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Chapter 841 Full Strength

The approaching Spirit Bishops and Inspectors raised their weapons while releasing their Spiritual Energy, ready to encircle him.

Qiel also aimed her bow, ready to shoot another arrow.

Seeing the situation, Noel could only run forward, trying to get as close as possible to the border.

Qiel released another arrow, but this time, instead of Noel, her target was the ground in front of Noel.

Boom!

Boom!

Boom!

Surprisingly, there were a few other explosions that occurred right after that. Noel couldn't see what happened because the explosion formed a cloud of dust that engulfed him.

"Tsk." Noel gritted his teeth. The first explosion had covered his vision, so he didn't know if the second and the other explosions after the first one were created by Qiel's arrows or not.

Additionally, Noel could only expect the location where Qiel would shoot him, not the actual arrow itself. Hence, there was a chance that Qiel would take advantage of this cloud of dust to bombard him.

To his surprise, a few shadows appeared in his vision, carrying their blades. He immediately thought of them as the Devil Bishops and Inspectors.

Without hesitation, Noel waved his sword horizontally as the Spiritual Energy created a circle that continued to expand.

Circular Sword Strike.

The shadows seemed to be blocking the attack with their weapons. And as one would expect from multiple Spirit Masters and Spirit Grandmasters, they broke Noel's attack apart in just a second.

With that attack, Noel had just given away his position as well.

With only a span of two seconds, another blast occurred not far from him.

"!!!" Noel widened his eyes in shock. He never stopped moving, so the fact that there was an explosion in front of him meant Qiel could pinpoint his location and generate another cloud of dust in front, trapping him in an endless cloud of dust.

Still, Noel had one more trump card that allowed him to assess the situation around him. He said inwardly, 'Ardagan. Change the medal to Demon Hunter Medal and Affection Medal.'

The Demon Hunter Medal was tasked to avoid any demons approaching him. Although the Supreme Devil Organization hadn't shown it this whole time, he still remembered the fact that the organization could control demons. Even if the Plant Lord had been eliminated, they should still have the method to replicate the item to control the demons.

As for the Affection Medal, it would allow him to recognize all the people inside the cloud.

'There are a total of twelve people...' Noel muttered the number of Devil Bishops and Inspectors that came after him. But the moment he saw the information notifications, there were thirteen of them, one overlapping with another.

There were two possibilities for the thirteenth person. The first one would be the one that had been waiting in the city, giving them the signal and other miscellaneous things. And the second one would be Qiel.

Although it was easy to know Qiel was the one infiltrating the cloud, it was hard to pinpoint her location due to the overlapping notifications.

In that split second, Noel chose to utilize the only advantage he had. He was alone, and that was enough.

Without hesitation, Noel waved his hand, using the last ability he got from Heisk.

Eternal Frozen.

As soon as Noel placed his hand on the ground, the Spiritual Energy burst out of his hand, freezing everything, including the sand particles.

"!!!" Everyone was completely shocked because this was an ability that a normal Spirit Master wouldn't have. From the outside, it looked like the entire cloud of dust turned white because it was covered in ice. But from the people who were inside, they could see the small ice particles flashing before their eyes. The ice particles might be small, but each of them carried a tremendous amount of cold energy.

When their skin touched the ice particles, the cold ran through their bodies, causing them to shiver. And it was even worse for those who didn't cover their mouth and nose. The ice particles went inside their bodies and burst out.

"Gah!" A few people suddenly fell down, coughing loudly. They could feel their inner body was being frozen completely.

However, Qiel displayed her superiority by controlling her Spiritual Energy perfectly to the point where she created a thin layer of barrier in the direction where she was going, catching all the ice particles.

She passed through without hesitation and reached Noel.

"!!!" Noel clicked his tongue. Even if his strength and speed were already at the level of a Spirit Grandmaster, Qiel's physical abilities far surpassed him.

He tried to swing his blade, stopping Qiel. But the latter skillfully jumped into the air and grabbed the back of his collar, throwing him into the air. I think you should take a look at

"Kh." Noel could see the frozen dust. At the same time, he knew that Qiel would shoot him from the ground.

Without hesitation, Noel formed Ice Mirror and stacked them to stop just a single bullet from Qiel.

But that wasn't all. Noel still had one advantage that Qiel knew nothing about.

When the arrow was released, the fluctuation of energy burst out, blowing the dust away and revealing Qiel's position.

The arrow hit the Ice Mirrors, piercing through all of them.

Noel took advantage of the little time the Ice Mirrors gave him by slowing down the arrow to activate his Enhance Forward Rune in his body. Unlike the normal rune that required a lot of time to create from scratch, the Rune Body only needed Spiritual Energy to activate.

As a result, the Enhance Forward Rune immediately launched him toward the border, using the momentum he got from Qiel's throw to create a parabolic movement.

"What?!" Qiel widened her eyes in shock, never expecting that Noel could do something like that. It wasn't a pure control over his Spiritual Energy nor was it a Spirit Ability. She wasn't aware it was a rune either, making her think this was another secret that the Ardagan Family possessed, and they had to get it.

Although the shock gave Noel an opportunity to widen their distance, Qiel managed to recover and aim at him again.

Surprisingly, the person who had been watching them the whole time had decided to intervene.

A shadow rose from the side, alerting Noel and Qiel.

Noel activated his Reduce Impact Rune as well as Rune Blast. The Rune Blast knocked the guy, but the latter also managed to punch him toward the ground. The Reduce Impact Rune decreased the force he received from the punch and the fall.

It turned out the person Qiel had stationed in the city was another Spirit Grandmaster.

"I'm sorry I did something unnecessary, Madam Qiel." The person apologized while recovering from the Rune Blast on the ground.

"No. You've made the correct decision." Qiel had judged that no matter how smart the kid was, they would be no match for her. In other words, Tristan would have left the city if he had been inside it this whole time. If he waited for Noel's signal, then it would be easier to track him down.

Hence, Qiel deemed that Tristan was not within the town, thus allowing them to focus on Noel. It was true that they had agreed to capture Tristan, but the fact that he wasn't here had annulled the agreement.

Noel gritted his teeth. Behind him was the border, but he still needed to run for another two kilometers. On his right was the Spirit Grandmaster, who ambushed him while in front of him stood Qiel with her bow. A few Spirit Grandmasters and Masters seemed to survive the Eternal Frozen as well and blocked his left.

He only had one way to go, but it would mean his movement would be predictable, especially for Qiel.

Still, he had to go.

Noel didn't turn around. Instead, he jumped slightly into the air and propelled himself with the Enhance Forward Rune.

"After him! Careful, he has weird abilities!" Qiel shouted while releasing a shot.

Noel used the Snow Shield, Ice Mirror, and Energy Dispersing Rune to block Qiel's arrow. After that, he sent forth the Undying Phoenix to the Spirit Grandmaster on the right.

The people from the left approached him since this was the most useful way to stop Noel on his track, especially with the fact that Noel could propel himself backward at that speed.

Noel used his Rune Body again, but this time, he activated the Energy Gathering Rune. He gathered a huge amount of energy on his left before sending a little Undying Fire to set it ablaze.

"!!!" The sudden burst of flame startled and even scared them a bit, fully knowing how intense Noel's flame was. That burst of flame served as a wall that stopped them for a few seconds.

Seeing this situation, Qiel released another arrow.

Noel finally used his Phoenix Wings to launch himself into the air and use the Enhance Forward Rune to carry him.

He was using both elements and all his runes to the maximum in order to escape from Qiel.

But at the same time, the battlefield had undergone another change as the person they thought wasn't here had revealed themselves.

Their vision had been blocked by the city building before, but when the two figures reached a certain distance, their shadows appeared in the corner of the people's eyes.

Yes, they were Tristan and Sandra. There was no more disguise or waiting. They were running without even looking back, fully knowing that if they reduced their speed even just a little, everything would be in vain.

And their appearance was the thing that Noel had been waiting for because he could see the shock in their eyes. He utilized that little shock to grow his distance even more while situating himself between the two kids and the organization. The second round had just started.

Chapter 842 4 Minutes

"There are a lot of noises from outside the town. Is it Master?" Sandra couldn't help but look at the sky, wondering what was happening outside the town. Even the people in the town had grown restless, wondering if there were demons attacking them.

Tristan had been quiet for some time as he maintained his focus on measuring the sun's position.

While Sandra was looking around with a worried face, Tristan suddenly stood up and grabbed her hand.

"Sandra. We're going." Tristan said while taking a glimpse of the sun's position. This was the position he remembered to be the one directly above his head. "We have to trust Master's plan. He said that no matter how hard it is, we should never look at him and lower our speed. Just focus on crossing the border. Even if you're distracted, I won't and will keep dragging you."

"Don't worry, I know." Sandra nodded with a serious expression.

After that brief conversation, Sandra and Tristan dashed to the outside. They had been waiting at the edge of the town this whole time, so it only took them half a minute to leave the town.

There were no guards as well, considering the battle had taken their attention. Hence, Sandra and Tristan smoothly exited the city and saw the border to the Greenwood Kingdom.

With his right hand, holding Sandra's hand, he pointed at the bricks and shouted, "That's the border. We have to reach that place no matter what."

"Yes." Sandra gritted her teeth, listening to all those explosions. She could only ignore all of it, not knowing if their master was alright or not.

The first minute was completely safe and peaceful. There was no one coming after them. But the moment the buildings had stopped covering them from a certain angle, everything became different.

A loud shout resounded across the area.

"Look at them! There are two kids going straight to the border!"

The one who released that information was none other than the Spirit Grandmaster, who was originally stationed in the city. It turned out he had been bamboozled by those kids.

After recovering from the shock, he confirmed their identity, or more like Tristan's identity.

'What? The kids are there? But there is more than one kid? Why do they appear now? Is there a specific signal? They don't have Spiritual Energy in their bodies, so they shouldn't know that the scout has left the city. Then, how do they know when to leave?' There were a lot of questions appearing in Qiel's mind. However, one thing was clear. Noel had successfully fooled her. "Kh!"

