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"Attack!"

The first one to make the move was none other than Qiel. Instead of the demons around her, a huge water ball flew out of the ditch, trying to hit Noel.

At the same time, numerous water demons emerged from the ditch and released their attacks.

It wasn't just Noel's area. About a thousand water demons emerged at the same time, completely surrounding the entire city. They all tried to strike the walls before them whether it was the brick wall or the Saintess's barrier.

"My lord!" The soldiers didn't expect them to launch a sneak attack.

However, a bolt of lightning pierced this water ball and caused it to explode.

Qiel frowned, looking at Anna Stargaze. "Does the Dimitri have a healer? It looks like they have recovered completely. Either way, we've made preparations with the assumption we're fighting all of you in full strength, so..."

Qiel suddenly stopped when Anna waved her hand down, sending another lightning bolt to hit the water.

The lightning hit the surface of the water and electrocuted all the demons on the water's surface.

Still, the city was quite big. Even when she spread the lightning, she couldn't electrocute everyone. The most she could do was kill the demons on the north wall.

'I have expected this, so we'll take the liberty of taking you down with this.' Qiel raised her hand, signaling the water demons from other tips to destroy the barriers. Since these star-shaped walls had five tips, she believed that she could focus on these five tips first and cause them to crumble. Anna wouldn't be able to help them because Qiel was aiming her bow at her.

\*Roar!\*

\*Roar!\*

\*Tremble!\*

\*Tremble!\*

"This is..." The people couldn't help but gasp. They couldn't see what was happening outside the wall, but the barrier was translucent. They could see numerous water demons, ranging from small fish to giant crocodiles, trying to crush the barrier.

"How are we meant to fight these demons?"

"Can we really do this?"

The people doubted the situation a bit. They couldn't stand on top of the city, so they could only watch in horror as they watched these demons attacking their barriers.

However, Noel had made an arrangement for the remaining four tips.

All of a sudden, the tip in the northwest generated spiritual energy. The people thought it came from the barrier or Noel's runes, but the demons could see a middle-aged man standing in front of them. He was a small puny man, but the spiritual energy emitted from his body couldn't help but make them afraid.

"You water demons have an advantage underwater, right? Sorry, but I do too. With a single lift of his finger, a giant whirlpool appeared. All the demons devoured by it ended up crashing into each other.

Then, the snapping of his finger woke up the giant whirlpool. The water rose into the air and formed a giant humanoid body made of water. All the demons inside this body were crushed, and this humanoid body kept absorbing more and more water demons.

"If you want to break the barrier in this area, you have to defeat me, the Water Lord." The man smiled confidently. That was right. He had been invited by Noel and had been helping Noel even before the latter became a noble.

Finally, he took the last step to openly protect his territory. This meant that the Water Lord didn't mind if the people around them thought that he and Noel were allies.

Qiel glanced at the side and muttered, "As expected, that watery bastard is helping them. I guess he also wants to take revenge for what happened in his Silica Valley. We should have killed him back then." Qiel glanced to the other side. "If he is in that area, then that place will be protected by..."

As Qiel expected, the water fluctuated. The wave was high and even flowed out of the ditch.

"You fledgling fresh water demons. You don't know the true terror of those who inhabit the sea. They are far more terrifying than you guys. Come forth, my pals, it's time to hunt!"

All of a sudden, two giant sharks made of water emerged from the ditch, swallowing all these water demons. Once they were devoured, they were torn into pieces by the numerous teeth.

"So, that's the famous Duke Briton." Dimitri couldn't help but get curious about the so-called Duke Briton. Dimitri had heard Duke Briton's name before he even joined the Ardagan Family. With just two of those sharks, he actually cleared up all the water demons around his area.

Some of the stronger demons showed some resistance, but they would fall sooner or later.

Still, there were two more people that Noel had stationed in the other two tips.

The sky released a golden light that shone on one of the tips. A woman clad in armor stood while holding her sword up high.

"May you poor animals reincarnate in a world without a demon. Holy Smite."

The golden light shone brightly on the demons. Those, who were on the surface, had their bodies melted by this warm yet deadly ray.

Because of the Moon Temple's laws, Noel had chosen her to defend this position because he knew that the Supreme Devil Organization wouldn't harm her. At the same time, placing her here also restricted Qiel's plan involving this area.

She stood right behind the barrier, unfazed by the sight of the demons. "I, Paladin Aurelia, have been tasked with defending this position. And I shall guarantee that no demon shall pass me."

Now that three out of the remaining four tips had been revealed, it was time for the last tip to show its guardian.

She, too, had a light element spirit.

Just like Aurelia, a single wave of her hand summoned a ray of light from the sky. But unlike her, this ray of light shot out numerous white beams, raining down on all the demons. The demons tried to shoot them down, but there were simply too many light beams.

The light beams pierced through the demons and killed them.

"To think that I got this role instead of fighting on the north wall. Did I pull the shortest straw? Maybe not... Clara isn't that lucky either." Milfa stuck her tongue out playfully. She wanted to kill a Devil Saint, but it seemed that they were for Noel to take.

Still, just by making a single move, these four people managed to kill more than three hundred demons. They would be the ones stopping all the attacks directed at the barrier while thinning out the enemy's numbers.

Qiel couldn't help but furrow her eyebrows. "It seems that you have gotten some help."

"You haven't seen anything yet. Why don't you come to test my trump cards?" Noel smirked as he returned to the top of the wall.

"Hmph!" Qiel spread both arms, signaling the start of their all-

out attacks.

A series of roars echoed from all sides as thousands of demons started marching toward the city.

"Here they come!" Noel shouted. "Deploy the barrier!"lights

"Yes, Sir!" The normal people on the bottom of the wall began to bring in the demon crystals they had prepared beforehand. They all poured it into a giant rune inside a small room at the bottom of the wall.

This rune suddenly glowed brightly as though it were absorbing all the spiritual energy from the demon crystals.

All of a sudden, each wall formed a giant rune in front of them.

As expected, numerous demons unleashed their attacks from far away. Two of the Superior Demons even did the same to test the sturdiness of this wall.

\*Boom!\*

\*Boom!\*

\*Boom!\*

A series of explosions occurred, but all the attacks ended up hitting the giant Spiritual Barrier Rune. The barrage of attacks that contained more than a thousand demons' attacks as well as two Superior Demons was extremely powerful. Even the ground trembled due to the impact.

"Earthquake?"

"What is going on?"

"The walls are still standing."

"That's right. We've been preparing for this. There's no way we will be defeated easily!"

"Oi, hurry up and grab the dim demon crystals and replace them with new demon crystals!"

The people hurriedly moved according to their roles. The barriers were the most important since they were their primary defensive system.

However, those attacks were a simple cover fire until the demons reached the city.

\*Bang!\*

\*Bang!\*

\*Bang!\*

The demons rammed their bodies against the barriers and wall, trying to destroy it. Unfortunately, it was too sturdy for them.

"Go for it, pals." Duke Briton waved his hands. Numerous sharks leaped out of the water and devoured the incoming demons.

"Don't leave a single of them alive." The Water Lord controlled his elemental to sweep its giant arm and suck all the incoming demons. Since he was dealing with land demons, all he had to do was drown them, which wasn't a hard thing to do.

Aurelia, on the other hand, waited until the demons arrived and fell into the pits. After that, she released her attacks once more. In the end, the demons had to fill up the pit first with their bodies if they wanted to attack the barrier. So, before it filled up, she could easily kill all these demons.

Milfa was doing the same thing, but she also killed some demons outside the ditch to avoid filling up the ditch so soon.

As for the north wall, Noel had another mechanism he had prepared.

A few shining rays suddenly flashed from the ground after the demons stepped on them.

"Huh?!" Qiel widened her eyes in shock. Unlike the others, she didn't know that this person would be helping the Ardagan Family.

The flashing light only lasted for a second before a series of enormous explosions occurred, engulfing a lot of demons.

\*Boom!\*

\*Boom!\*

\*Boom!\*

"This power..." Laufey gasped. "Isn't he supposed to have no relation to the Ardagan Family?"

Qiel gritted her teeth. Those explosions alone actually killed more than five hundred demons. The gems underneath the soil were like land mines, ready to explode when the demons came. It could be said that the surrounding area had been planted with numerous gems.

Qiel glared at the north wall, trying to find the person. "Gem Lord! Do you think you will be able to escape our wrath?"

An old man walked to the front with his stick. He might look old, but anyone who knew him would understand how sly he was.

That was right. He was the other elder that Noel invited from the Tower Association.

"Hyoho...I know very well how strong the Supreme Devil Organization is. However, your era has passed."

"We have offered you the entire mine if we manage to destroy the Ardagan Family! How much did they pay you?"

"It's nothing much. Only twenty percent of the mine."

"Then, why?!"

"As I said earlier, your era has passed. The persuasive power your organization has is far lower than his." The Gem Lord grinned while looking at them with a condescending gaze. "So, let me give you a piece of advice: just surrender now and accept that your names will be etched into history as the losers in this battle."

"You..." Qiel gritted her teeth and aimed her bow at him. The arrow was fast and mighty. It might even rival the power of the attacks that the two Superior Demons unleashed earlier.

However, another arrow appeared out of nowhere, clashing with Qiel's arrow.



\*Boom!\*

Their crash caused another big explosion, but the arrow ultimately destroyed Qiel's arrow.

There was only one person who had this kind of power.

"Demon Barrier Squad's captain, Faust." Qiel looked to the side, finding Faust standing among them.  
"How... Aren't you supposed to be in a coma?"

After Alexander ambushed them, Igor retired, and Faust was in a coma. So, she never thought that Faust would be here.

Milfa couldn't help but look at the wall, remembering the letter that the commander gave. It wasn't that Faust was in a coma. He simply faked that condition for this one moment.

Faust harrumphed. "He helped my Demon Barrier Squad back then, so I'll help him today. Let me experience the power of the number one archer in the world, Qiel."

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Qiel couldn't help but furrow her eyebrows, wondering how many people Noel had won over. There were the Gem Lord, Water Lord, Duke Briton, Milfa, and Faust already. As his former superior, there was no way Clara wouldn't help him.

