat it.

"The second way is to buy it with your financial power. As you can see, the reason why the Demon Banner Army is strong because they have a lot of Demon Crystals. It allows them to create a financial power for those sheltered nobles that simply want to get stronger without risking their lives. So, yeah. You can take advantage of this one in two ways depending on your need.

"As for the last one... you can get a lot of Contribution Points and exchange it through the Demon Banner Army. This is the benefit only the knights from the Demon Banner Army will have."

Noel listened to her carefully before a smile appeared on his face. "That's it."

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Anna was confused by Noel's train of thought and asked, "Do you want to exchange your Contribution Points with Demon Crystals?"

"Yes."

"Well, we, Apprentice Knights, haven't been impacted by the rules yet, so we can easily get numerous Demon Crystals to start. After graduation, we're going to get imposed by twenty percent rules where you have to hand over twenty percent of Crystals you got except for some special cases."

"That's what I'm planning." Noel nodded with a serious expression. "I'm planning to hunt Demons right now and use all the Contribution Points right before graduation."

"Huh? What do you mean?"

"The requirement to graduate is to finish five Individual Mission and five Group Mission, right?"

"Yes. Ah, wait! Do you mean..."

"Yes. That's the minimum requirement. There's no one telling us we can't get more missions." Noel smirked.

"But we don't have too much time left."

"The Body Strengthening Liquid... We'll take on missions along the way. If possible, I'll also hunt some more demons." Noel nodded with a smirk. "This way, we can amass more Contribution Points and exchange it with the Demon Crystals. It's true that Spirit Techniques are quite tempting, but what I'm lacking right now is the Spiritual Energy in my body."

"I see. It seems to be a concrete plan." She agreed with Noel's decision. Even she was tempted by it. Even though her father was still in power unlike Noel's, she never relied on her family that much except for the little money she brought when she first came here.

"Let's go."

"So, we're only doing subjugation missions?"

"Any mission that doesn't take too much time. Three days will be the limit for each mission."

With the agreement, the two immediately rushed to Shale and said, "Sir Shale. I'm going to take on my last missions."

"Me too."



"Last missions?" Shale was confused because both of them only needed one mission to graduate. He thought that Noel was telling him to represent Anna, but it didn't seem to be the case.

"I need to check it with you, but you know that you only need one more mission to graduate, right?" Shale asked for confirmation with a wry smile.

"Yes. But there is no rule that we can't take on more missions before we graduate, right?" Noel asked.

"No. There's nothing like that."

"That's why we want to take on our last missions."

It didn't take too long for Shale to realize their aims. "You're aiming for more Contribution Points?"

Noel and Anna admitted it without hesitation. "Yes."

"Are you serious?" Shale pinched the bridge of his nose while taking out the mission catalog. "Well, just take a look at the catalog."

Noel took a look at the book while Anna asked, "By the way, how many Contribution Points to exchange for Demon Crystals?"

"Mhm?" Shale finally knew their purpose in getting more missions. He watched both of their faces first. They weren't people who would recklessly destroy themselves just for the sake of Contribution Points, so he let them away with this. "Depends on what you want."

"Low Quality Crystals?"

"One point for one crystal. That kind of demon is like an ant compared to the knight of our army, so we just have too many of them."

"How about Mid Quality Crystals?"

"Fifty Points for one Crystals

"That's so expensive."

"Advance Qual—"

As if he had done picking his missions, Noel interjected Anna's question, "By the way, can we also turn in the Demon Crystals we have?"

"Yes. People like that are usually exchanging it with equipment."

Noel nodded and said, "In that case, I don't need Advanced Quality Crystals."

"Huh? Are you serious, Noel? Advanced Quality Crystal is very good for your development, you know." Anna stopped him from going to this path. After all, it would only slow down his progress. If he wanted to get stronger, he should get Advanced Quality Crystals instead of the lower quality ones.

However, Noel had an answer to that. "I'm focusing on filling the Low Quality and Mid Quality Crystals first. As soon as I have hit my limit, I can sell the Crystals for money.

"No matter what you say, I don't have anyone backing me up with financial power. So, these Crystals will be my main source of income for the time being."