Additionally, Noel took advantage of that split-second confusion to use his full-speed fly toward the kids, positioning himself between the organization and the kids so that they couldn't harm them.

While it was true that they couldn't kill Tristan due to the agreement, they could attack anything around them to stop them. A small injury wouldn't be a problem, especially with Qiel's pinpoint accuracy.

Noel released all his Spiritual Energy, preparing for his last stand. With a glance, he gathered all the information and calculated the time.

'With their speed, reaching the border will require eight minutes. Qiel will release an endless onslaught... I can stop them, but it's impossible to handle the other experts...' Noel gritted his teeth, wondering if Dimitri had finished or not.

When he glanced to the side, he saw a black-colored energy clashing with a red-colored energy. The black energy was overwhelming the other one, but it wasn't completely. It seemed that Nelfer was stronger than he expected.

In other words, there was a possibility that he had to do it alone.

Noel took a deep breath. He could shoot out multiple runes, but the strength of the runes was still lacking compared to his Spirit Abilities.

Hence, Noel gathered his Spiritual Energy in both hands. This time, the right hand received its energy from Ardagan's Spirit Seal, while the left hand received it from Heisk's Spirit Seal.

Since it was impossible to use the Cold Empowerment, he activated the Fire Heart to boost his Fire Ability and the Empowerment Rune on his body to increase his physical abilities.

Qiel had released another arrow straight to Tristan and Sandra. It would miss them, but the explosion would definitely stop the twins.

Noel landed on the ground and raised both hands.

Snow Shield.

Undying Phoenix.

The Snow Shield burst out, releasing a huge ice crystal.

"Do you think you can stop it?" Qiel harrumphed as the arrow released another burst of energy, breaking the ice crystal apart.

"Of course not." Noel smiled. He knew that Qiel was planning to use all her power to defeat him, so it was impossible for the Snow Shield alone to stop it. Hence, he sent forth the Undying Phoenix at the same time.

The phoenix used the little time the ice crystal stopped the arrow to completely engulf it in flame. I think you should take a look at

"!!!" Qiel could see her own Spiritual Energy being reduced to nothing and the arrow ultimately disappeared before it could reach Noel.

The other experts caught up, trying to go straight past Noel and capture the two kids. Without orders, they knew what to do not only to distract Noel, but also to get their objectives.

"Tsk." Noel flapped his wings, using the Fire Gale.

The intense heat, coupled with the high temperature of the desert, brushed off their skins.

A portion of their clothes started burning. The Spirit Masters persisted for a moment but ended up using their remaining energy to let out a burst to disrupt the flow of energy, protecting the Spirit Grandmasters. The latter had their skin reddened by the heat like a boiled shrimp, but they continued chasing their target, ignoring the damage on their bodies. As long as they could get these two kids, capturing Noel would be easy.

Noel couldn't see any way to stop them anymore.

Additionally, Dimitri's side didn't seem to be good either.

"You won't be able to help them, Dimitri!"

Boom

A shout followed with a loud rumbling sound echoed in the area. Nelfer had just smashed the ground, causing it to tremble. His body was covered in wounds to the point that his skin became red because of his blood.

It was clear that if Dimitri continued, he would be able to kill Nelfer.

But Dimitri actually positioned himself not far from Noel and the others. In other words, Dimitri realized that the situation was much worse than he originally thought and chose to be near so that he could help at any moment.

'Killing Nelfer would give a great blow to the organization, but...' Noel thought for a second. But seeing how Dimitri couldn't finish him off this whole time, it seemed that he still required a few more minutes. In addition, there was another plan that appeared in his mind. That plan might allow him to complete his objective, so Noel ordered Dimitri out loud. "Dimitri. Protect the kids!"

"!!!" Dimitri widened his eyes, hearing his master's order.

"You can't!" Nelfer hurriedly punched him but ended up piercing through Dimitri's body as the latter turned into shadow and went straight to the kids.

The seven Spirit Grandmasters that managed to slip past Noel saw the incoming Dimitri. Six of them immediately turned around, trying to stop Dimitri, while the last one caught the kid.

Unfortunately for them, Dimitri was so fast that he could loop around them.

The Spirit Grandmaster, who was about to catch the kids, extended his hands, trying to grab their collars. However, his face soon got kicked by Dimitri as his body was blown a few meters away.

Dimitri had caught up to the two kids as he shouted, "Keep running!"

Sandra was already scared from the intense fight. Tristan was the same. His body was trembling, but he continued running without looking back. He still remembered the first thing Noel said when rescuing him. He told her that if he didn't follow his order, something bad would happen.

No matter how much he wanted to do it, he couldn't look back. Seeing Tristan gritting his teeth, Sandra could only steel herself while doing the same.

Still, the one who took advantage of the moment was not just Dimitri; Noel and Nelfer had done the same.

Noel tried to catch up and stop the six Spirit Grandmasters while looking out for arrows. On the other hand, Nelfer was more clever.

Nelfer jumped into the air, ready to smash the ground. If he could turn the ground into a crater, it would be hard for the kids to leave. Hence, that was what he was planning to do.

"This is your biggest mistake, Dimitri!" Nelfer shouted in anger, releasing all the frustration from being suppressed the entire time.

"..." Dimitri glanced at Tristan and Sandra for a bit, knowing what would happen to them. In the end, Dimitri tossed his blade to the left hand while catching Nelfer's punch with his right hand.

"Kh." Dimitri felt the pain and weight in that punch. With the current condition, he could probably stop the punch if he didn't mind a broken bone, but since he couldn't afford such injuries. He actually kicked his own hand, directing the force of the kick.

"What?!" Nelfer was completely stunned because that kick changed the direction of the punch, causing the shock wave to hit the left direction instead of the kids. As expected, a crater was created in a fan-shaped area, but the kids were still safe.

Dimitri immediately jumped back while raising his sword, but his right hand was completely down. His bone might not be broken, but his hand must be so numb that he couldn't even hold his sword.

There were only four more minutes before the kids could cross the border and the situation seemed to have favored the organization. Would Noel, once again, lose to the organization, or would he prevail this time?

Chapter 843 Goal

Qiel couldn't help but smile when she witnessed the shift on the battlefield. As she expected, the kids would be the greatest weaknesses that Noel and Dimitri had to cover.

However, Noel alone wouldn't be enough to stop her and the other Spirit Grandmasters. She could see that his plan was to let Dimitri defeat Nelfer as quickly as possible before helping with this situation.

If Dimitri could stop Qiel, it wouldn't be much of a problem for Noel to stop the other guys.

Sadly, Noel had miscalculated Nelfer's strength. No, more like, Noel had correctly predicted his strength, but Nelfer simply surpassed that expectation. The frustration that Nelfer had endured for the last few days was released at this time, allowing him to continue moving even with such injuries.

'Nelfer can continue attacking the kids, forcing Dimitri to block his attack and injuring him gradually. The other Spirit Grandmasters could become a distraction while trying to capture those two kids. I will restrain Noel's movement.' Qiel recalculated the situation.

She considered Dimitri's True Spirit Body, but there was no sign of it yet.

Noel had to do something to escape from this situation, especially if he didn't want Dimitri to use his True Spirit Body.

But would Qiel allow him to do so?

Qiel had aimed her bow at him, ready to release multiple arrows.

Sensing the fluctuation of energy, Noel couldn't help but furrow his eyebrows.

'What should I do? If it continues like this, the two kids will be captured before reaching the border. Dimitri might use the True Spirit Body, but it will lead to a severe delay in my future plans... Is it worth it? But if we can't escape from here, there is no future... no, wait, there is one more thing...' Noel looked at Qiel with a grim expression as though he had steeled his resolve.

Feeling his fighting intent, Qiel released three arrows. The first arrow flew straight at him while the other three curved to the left and right.

Noel raised both hands. He sent forth Undying Phoenix from his right hand and created Snow Shield on the right.

The Undying Phoenix flew at the arrow at first, but it suddenly curved before it reached the arrow as if trying to match the arrow's movement.

"!!!" Even Qiel was surprised. Noel actually matched the arrow movement just so that the arrow was exposed to the fire longer. Even though the arrow was faster, it was enough because the Spiritual Energy dissipated at high speed to the point where the arrow disappeared before it could reach him.

On the other side, the Snow Shield perfectly blocked the arrow, leaving only a small trace. Noel easily knocked it down with his blade.

However, Noel didn't do anything against the arrow that came straight ahead.

"What?" Qiel couldn't help but gasp. "Is he going to take my arrow?"

Even though she had split her power into three, the arrow was still considered lethal. Even Noel's strongest abilities had a hard time stopping them, so how could his body receive it?

Noel activated three runes at the same time. The first rune was the Reduce Impact Rune from the Rune Body. It reduced the force that hit his body.

The second rune was the Spiritual Energy Dispersion Rune, allowing him to scatter the energy that fueled the arrow even for a bit.

The last one was Rune Blast, trying to knock the arrow away.

"It's not enough! You won't be able to stop it." Qiel harrumphed. Even though she was surprised by his attempt, it was still not enough.

Yet, a smile actually appeared on Noel's face, startling her.

Noel used the Spirit Weaponry to cut Spiritual Energy itself, but he met with extraordinary resistance. The impact was so big that the shock wave hit him like a giant boulder.

"Kh." Noel gnashed his teeth as blood seeped out between his teeth. Even with the Reduce Impact Rune, the force was still enough to shake his entire organ, causing some internal injuries.

However, this was what Noel wanted. He used his body to receive the force and use it to launch him away.

The speed was so fast that it caught up with the other Spirit Grandmasters.

The Spirit Grandmasters were stunned, not expecting Noel to be able to escape from Qiel. The latter hurriedly formed her arrows again, realizing Noel's intention.

On the other hand, Noel actually thought, 'I'm glad that I use my Honor Points sparingly. Ardagan. Exchange the 400 Honor Points for Skill Points, and distribute those points to Ardagan Swordsmanship and Undying Fire.'

It took Ardagan an instant to process everything, fully knowing that he couldn't be slow because Noel's life would be in danger.