Looking to her right, the demons had been closing in on the barrier, and they would start gnawing the barrier to exhaust Saintess Layla's barrier. The same occurrence happened on the left side.

It would be in her best interest to lower the enemy's morale. If the citizens thought that the demons were so easy to defeat, it would raise their morale even higher. There was no way Qiel could easily destroy the city.

Hence, there was only one way to pummel their morale. It was to attack those citizens they were trying to protect.

"It's time!" Qiel shouted to the Superior Demons. "We'll make this city remembered as a tragedy!"

At that moment, all fifty thousand demons on the north side began moving forward.

\*Aoooo!\*

A group of wolves let out a howl and rushed first.

"Shoot!" Noel shouted, informing the bowman. A volley of arrows flew into the air and fell right at the wolves, raining them down.

Low level demons couldn't protect themselves from these arrows as a lot of them died in the first volley. However, Noel noticed a few Mid Level Demons, whose hide actually deflected the arrows with its toughness alone.

And surprisingly, two of them leaped into the air. There was no way the wolves would be able to leap over the wall since their jumps weren't high enough.

However, one of the wolves actually positioned itself underneath the other, letting the latter make a second jump.

"What?"

"It's coming!"

"The wolf is—"

The soldiers panicked as this was the first time they saw the demons working together in this way.

Suddenly, two shield bearers moved to the front and stood in the wolf's way. The wolf had no choice but to slam its body toward them, but surprisingly, the momentum wasn't enough to push back these people.

Only a loud \*bam\* impact was produced by the clash, drawing everyone's attention. After the failed attempt, it looked like the wolf was about to go down. However, the shield bearers actually thrust their spears at the same time, piercing the wolf.

\*Aooo!\*

It was screaming in pain before falling into the ditch. Its blood began to dye the water.

These two shield bearers were normal soldiers. They didn't have the strength of the elite soldiers that Howard had trained, but that was precisely the reason why it was even more convincing.

When they succeeded in killing a Mid Level Demon, they couldn't help but say, "Yes! We really killed a demon!"

"Even if we don't have the strength, we can still block the demons and stab them before letting them die from the fall!"

The other soldiers couldn't help but widen their eyes in shock.

However, this was actually Noel's scheme. He took advantage of that result to inspire the men. "Don't look away from your enemies! This is what it means to protect your land. Don't be afraid, we have the advantage here and we'll show them that they should fear us instead of the other way around!"

"Oohhhh!" The soldiers got pumped out after seeing the first success. They knew that even if their strength was minuscule, the enemies wouldn't have a lot of strength or momentum left when they reached the wall, so they could defeat them.

The battle soon shifted to melee. The demons began to run toward the walls, following the wolves.

The archers kept releasing their arrows to kill as many demons as possible before reaching their walls. A lot of demons also died from the gem explosions that the Gem Lord had planted prior to the fight.

Those who managed to reach the walls had to climb up the walls. Unfortunately, a lot of demons didn't have the ability to climb the wall, especially since the ditch was filled with water.

They ended up submerging into the water. The drowned demons even fell into the deep water wall Noel had made. The overall ditch was also quite deep, so it would take a lot of demons to fill up the ditch with their bodies.

Even though they were an army, they weren't able to be used completely like a human army. After all, if they could, Qiel would have pushed the dirt into the water, doing their best to fill up the ditch first.

What actually happened was that the demons simply rushed into their deaths. The demons behind them tried to step over their dead bodies, only to drown like them.

"Qiel. That ditch..." Laufey frowned.

"Yeah. It seems to be deeper than I originally thought." Qiel knew that they shouldn't waste too many demons in the beginning. Hence, she gave another command. "Call the big guys."

The people on the wall saw the approaching demons. These demons were different from the demons that had been rushing to their deaths. Each of these demons had a big body, at least four meters tall and either a robust body or a big wingspan. This way, even if they fell, they would fill up the ditch pretty quickly.

"..." Faust couldn't help but aim his bow at them. If he made his move, he could take down several of them. But before he could shoot, Noel waved his hand to him, signaling him not to do it.

"Master!" Dimitri glanced at Noel. They had to stop these demons from reaching the ditch.

"Let's begin!" Noel nodded. Dimitri blew out a horn.

Qiel couldn't help but furrow her eyebrows, wondering what they had. These giant demons were covering their heads and bodies with their big arms while moving toward the walls.

At first glance, the experts of the Ardagan Family could unleash their strength to strike them down, but to fight with this many demons, they couldn't spend their spiritual energy easily. Hence, they had to rely on their weapons first before the experts entered the combat.

Besides, the powerful demons would also make their moves if that were the case. That was why Noel had prepared his weapons.

"Get ready!"

Qiel dropped her jaw when she saw an opening on the wall. "Those are..."

"Qiel?" Laufey tried to see what was going on and saw some glints on the wall.lights

"All giant demons, hurry up! Forget about your defense and charge at the walls!" Qiel gave an order, albeit she was a tad too late.

There was a room within the wall where they stationed some of their heavy weapons. In this one particular room, there were a total of seven giant ballistas, each equipped with a giant javelin.

"Aim at the giant demons!" Tristan shouted. "Shoot!"

The people released the arrows. Due to their size, the arrows pierced through the enemy's arm, causing the demons to scream in pain. Some of them with a thinner frame ended up with a hole directly in the back of their bodies, killing them.

They hurriedly loaded the ballistas for the second volley. However, Tristan noticed one of the giant demons. It was a giant bull that was ready to charge and ram its entire body into the wall.

"Sir!"

"There is a giant bull going to come here." The soldiers panicked while pointing at the bull. It was thoroughly following Qiel's command.

"I will stop it." Faust clicked his tongue, aiming at the bull. The ballista was good, but it wouldn't be enough to stop this bull. But once again, Noel stopped him. "It's not the time yet, Captain Faust. Don't underestimate my Ardagan Family."

"Huh?"

In the ballista room, Tristan remembered his assignment from Noel as he said, "Ballista A! Charge the arrow with the rune!"

"Roger!" Two people hurriedly grabbed demon crystals and poured them into the ballista. The rune absorbed its energy to charge Ballista A's arrow. The ballista began to vibrate as if it had a hard time containing the arrow.

"Release it!"

The ballista finally released the arrow. Its speed was much faster than even Qiel's arrow. All that momentum clashed with the bull's head and instantly pierced through it. Even the head was slightly deformed due to its momentum, causing the bull to fall to its side, still a bit far away from the ditch. The arrow continued and impaled a demon before almost all its body penetrated the ground.

"What?!" Qiel and Faust dropped their jaws. Both of them had the same thought. Although they believed that their arrows were stronger, they couldn't deny that the ballista had more speed than their arrows.

"Look!"

"The giant bull is dead."

"That's right. We don't need to be scared. We have been preparing for this the whole time."

"Our weapons are superior!"

"Ooohhhh!"

The fact that they managed to kill the bulls with a weapon that they all could utilize inspired their hearts even more. That was right. Even if they were normal people, as long as they had the weapons, they could fight back.

More than twenty giant demons fell under the ballistas' attacks without being able to reach the wall.

"Incoming!" Some of the smaller demons utilized their giant bodies as ladders and jumped toward the walls.

With a lot of confidence, the soldiers hurriedly placed their shields at the edge of the wall, bracing for impact.

\*Roar!\*

\*Roar!\*

\*Roar!\*

The shields stopped the demons one after another as spears started piercing their bodies in rapid succession, letting them fall to the ditch.

This was what Noel wanted to achieve. He boosted their morale until they were fearless enough to do the things they had been instructed to do. This way, he could train them in the first few engagements and turn all these people into proper soldiers.

"Uooo!"

Qiel looked at that ridiculously high morale and frowned. It looked like she was out of options, but amidst their celebration, Qiel had started another notion.

The first ones to be affected were Duke Briton and the Water Lord.

"Hmm?!" Both of them couldn't help but furrow their eyebrows.

Some of the demons from the south actually moved toward them. They jumped into the air and used their bodies to destroy the water elemental's humanoid body. On the other side, the demons also released their spiritual energy to hinder the movements of Duke Briton's summoned creatures.

"What?" Duke Briton and the Water Lord couldn't help but glance to the side. They didn't expect that the demons from the south would divide their number into two so that they could overwhelm the duke and the Water Lord.

However, this wasn't the only thing they were planning to do. Qiel had also assigned multiple giant demons to both sides.

"Are they..." The Water Lord gasped while the Duke Briton gritted his teeth. "Not good!"

The giant demons actually looped around from the two sides to reach the north wall. The demons also began to follow.

"So, that's how it is." Noel clicked his tongue. Before he could order the soldiers to kill them, the giant demons fell to the ditch and filled it up with their giant bodies. This way, the smaller demons could use their bodies as a foothold to climb the wall.

The star-shaped wall had one big advantage. It was that they had five pointed tips, meaning that there would be a 'V'-shaped wall that connected each tip.



On the left side, the Water Lord and Paladin Aurelia controlled both tips so that the demons would be trapped in the V-shaped wall between them.

However, due to the demons from the south moving toward the Water Lord to overwhelm him, the Duke lost control over his tip, allowing the demons around that area to loop around and reach the north wall.

This also showed the weakness of the star-shaped wall. The pointy tip made the people on it look more vulnerable due to them standing out more than the rest of the wall, unlike the rectangular shape. At the same time, it also meant the demons didn't have to go directly to the center if they wanted to aim for Noel.

Once they managed to loop around, they simply had to fall right away to create enough space for the demons to reach Noel's position.

"But aren't you underestimating me too much?" Noel suddenly smiled as the walls connected to the tip once again opened, showing another room filled with Noel's new weapons.

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The demons widened their eyes when they saw something coming out.

They were the ballistas. Instead, they looked like a barrel that contained multiple arrows.

"First arrow!"

Once they heard the signal, they launched their first arrow. Even though it was called an arrow, it was actually a demon crystal wrapped in a demon's hide. Once they were unleashed, the runes were activated.

