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Chapter 1141 Taking Advantage Of His Mercy!

"I will make you feel the same pain...I swear on my soul I will make you feel the same pain..." Duchess Alina kept repeating under her breath like some sort of mantra as she envisioned Felix's face next to the stream.

She knew that the planet's death was going to affect her badly, but she never thought it would be by this much...

This made her channel all of her grief and torment, then turn it into hatred pointed at no one but Felix!

It had created enough hatred that would last for eternity.

In less than thirty seconds, the other two planets had suffered from the same fate as Liniliv, causing the gremlins and astrians to accompany the vampire's in the anguish train.

Though, it was much worse for the astrians since they their planet was devoured by a Dreamer!

This made them watch their planet join thousands of other cosmic entities inside the pinkish translucent Dreamer's skin, and then get taken inside the void realm.

It was like a daylight kidnapping happening right in front of their eyes, and they could do nothing but weep and scream...

"Our wishes and prayers goes to our brothers and sisters." The reporter sighed, "No one deserves to go through this situation in his life. I really hope that the Void Nation won't do the same with the other planets."

"Turn it off, we have watched enough." Duchess Alina ordered frigidly, "Tell me the updates."

Marquise Alfred stood up and disclosed, "I have convinced Dragonlings, Goblins, Gnomes, Cat folk, Sylphs, and Kobolds to join our cause. The rest have either completely rejected me or told me they will think about it."

"That's it?" Duchess Alina frowned in displeasure, "Were our ambassadors stingy with their trades or are they just too scared of the Void Nation."

"It's the latter." Marquise Alfred added with a peculiar voice, "But, I was told by the ambassadors that those leaders were open to the idea of trading military support with territories at the start. However, they all changed their minds after they discussed things with their advisers."

"It wouldn't have been weird if not all of them reacted in the same manner."

When she heard this, Duchess Alina's expression turned for the worst instantly after guessing what truly happened!

"Those advisers were either controlled by the Void Nation in the shadows or they were taking their identities like that bastard Arthur!"

She was absolutely right in his guess!

The moment Duchess Alina sent Ambassadors to discuss with the leaders of those races, Felix had received the news from his spies planted there!

Since many of his Void Succubi, Djins, and Imitators had already established high leveled identities and authority within most alliance's races, it wasn't hard to use their influence in their favor!

"God damn it, they have reach everywhere!" Marquise Sebastian slammed the table angrily, knowing that they couldn't even expose those moles without upsetting those backgrounds.

After all, they had no evidence to support their claims.

"Let's not allow this get into us." Duchess Alina asked, "How many fleets did we get from the others?"

"In total, well over twenty thousand warships with a modest model and almost twenty mother battalions."

"It should be enough to reinforce our troops for a while." Duchess Alina sighed, not too pleased with the numbers.

If they had backup from the alliance, this war would have gone in a drastically different direction since just the metal race alone could provide them with fleets a hundred times more dangerous than even those voidlings.

Alas, she could only suck it up and find another way to win this war...

"I know that you are placing your hopes on that plan, but have you considered my suggestion?" Jaygat interjected.

"I still don't think it's going to work." Duchess Alina shook her head, "If I was in place of that bastard, I will never give up on such massive advantage just to end the war a bit early."

"That's where you are mistaken." King Jaygat stated calmly, "You compare yourself with him, but you keep forgetting that he is still a kid, who barely experienced forty years in life."

"For his first ever racial war to be leading it and be responsible over the death of everyone in it must be an extremely heavily toll on his mind and heart." King Jaygat reasoned, "So, if we were to give him a way out of this war without making him kill more people, I am fairly certain he will take it even if it meant giving up on such a massive advantage."

When she heard so, Duchess Alina's opinion on the matter couldn't help but start to align with Jaygat's reasoning.

'He's right...That bastard also showed many merciful acts in this war to avoid unnecessary slaughter.' Duchess Alina narrowed her eyes, 'It's clear that he is doing this against his own will. So, he will grasp into anything that we offer him to end this war with his victory without more deaths.'

'His mercy is his weakness. I will be a fool not to take advantage of it!'

"So, what do you think? Should we make the public statement now?" King Jaygat inquired after seeing her change of expression.

"Not yet." Duchess Alina smiled coldly, "Let's drag the war for a month at least...With more deaths in our side, the harder he will bite."

Marquise Sebastian and Alfred couldn't help but feel chills course on their spine at Duchess Alina's diabolical suggestion!

She had no issues with sacrificing millions more of vampires, astrians, and gremlins for the sake of making this plan work!