[Converting 400 Honor Points.]

[You've acquired 200 Skill Points.]

[Using 100 Skill Points to upgrade Undying Fire.]

[Undying Fire (3/5)]

[You've acquired Hell Blaze.]

[You've acquired Flame Devil.]I think you should take a look at

[Using 80 Skill Points to upgrade Ardagan Swordsmanship twice.]

[Ardagan Swordsmanship (10/15)]

[You've acquired Imperial Sword.]

[You've acquired Sword Transmutation.]

A sharp pain instantly jolted his brain as the new information entered his mind. Yet, instead of screaming, Noel was actually smiling.

"Miracles... come for those who have prepared."

He had been saving a lot of Honor Points so that he could use them depending on the situation. Before, all his plans had succeeded without any problems, so there was never a chance to use them. Of course, he couldn't use those points in front of an absolute power like the only Spirit Transcendence level Devil Saint.

Noel raised his right hand, clenching his sword tightly.

"What is he doing?" The Spirit Grandmasters were surprised that he managed to catch up to them, but they became more confused when Noel made a gesture he had never shown before.

That could only mean one thing. Noel had another trump card he hadn't used. But the people couldn't believe Noel actually hid another trump card after getting besieged by all of them and Qiel.

But the moment they had that thought, Noel swung his blade.

Imperial Sword.

Some of the Spirit Grandmasters instinctively ducked down, while some raised their weapons to block Noel.

But even with several Spirit Grandmasters, they couldn't even stop Noel's blade as the energy spurred out, extending the blade before erupting to create an enormous force that knocked them down.

Although it was a surprise attack, it was still shocking that even several Grandmasters couldn't stop Noel's sword.

More importantly, the ones who got lucky were actually the knocked ones earlier. A huge fire erupted behind Noel, forming a humanoid silhouette. Even though it was only an upper body, the silhouette was swift as it extended its left hand to catch the Spirit Grandmasters that were still running.

There were three people running side by side. The two on the sides managed to jump away, but because he was surrounded earlier, he couldn't escape from the Flame Devil's clutch.

He was using all his Spiritual Energy to block the fire, but that Flame Devil was formed by the Undying Fire. It instantly evaporated his Spiritual Energy as the fire began to reduce him to ashes.

"Aaaaahhhhh!" The guy was screaming in pain as he felt his body was evaporating.

As expected, Qiel's arrow arrived and shot down the flame. The momentum caused a bit of a shock wave, obliterating the entire elbow. As a result, the remaining hand fell down and the Spirit Grandmaster was saved.

But the result of two seconds of exposure was horrendous. Both of his arms were already reduced to ashes and a huge portion of his body suffered a huge degree of burn. Even with medical attention, it was practically impossible for him to survive.

They never thought the trump card Noel had hidden would be this strong. It wasn't the power of a Spirit Master anymore.

Noel felt the same. After learning about the Spiritual Energy Reserve that Ardagan taught him in the past, he could feel that his body was full to the point where it was a bit suffocating. Additionally, these new techniques required a lot of Spiritual Energy.

Even though he managed to pull back the Grandmasters, his Spiritual Energy rapidly declined. It wouldn't be long until he emptied it out.

Hence, Noel took this chance to draw the Enhance Forward Rune, not for himself but for the two kids behind him.

Tristan and Sandra were startled as they were suddenly launched forward at high speed.

"Aaaahhhh!" They were screaming and panicking, thinking they had been captured. But Tristan remembered the effect and the runes and quickly calmed down. Their distance had been reduced to a mere one hundred meters. It would only take fifteen seconds to cross the border.

"Go!"

Noel's shout echoed in their ears.

"We have to cross the border!" Tristan shouted while running to the best of his abilities. "We can't let Master down! Aaaaahhh!"

"Gh..." Sandra had a hard time keeping up, but she still persisted as the goal was right before her eyes.

Due to the Enhance Forward Rune, Nelfer couldn't reach them anymore. The Spirit Grandmasters had been pushed back by Noel. Qiel had released her arrow to save her subordinates earlier and with Noel standing between them, it was impossible to shoot those two kids.

Finally, after a long battle, Tristan and Sandra took a giant leap as they jumped over the bricks that separated the Greenwood Kingdom from the Atraceaca Kingdom.

There was a huge sign of relief on Noel's face. Tristan and Sandra looked exhausted, but they felt a sense of accomplishment.

After the chase that lasted for almost two weeks, Tristan and Sandra entered the Greenwood Kingdom.

Chapter 844 Raincart

Tristan and Sandra finally crossed the border.

When Noel saw that, he couldn't help but smile, realizing that this was going to end soon. He shouted, "Dimitri!"

Dimitri understood what that shout was for and took a glimpse of Tristan and Sandra's positions. "Got it."

"What got it? You won't be able to do anything before you reach the border city!" Nelfer shouted in anger while punching Dimitri.

Once again, Dimitri turned into a shadow and moved toward Tristan and Sandra. Noel also did the same with the Spirit Grandmasters following him.

"Tsk." Qiel gritted her teeth but hadn't lost her will yet. She was the one telling Nelfer that Noel wouldn't be safe until he reached the border city where he could get some help. "Chase him. Don't let him go even further!"

Qiel raised her bow and shot a few arrows into the sky. This time, she was planning to rain them down with multiple arrows.

"!!!" Dimitri raised his head. Now that he was near the bricks, he couldn't feel anything that could protect them. There was a feeling that Noel was too optimistic about it.

To prove it, Dimitri rushed to the kids and waved his blade a few times, sending forth a few shadows to the sky to wrap the arrow before making it explode.

Boom!

Boom!

Boom!

A series of explosions occurred. Even after reaching the border, there was no barrier or whatever that would help them. In fact, not a single reinforcement was sent, making him think the plan had failed.

"This is the end, Dimitri." Nelfer arrived in front of him, taking advantage of his focus on the arrows to deliver a huge damage on him.

'I don't have enough time to circulate my energy...' Dimitri thought and chose to use his body as a shield. At the same time, he grabbed Tristan and Sandra before tossing them away so that they didn't get injured.

"What?" Tristan and Sandra couldn't even react, but their faces became pale when they saw Dimitri was about to be punched by Nelfer.

But before that fist could land on Dimitri's body, another palm struck the fist.

Hell Blaze.

"!!!" Both Nelfer and Dimitri were surprised that Noel managed to reach them.

Noel's palm released a burst of black flame, trying to engulf Nelfer's entire arm.

Nelfer could feel the intense flame despite not sensing a lot of heat from the Undying Flame.

However, he also coated his arm with his Spiritual Energy and even turned it into steel.

"Do you think someone like you can easily block my fist?" Nelfer roared as he released another burst of energy. Instead of dispelling the flame, he directed that energy to Noel's hand.

"!!!" Noel widened his eyes because this was the same thing as what happened during the training with Old Ru. He used that energy to shred his arm. In an instant, a few parts of his skin were sliced.

Noel used his Spiritual Energy to counter that energy, but Nelfer's torrential energy was so explosive that it ended up knocking him back.

Still, that burst of flame managed to stop Nelfer's punch from hitting Dimitri. The latter hurriedly waved his blade, but Nelfer easily avoided it by jumping to the side.

The Spirit Grandmasters began looping around as Nelfer shouted, "Surround those two kids."

Qiel also shot out a few arrows to make Noel and Dimitri busy. It was possible to aim at them simultaneously now that they were close to each other.

"Master!" Dimitri assessed the situation. Even if he could stop Nelfer and Qiel, it would be hard to stop those Devil Bishops. He thought this would be over once they crossed the border, but it seemed that he had to use the True Spirit Body to cover them until they reached the border city.

Looking at the incoming arrows, Noel remained calm as he said, "Don't worry, Dimitri. The battle is over."

"The battle is over, you say? You must be blind because—" Nelfer wanted to refute Noel, but before he finished his words, there were numerous Spiritual Energy fluctuations in the surrounding area. "!!!"

Bam!

Bam!

Bam!

The ground started to tremble as a huge ice wall emerged from beneath the bricks that had been used as the border before. The wall was so tall that it reached the arrows' altitude and completely blocked them.

Just from seeing how sophisticated other kingdoms' borders were, it should be weird to find the Greenwood Kingdom only had bricks as their borders. That was where Noel's confidence came from. I think you should take a look at

It happened when Noel visited Tristan and Sandra.

"This is what I want you to do after reaching the next city." Noel handed Tristan a letter.

"A letter? Do we have to deliver this somewhere?"

"No. I want you to use the kingdom's mailing service and use a lot of money to make this letter their priority. This letter will be the one saving us, so that means your role is important here. Can you do it?"

"I understand. I will not disappoint you, Master." Tristan nodded furiously before he fell silent while staring at the letter. Out of curiosity, he asked, "If... you don't mind... can I know to whom this letter is addressed?"

At that time, Noel smiled as he stated the identity of that person. "It's obvious. He is the former strongest courtian of the Greenwood Kingdom, Raincart Ezenholm, my grandfather."

He was already frustrated with how the Ardagan Family 'snatched' his daughter from him. So, there was no way he would let a mere Supreme Devil Organization kidnap his grandson.

Without anyone realizing it, there was an old man appearing behind Tristan and Sandra.

"So, you two are the kids that he mentioned. You don't have to run anymore."

"Eh?" Tristan and Sandra raised their heads. The old man had a gentle smile, but they could feel the hatred in his eyes. That hatred was directed at all the Grandmasters that tried to surround them.

The old man was wearing a white robe and holding a staff. There was a blue jewel on the staff that let out a flickering light.

The people from the organization furrowed their eyebrows, wondering who this old man was.

Meanwhile, Nelfer might be the only one from the organization who could see through the old man's strength. His face became pale as he shouted, "Not good. Run away!"

That shout startled everyone, but the old man replied with a cold tone. "Do you think you can run away?"

That cold tone somehow spread and turned into a cold atmosphere, rapidly lowering the temperature in the surrounding area.

Before anyone could react, the old man hit the ground with the back of his staff.