A circle of light appeared for a split second before it turned into numerous light beams.

"!!!" The demons widened their eyes in shock. They tried to protect themselves, but there were a total of a thousand beams coming out of ten runes.

Yes, these were the Rain of Light Runes. Noel actually compressed it into a single ball-shaped object and sealed its power within the barrel. When it was activated, the spiritual energy from the demon crystal could power up the rune, activating it.

Although each individual beam wasn't that powerful despite coming from an Intermediate Level Rune, there were a thousand of them.

The demons were completely overwhelmed by the number of beams. Some of the stronger ones covered their bodies with spiritual energy, but it was futile. Even though they managed to block a few of them with their spiritual energy, they ended up getting overwhelmed as the beams pierced through their bodies.

Blood flowed out of these numerous holes and caused them to die.

Originally, Noel wanted to aim at the main army, but as expected of Qiel, it would be hard to completely outsmart her. She ended up causing him to reveal one of his cards earlier than he originally expected.

Still, it didn't change the fact that they managed to beat him on that one.

Now that the demons from the two sides had been taken care of, the Water Lord and Duke Briton hurriedly made their moves.

A water sprout rose from the ditch, shooting up the giant demon's body that was plugging the ditch. The same occurred on the other side, but instead of a water sprout, it was a giant shark that bit the body before throwing it away.

The Water Lord and Duke Briton couldn't help but frown. It seemed that they had to be extra careful, knowing that the demons might interrupt Noel's battle against those fifty thousand demons.

"..." Qiel frowned. Despite using such a trick, he still couldn't pressure Noel. "It seems that I can't really hold back anymore."

Laufey smiled. "So, it's our turn now?"

"Not yet." Qiel waved her hand. "Move out!"

As per her instruction, two Superior Demons and five thousand demons advanced toward the cities. The other demons also began to close in, ready to move out the moment Noel showed any sign of weakness.

"We're not done yet. Kill them all!" Noel ordered the squad equipped with the Rain of Light Runes to unleash their power.

Another volley of arrows flew toward the demons. They should be able to kill a lot of demons with this, but the Superior Demons came forward. These two Superior Demons unleashed their spiritual energy and formed a shield.

The numerous light beams were completely blocked by this translucent barrier. However, due to the intensity of the runes, some light beams ended up creating some holes in the barrier.

The Superior Demon simply had stretched the shield so thin that they couldn't protect everything. In the end, some of the lights hit the demons.

"Again!"

Noel hadn't given up yet. The third volley was released. This time, it was impossible for the Superior Demon to contain these light beams by themselves.

However, there was no way the Superior Demons would take the beating just like that. The right Superior Demon was a boar. Although its body wasn't colossal, its height still reached four meters.

While maintaining the shield, the Superior Demon prepared for a charge.

\*Roo!\* The boar angrily shouted while charging toward the city.

"Kh!" Faust couldn't stop anymore as he shot out his arrow.

However, his arrow was actually intercepted by another arrow and exploded before it could reach the boar.

"Qiel!" Faust gritted his teeth. It was his turn to be blocked by her.

"Go forth and destroy the wall." Qiel smirked, believing that the boar would be able to at least crack their defense.

The ballistas tried to hit the boar to take it down, but even though some arrows managed to pierce through the boar's body, it didn't show any sign of stopping.

"Brace for impact!" Dimitri roared.

Noel simply closed his eyes as though he didn't have any choice but to let the boar hit them.

\*Bam!\*

The impact was so loud that it felt like thunder reverberated in their ears. The wall and even the ground trembled, but to everyone's surprise, the wall was not damaged at all. In fact, the boar took a few steps back as though it were about to pass out.

"What?!" Qiel widened her eyes in shock. She didn't know that Noel had placed five runes on the wall.

The first rune that stopped the charge was obviously the Harden Rune, preventing it from destroying the wall. And the second rune that contributed to the defense was none other than the Reduce Impact Rune.

That was right. Noel had foreseen that Qiel would definitely take advantage of the demons to destroy his wall. Hence, he prepared this Reduce Impact Rune to absorb most of the impact. Even a giant demon that could wield an axe wouldn't be able to destroy the wall.

Noel smiled. "Fret not! No matter how scary the demons are, this wall won't be destroyed. That's why you shouldn't turn your gaze away and keep killing the enemies!"

"Ooohhhh!" The people shouted with high morale.

Normally, they would have to go out to stop the Superior Demons, but Noel allowed them to remain here and still get the high ground.

Now that the boar was too occupied with regaining its composure, Noel hurriedly rained the demons under the protection of the boars with the light beams.

\*Roar!\*

\*Roar!\*

\*Roar!\*

The demons were killing one after another, unable to protect themselves. Some of the Peak Level Demons helped with the protection, but even the Superior Demons couldn't last long until holes appeared on their barrier, so how could they withstand these numerous light beams?

Noel looked solemn as though he had predicted the outcome. However, when he saw Qiel's expression, he realized that something was off. The boar had attacked them, but the other Superior Demon hadn't done anything.lights

All of a sudden, numerous tree roots emerged from the ground and shot into the air, creating a bridge toward the top of the walls.

"What?" Dimitri gasped. He didn't think of this.

Qiel actually used the Plant Type Demon to create a bridge that directly opened the path to the top of the wall. Without hesitation, the demons ran on top of the roots.

Dimitri jumped into the air, thinking that this was the time for him to join the battle. He gathered his strength into his sword, ready to unleash the full might of his slash to cut down all the roots.

But when he was about to pull out his sword, he spun his body and struck the incoming presence instead.

\*Cling!\*

Two powerful energies clashed with each other, painting the sky black and blue.

"I hope that you haven't forgotten about me." Laufey stopped Dimitri's blade with his own.

"The former lord had graciously saved you, but you dared to betray him. I shall kill you today!" Dimitri waved his swords a few times until they began to fall down.

"You won't be able to kill me." Laufey harrumphed as he continued parrying Dimitri's attack. However, Dimitri's objective still didn't change.

While clashing with Laufey, he kept sending the residuals of his spiritual energy to the side, either cutting the demons or the roots.

"You..." Laufey gritted his teeth, annoyed by the fact that Dimitri still had leeway when fighting him.

Seeing that Laufey had stopped Dimitri, Anna chose to leap into the air, shattering all these roots. However, more and more roots began to appear from the ground.

That was right. The opponent this time wasn't limited to only one tree. There was another demon tree hiding in their ranks.

Anna couldn't help but glance at the enemy camp, wondering which trees were the Superior Demons.

"Tsk." Anna clicked her tongue and released her lightning bolt to strike one of the tree roots. Upon impact, the electricity was dispersed into the surrounding area and shattered the other roots. However, these roots protected the other tree's roots completely.

After testing each other's strength, the first demon tree finally made its appearance. It was moving like an octopus. Its roots kept coming in and out of the ground as the branches expanded both upward and downward. The trees were actually picking demons as they came forward.

When it reached a certain distance, the trees extended the branches forward, using their height advantage to create a straight path toward the top of the wall.

Anna wasn't afraid of this tree. She was ready to strike it down the moment all the branches came forward.

But among these demons were the two new Devil Saints.

They suddenly jumped from behind the demons to sneak an attack on Anna.

Anna parried one of them, but the other Devil Saint actually struck a small gem.

"What?!" He was surprised because his sword, which had been filled with his spiritual energy, could only make a small dent in this small gem.

**\*Boom!\***

The gem exploded, blowing him away.

"You should go back and drink some milk, young man," the Gem Lord said while floating in the air. No, more precisely, he was standing on top of a gem that was floating in the air.

But because both Anna and the Gem Lord were occupied by two Devil Saints, they couldn't stop the branches from reaching the walls.

The people directed the Spiritual Barrier Rune to block these branches, but the enemies began to rain them down with numerous long range attacks.

The battlefield instantly turned chaotic the moment the Superior Demons began to attack. Even the bear and the other Superior Demon that approached the wall earlier were ready to unleash their second attack.

In other words, three Superior Demons' attacks were about to reach their wall.

"They are coming!" The soldiers shouted, preparing themselves.

The boar charged forward, ready to ram the wall until it broke.

However, Howard suddenly raised his giant shield and sword. "Don't be afraid, soldiers of the Ardagan Family!"

His roars resounded across the wall as a giant avatar emerged from his body. It was only the upper body, but it was as big as the boar.

It suddenly flew forward with its shield on the front, charging at the boar.

\*Bam!\*



They crashed into each other. The boar couldn't destroy the shield, but the avatar also barely blocked this charge and stopped the boar's momentum.

On the other side of the wall, the Superior Demon was a red-

colored ape. It ran toward the wall, ready to punch the wall.

A figure suddenly jumped off the wall and landed on the ape's long arm before cutting it. The cut didn't look powerful like other grandmasters, but the ape surprisingly lost the feeling of its arm. The arm fell to the ground as the figure leaped back to the top of the wall.

He was none other than Andreas, the grandson of Old Ru.

"It seems that the true battle is about to begin with all these Superior Demons..." Andreas muttered while looking at the middle. The giant branches were about to latch onto the wall.

However, a few small feathers flew toward these branches and exploded, engulfing the branches with a black flame. The flame was so powerful that it reduced the branches into ashes faster than the tree could regenerate them.

"Such nice firewood." Noel snorted as if implying that they would need to do more if they wanted to reach the wall.

Qiel looked at Noel with a smile. Now that Noel had made his move, it meant that he had used all his cards.

"It seems that you've severely underestimated me, Noel Ardagan. Do you think all these Superior Demons are trying to attack the city wall? No. They are just to make sure that you've used all your grandmasters. And now, you won't have anyone to protect your city!" Qiel raised her hands. "Raise from the ground, my demons!"

Qiel made a big grin as she was expecting the demons to appear inside the city. In fact, everything had just been a distraction as she was buying time for the demons to dig underneath the city. Even the giant tree was there to spread its branches and leaves to block Noel's vision.

And finally, it was time to unleash their power. The underground demons should have arrived at the city and been ready to destroy it and stir a huge ruckus inside the city.

But even after commanding the demons... nothing happened.