"Ah..." Anna looked away, understanding and respecting his choice.

"How about you?" Shale asked Anna since she was different.

Anna said, "I'll also focus on the first two as well. I don't want to rely on my family that much."

"Alright. Anyway, have you picked your missions?"

Noel nodded and pointed at least six subjugation missions. "These three are mine and the others are Anna's. This is Individual Mission, but since we have finished our requirement right at the first mission, we don't have to abide by the rule anymore, right?"

"Tsk. Smartass." Shale clicked his tongue. "Yes. Though, I have to make sure that you finish your first mission by yourself."

"Of course. Do we look like we don't have any integrity?"

"Well, just in case." Shale shrugged.

"Are you salty that I didn't accept your invitation?" Noel chuckled, presenting it in a lighthearted way to not offend Shale.

Though, Shale replied with a serious expression. "Yes. I'm salty. Do you want me to express all my hatred to you for rejecting me?"

"..." Noel clapped his hands and hurriedly changed the topic. "Anyway, these are the missions. I hope that Sir Shale can record it for us."

Shale stared at Noel's face for a moment, making it awkward. But since Noel was looking away, Shale ended up recording it and handing the mission to them. "These are your missions. Remember the time limit as well as the missions."

"Of course." Noel smiled.

Shale looked at the sky before saying, "Before leaving, I suggest you to leave tomorrow."

"What do you mean?" Noel was confused before seeing Shale pointing at the sky.

"It's going to be a heavy rain tonight. As you know, we have four seasons, spring, summer, rainy, and winter. And right now, we're at the peak of the rainy season, so you have to be careful."

"How do you even know it's going to rain?"

"Just take a look at the cloud, the shape, the size, and so on. Then, you take a look at the wind and see if it will carry the cloud away or not. After that, when you breathe, do you feel that its temperature drops or not? Then, does it feel humid? These are the basics to predict rain. Once you get used to it, you should be able to predict it correctly most of the time. It's a useful skill."

"I understand. I'll learn it." Noel nodded and bowed to Shale before leaving, noting everything in his mind.

Chapter 268 An Advanced Village

The next day.

Noel and Anna were riding horse side by side, going to their first mission which was aligned with their final destination.

The soil was muddy and there were even some puddles in their path.

"The rain was quite big yesterday." Noel furrowed his eyebrows, recalling Shale's lesson.

"Indeed." Anna nodded. "The worst will be the winter, the season after this. The temperature is going to drop even further."

"Yeah. In just one month." Noel agreed and thought for a moment. "I guess we have to walk through the snow to reach our new post."

"Yes. The problem is... Since we're going to the Demon Relief Squad, the jobs will become harsher."

"Indeed. I still remember that we start the training right after the winter ends. So, we have never faced this problem. I guess it's going to be troublesome soon. There will be many people dying as well."

"It's a problem for all kingdoms. It's sad but we can't unsee it. There are even worse villages where they have to sell their children just to keep them fed." She sighed.

"Well, it's impossible to take care of everyone in a winter." Noel scratched the back of his head.  
"Anyway, we can discuss the problem later after we arrive at the Demon Relief Squad. For now, let's focus on our missions."

"Right."

"If we take a look at these missions, they're all subjugation missions. With our strength, I'm going to limit the time we will take to finish the mission." Noel had calculated the time they had to take to subjugate all these monsters. So, he raised three fingers. "Three days. We will meet here after three days to continue finishing the rest of the missions."

"Then, we'll go straight to the place where the Body Strengthening Liquid is. This way, we should be able to finish everything before winter comes."

"I agree with your schedule. Though, the moment we return there, we'll just spend our Contribution Points and graduate, right?"

"Yes. That's the plan. With an extra of one and a half months before the normal graduation, we can spend half a month to prepare and go to our new post. Then, use a month or so to create a scheme to kill me. After all, this will be perfect for when I come to the Demon Relief Squad."

"It's good enough." Anna nodded.

"Now that we have fixed our course, let's speed up, shall we?" Noel smirked.

"Of course." Anna gently tapped the horse as it started running.

It didn't take too long for them to arrive at the junction where they had to part.