"Frozen World."

A thick layer of ice was formed on top of the ground and spread in all directions, instantly engulfing the Devil Bishops' feet as it spread all over their bodies and ultimately turning them into ice statues.

"!!!" Nelfer widened his eyes in shock. He couldn't sense any life from the ice statues anymore as they suddenly crumbled into pieces. Never in his wildest dream would an old man like this appear.

With just a single tap of his staff, he actually froze an area in a hundred-meter radius and killed eight Spirit Grandmasters. Even if they weren't prepared, Dimitri didn't possess that kind of strength.

With another tap of his staff, the old man disappeared.

"He—" Nelfer instinctively smashed something on his left, albeit he found no one. All of a sudden, he felt a cold hand touching his right arm.

"Is this the one that injured my grandson? You don't need it anymore then."

Ice formed and covered the entire arm.

'What? I reacted too late.' Nelfer gritted his teeth. He had used his Spiritual Energy to stop the ice energy from freezing his entire body, but it actually reached up to his shoulder. More importantly, once his arm was covered in thick ice, it soon crumbled into pieces. "You mere ian!"

Nelfer spun his body, trying to use his physical advantage to blow him away. But the old man actually moved faster than him and grabbed his face. He had even leaped on top of his body so that the punch missed.

"Do you think a ian can only shoot their power from behind?" He snorted as he placed his hands on both Nelfer's face and chest.

Boom!

Boom!

Two explosions occurred as two arrows blasted through the ice wall, making it crumble.

Nelfer knew Qiel would be in his rescue, yet the old man only looked at the crumbling ice wall with an emotionless face.

"A mere terrorist dares to run rampant in my kingdom, there is only one outcome." He harrumphed as he circulated his energy on both hands. "Execute."

"!!!" Nelfer's body jolted before his eyes rolled upward until the black pupil disappeared completely. Before his body fell, an ice crystal appeared on the back of his head and chest.

The old man used Nelfer's body as a cushion to land on the ground. Despite the frail old back, it somehow looked very sturdy and reliable. Even Dimitri and Noel didn't expect that he was this strong.

The old man turned his head around with a smile. "It's been a while, my little grandson."

Chapter 845 Grandfather

"It's been a while, my little grandson."

Noel smiled. On the one hand, he was dumbstruck by his grandfather's power. On the other hand, he felt a bit helpless because he had to rely on someone else to solve his own problem.

"Let me take care of this." Raincart waved his hand. As he said those words, two more arrows blasted through the ice wall. Due to its position on the lower part, the huge blasts caused the entire wall to crumble, revealing what happened on the other side.

Qiel couldn't help but frown, never expecting that the situation had become like this. The Spirit Masters had died in the Atracaeca Kingdom, and the Spirit Grandmasters had all died in the Greenwood Kingdom. Even though Nelfer was heavily injured, he was by no means weak. Yet, Nelfer couldn't hold a candle against Raincart.

"..." Qiel maintained her silence, but it was clear that she had been defeated... miserably, in fact. Not only did they lose a lot of Devil Inspectors and Bishops, but they even lost one Devil Saint without being able to capture a single target. This might be the biggest loss they have suffered so far.

More importantly, Dimitri hadn't used his True Spirit Body, meaning that he could directly rush to the Demon Banner Army to inform them about the situation. They would definitely launch a massive counterattack when they knew that one of the Devil Saints had died.

Raincart glared at her as if telling her, 'What? I'm merely killing the terrorist that invades my kingdom.'

It was something she couldn't refute. And with Dimitri there, she wouldn't have enough strength to resist both of them.

Fortunately, Raincart was a former royal ian. Even though he had retired from his position, it didn't change the fact that his every move represented the country. If such a person entered the Atracaeca Kingdom to chase after her, it would mean aggression to the Atracaeca Kingdom.

So, this time, Qiel was lucky that she didn't cross the border earlier.

"I will remember this." Qiel gritted her teeth before disappearing. Even if she said anything, it wouldn't change the outcome anyway.

Raincart harrumphed before waving his hand to the air, shooting a blue light that exploded after reaching a certain altitude.

It seemed he was informing the rest of the people to take care of the situation.

After that, Raincart turned around and walked to Noel, who looked a bit ashamed.

"Grandfather." Noel lowered his head, apologizing for the fact that he ended up forcing him to come here.

Instead of getting angry, Raincart actually smiled and patted Noel's head. "You've grown up. Despite being chased by two peak Grandmasters, you can still survive and even create a plan to kill one of them. I'm impressed."

"But..." Noel bit his lips. He couldn't do that without relying on him, so Noel felt he didn't deserve that praise.

"Haha. What kind of grandfather am I if I can't even help my cute grandson." Raincart chuckled. "Instead of looking down, how about you accompany this retired old man for a while? You're not going back to the Muivell Kingdom immediately, right?"

Noel made a wry smile. He felt grateful and said, "Yes. I'm planning to master my fire and directly break through to the Spirit Grandmaster. That is if Grandfather doesn't mind me staying for a while."

"Good, good." Raincart nodded, satisfied. He glanced at Dimitri, saying, "You've worked hard."

"Thank you, Sir. Since Master is with you, I can finally leave his side for the next plan."

"Thank you, Dimitri. Sorry for giving you this much burden." Noel also thanked him since Dimitri had been fighting against Nelfer this whole time.

Dimitri smiled before lowering his head to excuse himself. He turned back into the shadows and headed back to the Muivell Kingdom.

Meanwhile, Raincart turned to the two kids and asked, "Who are they?"

"Let me introduce them." Noel looked proud. After all, Tristan and Sandra had completed all the ordeals and became the big reason why they could reach this place. "This is Tristan, my disciple. He is learning Rune from me. And this is Sandra, a maid in training. In fact, the only reason why I'm able to reach this far is because they have gone through dangerous ordeals to send that letter."

Tristan couldn't help but smile because his dream had been achieved. Noel truly introduced him as his disciple to his grandfather. Even Sandra was praised a lot in that simple introduction.

"Is that so?" Raincart patted the two kids' heads. "Unfortunately, I didn't bring any gifts with me, so let's go back to the Ezenholm Family first."

"Yes, Grandfather." Noel agreed without hesitation as he noticed a lot of soldiers coming to the area.

A middle-aged man came to Raincart and said, "Sir... have you finished your business?" I think you should take a look at

"Yeah. I'd have to trouble you in cleaning this up."

The man looked at the mess and understood the assignment. At the same time, he also noticed Noel and the strength he possessed.

He couldn't help but say, "Congratulations, Sir."

"What congratulations? this kid can't even stay in one place for a long time." Raincart harrumphed, complaining about the fact that Noel didn't want to stay in his place.

The man could only make a wry smile as he watched Raincart bring them away.

While walking, Raincart couldn't help but watch Tristan and Sandra. Even though Noel introduced them as a maid in training and his disciple, their interaction looked closer.

Raincart approached Noel and whispered, "Be honest with me. Do you have any woman you fancy over there?"

"What do you mean? I don't have anyone like that. If I have one, she will end up getting targeted by the enemies. I still don't have enough strength to protect her or anything." Noel shook his head helplessly.

"Come on. You have become an adult. Normally, a noble child is already married one or two years before becoming an adult. Don't be like your father, who doesn't let me hold my kid until you're four years old." Raincart snorted.

Noel was speechless. He didn't know why the topic suddenly turned into this. "In any case, I'm not planning to have one soon because I'm still weak. Maybe after reaching Peak Grandmaster, I can finally do something about it. But not now..."

"Instead of searching for a woman you need to protect, how about getting one that can protect you? Look at your mother; she is far stronger than your father. That's right, I have heard a few things about you from Damian." Raincart recalled for a moment. "I heard that you have a close relationship with Anna Stargaze?"

Cough!

Noel didn't expect that statement and said, "What do you mean..."

"You don't have to be shy. I've looked into it... She is the most talented woman in the Muivell Kingdom. She indeed tried to execute you or something, but from the stories Damian told me, it seemed to be a misunderstanding. I heard that she is going to become an Arbiter soon since her fight against another arbiter is happening soon."

"What?" Noel knew that Anna was going to do it, but there were still a few months from the time limit. It looked like she was rushing, but at the same time, he thought Anna wanted to use the remaining time to solidify her position as an Arbiter.

"I think this girl is good and her father is your father's best friend. So, how about marrying her? Looking at the fact that she can already manifest the True Spirit Body means she might be the one protecting you. So, when are you going to get engaged with her? If you say you don't have enough standing after the fall of the Ardagan Family, you can just use my Ezenholm Family to propose."

Noel shook his head helplessly. "Our relationship is not like that..."

"Not like that? So, do you hate her or something?"

"No. I don't hate her. Even though I still need an explanation from my father regarding the entire thing, I no longer hate her."

"Then, what is stopping you? Is she not beautiful enough? But isn't she one of the most beautiful ones in the Muivell Kingdom? Her character? No, do you like her in the first place? I think she is the only one who can stand beside you."

Noel scratched the back of his head. He felt like his grandfather was interrogating him. It might be because he was frustrated by the questions that he tried to recall all his memories about Anna so that he could use them to counter Raincart's argument.

But he ended up recalling the little bet they had, the game they completed together, and all the other small fighting. It was frustrating, annoying, tiring, and taxing. Yet, when he recalled those memories, they gave warmth, happiness, and comfort.

Despite wanting to counter his grandfather's words, Noel ended up saying, "She is beautiful. Anyone would definitely like her. In fact, I even admire her. She is not perfect, but she is always doing her best to become a better person."

"Then..." Raincart became more interested when Noel looked so serious. He first urged him out of curiosity and desire, but it soon changed to a consultation.

"But..." Noel couldn't help but remember the time Anna proposed a little bet followed by a peck on the cheek. He said helplessly, "...I feel like I will lose if I admit it. Besides, if we ever end up together, the royal family would make a huge fuss about it and we would be besieged from all directions."

"Eh?!" Raincart looked annoyed as if he didn't understand why such a small matter stopped him. "You are too smart for your own good."