King Jaygat couldn't be more right about Felix's assessment!

He might be extremely intelligent and cunning, but when it came to making such merciless decisions, he could never amount to Duchess Alina!

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Speaking about Felix, he could be seen sitting in the throne hall inside Nimo's consciousness with the rest of the councilmen and Candace.

"How is our preparation to intercept their reinforcement?" Felix inquired.

"Six combat squads are waiting patiently near their interception point." Candace answered.

"Have you asked our moles about the duration of the journey for the reinforcement?"

"Yes, they told me it will take ten to fifteen days max for each fleet."

"Good, tell our squads to gain control over their fleets without much destruction." Felix ordered with a flat tone, "Our voidlings are destroying every single spaceship of our enemies. It's reducing our spoils of war by a lot."

If there was one thing that Felix disliked about the void armies, it would defintely be their inability to listen to orders and just eat anything in their paths.

In the past five days, all the battles they went through, his voidlings emerged either victorious or sent eradicated.

Whatever it was, the space and even surface battlefields were filled with nothing but metal debris.

When each warship and mother battalion cost tens of billions to even trillions, it didn't feel good in the slightest.

"On it."

After finishing with the meeting, Felix switched his focus to the copy in his house that was sitting with Asna on the couch.

"How did it go?" She asked casually.

"We are still winning and by a landslide." Felix replied without an ounce of happiness in his tone. Asna honestly started to feel slightly worried about Felix after seeing his reaction.

"I see..."

She had no issues with him getting colder, but if the weight of deaths started affecting his mind, it would be really too distressing for his future!

Chapter 1142 The Roughest Month In His Two Lives...

To make matters worse, Felix's identity as the Void Nation's king was leaked from many creditable sources in the past five days.

If the leaders weren't enforced to keep everything discussed in the assembly a secret, the news would have taken off much faster.

Still, just those leaks were enough to paint Felix as a villain in the network by many keyboard warriors.

As much as Felix couldn't care less about other people's opinions, the fact that most victims affected by this war kept trying to slam his good conscience couldn't be ignored, no matter how much he tried...

'The more he buries his emotions and seals them with an icy cage, the harder he will get affected when the seal breaks.' Thor frowned, 'I don't like this at all.'

'Me neither.' Jörmungandr sighed, 'He wasn't ready to have this many innocent lives put on his conscience at once.'

Unlike Felix, every tenant in his mind were completely accustomed to random deaths happening because of them.

In fact, even taking innocent lives had no effect on them as long as they believed that their deaths didn't go to waste.

For example, Lady Sphinx had no problems with doing experiments on innocent subjects for the sake of knowledge and truth.

It was wrong in the eyes of others, but not in hers.

In the same breath, she wouldn't kill anyone without any good reason.

This made it quite straightforward to not feel any sort of guilt when she finished with those experiments.

In the case of Felix, even though the war was a necessity, and he knew deep down that if he backed out, the lives of his own people would be endangered, it still didn't relieve the guilt of innocent lives taken because of him.

'No matter how much he hangs around with you, he is still a human.' Elder Kraken shared a bit of his wisdom, 'Humans' emotions are the hardest to control...This what makes them unique from each other.'

Almost every other race were born with specific emotions that define their personalities and lives.

Dragons were known for being proud, overbearing, vengeful, selfish, and wrathful.

Although they also posessed other emotions and desires, the mentioned above remains dominate in almost all of them.

In the same breath, elves were known for being extremely loyal, obsessive, kind, gentle, and attuned with nature.

They might act in different ways depending on the situation, but all of them behaved from birth under those mentioned prerogative.

Meanwhile, humans were born like a slate sheet without a single emotion being dominate over the other.

The environment and growth phase shape each human differently, making them able to have insane pride similar to dragons, greed similar to goblins, and ruthlessness similar to beasts.

Right now, Felix was losing control over his emotions because of his guilty conscience beginning to dominate everything about him due to this new environment.

The only solution he found was ignoring it and burying it deep in his heart, having no clue how to move forward otherwise...

'Let's just hope this doesn't scar him for life and overcome it to become a better version of himself.' Carbuncle smiled wryly as he blew smoke rings, knowing exactly how it felt to have guilt control his entire life.

'Can't we do anything to help him?' Asna asked with a worried tone, fearing that Felix might change forever because of this.

'Unfortunately, he has to find his own way to handle it, so he can truly move forward.' Elder Kraken shared, 'Otherwise, he will be depended on whoever helped him forever.'