"The left is Hugel Plain. It's your place to subjugate a herd of Leopard Demons that have been hunting all animals, making the hunters having no animal to hunt. If it continues, the hunter won't be able to prepare for the winter. Even worse, they're nomads tribe, so it's going to be hell if they can't get something to eat." Noel explained her mission.

"Meanwhile, yours is Lontera Mountain. There seems to be a new king in that jungle and due to the sudden change, it causes a lot of problems to the villages near the mountain. You are going to subjugate it."

Noel and Anna smiled, confirming each other's mission. They seemed to know what each other wanted to say as they turned around and started going to their own direction.

"See you in three days."

The two went separate ways.

Noel rode the horse to the village at the foot of the mountain, which was supposed to be the one requesting their help.

The village didn't seem to be that big. He could only see fifteen houses in the village.

"Mhm? It seems that the village population is about fifty people. Normally, the village that will request the Demon Banner Army's help is bigger than this. It seems that the village is flourishing..." Noel muttered while trying to see the location.

However, the more he climbed, the more he realized why the village seemed to be flourishing. There was a huge farm field next to them. He even saw farmers leisurely sitting on the side as if they didn't need to take care of the field.

When they noticed him, they were waving their hands as if greeting him.

Noel furrowed his eyebrows and jumped off his horse as he walked the last fifty meters to feel the living atmosphere in this village.

Surprisingly, there was a middle-aged man who suddenly came out upon noticing him. He raised his hand to stop him while asking, "Who are you? What's the purpose of you visiting our village?"

Noel took out the badge and introduced himself. "My name is Noel. I have come upon the request to the Demon Banner Army."

"Demon Banner Army?!" The middle-aged man was stunned for a moment before saying, "Let me confirm it first. Do you mind waiting here?"

"Sure. I'll wait." Noel nodded while looking around, wondering the secret of the village. Surprisingly, he could see multiple layers of field in this place.

"Hmm? The terraced fields... It's not natural. It's like they're trying to use the slope of the mountain to create this terrace. But why?" Noel narrowed his eyes.

Suddenly, a gentle voice echoed in his ears. "Because by using the slope and creating a terrace like this, it allows us to form a good irrigation system. Not only that, but we can create a farm in a sloped fields. There are other benefits as well."

Noel turned around to find the woman who explained everything to him. The woman had long brown hair and wore big round glasses. She looked like she was in her mid twenties, but despite her young age, she looked mature and knowledgeable.

"Are you the village chief?" Noel asked dumbfoundedly. He wasn't shocked by her beauty, he was just surprised that the village chief would be someone this young.

However, the brown-haired woman shook her head gently. "No. But I'm the one requesting your help, Sir Knight. Please come with me. I'll be explaining the problem to you."

"Sure."

Noel didn't know at this time that he would be shocked by the knowledge of the woman he had just met.

#### Chapter 269 Farming

Noel was invited to the house the lady used in this village. It couldn't be said tidy or messy because inside the living room, he could see a few stacks of books. There were even some papers scattered around.

"Ahaha, it might look a bit messy. Please forgive me."

"Do you need my help in cleaning?" Noel chuckled, thinking nothing of this mess.

"How can I trouble Mr. Noel Ardagan with this?" The lady shook her head with a smile as if accepting the thought alone.

"Mhm?" Noel furrowed his eyebrows. He only introduced himself to the village as Noel, not his full name, so it meant that the lady herself was already aware of his name. "Do you know me?"

"Of course, I know you." She smiled. "Let me introduce myself. My name is Jasmine Whitfield."

"Whitfield?" Noel finally understood why she knew his name. She was also a noble.

"That's right. I am the first daughter of Count Whitfield. The last time I've met you was probably at the banquet four years ago."

"I see. You are Count Whitfield's..." Noel nodded in understanding. "Please forgive my rudeness. Thank you for welcoming me here, Miss Jasmine. You can call me Noel as I have lost the right to call myself a noble."



"Then, please call me Jasmine too. After all, I'm indebted to Count Ardagan for sponsoring all my research. He is the one allowing me to escape from political marriage and pursue my own study."

"Ah?!" Noel just realized. Noble's sons would become useless if they were not the first born since the first born was most likely to inherit the family. So, the other sons would most likely either marry to another household or work something they wanted to do.