Raincart patted his shoulder and said, "Sometimes, you don't have to think too much about that. It's just as simple as saying, 'I love you.' You know, as a noble, you will get used to a political marriage. In fact, being able to say 'I love you' to your partner is something that you should treasure dearly. This is advice from your grandfather. You might be smart, but there are problems that are so simple you can solve them just by being dumb. Don't think too much and just do it."

Chapter 846 Situation

Noel's arrival gave a huge shock to the entire Greenwood Kingdom. After the rune was popularized, it was said that Damian, the vice captain of the Royal Army, had learned directly from Noel Ardagan.

He then publicized the two unique ways of runes. The first one was the completed version of Spirit Enchantment. The Spirit Enchantment was basically a normal support rune that Noel usually used.

But the most shocking thing was the second one, which was the Movement Rune. As a kingdom filled with Spirit ians, the Greenwood Kingdom had utilized the way of using their abilities far better than anyone else. By adding the Movement Runes into the mix, it was as if a human was given a pair of wings.

There was a full scale research conducted in the kingdom.

Of course, Damian also told them about the Rune Body, but because he didn't get the secret from Noel, there was still not much movement regarding this type.

With those achievements, Damian was promoted to a Marquis, but he chose to remain as the Vice Captain of the Royal Army.

And because of all those trips with Noel, Raincart caught Damian all the time, forcing him to tell him about Noel.

Obviously, Damian also got more information from Raincart, including the fact that he suddenly went to the border to get Noel.

Upon finding out about Raincart's intention, Damian rushed to the royal palace.

He was currently kneeling in front of the king, reporting the situation.

The king raised his eyebrows, asking, "Are you sure?"

"Yes. I believe Sir Raincart is bringing Noel home at this time. I think he will be staying in this kingdom for a while."

The king looked down, falling into deep thought. "You said that it's impossible to entice him, right?"

"Yes. From my observation, Noel Ardagan is not someone that can be enticed by money, status, or women."

"Coercion?"

Damian shook his head. "The information from Commander Leon has stated that he managed to kill a peak Spirit Grandmaster with his plan. He himself has fought multiple Masters and Grandmasters. Back then, he and Anna Stargaze managed to take down a Superior Demon by themselves and with the speed of his progress, I'm afraid that we might suffer if we force him."

"Can't be enticed and forced..." The king frowned. It was hard to deal with someone like this.

On the one hand, he wanted to integrate Noel into this kingdom since the opportunity had arrived. On the other hand, he didn't know the method that could do it.

They seemed to only have one path, which was a business relationship. The previous one was extremely beneficial, so it wasn't that bad of an option.

But before he made a decision, Damian added, "That's right. In the report from Commander Leon, it's said that he has brought two kids from the Atracaeca Kingdom. I don't think he will kidnap someone with high status, so I'm assuming that they are either commoners or slaves."

"Hmm? That kind of slave?"

"I don't think so. It seems that the two slaves have a good relationship, but we're not aware of their relationship with Noel."

"Slaves... commoners... two kids..." The king fell into deep thought. He felt that their relationship was more complicated than he originally thought.

After considering countless possibilities, the king had arrived at three possibilities. And he had just found out another way to cooperate with Noel.

"What is he planning to do in this kingdom?"

"I'm not sure. But if I have to take a guest, he has told me that he is planning to become a Spirit Grandmaster soon."

That answer was what the king just needed.

"That's right... He can't be enticed by those things or forced, right? What if he is the one requesting it?" The king smirked as if he had just gotten a weird idea. He waved his hand, asking Damian to come closer.

Damian was confused, but when the king whispered to him his plan, Damian couldn't help but gasp.

"What?!" Damian couldn't believe what he heard. However, the king only added, "You are in charge of it. Go."

"..." Damian thought that the king had gone insane, but at the same time, he couldn't deny the possibilities.

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The Greenwood Kingdom wasn't the only one who got busy. There was a huge storm brewing in the Muivell Kingdom.

Dimitri was sitting in front of the commander himself with Milfa standing between them as if trying to mediate the discussion.

Dimitri and Oscar were glaring at each other.

"To think you know how to come back, Dimitri." Oscar squinted his eyes, judging Dimitri's action in leaving the Demon Banner Army.

"It seems that you only care about that petty thing. I didn't break any rules nor the army forbade me from leaving." Dimitri snorted. "If you're gonna talk about this thing, then there is no need to hand this gift."

"Gift?" Oscar was confused, thinking Dimitri wasn't someone who would give another person a present.

"It's just a mere thanks for taking care of the kids. Well, I should hand this gift to Milfa instead of you." Dimitri harrumphed and tossed a box to Milfa.

Milfa caught it carefully, not understanding what this box meant.

"Can I open it?" Milfa asked.

"Suit yourself."

Milfa put down the box on the table and opened the lids. She was surprised by a lot of heads inside the box.

"Wha—!" Milfa jumped back while looking at the box with a disgusted face. "Mentor... even if this is a prank, this is not funny..."

"It seems that you have been around Oscar too much that you've become too soft." Dimitri shrugged.

Milfa also thought Dimitri would scare her like this, so she took another glance at the heads before widening her eyes.

"This is..." Milfa gasped.

"What's wrong, Milfa?" Oscar frowned, feeling something wasn't right.

"He shouldn't have died for a long time, so the energy is still lingering in his body... But even though it has been weakened for quite a bit, if I'm not wrong... this person should be a Peak Spirit Grandmaster... Wait a minute. Mentor, didn't you go to the Atracaeca Kingdom earlier? And the Supreme Devil Organization chased you... Don't tell me, this person..."

Dimitri shrugged. "There are also around ten Devil Bishops and dozens of Devil Inspectors. Unfortunately, that old hag didn't die."

"A Devil Saint?" Milfa sucked a cold breath, never expecting Noel and Dimitri to be able to subdue a Devil Saint. They were chased by two Devil Saints after all.

"Old hag? Qiel?" Oscar frowned for another matter. Qiel was known to be a strategist on top of her strength. With her leading the operation, it was impossible to escape unless they managed to outsmart her or outnumber her.

The latter was impossible since Noel and Dimitri were the only ones. Dimitri couldn't outsmart Qiel as well. In other words, the one who made this possible was none other than Noel.

"In any case, that person is called Nelfer. He is also a Devil Saint. His body is as tough as steel. Even with my full power, I can't cut him down." Dimitri snorted. "You should be overjoyed with this gift, right? Spare me some more Demon Crystals."

"Didn't you say this is a gift?" Oscar gritted his teeth.

"Did I say something like that? I'm not sure. My blood was boiling earlier, so it might've affected my memory." Dimitri rolled his eyes.

Oscar let out a long sigh while covering his face with his hands. He added, "Just talk to Milfa about that. If you have nothing to say, just leave!"

"That's what I'm planning to do." Dimitri immediately stood up, expressing his unwillingness to stay one more second than he needed to be.

Milfa didn't know what to do other than give a wry smile before accompanying Dimitri outside.

"Mentor... Thank you for the gift."

"It's fine. I'm just doing my job."

"Job? Are you trying to imply that we're incompetent? Well, whatever. Thanks to you, we can start our counterattack. The organization should be chaotic after losing a Devil Saint."

"Instead of thanking me, you should thank him. Ah, you can handle the transferring process, right?"

"Yes, I can. But transferring? Is there anyone wanting to change their squad?" Milfa tilted her head in confusion.

"Here you go." Dimitri handed a letter that contained Noel's plan. "Just follow this. How are the kids?"

Milfa received it carefully and put it in her pocket. She explained, "They are doing fine. No, even better. They are freaks. Most of them are already Spirit Apprentices."

"Do you have any opinion about them going to our territory?"

"With our counterattack, the organization should lay low for a moment. So, your territory should be safe for a while..." Milfa shook her head, giving the approval.

"Alright then. There is nothing I need to do in this place."

"By the way, I think I need to tell you about these two things. There is a movement from the Third Prince and the Royal Family. I'm afraid that the organization is behind this..."

Dimitri frowned, asking, "Do you mean that the organization has made contact with the Third Prince and the Royal Family?"

"There is no evidence yet."

"What about the second one?"

"Anna Stargaze is about to become an Arbiter."

Chapter 847 Connections

In the corner of the Muivell Kingdom, the third prince was staring at the city from his balcony.

The city was filled with people, and there were a lot of smiles on the street. It looked peaceful, the atmosphere was good, and the situation seemed to be under control.

But while he was enjoying the little peace he had, the Third Prince suddenly opened his mouth while saying with a cold tone. "This is not the place where you belong."

A mysterious figure appeared in his room. He spoke, "Don't forget that both you and the royal family are within our grasp. You, royals, have been using us to control the kingdom. It's time for you to pay back."

"It seems the dogs are planning to bite its owner's hands." The Third Prince squinted his eyes and turned around, recognizing the person. "Laufey Ardagan. Don't forget that the reason why you can enter the Ardagan Family was thanks to my late father, the former king."

"Dogs?" Laufey narrowed his eyes as his energy started to leak out of his body. Laufey waved his hand, causing his energy to burst.

"!!!" The Third Prince was launched to the edge of the balcony. He would have fallen if not for the railing. "What are you doing?"

"I'm merely putting you in your place." Laufey snorted. He tossed a letter to the Third Prince and said, "This is your instruction. If you don't do it, then don't blame us for destroying your influence."

The Third Prince gritted his teeth, glaring at Laufey, who immediately disappeared after delivering the letter.

Just like the Third Prince, the current king also had a visit. But this visit came from none other than the strongest Devil Saint, Alexander.

Inside a hidden chamber, the king, accompanied by a man in his fifties, sat in front of Alexander.

Despite facing a Spirit Transcendence, the king didn't show any sign of fear because the man next to him was exuding an aura that was equal to Alexander's. Yes, he was the current Marshall of the Muivell Kingdom, the Spirit Transcendence that the royal family possessed.

Alexander smirked when he saw the Marshall standing in his way. He said, "To think the little boy back then has become a Spirit Transcendence and a Marshall..."