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"..."

"..."

Qiel stopped awkwardly when she didn't hear anything from the city. Normally, if the demons broke out into the city, they would wreak havoc, and the people would scream in panic. But there was nothing to hear.

"..." Qiel looked at Noel, who looked at her as if she was a fool. "Don't tell me..."

There was something amiss. The underground demon would be the hardest to stop, so how could they disappoint her?

"What is going on?" Qiel turned around while shouting to the Superior Demon supervising the underground demons. Behind their army were more than twenty holes where the underground demons would create a passage underneath the city and the smaller demons would come in and use this passage.

Yet, nothing happened.

\*Roar!\* The Superior Demon panicked while pointing at the holes. It was filled with water.

"Huh?!" Qiel's face became pale. How could the holes be filled with water? The demons might be strong under the soil, but if the hole was filled with water, they would drown.

She had sent a lot of demons to dig the ground, but every single hole was completely filled to the brim. Even if they wanted to bring them back, the drowned demons would have stuck in the hole. So, they had no choice but to dig more ground.

But if they kept creating a new hole, the soil used as a battlefield would weaken. Noel wouldn't hesitate to make it collapse, which made the battle even more treacherous for the demons.

"No way." Qiel gritted her teeth.

\*Ssshhhh!\*

\*Ssshhhh!\*

The sound of leaves shaking echoed in her ears as if the tree demon were calling her. She turned around and saw the tree send out two roots to show something to Qiel. The first root had blood on it while the other root was completely wet with water.

Qiel dropped her jaw. There was no way the demon tree would kill its fellow demons when they were digging, so the blood must have come from the demon who had died, and the demon tree accidentally punctured it.

And the demon tree wouldn't have spread its roots so deeply that it would dig up the water reservoir below. There was only one possible thing that came into her mind.

"Don't tell me... "Has he created a water wall?!" Qiel gasped. "Then, we should dig deeper to avoid the water wall... no, wait..."

Qiel tried to think about all kinds of possibilities. The water wall's mechanism was pretty simple. They dug the water wall on top of the reservoir so that everything that wanted to enter the city would hit the

reservoir. If they tried to dig deeper to avoid the water wall, they would still drown themselves due to the influx of water from the reservoir.

This way, the underground demon wouldn't be able to create a dry tunnel and would never reach the city.

"Not good!" Qiel didn't know what she should do. These demons were her trump card to create chaos inside the city, so she didn't expect that Noel would have found a way to counter it.

"No. There is still one way. If we can't use these demons, there is another type of demon we can use." Qiel gulped down, thinking this was the only solution. "Oi, tree! Use the tunnels and extend them past the wall. All amphibians will submerge and use that hole to enter the city."

At first, he wanted to use the fish as well, but she knew that the fish would be useless once it came out of that hole. So, it would be better if he sent amphibians.

The problem was that there weren't many demons she could use.

"But this is the only way." Qiel gritted her teeth and finalized her order. "Send all the remaining amphibian demons to our side and tell them to enter the city. Destroy everything they could see!"

A demon acted as a messenger to inform the Peak Level Demons that controlled the amphibian demons. Meanwhile, the demon tree was prepared to dig the ground underneath the wall.

Noel took a deep breath as he raised his sword above his head. The spiritual energy on his sword flared up.

In the past, he would only use the Sword Transmutation to unleash his strike. However, it had changed. Noel had one more trump card he could use to strengthen this ability.

"The only constant is change. My blade will also change..." Noel suddenly drew back the sword as though he wanted to stab instead. The Sword Transmutation would run through the ground and create a wall containing a massive, sharp spiritual energy.

Unexpectedly, the Everchanging Emotion Sword Style changed its very movement itself. Instead of the anger emotion that would make his sword the sharpest, he actually used the 'shame' emotion to increase the penetration force of his sword. In addition, he used the 'fear' to speed up the thrust.

To determine these two emotions, Noel believed that it would be shameful to let the demon tree cause any damage to his city and he feared that the city would succeed and kill a lot of people.

The spiritual energy responded to his emotion and started to become ablaze.

The demon tree that sensed this powerful energy couldn't help but stop. Its roots and branches suddenly gathered in a single spot as if trying to protect its body.

Noel gathered all his strength in his right arm before thrusting his sword forward. "Sword Transmutation, Everchanging Version."

The spiritual energy flew like a beam. Its speed was like a bullet and the amount of spiritual energy caused the air to vibrate.

The demon tree used its roots and branches as a wall, trying to stop Noel's attack. Unfortunately, it was useless.

The piercing light shattered the branches and roots on its way, making its way directly toward the demon tree.

"!!!" The demon tree never saw an attack like this. The tree would cause massive damage and be hard to kill due to the number of branches and roots. That was precisely the reason why they had to eliminate the demon tree as soon as possible.

Anna came first and restrained the second tree, so that Noel could kill it.

In fact, he even spent fifty percent of his spiritual energy just for this one attack. There was no way the trees could stop this attack.

The demon tree realized that its life was over. Because it had sent a few roots toward the city, it couldn't pull them fast enough to avoid this attack. This was exactly the biggest weakness that the plant type demon had.

That was why the tree suddenly stopped defending itself all of a sudden and used its last bit of energy to extend the roots as quickly as possible.lights

**\*Boom!\***

The moment Noel's attack reached the demon tree, it crushed its entire trunk, causing the upper part of the tree to fall to the ground, crushing the demons underneath. Even other demons on the branches ended up falling, unable to continue their attacks.

The soldiers dropped their jaws to the ground. It was just a single clash but the demon tree couldn't penetrate to the

Undying Phoenix.

The black flame hit the tree and set the remnant of the tree ablaze, trying to kill every single demon underneath the trees. Before it killed anyone, Noel hurriedly checked his mission to confirm the kill before saying, "Grandell."

Grandell, who stood not far from him, nodded his head and shouted at the top of his lungs. "Our Earl Ardagan has slain a Superior Demon!"

"Oooooohhhh!" The cheers erupted. This was the lord they followed, the almighty lord who could kill a Superior Demon so easily.

With how easy it took Noel to kill a Superior Demon, the soldiers knew that as long as they continued, more and more Superior Demons would die in their hands. Without their leaders, the other demons were easy to kill.

That was why this one kill had a massive effect because it showed hope.

"Not good..." Qiel's face became pale. She had underestimated Noel. The water wall indeed stopped the underground demons. However, that wasn't Noel's true intention.

Instead, Noel wanted to kill the Demon Tree. Noel had baited the demon tree to be unable to move away before concentrating everything he had to kill the Superior Demon Tree. That was right. The only one that could create a hole after this was the demon tree, so if they died, his city would be safe.

Noel's plan had begun the moment Anna stopped the other demon tree.

"If he raises their morale even further, we will be at a disadvantage." Qiel gritted her teeth.

However, another plant type demon seemed to have made its move before Qiel ordered.

On the bottom part of the demon tree, there was a yellow-

colored flower sticking out of its trunk. It looked harmless and the fire would engulf it soon, but this was the same flower that controlled the beast.

It seemed that Noel hadn't seen its true might during the previous expedition. Or it could be said that the flower had grown even stronger by absorbing the experience of that battle.

Due to the Supreme Devil Organization commanding it, the Superior Demon actually learned from their tactic. After all, the Superior Demon was very intelligent.

They used that experience to move before Qiel and controlled the dead tree like a zombie.

All of a sudden, two roots broke through the ground.

"!!!" Noel widened his eyes in shock as he couldn't help but turn around. Yes, the sound came from behind the wall.

He couldn't help but rush to the back of the wall and witness two giant roots.

"What?! Did I miscalculate, but those roots..." Noel obviously recognized these roots since they came from the tree he had just killed. He even thought that the demon tree was still alive, but after creating a passage, the black flame reached the white flower and completely burned it away, stopping the control.

Although there were a lot of questions in his mind, he hurriedly sent a few feathers to burn them away.

He thought that by destroying one of the trees, he would stop the organization from creating a tunnel to his city, but he had underestimated them.

Once the roots were burned, the tunnel was soon filled with water coming from the water wall. Demons rushed into the tunnel and started emerging.

And the one that came out first was a red-colored crocodile.

\*Roar!\* This was the Superior Demon that controlled all the amphibian demons.

"What?!"

"The demons..."

"There are demons in the city..."

"No way!"

The people gasped. While it was true that there was a demon inside the city, there weren't many buildings around since the city wasn't fully developed yet.



And Clara was the one who understood the importance of this hole the most. She had been assigned to the center of the city so that she could supervise the healing and treatment of the injured while protecting the citizens, but after seeing this Superior Demon, the first thing she did was leap into the air.

A thread formed and extended from her hand, attaching itself to the buildings next to them. She then pulled herself on top of the thread and used it to launch herself to the north wall.

It only took her a few seconds to reach the north wall. Even the Superior Demon stopped because it was preparing for Clara's attack.

\*Roar!\*

Clara raised her hand, creating numerous threads. She shouted to Noel, "I will take care of this Superior Demon. But we have to seal the hole immediately!"

Noel nodded with a solemn expression, ready to send his squad. However, he saw that the demons began to emerge.

Noel hurriedly ordered, "We have to plug the holes and kill all the demons. Felicia. Send half of your men down. Aerton, take control of the reserve and eliminate all the demons. And... Erica, help the soldiers kill all the demons!"

"Roger!" Aerton and Felicia hurriedly commanded the group. However, Erica was completely surprised. Noel wanted her to lead her group to kill the demons, meaning that they finally had the chance to take part in this battle.

Erica and Eric looked at each other and nodded their heads. "Yes!"

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"Go!" Felicia shouted.

A few men leaped off the wall, falling for several meters before releasing their spiritual energy. Their fall gradually slowed down before they ended up floating four meters above the ground.

Two of them immediately took out several balls and tossed them toward the beasts.

\*Boom!\*

\*Boom!\*

\*Boom!\*

The balls caused a chain of explosions after one of the balls broke apart, killing a lot of demons.

Another pair moved toward Clara and tossed their explosive balls toward the crocodile.

