

Chapter 1448 The Duel Begins

As the crowd jeered, assuming Liam wouldn't dare appear for the duel, a burst of golden light suddenly illuminated the arena.

In an instant, Liam materialized on the stage.

The crowd erupted into a frenzy, and those familiar with the events in the No. 396 planetary system quickly recognized Liam.

"Isn't that the guy from before? Why is he only showing up now?"

"Who knows? Maybe he realized that skipping the duel would still result in a loss under the Network of Human Sovereign's rules. He's probably just here to give the duel a try."

"You are right. Let's see how Joseph takes him down."

On the stage, noticing only 30 seconds remained until the duel began, Liam exhaled deeply.

He had made it just in time.

Originally, he had intended to spend the full ten days training in the Sea of Laws.

However, he had then had a sudden realization that ten days in the Sea of Laws equated to a full day in the outside world.

He knew Joseph had issued the challenge token before he had started his training. If he had completed his training period before heading to the Human Sovereign Arena, he would have been late for the duel.

With this realization, Liam had quickly concluded his seclusion and dashed to the arena.

Luckily, he was not late.

Had he been deemed to have forfeited by the Network of Human Sovereign due to his seclusion, he would have been so frustrated.

Joseph, noticing Liam's rushed arrival, showed a flicker of surprise but soon reverted to taunting Liam.

He said, "Liam, if you're too scared to face me, you can still walk away now. Otherwise, once this duel starts, you'll have to endure a good beating before you can leave. Why put yourself through that?"

Liam scoffed and asked, "Who said I'm afraid to face you? You're nothing more than a wild dog barking madly. How could I possibly be scared of you?"

Joseph's face darkened with anger. He hadn't anticipated Liam's knack for insults, which managed to rile him up with just a few words.

Taking a deep breath, Joseph attempted to regain his composure. Once collected, he glared at Liam and said in a low voice, "Today, I'll teach you a lesson. But be warned, the lesson won't come cheap. I hope you can handle the defeat later. Don't do anything rash over losing your points."

Liam snorted but remained silent.

Soon, it was time for the duel to start.

As the bell echoed through the Human Sovereign Arena, Liam and Joseph both retreated to the edges of the platform, eyeing each other warily.

Simultaneously, the rules of the duel, as dictated by the Network of Human Sovereign, resonated in their minds.

"For this duel, both participants will assume virtual forms and will not die during the battle. Both sides are encouraged to use all their skills and take this duel seriously. If a participant is knocked out of the arena

or loses all ability to move, the Network of Human Sovereign will automatically declare them the loser."

Liam nodded slightly. He was already aware that regardless of the severity of injuries, no one would die in the Human Sovereign Arena. Of course, if the injuries were particularly severe, they could still impact one's physical body in the real world a lot.

However, the effects would be limited to severe injuries at worst, without any permanent damage.