"You didn't come here just to talk about that, right, Alexander?" The king squinted his eyes.

"Oh, come on. It was I who helped you become the king." Alexander smirked.

"Do you think I'm not aware that you are also using my brother?" The king snorted. There was only one person who could be called 'brother' by the current king. He was none other than the Third Prince.

Looking at the situation, the organization seemed to have contacted the Third Prince as well.

"I don't have time for this. I have to handle a lot of other things."

Alexander paused for a moment before raising two fingers. "It's pretty simple. We want Noel Ardagan."

"Hmm?!" The king narrowed his eyes.

"Oh, my. Is the kingdom really lacking that they couldn't even find out that Noel Ardagan is still alive?" Alexander sounded it that way, but the only reason why Alexander knew Noel was because of Laufey. Other than a handful of people, Noel's identity hadn't been known at all.

Still, the king couldn't show that weakness. He kept his poker face and said, "I'm merely thinking about the possibility of you using Noel Ardagan. There is no reason why the organization wants Noel Ardagan after all. Don't forget that it was I who eliminated the Ardagan Family."

"What we're planning to do is not your business." Alexander pointed to the second finger. "The next demand is exiling Noel Ardagan."

"..." The king frowned. From the looks of it, Noel seemed to have gotten pretty big under another alias. And it was so big that exiling was an option.

Normally, there was no need to exile a commoner since the latter had no power to fight back. But it seemed that Noel's situation was bigger than he thought.

Of course, he had heard about the Rune Book as well, but because he was under the impression that Noel had died, he only tried to research the book.

Since the organization wanted him to exile Noel, it meant they wanted to capture or kill Noel Ardagan.

He had eliminated the Ardagan Family and his parents, so he thought there was no need to worry about Noel that much. But considering he had become another threat that might reach his father's level, he had to take another approach in this matter.

He said, "You should know that exiling is not a small matter because if the royal family exiles a mere commoner, we will be looked down upon."

"Of course. So, I'll tell you a piece of information. Noel Ardagan is going to become a noble soon."

"!!!" The king fully understood what Alexander meant. The exile could be done simply by giving Noel a new territory instead of his former territory. And that territory should be harsh. "I will consider it and give you the answer soon. I have to handle the matter of Arbiters first."

"Then, I will be looking forward to a good result." Alexander politely bowed his head before disappearing from the room.

Meanwhile, the king's calm expression turned into anger.

The Marshall was sweating as he couldn't help but ask, "Are we going to follow the terrorist's demand?"

"Do you think they can control me? They are just the dogs of the kingdom. Do you think I don't know that four out of twelve Arbiters have switched to their sides?" The king became even more frustrated.

Unlike the Demon Banner Army, who had been strict in their selection ever since Laufey's incident, the Royal Family had a hard time managing the Arbiters.

"Are you planning..." The Marshall frowned.

"Yeah. I know that Former Count Heirden has cooperated with the organization. It's time to replace him."

The Marshall's face turned grim, fully aware of what the king was planning to do. There was only one person who could replace him. It was Anna.

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Anna was meditating in her room, preparing for the battle that was going to happen two days later.

She had been in the capital for a week. It only took her one week after that trip to become a Spirit Grandmaster. And she finally challenged Count Heirden for revenge on what happened in the Creek Village.

As expected, the capital was filled with danger. Her instinct was telling her that there was an extremely powerful man just leaving the capital. That feeling was similar to what she felt during the mission in Creek Village.

"That Devil Saint, huh... As expected, the Royal Family is connected to them..."

It might be a secret from the public, but when one grew stronger and could see the entire kingdom with their strength, they were bound to realize... that the kingdom had actually created the organization to control the kingdom. In other words, it wouldn't be that hard to know that the royal family or the exiled member had made contact with the organization.

Even Noel could see through it completely. However, there was simply no proof to prove it.

Anna had come to this conclusion as well.

"Still... Why didn't my previous life realize this? Was it because of my ignorance? No, was it because I was created to be ignorant?" Anna could see how her teacher and the royal family made her blind, forcing her to follow orders. "More importantly..."

There was another question when she realized the relationship between the Royal Family and the Supreme Devil Organization.

"If someone like me can see their relationship, the previous life Noel should have seen through it too. In other words, he should have known about the connection of the Third Prince, the Royal Family, and the organization. Yet..."

Anna recalled the last moment they had together. She and Noel ended up falling into an ambush.

The Third Prince betrayed Noel when the latter should have been aware of the Third Prince's true nature.

"Wait a minute..." Anna suddenly remembered what happened after Noel sacrificed himself during the fight against the Superior Demon. At that time, Noel had a medicine that allowed him to recover from such a fatal wound. "Don't tell me... Noel used that precious medicine to make the Third Prince believe he is dead?"

"But didn't he get something from Old Ru and cause me to regress? Why did he do that? Why did he allow me to die if he actually wanted me to form a connection with him?"

"I still believe that having him regress would be a better choice than me. But why did he choose the option where both of us died that day? Why?"

Anna couldn't answer the doubt in her mind. At the same time, the current Noel wouldn't have the answer, considering they had taken a different path. This might be the puzzle the previous Noel had created.

If she managed to solve it, she might be able to know why Noel chose her instead of himself.

"Ha... You bastard..." Anna pinched her forehead and added, "Both the previous and the current Noel are a pain in the ass. None of them can just tell me straight. Why bother using riddles?"

"Whatever. I will repay the previous Noel by solving this riddle. As for the current one..." Anna fell into deep thought.

On the one hand, the memories she had with the current Noel were far different from the past. There was simply no hatred between them. In fact, they could trust each other with their life. On the other hand, she felt like their relationship wasn't that simple.

This thought reminded her of Noel's plan.

"I want to become a noble..."

She could remember Noel's voice vividly.

"A noble, huh? What would happen after that? Does he want to become a noble just to be killed? But this time, there is no second chance... In the previous life, it's gone bad because of me? And in this life, he wants us to tackle the problem together? Well, it's true that I feel like no one can rival us if we're together, but..." Anna scratched the back of her head. "If I propose this, won't that mean I've lost the purpose of my life?"

Anna had been controlled by everyone, including Noel, in her previous life. In this life, she obviously wanted to take her own path, free from others. But there was no denying that Noel had a big impact on her life. She just didn't know anymore.

"Argh. The more I think about it, the bigger the headache. Whatever, I'm just going with this until I see another variable." Anna clenched her fists. "Just you wait, Noel. Whatever you're planning, I'm going to surpass it."

Chapter 848 Match

Right outside the capital city, there was a huge line of people trying to enter.

The mood inside the city was filled with excitement as though they were preparing a huge celebration. The people were cheering at each other, showing their enthusiasm.

The heart of this festive mood came from a huge stadium inside the city. This stadium was used only for a huge celebration where they gathered a huge number of people to witness.

And this time, it wasn't that different.

The people were filling up the stadium to the brim.

"We can't miss this!"

"That's right. I would never think that I could witness something like this."

"Look!"

In the middle of the stadium was built a huge arena. But it would be dangerous for the people if the arena wasn't protected. That was why there were a total of twenty pillars that circled the arena.

On top of each pillar stood a powerful man, releasing their Spiritual Energy to form a barrier. However, there were four pillars that had yet to be filled.

One of the people suddenly pointed at the northern pillar. A man suddenly stepped on the pillar, causing the cheers to erupt.

"Woah!"

"Isn't that..."

The one who stepped forth was a middle-aged man. He had a muscular body and sharp eyes. There was a claw scar that ran through his right eyebrows to the right cheeks.

Everyone seemed to recognize him as they began shouting his identity.

"Count Zeryn!"

"Uooohhhh!"

"The Fire Arbiter is here!"

"Count Zeryn!"

"Fire Arbiter!"

That was right. He was one of the twelve Arbiters of the kingdom, Hawk Zeryn, known as Fire Arbiter.

However, the cheers soon swept the arena once again as another person appeared on the west pillar.

The people couldn't help but stop for a moment as if they were getting entranced by her beauty. The woman looked like she was in her late twenties. She had long red hair and an expression devoid of emotion. But that was exactly her charm. She looked aloof and cool, like a flower that could only be admired from afar.

"As expected, she is also coming."

"Well, it can't be helped. She is after all a teacher!"

"That's right. The Void Arbiter, Josephine Brown!"

That was right. The person who just appeared was none other than Anna's teacher, Josephine. As her teacher, it would be weird if she wasn't here.

However, the people didn't know that their relationship wasn't like what they were thinking. Josephine had been brainwashing Anna while the latter actually had figured out her trick and acted like she was a good student.

It only took a moment before the cheers changed once again. This time, the person who came was an old man.

At first glance, there was nothing special about this man. However, the more they looked at him, the more they felt the difference. When they made eye contact, they felt like they were being cut by numerous swords.

He was the most senior Arbiter and known to be the strongest.

"Uooooohhhhhh!"

"The Sword Arbiter has taken the stage!"

"Duke Lorelei!"

"I'm glad that I'm attending this fight. I can see all these famous figures by myself."

"But there is one more spot that hasn't been filled yet."

"But the Sword Arbiter has taken the stage first. So, the last one should be someone more famous than him, right?"

"Is it the Marshall?"

"You idiot. You shouldn't forget about the fighter this time."

"That's right. If it's her, then her father must be going."

As people said those words, the last figure landed on the pillar. As everyone had expected, since the challenger was his daughter, there was no way he wouldn't come.

"Ooh!"

"Marquis Stargaze!"

"The Fleeting Arbiter has taken the stage!"

"As expected, he is going to watch his daughter!"

"Who do you think will win?"

"Count Heirden might win this time. After all, he has been an Arbiter for two decades."

"Meanwhile, his opponent is someone who hasn't lived for two decades."

"You idiot. That's exactly the reason why Count Heirden can't let his guard down. The fact that his challenger is that talented means she has a trump card that can defeat him."

"That's possible."

While they were discussing the match, a loud voice suddenly swept the arena.