On the other hand, noble's daughters had a more miserable fate. They wouldn't inherit the family and they couldn't do something they wanted by leaving the house. After all, the noble's daughters would become a political tool to get connection between noble families.

That was why Anna used all her strength to prove that she wouldn't become a tool. And the one in front of him right now managed to escape that fate by getting the protection of his father. With that amount of money, she managed to break free from her family.

Jasmine smiled and explained. "Count Ardagan didn't only help me financially, but also gave some money to my family. That's why I could research things I like. Looking at this case, you can say I'm working for Count Ardagan instead of my family... So, you can call me Jasmine as well."

"I see." Noel closed his eyes for a moment, understanding what his father wanted from her. "But my family has been ruined, so no need to be polite to me just because you once worked for my father."

"No can do." Jasmine shook her head. "I don't know much about financial sector, but I still can get some money from the Count. It seems that he has left a big amount of money for me. If you ever reclaim your position, I'll head to your territory and bring the result of my research. That's the agreement between me and Count Ardagan."

"Well, for now, I'm not a noble, so you can just feel at ease. Who knows about the future." Noel shrugged.

Seeing Noel's expression, Jasmine sighed and agreed to not be too polite. "In that case, do you have any questions about me?"

"Many things. What's about the terraced field? I can see that the farmer seems to be having an easy day."

"Terraced Field is a method to create a farm field in a slope. You know that it's hard to create something in a slope because the water will just continuously flow to the bottom, right?"

"Yes."

"By creating a terraced field, we can create a few flat surfaces while maintaining the slope itself. Also, by using this method, we can trap the water as well, improving the overall irrigation system." She explained before remembering something. "Wait a moment."

She tried to grab all the papers on the ground as if trying to find something before she found a drawing.

"This is the concept." She showed the drawing of the terrace field to Noel. "See these lines? They're used for the irrigation system. There is also one more thing that I have to add... We're not at the foot of any mountain... Instead, this is a volcano!"

"A volcano?" Noel tilted his head in confusion. "Isn't volcano bad for humans? I mean, if it erupts, it can kill you."

"Yes. But the material that volcano spurt out seems to be good for the soil."

"Now that I think about it, the people around the volcano indeed flourish more..."

"That's right. I'm taking advantage of the volcano to create a farm land that is better than any others."

"Are you serious?" Noel was impressed because if this experiment succeeded, they wouldn't have any problems with food anymore.

"Yes. I'm also working in the flatlands, but the progress is a bit too small."

"Well, I can't really sponsor you or anything since I don't have my family anymore. Sorry."

"No, no. That's not what I'm talking about. I'm not troubled with fund, I'm just waiting for the time because the harvest takes months and to prove it, it might take years. Do you know that pigs and cows' feces can be used to fertilize the soils?"

"People often thought they were useless and disturbing, but it turned out to be a treasure. I'm working on a plan to create a sustainable farm field. Then..."

Jasmine continued to talk for half an hour. She even showed Noel the proof of research.

With her enthusiasm and smile alone, Noel knew that she was very passionate in this area. Even Noel was impressed by her knowledge because he knew that no one had ever researched this. Everything she had gotten at this step came solely from her experiment.

Despite all the trials and errors, she didn't give up.

In his heart, another small goal appeared. He wanted to be rich, rich enough to sponsor her and other people like her. With enough money, people like her could improve the life in his territory after all.

Chapter 270 Investigation

After an hour, she finally finished talking. She took a deep breath while wiping the sweats on her forehead.

"This is the first time I've had so much fun talking about something." Jasmine looked a bit tired and said, "Do you know that you're very knowledgeable, Noel?"

"I often heard that I'm ignorant." Noel chuckled. "Everything I said came just from my logical thinking alone. Besides, I'm also curious about your experiment. If only I'm rich enough, I would've sponsored you."

"Haha, I won't have any funding trouble for a while. Maybe in the future, you can become my sponsor." Jasmine smirked.

"Indeed." Noel nodded in agreement. "Though, let's get back to the main reason why I come here."