The crocodile endured multiple explosions on its body. To their surprise, the explosions weren't enough to break the crocodile's defense. Only a bit of its scales cracked, but the rest of the crocodiles remained unscathed.

"Madam Clara. We will hold him back for a moment. Please seal the holes with your threads."

Clara nodded her head. When she looped around, the crocodile hurriedly whipped Clara with its tail, but Clara shot out a thick thread, attaching it to both the ground and the wall. As a result, the thread stopped the crocodile's tail, allowing Clara to leap over it and head straight to the hole.

The crocodile turned around, trying to stop Clara. However, another wave of explosions hit its face as the crocodile couldn't help but look at these annoying people hovering in the air.

"We'll be the ones fighting you." The two men grinned. This was the first time they fought a Superior Demon, especially since they were only Spirit Wielders. This kind of opportunity could be achieved by

the flying squad. It was an honor to fight the Superior Demon at this stage, and they planned to do it even if it cost them their lives.

On the other hand, several demons had emerged from the hole and tried to stop Clara. Four of them flanked Clara from both sides.

\*Roar!\*

\*Roar!\*

"Just shut up!" Clara took out a needle from her pocket and sewed their mouths. After that, a few threads emerged from the ground and wrapped their bodies, pinning them in their spots.

There were only three demons left, so Clara hurriedly shot out her thread to attack them. One of them went straight to the thread to block it with its body.

The demon was successful, but Clara's eyes flashed as she pulled the thread as hard as possible before swinging it to the left, tossing this demon to the one on its left.

The last demon tried to fight Clara, but more threads appeared and tied it up before the demon could do anything.

Now that she was right in front of the hole, Clara spread her finger, creating a cobweb that blocked the hole.

There was a demon trying to come out, but when it tried to push through, the web expanded and pulled the demon back into the hole.

Now that it had been sealed, the only thing she had to worry about was the other hole. But it seemed that Aerton had done a great job.

"Surround the demons!" Aerton commanded as the soldiers began to attack the demons from all directions.

However, the ones that stood out the most were the children.

"Attack!" Several kids emerged from the crowd.

Their opponent was a low level demon frog. The frog shot out its tongue at bullet speed, but the targeted kid skillfully jumped into the air. His movement was elegant and graceful as if he were doing an acrobatic front flip.

Meanwhile, the other kids spun their bodies while holding their swords. Two of them reached the tongue and cut it into two. Another pair reached the frog's body and cut down its legs. When the frog fell down, the last pair came from above and swiftly cut its neck, taking down the frog.

"We have to continue."

"We can't do it as swiftly as those two, but we can defeat the demons."

"Let's go."

The kids were pumped up because they could finally fight to help Noel. Even the soldiers were stunned by their performance. In just an instant, they killed a low level demon. Their movement was so beautiful that the soldiers were entranced as though they were watching a group of dancers.

However, the most shocking thing was the pair that led this group, Erica and Eric.

Before them was a mid level demon snake. The snake moved at a very high speed, trying to devour them. However, Eric and Erica leaped in the opposite direction. They spun their bodies while moving forward, using the centrifugal force to cut the snake's body multiple times.

Their movement was swift and precise, but the cut was actually located on the same spot as if they were moving at the same time with the same movement.

Within a second, there were ten cuts on the snake's body, enraging the snake. That was when both of them leaped back to the snake's head. When the snake turned around, both Eric and Erica beheaded the snake with a diagonal swing so that when they landed on the ground, it looked like they had waved their hands and bowed to the soldiers, thanking them for watching their performance.lights

"Oh..." The soldiers couldn't help but get entranced by their deadly dance.

Aerton couldn't help but smile, thinking, 'As expected of my lord. To think that the kids he brought here are this strong.'

"Hurry up and bring the dirt here."

"The pump too!"

"We have to plug the holes as quickly as possible."

Clara sneakily reached the hole and covered it with her web. She glanced at the kids and understood why Milfa took great care of them. Their talents were definitely extraordinary.

Still, she never thought that they were children from the slum, who were destined to live a miserable life. Without Noel, their futures were already decided. The women might end up becoming prostitutes; the men either became thugs, thieves, or beggars.

After meeting Noel, their fate changed as the sword dancer and the proud members of the Ardagan Family.

Clara smiled before going back to the Superior Demon.

Noel had told them that if there was any hole appearing in the city, they should plug it back by pumping the dirt inside. It was impossible normally, but the Rune Pump was different. The pump could be facing any direction, and its power was beyond that of a normal pump.

With this, the hole would soon be plugged and no more demons would appear.

"My lord. They have succeeded in taking over the holes and are about to fill them back with dirt," Grandell reported.

"Good." Noel smiled. With this, he could sit back and relax for a bit, believing that the battle could progress a bit more before they released more of their cards.

Qiel gritted her teeth after receiving the report stating that they had failed to infiltrate the city.

'Is the city impenetrable?' Qiel never thought that a city with an incomplete wall could be this sturdy. She couldn't imagine the future when Noel fully built his city and gained even more soldiers. It would be impossible to destroy this city unless they could bring out Ancient Demons and hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of demons to attack the city.

"No. We can't let this continue. We have to find another way to break through their defense." Qiel looked around. On the east and west sides, the demons had begun to pile up. The south was also ready for her to utilize.

Hence, Qiel told two Superior Demons to pass her message.

They passed this message to the Superior Demons controlling the other sides.

Obviously, that movement couldn't escape Noel's eyes.

"It seems that they are trying to do something. Is there the third demon tree?" Noel furrowed his eyebrows. "While I can still monitor the east and west sides, I can't monitor everything in the south. I have placed both Milfa and Aurelia there because Milfa was extremely strong while they would think twice before fighting Aurelia due to her affiliation. But..."

Noel frowned, feeling something was off.

All of a sudden, he heard numerous cries coming from the sky.

"Hmm?!" Noel raised his head and saw numerous black dots in the sky.

"My lord... Those are..." Grandell gritted his teeth.

"Yeah. The flying demons. Their number is about one thousand." Noel might not be able to help the other sides after the deployment of these flying beasts. "Are our anti flying demon weapons ready yet?"

"Yes, Sir. I will inform the soldiers to activate them." Grandell confirmed.

"Tell Felicia that she might be going soon."

"Will our flying squad fight those demons? Although I know that Miss Felicia is strong, I don't think she and her squad are ready to fight these flying beasts."

"Of course not. Just tell them about it. I have an arrangement."

"Sir!" Grandell saluted before passing Noel's messages.

Noel couldn't help but smile. "It seems that you're planning to do something, Qiel. It seems that you haven't given up on achieving a complete victory."

Noel was perfectly aware that with the current situation, Qiel could simply utilize attrition warfare. This way, they could wear down Layla's barrier while preserving their numbers.

Once the barrier disappeared, they would launch an all out attack and completely crush the city.

However, Qiel didn't do any of that. Instead, she kept throwing one card after another as if she were trying to overwhelm him.

Still, Qiel had lost to him before. Although the possibility of her harboring a grudge was high, Qiel wouldn't be so foolish as to let her pride take over. She was definitely planning to do something big, fully utilizing the fact that Noel had to kill at least fifty thousand demons and several Superior Demons before the day was over. Only by doing this would Layla have enough room to maintain the barrier a bit longer.

"What are you planning?" Noel squinted his eyes.

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"What are you planning?" While Noel was watching the incoming flying demons, the soldiers were moving around to activate the weapons Noel had invented.

They were similar to the ballistas, but he modified them to be very long. Instead of using a real javelin, Noel actually used the Rune Spear as its ammunition.

"Get ready!" The people shouted while aiming at the flying demons.

"Remember! We'll be aiming at the demons in the sky."

"Yes, sir!"

The soldiers acknowledged the order as Grandell informed Noel, "Everything is ready, sir!"

Noel nodded. "Load them up and wait until I give a signal to fire."

Grandell nodded and hurriedly relayed the order. "Load them up!"



"Ha!"

There were a total of five weapons. When they heard the order, they immediately put a demon crystal into the barrel, activating the Rune Spear. When the rune spear was in place, they activated the second rune.

The reason this weapon had a long barrel was because they wanted to create a longer launch pad. At the tip of the launch pad, they placed a Multiplication Rune, the rune that Anna used back when they helped the saintess.

The Multiplication Rune could multiply an object made of spiritual energy, so they couldn't use the real spear.

After that, they used the Spiritual Barrier Rune to hold the spear in place while activating the fourth rune, which was the Momentum Rune. They charged the spear with all the momentum they could get, creating a very long-range weapon.

Noel squinted his eyes, staring at the flying demons. He was pretty sure that there would be a Superior Demon taking care of them. So, he wanted to find it and kill this Superior Demon as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, Qiel seemed to have learned about their current plan, so she wouldn't be too reckless in spending all her force.

"It seems that I can't force her for the time being." Noel looked at Qiel in the distance. Her area was extremely guarded, so it was clear that even if he aimed all his weapons toward her, she would still be fine. Hence, he chose to focus on the incoming flying demons. "Fire!"

Grandell relayed the message out loud. "Fire!"

"Fire!" All the soldiers in charge of the weapons shouted.

The soldiers deactivated the Spiritual Barrier Rune that held the Rune Spear in place before using the Enhance Forward Rune, shooting the Rune Spear into the sky.

However, before leaving the weapon, it passed through the Multiplication Rune at the tip of its barrel. The rune copied the spear and produced seven similar spears around it with the same intensity and speed.

Forty rune spears flew into the sky, heading straight toward the incoming flying demons.

The demons let out a cry and started evading, but more than seventy percent of the spear still hit their targets due to their speed, instantly killing their target.

The soldiers began to charge the weapons again, ready to shoot them into the air. Although the number of shots was quite low, it was a pretty effective weapon. Even Noel didn't believe that they could defeat all these demons just by relying on these weapons.

In fact, there was a reason why the weapons looked similar to each other. It was because they didn't have enough time to invent these weapons.

Even though Noel was the creator of the rune, invention still took time. Noel only had about two months after he returned to the city. He rushed the blacksmith to complete not only the building and facility but also the new weapons. With that high workload, this was the only way to get most of the things he wanted.