"Ladies and Gentlemen. I'm sure that you can't wait for this match, so I'll spare you from a long opening speech.

"Let me introduce you to the people who will protect you and become the witness of this amazing fight."

"The first one is Count Zeryn, known as the Fire Arbiter. I'm sure you've known him by his nickname, Fire Demon. It came from the fight where he pushed back an army of ten thousand demons with the knights from his territories."

"The second person is none other than our challenger's teacher. Her Space Element is unmatched in this kingdom. You can't escape when she has set her eyes on you, the Void Arbiter, Josephine Brown."

"You might already know the third person as he is the oldest Arbiter and the one with the longest career as an Arbiter. In this world, there is nothing he can't cut, the Sword Arbiter, Duke Lorelei."

"Last but not least, as a father and as an Arbiter, there is no way he will pass this fight... The Arbiter who has defeated more bandits than anyone else, the protector of the kingdom, holding the title of Fleeting, Marquis Stargaze!"

"Uooooohhhh!" The people cheered while clapping their hands.

"Without further ado, I will be introducing you to the two people that will fight today. For our challenger, we have someone extremely special."

"She is recognized as the most talented person in the Muivell Kingdom. She is the student of the Void Arbiter as well as the daughter of the Fleeting Arbiter."

"In her early career, she joined the Demon Banner Army and graduated earlier than all her comrades. She has broken the record as the strongest person to graduate from the training camp."

"In the kingdom, she has surpassed everyone's record. She is only nineteen years old, but she has become a Spirit Grandmaster. No one can surpass this record anytime soon!"

"In order to get the right to challenge an Arbiter, she had to complete three missions. The first one was to gain recognition from at least six Arbiters. The second one was to eliminate a hundred Peak Level Demons, which she completed pretty easily. The last one was... to defeat a Superior Demon by herself. It seemed that the Sword Arbiter, the Fleeting Arbiter, and the Fire Arbiter were there as her witness."

"I'm sure that you can't wait anymore. After all, she is known to be one of the most beautiful women in the kingdom. Without further ado, let's invite Anna Stargaze!"

The cheers erupted once again as a figure walked into the arena. Just like with Josephine, the people were stunned.

Her blond hair had been tied into a ponytail, creating a gallant aura around her. Her sharp eyes could freeze anyone on the spot. She was wearing a white-colored military uniform, complimenting her bright hair.

Her expression was calm and collected as if she wasn't afraid of the person that would fight her.

When she stepped on the stage, another wave of cheers burst.

"Uooohhh!"

"Anna Stargaze!"

"She is so beautiful!"

"To think that she is that strong already."

"Who would actually be her match?"

The announcer shifted their attention again by introducing her opponent.

"On the opposite side, I think everyone has known him. He has been an Arbiter for twenty years. His achievements are so many that I can't list all of them for you."

"He is the Earth Arbiter, Count Heirden!"

An old man walked to the stage. Just like Anna, he was wearing a similar uniform. While he was keeping a calm expression, the Count had fully understood why he was chosen.

On the surface, it looked like revenge from Anna. But the royal family definitely knew that he had been cooperating with the Supreme Devil Organization to cripple the Demon Banner Army.

To avoid any further problems, the royal family was planning to use this fight to replace his position. After that, they could simply frame them with anything before subjugating his family.

That was why Count Heirden knew that he couldn't lose in this fight if he wanted his family to be safe.

When he reached the stage, his eyes made contact with Anna's. He couldn't help but furrow his eyebrows, thinking, 'She is far different from back then.'

But they couldn't intimidate their opponents any longer as both of them had to turn their bodies around, facing a small balcony that was isolated from the rest.

Even the Arbiters on the pillar faced the balcony. They all suddenly dropped to one knee as the announcer shouted, "His Majesty, Oliver Ve Lenferth, is entering the arena!"

"!!!"

From their action to the announcement, the other people also followed suit.

The king of the Muivell Kingdom had just entered his spot, standing on his balcony while looking at the arena. He was accompanied by the Marshall, who would protect him from all kinds of threats.

He announced, "This is a battle between the young talent and the old reliable Arbiter. I'll spare you with the speech. The rule is simple. Do your best to defeat your opponent without killing them. I don't wish for the talent of my kingdom to be destroyed right before my eyes. The True Spirit Body is forbidden. The four Arbiters will protect the people so you can fight to the best of your abilities. I wish you good luck."

As he finished his speech, he sat down while squinting his eyes, watching Anna closely. This was the piece he wanted to get the most.

Unfortunately, he couldn't state it openly. He waved his hand, as if signaling the announcer to begin the match.

Everyone began to stand up, fully knowing what would happen next. They couldn't contain their excitement anymore.

With an energetic tone, the announcer finally said, "With His Majesty's permission, let me announce it to everyone. The battle between Count Heirden and Anna Stargaze... officially starts!"

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"...Officially starts!"

The moment they heard it, both Heirden and Anna released their Spiritual Energy.

The eruption of their energy caused a massive shock wave that soon clashed with each other, creating immense pressure on the field. The dust was pushed to the wall, the ground began to shake, and the people had a hard time breathing.

In that moment, the four Arbiters as well as the experts who had been invited to protect the pillar, began releasing their Spiritual Energy, creating a barrier to block everything from reaching them.

"Haaa..."

There were a lot of pantings among the audience as they were gasping for air.

The announcer explained excitedly, "I'm sure that you've felt it as well. Their power seems to be equal and we'll definitely be able to see a great match, determining whether Count Heirden could remain in his position or get replaced by Anna Stargaze!"

It seemed that they deliberately allowed both of them to pressure the citizens to showcase their power. This would give them knowledge about the power of an Arbiter, not just by seeing it but also by experiencing it.

After that brief clash, the pressure died down.

Anna took out her sword while Heirden raised both hands. Rocks soon appeared out of nowhere, covering his entire arm.

Their eyes flashed as both of them leaped forward.

Anna waved her blade straight to Heirden's neck while the latter raised his hand, blocking the sword.

A clicking sound echoed. It was hard for a blade to cut down a rock, especially when both of them were coated by the same amount of energy.

However, Anna stomped the ground, using her lower body to gain a surge of strength before transferring it to her hand.

"Haaaa!" She roared, exerting strength three times more than she previously used.

"!!!" Even Heirden didn't expect such power to come from her frail body. He tried to stop the blade, but the force was too much for him to handle, causing his body to spin upside down.

Even though he was old, it didn't mean that his body was already too stiff to move. He skillfully used his hands to stand while covering his right foot with the rock before kicking Anna.

Anna blocked the kick with her sword, avoiding direct contact with her body. But she ended up jumping back to dodge the force contained in that kick.

After that, Heirden spun his body again and stood back up as if nothing happened. He even looked more confident, thinking Anna wasn't his opponent yet.

'You're amazing to be able to become a Spirit Grandmaster at that age. And you're not an average Grandmaster either, but...' Heirden thought as his expression turned grim. '...I can't afford to lose this battle.'

Since he had knocked her back earlier, Heirden leaped forth, taking the initiative to launch his attack.

On the one hand, Anna would be able to overwhelm him with the Rune drawn on her body. On the other hand, she couldn't expose it because it would just show her affiliation with Noel.

Hence, Anna gathered her power in her left hand. The lightning began to spark as she stomped the ground to get another surge of strength before grasping Heirden's fist.

Heirden covered his entire body with the rock and took Anna's lightning directly. The lightning tried to electrocute Heirden, but the rock blocked it and channeled it to the ground.

"..." Anna looked at the clash calmly before jumping back once again as if she had been pushed back.

But surprisingly, Heirden also stopped on his track while looking at his hand.

The rock managed to block the lightning, but a portion of it seemed to be able to penetrate the rock. He was sure of it because his hand had gotten numb.

It seemed that Anna was stronger than he expected and this was just getting started.

He changed Anna's threat level to someone who could actually defeat him. Getting serious, Heirden placed his hand on the ground. "Soar!"

Suddenly, the ground shook violently as four dragon heads emerged. They were made of rock and moved up and down. They even returned back to the floor before coming back out as if the ground was just water.

These four dragon heads moved toward Anna, surrounding her from all directions.

Anna jumped into the air as the four dragons followed her. One of them sped up and opened its mouth to swallow her.

But Anna skillfully stepped on its teeth before jumping to the side.

As expected, another dragon came from a different direction. Fortunately, Anna managed to rotate her body and jump again.

Heirden controlled the dragons carefully, trying to surround Anna.

Seeing Anna being toyed with by Heirden couldn't help but disappoint the people. They came here because Anna looked capable. If she managed to defeat Heirden, it would cause an uproar. Unfortunately, it seemed she was still too young to fight against an Arbiter.

"Anna Stargaze can only be on the defensive. As expected, is it going to be a one-sided match?" The announcer asked aloud before noticing something. "Wait a minute. Look at Anna Stargaze, she is..."

The announcer was tongue-tied because of the shock. When the people tried to understand what he was saying, they were stunned as well.

"!!!" Even Heirden dropped his jaw in disbelief. "She is... actually closing her eyes?!"

That was right. The thing that shocked everyone was the fact that Anna shut her eyes. She looked calm and undisturbed, relying on his instinct to read the dragons' movements.

Heirden had launched an all-out attack, but for Anna, this was not even worth mentioning. Without anyone realizing it, Anna had actually sheathed her sword.

"You brat!" Heirden gritted his teeth. Out of anger, he fully controlled one of the dragons, speeding it up.

The dragon somehow got even bigger to the point there was no way Anna could avoid it unless she could fly.

But that was the time Anna finally opened her eyes.

As she opened her eyes, her hand drew her blade, releasing the energy she had been gathering this whole time.

The draw happened in an instant and the next thing they realized, there was an energy wave that sliced the dragon's head into two.

"!!!" The people were completely dumbstruck. Anna had just cut a dragon's head that was as big as a two-story building.

The remaining energy was still traveling toward the audience, only to strike the barrier.

Rumble!

The barrier seemed to shake for a split second before it neutralized the energy.