"Ah! That's right, I forgot about it." She facepalmed and hurriedly explained the mission. "There seems to be a change in this volcano. I'm not very sure about it, but this mountain has been controlled by a hawk. It often flies around, so we usually got into shelter so it didn't find us."

"But two months ago, we stopped hearing anything from the hawk. And the animals around the mountain have been more active recently."

"So, you're assuming that the demons have gotten involved?"

"Yes. It seems that the demons have infested this mountain. However, we can't confirm it just yet because it's extremely dangerous to climb the mountain right now."

Noel thought for a moment. "I see. I can understand the situation. For now, I can't say anything until I investigate the mountain."

"How long will it take for you to investigate the area?"

"Hmm?" Noel looked down, contemplating. 'I have Demon Hunter Medal for now, so I can simply run around the mountain while relying on my medal to do the job. But this volcano is a bit too big...'

After making some rough calculation, Noel answered, "I probably need a whole day to investigate it."

"A whole day?" Jasmine was dumbstruck, looking at Noel as if he just said something ridiculous.

"Is it too long? Well, I can probably compress it to twenty hours. But that might put me in danger as well because I'll be exhausted and won't be able to fight any demons."

"No, no. Don't you think it's ridiculous to investigate the mountain by yourself? I mean, I can understand if you tell me you need a week or something. But a whole day?"

"Yes?" Noel tilted his head in confusion. "I have my own method to investigate the area."

"..." Jasmine fell silent and nodded. "Well, I'm no expert in this matter, so I'll leave everything to you."

"I understand. I'll also try to find any trace of the hawk while doing so. Anyway, there are a few villages around the mountain, right?"

"Yes. There are a total of eight villages scattered at the foot of the mountain."

"Anything I have to be concerned with?"

"Not at all. If they stop you or anything, please tell them that Jasmine is responsible for you. Even though I stay in this village, I spread the method, you know. So, they should know my name."

"I understand." Noel nodded. "Alright. I'll start investigating right now."

"Why don't you get some rest for the time being? You must be tired after traveling so far, right?"

"No, it's fine. I'll just leave the horse here and start moving around." Noel stood up, preparing to leave.

"In that case, I'll inform the village about your situation. You can do whatever you want."

"Got it. Then, please excuse me." Noel waved his hand and walked out of the house. After handing the horse, he began climbing the mountain while using his Demon Hunter Medal to find any demons near him.

Still, the terraced fields truly impressed him. Even though he was running around, he kept glancing at the terraced fields. In his previous territory, there were a few mountains and one of them was a volcano. It would be useful to implement this method in the future.

And he also confirmed that other villages also implemented the same thing, allowing them to be able to maintain their farm without too much labor.

After he felt enough, Noel began to focus on the investigation. Due to his Demon Hunter Medal that allowed him to sense all demons within fifty meters, he could simply run around the mountain in a straight line before climbing for another one hundred meters and repeating the process until he reached the top.

The amount of time to run around the mountain would become less and less since the mountain looked like a cone.

Noel's speed was fast and he was nimble enough to avoid all kinds of obstacle he would find in the mountain.

It didn't take too long for Noel to confirm Jasmine's words as he found the first demon four hours after he began investigating.

Noel didn't hesitate to kill the Low Level Demon before continuing his investigation. As expected from the mountain that had been infested by demons, the higher he climbed, the more dangerous it became.

More and more demons were spotted. And the problem was the demon infesting this mountain was not only Low Level Demons. There were even some Mid Level Demons that an Apprentice Knight would have a hard time to kill.

Unless the people that went on this mission was people like him or Lokhar, it would be impossible to complete it.

But since he was Noel, he wasn't afraid of them. In fact, Noel was expecting an Advanced Level Demon because that was the only one that could control this mountain.

"Still, how did the demons come here?" Noel muttered while running. "It's true that it's hard to keep all borders in check and the demons must pass through the gap and infested this mountain. But we're talking about Advanced Level Demon... I can understand Low Level Demon and Mid Level Demons since they can be killed pretty easily. But Advanced Level Demon..."

Noel narrowed his eyes, feeling something wrong.

And that feeling was proven right after he questioned it. The Demon Hunter Medal suddenly picked a strong presence that made Noel instinctively stop and hide behind a tree.

'This is...'