Noel and the others were completely exhausted and couldn't even participate in this battle.

That was why the ballistas were the main form of their weapons and placed them inside the room within the wall. He wanted these ballistas to target the gigantic demons because they were simply too big.

The second weapon was just a modified version of the ballista. Instead of a chamber for an arrow, they created a big container to shoot out the demon crystals. They wanted to rain on the enemies with the Rain of Light Rune. This was the Ardagan Family's main attack in thinning out the enemy's number.

And last but not least were these anti flying demon ballistas which were used to reduce the flying demon's number before they reached their city wall.

Instead of creating a new and completely different design, Noel chose to just modify the main design, which was still pretty effective and efficient.

"Kill them all." Noel shouted. He hoped that these weapons could at least kill five hundred flying demons before they could reach this place. The remaining five hundred had to be eliminated through other methods.

While they were occupied with the flying demons, the demons on the other sides began to move.

All two Superior Demons from each side actually ordered their army to fully commit to destroying the barrier. The Superior Demons also came toward the barrier.

"!!!" The Water Lord, Duke Briton, Milfa, and Aurelia couldn't help but clench their fists. The Superior Demons had finally begun to move. Each of them had to take care of two Superior Demons as well as four thousand demons.

"This is not looking good." The Water Lord furrowed his eyebrows. He hurriedly controlled the water elemental to disengage the melee and prepared for the Superior Demons. The two Superior Demons he was fighting were a giant python and a snail. The snail slowly made its way toward the barrier, while the python swiftly came toward the elemental.

The water elemental opened its arm before trying to choke the python, but the latter actually swirled around as though it was avoiding the fight. The python was looping around to hit Noel from the side.

"I won't make the same blunder." The Water Lord hurriedly caught up and grabbed the python, but this was only a distraction the python made. Because of how it moved, the body was right next to the elemental.

The python covered its giant body with spiritual energy and started wrapping the elemental as though the water had a hard physical form.

It then overpowered the body and crushed it, causing the body of water to splash.

"!!!" The Water Lord widened his eyes and hurriedly waved his hands. The water from the pit rose again and repaired the elemental body before grasping the python so that it wouldn't get away.

However, the snail, which was moving slowly at first, suddenly reached the barrier.

"Huh?!" The Water Lord was stunned. "Since when..."

The snail moved on top of the body that the demon created and started climbing the barrier as if it were defying gravity. Although the snail wasn't as big as the python, it was still two meters in height.

What took the Water Lord's focus was the green-colored trail the snail left behind.

"What is that..." The Water Lord glanced at the ground that the snail had crossed earlier, noticing that the soil was actually melting. "Poison?! Not good!"

The Water Lord realized that the snail was planning to cover the entire barrier with poison so that it would melt sooner or later. Even if the saintess could repair the barrier continuously, she would deplete more energy than necessary.

"I'm not planning to make the same blunder again!" The Water Lord roared while pointing his left palm toward the trail.

All of a sudden, the green-colored liquid gathered in a single place and formed a green elemental.

"The reason I'm called the Water Lord is not because I can only control water, they simply have no other title that can fit my name!" The Water Lord made a grasping motion. All of a sudden, the snail stopped on its tracks as if its body refused to move.

For the first time, the snail glanced at the Water Lord.

The green elemental grabbed the snail and tossed it back to the ground. The python tried to move, but its body also refused to move when the Water Lord utilized his true power.

"What I control is not water, it's liquid! Don't think you can get away from me, you lowly demons!" The Water Lord looked at the demons with murderous intent, but it seemed that controlling that power took a toll on his body because blood suddenly flowed out of the corner of his mouth. In the end, even if he used that power, the Superior Demons would feel it and resist with their own energy.

Ultimately, the Water Lord expended more energy to win in the battle of control. And he also needed to take down the remaining four thousand demons around him.

Duke Briton was also facing a similar situation. Instead of a snail and a python, the Superior Demons on his side were a horse and a chicken.

The horse charged toward the barrier while the chicken barely flew and glided on the air by flapping its wings. It couldn't even fly more than two meters into the air, but the speed increased due to the process.

The chicken and the horse ended up reaching the barrier at the same time.

Duke Briton hurriedly sent forth two giant sharks to meet them. The horse looked like it was about to get devoured, but it actually created a translucent barrier in front of it and crashed into the shark.

The shark withstood the horse's barrier for a second, cracking it. However, the horse increased its momentum and broke apart the shark.

On the other hand, the chicken acted like a 'chicken' and actually flew away to avoid the shark.

"!!!" Duke Briton wasn't concerned at first, but the chicken was actually heading in a different direction. Instead of sliding to the v-shaped area between him and Milfa, the chicken actually went straight to Milfa. "What?!"

Milfa, who had to fight a tiger and a fox, had to deal with an additional opponent.

"..." Milfa squinted her eyes. Even though she was capable of dealing with them, the four thousand demons were also going straight to her.

"It seems that I have to go all out. They are seriously going to create a path here, the farthest spot from the northern wall as well as not affiliated with the Moon Temple." Milfa took a deep breath. Since she would be their target, Milfa closed his eyes for a moment.

When she opened it again, her eyes were exuding a faint white light. Her body started to float in the air as numerous sphere-shaped lights appeared around her.

"Even the kids from the dance group are doing their best. I have concealed my power for so long, so I guess it's time to show it a little bit." Milfa waved her hand down.

In that instant, all those light spheres flew toward the incoming demons. They passed through the barrier even though Layla didn't allow it. That power even confused Layla.

However, these light spheres skillfully flew around and hit the demons, killing one demon after another. Some of them also flew toward the fox and the tiger to keep them in check.

\*Roar!\*

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\*Roa—!\*

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\*Boom!\*

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\*Cookle?!\* The chicken was shocked.

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Hence, Noel had to do something to avoid this outcome, even if it meant personally striking them back.

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This was the pill that Khalid had given him to recover his spiritual energy. Although he couldn't produce enough pills for everyone, he at least had some for their elite troops.

Noel squinted his eyes, looking at the flying demons, especially the Superior Demon who was supervising the rest of the flying demons from a distance.

"Andreas. The controlled demons... Do they have any weaknesses?" Noel asked.

"No. In fact, they will keep coming unless you destroy the flower on top of their heads and obviously kill the demons themselves."

"Alright. Can you handle the ape for now? And please ask the Gem Lord to attack the flying demons."

"But shouldn't they have more Superior Demons to use?"

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"Got it." Andreas waved his hand before jumping off the wall.

The ape kicked the Gem Lord from the side, but he skillfully blocked it with his yellow-colored gem. It didn't explode, but the ape couldn't even push it back.

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The ape and the Gem Lord felt a weird fluctuation of energy from his sword. The Gem Lord was surprised, but the ape suddenly fell to the ground as it could no longer feel its foot.

"You're back, young lad." The Gem Lord frowned.

"He wants you to take care of the flying demons since you can fly."

The Gem Lord glanced at the flying Superior Demon and thought the same thing as Andreas.

"Don't worry. He has made some arrangements," Andreas assured him.

Even though both of them didn't know what this arrangement was, from what Noel had shown so far, it should be pretty reliable. So, the Gem Lord didn't have an objection and hurriedly flew to the sky.

"Seven Star Gem." The Gem Lord tossed a white gem into the air before the color suddenly changed into that of a rainbow.

"!!!" The Superior Demon and Qiel were alarmed. The Superior Demon flapped its wings, expanding its spiritual energy. Meanwhile, Qiel hurriedly released an arrow to the Gem Lord, which ended up getting shut down by Faust.

"Tsk." Qiel gritted her teeth, looking at Faust. The latter even sent a few more arrows toward her, but unlike her arrow, she was deep within the demon ranks.

A few Peak Level Demons jumped into the air, stimulating the energy within their bodies to form a barrier.

When the arrow hit it, it let out a burst of energy, knocking those Peak Level Demons to the ground. However, the arrow still didn't reach Qiel.

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This rainbow-colored gem released a blinding light. The spiritual energy from the flying Superior Demon blocked a portion of the light, but it failed to stop this radiating light.

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The Superior Demon let out a loud cry before flying toward the Gem Lord. He was simply too dangerous to be left alive.

"Hoho... A mere bird dares to challenge me." The Gem Lord summoned multiple gems around his body, ready for a fight.

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"Roger! Flying Squad." Felicia shouted.

"Ha!" The squad replied as they activated the runes on their armor. After the problem Felicia presented to Noel, the latter made some improvements to it.

The first would be the armor itself. It was a breastplate made of leather, but it still covered their entire upper body. Several straps were attached to the breastplate, connecting both arms and legs so that they could gain balance when flying. Last but not least, their shoes.

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The flying squad wreaked havoc in the enemy's ranks, destroying the mobility that these demons had. At the same time, the Gem Lord was distracting the flying demons. Some of the demons also had to fight the soldiers on the wall, so the flying squad didn't have anyone to fight them.

"No!" Qiel realized what would happen if this continued. "Those flying people can't be left alive. All the flying demons disengage and kill them!"

The flying demons received Qiel's order, but the effect wasn't so drastic. The majority of the flying demons were occupied with their own enemies. So, only dozens of flying demons were able to come toward the flying squads.

"Five men, follow me. The rest will continue the bombardment." Felicia commanded.

"Yes, Ma'am!"

She split the squad. Instead of getting scared, they were planning to show them that their flying squad would rule the air from now on.

Some of the flying demons opened their mouths or flapped their wings to attack them. Meanwhile, Felicia and the rest of the men pointed their left palms toward them.

The moment they poured their spiritual energy, the Rain of Light rune embedded on the left glove was activated, shooting more than five hundred light beams toward them.

While the light beams would reach them or even hit their attacks, Felicia knew that it was impossible to stop every single attack. Hence, she ordered, "Activate your barrier!"

"Yes!" They poured their spiritual energy into their backpack. The backpack turned out to be equipped with not only the 'bombs,' but also the Spiritual Barrier Rune.