Out of the people that maintained the barrier, only the Sword Arbiter understood the degree of mastery Anna had.

"What?" The Sword Arbiter looked at the trace of energy while muttering inwardly, 'That slash alone is carrying a sharp energy... Is she able to change the property of her energy to match her intent?'

After watching Noel's swordsmanship for a long time as well as the experience she had in her previous life, Anna managed to understand the concept of the sword. The current her could actually decide whether the sword could actually cut or not, similar to Noel's Everchanging Emotion Swordstyle but limited to only sharp and blunt.

After cutting the dragon head, Anna rotated her body, seeing the dumbfounded Heirden.

When their gazes met, Heirden regained his composure and hurriedly controlled the remaining three dragons. After releasing such a strike, Anna should be vulnerable.

Seeing the three incoming heads, Anna turned out to be gathering her lightning in her hand as if she didn't plan to release such a power anymore.

She pushed her hand forward, releasing the lightning forth. To everyone's surprise, the lightning spread like branches and formed a hand.

It looked like a bone, but it still served its job. The hand grabbed a dragon's head as Anna pulled herself toward the dragon, avoiding the other two.

Before reaching the dragon in front, Anna released another sword strike to sever the dragon's neck, causing its head to fall down.

Anna skillfully landed on top of the dragon's head, using it as a cushion. Yet, two meters away from the floor, Anna actually used the lightning hand to toss the dragon's head to Heirden while landing on the ground gracefully.

Heirden stomped the ground, forming a few walls. The dragon's head crushed a few walls before ultimately stopping at the last third wall.

Although the attack was a failure, it still gave Heirden a scare.

"..." Anna examined her attack and the two incoming dragons that were trying to distract her.

This time, she tossed the sword into the air and gathered a huge amount of energy in both hands as she grabbed both heads before releasing all that energy in one go.

The lightning was rampaging on the heads, shattering the rocks into pieces.

Now that the nuisance had gone, Anna grabbed the falling sword and stood firmly. Her lightning was covering her body as if it was alive.

With a confident face, Anna looked at Heirden as though she was saying, 'The battle's just started.'

'Overconfident brat.' Heirden gritted his teeth while releasing more and more energy from his body.

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Heirden rushed forward while covering his entire body with rock. Anna wasn't afraid of him and made the same move.

When they were about to reach each other, Anna waved her blade, using the lightning to drastically increase his speed.

Heirden instinctively realized that this swing was more dangerous than the one he had seen before. He hurriedly raised his right hand, catching the blade.

The energy around Anna's sword burst, stopping him from closing his palm to grab her sword.

Since it was useless, Heirden changed his tactics by stomping the ground.

"!!!" Anna suddenly felt her body become light. It turned out Heirden stomped the ground to turn it into a crater. He used that split second where her body wasn't on the ground to punch her.

Heirden had even used his rock to attach himself to the floor, allowing him to move his body freely.

Anna clicked her tongue and created a bolt of lightning on the side, trying to blast the stone fist. To everyone's surprise, the lightning suddenly burst out, launching Anna with its shock wave.

"What?" Heirden was surprised and turned around, finding Anna at the edge of the arena. 'Did she use her own lightning to propel herself? She's judged that my attack hurts more than her power...'

He had seen a lot of insane people, but he never thought that Anna would rather injure herself instead of allowing his attack to land on her body. As a result, Anna escaped with only a minor bruise.

Heirden didn't plan to let Anna control the pace of the battle. He placed his hands on the ground as the floor and the wall formed a whip that caught Anna's wrists and ankles.

Still, Heirden didn't know anything about Anna's Spirit Link. Her instinct warned her about the incoming danger, including these rocks.

She skillfully jumped forth, avoiding Heirden's attack. After that, she used the angle of the crater to jump toward Heirden.

The moment he saw Anna's sword was sheathed again, he immediately formed multiple walls between himself and Anna, thinking, 'That attack is coming.'

He didn't deny the fact that Anna's sword strike was so strong that he would die if he wasn't careful.

However, this was what Anna wanted from the start.

The moment the walls blocked Heirden's vision, Anna covered her entire body with lightning.

After that, she rotated her body and ended up kicking the wall.

Old Ru had taught her how to control her Spiritual Energy. She used that lesson to concentrate the Spiritual Energy on her shoe.

The wall couldn't stand a chance against Anna's concentrated energy. This was even stronger than the cut because she could concentrate everything on a single point instead of making a big slash.

"What?!" Heirden was surprised when he felt his walls were getting destroyed. Her movement was like a spear that could penetrate all armor and shields.

However, she wasn't the only one who was shocked by it. Even Anna's father couldn't help but gasp, thinking, 'Since when can my daughter concentrate that amount of energy into a single point?'

Josephine frowned, having a different thought. 'Her control over Spiritual Energy is so exquisite. I haven't taught her anything like that. Yet...'

The Fire Arbiter frowned. He had a similar ability to Anna, but there was a big difference. He muttered, 'Her Spiritual Energy is completely empty all over her body. Normally, it's impossible to do that as the body leaks Spiritual Energy. But she actually manages to control that leaking energy and gather them in a single point.'

The Sword Arbiter smirked, feeling challenged. 'It seems that Heirden will have a hard time. No, I could say that the chance of him winning has decreased to fifty percent. He should feel lucky that Anna Stargaze is forbidden to use the True Spirit Body, or he would have no chance of winning.'

Just like the four Arbiters, the Marshall could see through Anna's profound skill.

"This is..."

"Is there something wrong?" The king asked.

"Her control even puts me to shame. No, should I say that her control is extremely unique?"

"Is it that amazing?" The king didn't know because he wasn't a Spirit Grandmaster.

"Amazing is an understatement." The Marshall shook his head helplessly. "There are two known methods of controlling Spiritual Energy: the soft approach and the hard approach. The former is focused on the flow of Spiritual Energy, allowing the user to fully direct the Spiritual Energy."

"But our body is naturally releasing that much energy to the point that it's impossible for Soft Control to direct everything into a single point. Yet, she is able to do it. It looks like she is directing the Spiritual Energy before the body even releases it. I can't completely explain it, but you can think of her entire body as a bridge that can change direction depending on her needs." "I think you should take a look at

"More importantly, that strength also contains the explosive power from the Hard Approach. By directing all the leaking Spiritual Energy, she can use the original Spiritual Energy to cover her foot. In other words, all those leaking Spiritual Energy can be stored in her foot and shot again and again."

The king looked at the amazement on his Marshall's face. He never thought that a Spirit Transcendence like him would praise Anna that highly.

It seemed that he had to re-evaluate Anna.

Not long ago, he had been trying to force Anna to marry the crown prince for the stability of the kingdom. Sadly, she managed to defeat all his plans.

Hence, he was considering another approach. Instead of forcing her, it appeared that befriending her would give a lot of benefits, including that profound control. The closer they were, the more Anna would let her guard down. And when the time was ripe, he would make Anna submit completely.

But this also reminded him of the Supreme Devil Organization. It would be bad if the Supreme Devil Organization chose to capture Anna.

He said, "After this battle is over, go to Alexander and tell him that I accept his condition. I will exile Noel Ardagan, but in exchange, the Supreme Devil Organization is not allowed to do anything to Anna Stargaze."

The Marshall's expression turned serious, understanding what that decision meant. He bowed to him. "I understand."

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The battle continued. Once Anna showed her superb control, the battle started to shift in her favor.

Heirden tried to stop her by multiple walls, even from the sides, to stop her momentum. But Anna simply increased her speed and slipped past them.

Ultimately, Heirden was forced to use those four dragon heads again, even though it required a lot of Spiritual Energy.

While Anna could destroy them with her kick alone, the dragon's size made it hard for her to do that. Once she got swallowed, the rock would lock her up, so she changed her strategy back to her sword.

After learning about Anna's capability, Heirden controlled the heads carefully, aware that one wrong move would give Anna the opportunity to cut them down.

He tried to surround Anna and retreat when Anna was about to sheathe her sword.

Anna could feel the threat appearing and disappearing all the time due to the change in Heirden's intention. Even then, Anna couldn't cut them down easily.

'As expected of an Arbiter, he is strong. In the past, I challenged the Fire Arbiter instead of him. But it's clear that he is stronger than the Fire Arbiter. No, should I say that his strength is around ranked 6th to 8th among all Arbiters?' Anna examined the situation.

She had understood the strength of Arbiters since her previous life. There were only twelve of them, but each of them was so strong that they became the pillars of this kingdom, preventing the Demon Banner Army and the Tower Association from taking control of the kingdom's matters.

'I can't use my True Spirit Body and Runes at the moment. But he is not someone I can defeat without putting everything on the line.' Anna took a deep breath before making her decision. 'It seems that I have to reveal this sooner than expected.'

Anna suddenly stopped moving for a second and even closed her eyes.

Heirden was confused, but he didn't let this chance go. The four dragons tried to distract her.

But before they managed to reach her, Anna had opened her eyes again. Her purple eyes had turned light blue like that of lightning.

Her blond hair started sparking as a portion of it turned white.

She opened her mouth as lightning even sparked between her lips. She was transforming her body into lightning.

'Oi, Berserker. Are you ready?' Anna said inwardly.

It seemed that her spirit also responded to her. There was only one fit reply to their relationship. 'Don't cry if your body can't handle my power.'

'Heh...' Anna smirked as she stepped forth. A burst of lightning scattered in all directions, cracking the heads from its sheer pressure alone.

There was one thing that Anna had prepared before this battle. After returning from her trip to Old Ru, Anna and Noel had made an agreement with the former Royal Alchemist and received a pill that could forcefully awaken their spirit.

Noel didn't eat the pill right away for an unknown reason, but she ingested the pill, allowing the Spirit Link to further develop.

She used that Spirit Link to become a true host of the Spirit, allowing her spirit's true power to flow in her veins, which caused her body to partly become lightning.

"Awakening on." Anna stomped the ground before jumping forward with a speed far surpassing anything she had shown so far. The shock wave mixed with her lightning and shattered the dragon heads as Anna made her way to Heirden.