\*Bang!\*

\*Bang!\*

\*Bang!\*

Several feathers and beams hit their barrier, but none of them left a scratch. In addition, the Rain of Light rune had also thinned out their number.

In the end, the flying squads reached them practically unhurt.

"Engage them!"

"Yes, Ma'am!" The soldiers roared. They headed straight toward a flying demon and pointed the other glove. "Rune Blast!"

That was right. This was the last card that Noel had with the Flying Squads. The armor was used to fly, the boots were made to propel them, the left glove was to mow down their enemies, the backpack protected them with the barrier, and the right glove was to engage with melee when necessary. With all these runes, they were far better than the flying demons in the sky.

\*Bam!\*

\*Bam!\*

The flying demons got taken down one after another. The flying squad even increased their speed to overrun them and engage in a better position.

The soldiers couldn't help but cheer. They were soldiers like them. While they had cultivated their spiritual energy, it didn't change the fact that they were overwhelming.

However, there was no way Qiel would let this go.

"Captain Felicia!" One of them shouted, noticing a ray of light from the side.

"!!!" Felicia instinctively activated the Spiritual Barrier rune.

\*Boom!\*

"Captain!" The ray of light exploded, completely devouring her.

In the distance, there was a giant cat with a shining tail. It was this cat that shot Felicia earlier.

The cat looked proud as though it was able to kill Felicia. However, all of a sudden, a giant lump of energy formed in the sky, coming crushing down on the cat.

"!!!" The cat had to gather a huge amount of energy on its paw to slap this lump of ball. Their clash caused a huge burst of energy that pushed the cat back.

The cat was a Superior Demon, so it was shocked to find an attack that was able to push him back.

"Don't falter!" Felicia's voice resounded across the battlefield. When the wind blew away the smoke, it was revealed that the barrier that protected Felicia was still intact, even though there were cracks all over it.

At the same time, there was a staff in her hand. The eye of the staff was stuffed with a Peak Level demon crystal.

Felicia couldn't help but remember the time when Noel and Anna were about to draw runes on her.

"Felicia. We're going to draw five runes on your body. These runes can be activated by pouring energy. However, we're thinking that we should also give you a weapon since five runes aren't enough. The weapon will also contain some runes, which can be activated like this," Noel explained.

"I shall follow your arrangement, my lord."

The process wasn't that hard. After it was done, Noel brought out the staff that he and Roel had been working on. She instantly dropped to her knees while raising both hands.

"Felicia. From now on, you are..."

Felicia looked at the giant cat with a solemn look. "I might only be a Spirit Master, but I shall defeat you and show the world the power my lord has bestowed upon me, for I am the first Rune ian."

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"The first Rune ian?" Qiel frowned. Even Laufey and the other two Devil Saints furrowed their eyebrows after that bold declaration.

They could clearly sense that Felicia was only a Spirit Master. Her strength was nowhere near that of the Superior Demon.

In the past, Noel and Anna had to work together to defeat a Superior Demon. And Anna was forced to use her True Spirit Body and almost died because of it. Noel's strength was also extraordinary for a Spirit Master.

Yet, they barely defeated it. To think that there would be someone bold enough that they could kill a Superior Demon with only her Spirit Master's strength...It was ridiculous.

However, what they didn't know was that Felicia was the first Rune ian in history. While her strength was nowhere near that of the Superior Demon, the gap could be closed by the runes.

The only real gap between them was the amount of spiritual energy. A Superior Demon had more spiritual energy. Their utilization was much more powerful and contained more energy.

Even if the runes could withstand their attack, the consumption of her spiritual energy would be ridiculously high, let alone the fact that her energy reserve was far inferior to that of a Superior Demon.

If she claimed that she could kill several Peak Level Demons, they wouldn't really think much about it. However, Superior Demons were simply built differently.

"Let's test whether you have the strength to back up your words or not. Kill her!" Qiel ordered the cat to move forward. While she didn't believe that the Rune ian was stronger than a Superior Demon, she still wanted to test the so-called Rune ian. After all, it would also reflect their future potential.



The cat leaped into the air, trying to bring Felicia down.

Felicia flew back to avoid the cat before pointing her staff at it. "Rune Spear."

Multiple spears appeared around Felicia. She sent four of them directly toward the cat's eyes.

The cat gathered the spiritual energy around its palm to block these spears. Surprisingly, the spears were actually stronger than the cat originally thought.

\*Meow?!\* The cat wasn't injured, but it felt the impact and even got pushed back a little bit in mid-air.

"Momentum Rune."

Felicia didn't stop and summoned the second rune, charging the momentum of the remaining spears.

"!!!" The cat noticed the danger coming from the spear. Instead of the paw, the cat actually used the nails to strike back.

However, before launching the rune spears, Felicia added one more rune. "Multiplication Rune."

Six spears flew straight to the Multiplication Rune, and each of them split into eight spears.

\*Meow?!\* The cat was startled. The number was simply too many for it to stop. The cat waved its paw at lightning speed, striking as many spears as possible.

However, ten of them still passed through its defense.

"Impossible." Qiel widened her eyes in shock. The damage might not be fatal, but she couldn't say it wasn't much either. Two of the wounds were actually bleeding profusely.

Angered, the cat's tail shone brightly, blinding everything around it.

Even Felicia wasn't immune to it. She had to cover her eyes with her hands, and that was where the cat struck back.

The cat suddenly appeared in front of her, trying to catch her.

Sensing the cat's presence, Felicia activated the Spiritual Barrier Rune, creating a sphere that would protect her.

The demon cat slammed this sphere to the ground before pointing its tail toward her. It shot another beam.

**\*Boom!\***

A large explosion engulfed the area. No demons actually dared to come close. Those who had to march toward the north gate ended up avoiding all the fights between Superior Demons and human grandmasters.

The dust was kicked up by the explosion, making them wonder if it was enough or not.

"Captain Felicia!" One of the flying squad members panicked. That blow was so strong that they didn't know if they could survive or not.

However, numerous light beams soon emerged from the cloud of dust, hitting the demon cat.

**\*Meo—\*** The cat was startled and hurriedly protected its body with spiritual energy. However, some of the light beams had hit each skin, penetrating his flesh a little bit.

A few spheres flew out of the dust cloud, this time heading to the cat legs.

The cat didn't understand it at first, but it still produced all the energy to block it. As expected, the spheres caused a chain of explosions that almost blasted the cat's legs.

However, the cat still sensed the danger of the spheres and protected its body, resulting in minimal damage. Unbeknownst to the cat, it was nothing but a distraction.

"Above you!" Qiel shouted as Faust sent another arrow to shut her up, only to be stopped by another wave of Peak Level Demons.

The cat raised its head and saw a giant ball of energy.

"Meteor Rune!"

The cat hurriedly struck the ball with its paw, but it was a tad too late in using its spiritual energy.

\*Boom!\*

The clash caused a massive shock wave that blew all the demons within a ten-meter radius away. At the same time, the shock wave knocked back the cat's paw and dislocated it.

In fact, the paw looked distorted as if everything inside that paw had been crushed.

Without a doubt, the cat wouldn't be able to use that left paw anymore.lights

At the same time, the shock wave also blew away the cloud of dust, showing Felicia's condition. Her clothes were covered in dirt and her body was filled with bruises. There was blood coming out of the corner of her mouth.

Yet the fire in her eyes was still blazing in full force. She looked at the cat while saying with a grin, "As expected of a Superior Demon, every single blow is so damn powerful."

If Felicia wanted it, she could pour all her energy into the Spiritual Barrier Rune to protect her body completely. But she knew very well the gap between her and the Superior Demon.

If she kept defending, her energy would run out faster than the Superior Demon. Hence, the only solution was to risk her own life. In other words, she actually lowered the output of the Spiritual Barrier Rune so that she could activate the attack type runes.

Felicia panted a few times, feeling a bit overwhelmed by the cat. But this was probably the most exciting time in her life.

In the past, she had been ridiculed for her spirit. While she had a large spiritual energy reserve and a high affinity for spiritual energy, it didn't change the fact that her ability wasn't suitable for combat.

Whenever she fought against someone on the same level, nine out of ten fights, she would lose.

But today was different. The one standing in front of her was not an opponent of the same level, but far more powerful than her.

She could actually do this much injury to the demon. While it didn't change the fact that her spiritual energy was draining so fast, she actually saw a path to victory.

'I'm going to change. With this power, I am not going to let anyone belittle me again. I will become the strongest Rune ian and repay everything he has given to me.' Felicia took a deep breath while pointing her staff at the cat. "Come. I will defeat you."

\*Meow!\* The cat let out a cry and rushed toward her. It couldn't use one of its paws anymore, so the cat could only close the distance with a single leap instead of running. As a result, there was a time when he was most vulnerable.

Before the cat landed on the ground, Felicia threw all the spheres that contained her unstable energy toward the ground where the cat was about to land. If the cat continued this way, it would definitely be blown away.

The cat surprised Felicia by creating a small platform underneath its paws. The cat actually stepped on the air.

"What?!" Felicia dropped her jaw as the spheres finally reached the ground.

\*Boom!\*

The explosion engulfed nothing as the cat skillfully looped around Felicia and struck her from behind.

"Harden Rune!"

Felicia didn't have enough time to activate the Intermediate Rune, so she had to resort to this basic rune to harden her body. However, the sweep was swift and powerful.

It launched her at least fifty meters from her original position, causing her body to roll multiple times on the ground.

The cat wasn't even done yet. It was about to deliver a finishing blow, only to find that this was yet another trick from Felicia.

Before the cat was able to move, it actually saw multiple spheres in front of it.

"!!!" The cat widened its eyes, not understanding how there were so many spheres right before its eyes. However, one thing explained it all. There was a translucent barrier that isolated these spheres. It was the same barrier originating from the Spiritual Barrier Rune.

Felicia smiled.

"Spiritual Barrier Rune release. Plus, Momentum Rune." Felicia tossed a small rock near her and the Momentum Rune launched it like a bullet, hitting the spheres.

\*Meo—\* The cat was shocked, trying to cover itself with spiritual energy. Unfortunately, it was too late.

\*Boom!\*

A massive explosion shook the battlefield.

Felicia panted a few times, her face was extremely pale. There were three key things in Felicia's action.

The first was tossing all the spheres. The moment she saw the cat stepping on the air, she actually cast the Spiritual Barrier Rune to protect the majority of her unstable spheres.

Because the Spiritual Barrier Rune had been used to protect the sphere, she had to use another rune, which was the Hardening Rune to protect her body. Still, the Superior Demon's attack was much more powerful than a basic rune. In the end, her body suffered a heavy injury from this attack.

But she actually threw herself toward her unstable spheres so that the impact would actually blow her in that direction. And she used the last bit of her strength to activate the Enhance Forward Rune, sending the spheres to the cat.

Last but not least, she only had to detonate the unstable sphere with a small impact, which was the stone she threw earlier.

And the result was a massive explosion. Those spheres contained almost all the spheres she had left, so even a Superior Demon wouldn't be able to survive.

The result was soon clear. The shadow cat lost a portion of its head. Half of its forehead was gone, the right eye disappeared, and the entire right cheek had been splattered on the soil.

The cat was still alive despite the damage, but if one took a closer look, there was a yellow flower on the cat.

The cat hurriedly leaped forward, trying to kill Felicia.

"She can't be left alive. Kill her!" Qiel shouted.

The two remaining Superior Demons that Qiel had saved until now finally made their appearance, flanking Felicia from both sides.

"Is it still impossible for me to defeat a Superior Demon?" Felicia gritted her teeth. She thought she could finally do it, so the frustration filled her heart.

However, Noel's gentle voice echoed in her ears as a small flame erupted on top of the cat, burning the flower. As a result, the cat fell to the ground and finally died. The flame was also about to engulf the cat and reduce it to nothing.

"My lord..." Felicia noticed a presence next to her. She felt too exhausted after using her all to fight the Superior Demon. Noel caught her body gently, smiling at her achievement. "Congratulations, my rune ian, for killing a Superior Demon. Leave the rest to me."

Felicia smiled, but ended up falling unconscious.

Noel actually came down to the battlefield. Even if the cat died, there were still two Superior Demons surrounding her.

"That's Noel..." Qiel gasped but hurriedly regained her composure as there was an even more important thing. "That's their lord and Supreme Commander. Surround him! Don't let him return to the city wall alive!"

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"That's their lord and Supreme Commander. Surround him! Don't let him return to the city wall alive!"

With a single order from Qiel, the demons started changing their directions. Even worse was that these demons were controlled by the yellow flowers. Without destroying their bodies, it would be hard to kill them.

Noel was looking for a path to escape. He knew that this would happen once he came out to the battlefield after all.

With that thought in mind, Noel started releasing his spiritual energy, planning to burn all these demons down.

Dimitri and Anna couldn't help but look at him, thinking the same thing, 'Should I use the True Spirit Body?'

Once they used the True Spirit Body, the balance would tip over. However, it also meant that they only had a limited amount of time to defeat as many enemies as possible. And with Qiel's brain, she would surround them with low level demons to exhaust them.

In the end, they might fail to kill a single Superior Demon and it would be impossible to continue fighting in this battle.

However, a loud, crashing sound soon echoed on the battlefield.

\*Boom!\*

"!!!" All of them were alarmed because it was coming from the east side of the city. When they turned their heads around, they saw a huge wall of water rising into the sky. The river was still doing its best to fill up the ditch, but it was clearly draining fast.

At the same time, the Superior Demons that were about to attack Noel suddenly got rained on by numerous lights.

The Superior Demons followed their instinct and created a barrier made of spiritual energy to protect them. The other demons were also stopped by these light beams.



When they raised their heads, they saw Milfa hovering above Noel.

"Milfa?!" Noel and Qiel widened their eyes in shock. They didn't expect Milfa to take action here, meaning that she had left her spot. If Qiel took advantage of this, they could wear down the barrier even more.

Milfa looked at the entire battlefield for the first time and noticed how chaotic it was. At the same time, it felt like the battle didn't progress much more than they originally expected.

'It seems that the reputation of that man is well-deserved.' Milfa thought while glancing at the water wall on the side.

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A moment ago.

While she was stopping the demons, Duke Briton suddenly came to her and said, "The battle doesn't progress as we originally expected. It seems that the Earl is planning something because of it. How about I take care of the entire side, so you can help him?"

"Duke Briton? Why are you here? What do you mean that the progress is slower than our expectations?"

"It's pretty clear from the sound alone. If we continue like this, the enemies won't be rushing to finish us. While one of their Superior Demons has died, they still have a large number. Just look at the demons around you. How many have you killed?"

"I..." Milfa fell silent. The battle had progressed for two hours, but when she thought about it, she had killed only 200 of them. There were four thousand of them, so at this rate, she would need twenty hours to finish all of them.

The demons might look aggressive, but they were actually doing their best to stop or even dodge her attacks.

The only side with an aggressive pace was the north wall.

It seemed that Duke Briton and Noel had realized this. That was why he was trying to do something to speed up the progress.

'An attrition warfare... Twenty hours... Another reinforcement?' Milfa sucked a cold breath. "So, that's how it is."

Duke Briton smiled. "I will create a path for you here and kill some Superior Demons. I can only buy you thirty minutes and after this, you might have to stop all these demons by yourself, including my side."

"Are you sure about this?" Milfa asked with a solemn expression.

"I am nothing but an outsider, even to this kingdom. It's not my place to intervene in this battle to be honest. That's why it's better if I use up all my power, so there won't be a lot of complaints to my kingdom."

Milfa looked at the duke's face and finally understood that the duke understood this battle more than anyone else in this place.

Milfa leaped into the air while saying, "It seems that I have underestimated the man who was known as the Great Emperor of the Sea, Fleet Admiral Briton."

"It's an honor." Duke Briton smiled.

Once Milfa left, Duke Briton looked at the demons around the barrier. "I don't suggest you stay close to the barrier."lights

The energy around him started to erupt as his body was enveloped by blue light.

The water became even more violent as if it were cheering for the arrival of its ruler. Suddenly, the water splashed and rose into the sky, forming a wall of water.

"True Spirit Body." Duke Briton shouted as another burst of energy shook the entire area. His form gradually changed. On his head, he formed a pair of fins. On his back, he formed a tail like that of a fish.

His shirt was ripped apart, but his muscular body was covered with a blue-colored scale. A part of his pants and shoes also got destroyed by the violent energy as his feet became webbed like that of a frog.

When he raised his hand, a trident formed out of nowhere.

It was then he stomped the ground with the trident that all the energy that enveloped his body dispersed, revealing his true form.

"Sea King Body."

Duke Briton looked like a merman, but instead of his feet turning into a tail, he formed the tail on his back, allowing him to walk on land.

Duke Briton waved his trident as if commanding the water. "Come forth, my beautiful water. Let's flood this entire area. Great Tsunami."

The wall of water that had been accumulated during the entire transformation suddenly rushed forward like a raging wave, engulfing all the demons around the walls. Even the four Superior Demons that attacked his and Milfa's areas were not an exception.

\*Gulp!\*

\*Gaoo!\*

The Superior Demons didn't know what happened, but they hurriedly released their own spiritual energy, blocking this wave of water.

The first one that was able to survive was the chicken. It was acting like a 'chicken,' so it deployed the spiritual energy first after thinking for the worse.

However, the floor was extremely high. The chicken managed to stop the wave, but all of a sudden, a huge shark appeared inside the water and soared into the sky after devouring the chicken.

The chicken was still able to free itself by splashing the water with its wings, obliterating the water shark.

\*Pekoo!\* The chicken didn't expect that Duke Briton would be able to utilize a strength of this level. It looked at the duke, thinking that he wouldn't be able to kill him. Instead of fighting the Duke Briton, it would be best to retreat until Duke Briton exhausted his power.

But to the chicken's surprise, Duke Briton looked at him with a smile. "Do you think you can escape?"

Suddenly, numerous swordfish jumped off the water, heading straight to the chicken.

The chicken hurriedly smacked them, but surprisingly, their long, flattened bill was as hard as metal. Even if the chicken managed to stop them, its movement would be weakened due to the impact.

As a result, a few swordfish managed to stab the chicken's body. Even with the chicken's best efforts, more and more swordfish pierced him. The chicken was simply confused because it had never fought an opponent with this kind of ability.

When it was about to die, Duke Briton sent forth another shark, bigger than the last one.

"The ruler of the sea, Megalodon!" Duke Briton smirked.

The chicken couldn't do anything other than let the shark devour it and drag it back into the water.

The other Superior Demons weren't so lucky either. There were a few monsters rampaging in the flood. On the right side, there were large tentacles, dragging them into the water to drown them. On the other side, a huge serpent was wreaking havoc.

In just a moment, the demons were swept away by both the water and the sea creatures that Duke Briton commanded.

Paladin Aurelia, who was stationed not far from him, couldn't help but notice the destructive power. "This man... is he truly retired? How in the world did he achieve this level of power? If he wishes to destroy the entire city, he simply needs to drown them. So, this is the famous admiral Briton, the one who is said to be undefeated in the sea. To think that the Zaecuria Kingdom would send him here."

On the other hand, the Water Lord was completely in awe. Even though they both controlled a similar thing, there was simply a big gap in their power. While some of this might be attributed to the True Spirit Body, it didn't change the fact that Duke Briton was strong enough to actually receive this ability.

'The ruler of the sea, huh?' The Water Lord looked in the opposite direction before shaking his head. "I have seen what the water is capable of. However, I still have the duty to defend this position. Although it's a shame that I can't observe him too much, I know what kind of power I should strive for."

Noel also witnessed this amazing power. Although he wanted to think about this as well as the reason why Duke Briton used this power, he had to escape from this place first. Looking at the situation, the flood he caused also affected the demons around it.

So, Noel said, "Milfa. We'll use Duke Briton's power to escape."

"Alright. Follow me." Milfa smiled.

"No! All demons, kill them!" Qiel shouted, realizing what Duke Briton planned to do.