Upon hearing so, Asna could only hold Felix's hand tightly and watch him analyze the holographic reports in front of him without an ounce of emotion on his face.

Those reports really didn't help when some of them were live recordings of voidlings armies razing down cities packed with soldiers and some unfortunate citizens too slow to escape in time...

'Send extra void creatures to Dystopia planet, the resistance is too tough in there.'

'Give up on Ezuna planet, the nearest reinforcement will take a week to arrive.'

'Prioritize taking down astrians' territories. We must take advantage of their leaderless situation to force out as many surrenders as possible from their isolated planets.'

Felix kept giving out orders continuously while his deadpan eyes danced from one hologram to another.

Although there were hundreds of holograms, each showing a seperate invasion, he was still able to give out the best possible order.

'We have successfully conquered the third most important planet in the astrians' territory...Do I give the order to move out and assist the nearest squad?' Candace inquired.

Felix expanded the live stream for the mentioned planet and noticed that two Void Succubi were standing in front of a kneeling astrian male, whose body was covered in bloody wounds...Yet, he didn't seem to mind as his face had a wide pervy delighted grin on it.

It seemed like he was out of it. His eyes were out of focus and cloudy.

'Good job, tell them to go provide backup.' Felix ordered.

'Alright.' Candace delivered his orders instantly, causing those two bewitching succubi to command their squads to gather the voidlings army and retreat.

Felix had no worries about this planet falling again in the hands of the astrians when its governor had fallen under those void succubi and became their sex slave.

With both of them attacking his mind, it took merely a few days to break him apart instead of years of effort if they were alone.

Now that he was on their side, and he became the sole responsible over his planet's, he was given the right to surrender by Queen Ai and relieve those poor soldiers from the war.

Unfortunately, this could happen only with the astrians since they had lost all of their authoritative figures.

Planets governors of the other two races could only fight until death even if it was a losing battle...Unless Duchess Alina and King Jaygat gave them the order to surrender.

Obviously, this wasn't happening anytime soon.

Days went by and then weeks...Before long, an entire month was concluded since the moment the war had started.

So much was packed in this month alone as the entire network was left buzzing each day with new information about the war's development.

Starting with the Void Nation intercepting the reinforcement fleets sent by outer circle races to help the Dark faction's races blight!

The news had taken everyone by storm since well over twenty thousand warships were stolen by mere sixty void citizens!

This wasn't all as the Void Nation had come out with a statement that threatened any background from interfering in the war anymore, promising that they would switch their target into them next.

This was enough to cause those outer circle races to completely give up on the thought of stepping foot in this war even when the Darkin faction kept increasing the size of territories' up for trade.

As for the alliance inner circle? They respected the terms of the deal and stayed out of this war regardless of how many pleading letters sent to them by the Darkin faction's citizens.

With both the inner and outer circles washing their hands from this war, it kept progressing in a linear path without a single twist.

That path was nothing but absolute destruction of the Darkin faction without an ounce of resistance!

The sides were so unevenly matched, the astrian race territories ended up getting 99% conquered in less than two weeks!

This forced the astrians to either seek refuge in nearby galaxies or deserted planets inside their territories.

Whatever they did, the astrians empire was considered as erased from existence and only those spread out citizens throughout the universe were what remained of it.

All of this happened in mere two weeks which was a record on its own!

Every racial war happening either in the Dark Ages Era or this Era always took decades if not centuries to conclude!

With the astrians empire fall, everyone predicted that the vampires and gremlins' would voice their surrender to avoid any unnecessary slaughter.

After all, the Void Nation showed to everyone that they never carried on a single invasion after a surrender was voiced.

Alas, day after day went by, and millions upon millions of deaths occurred on each of them. Yet, not a single governor of the invaded planets announced their surrender.

It was so bad, some planets ended up having everyone slaughtered to the last man because the leaders refused to stop the war!!!

This backfired on no one but the vampires and gremlins' leaders as everyone on the network blamed them for any additional unnecessary death.

After all, as leaders, they were responsible over the safety of their people and if they couldn't protect them, they must admit defeat to save the rest at least.

That was just common sense in any war.

Sadly, Duchess Alina and King Jaygat turned deaf ears to the pleas of their own people and others in the network.

"I think it's time to voice our challenge." King Jaygat proposed calmly as he sat with Duchess Alina.

"You read my mind." Duchess Alina smiled coldly, "We have already shown our conviction to die than surrender, so unless he has no issues with committing complete genocides on each planet, he has to accept it."

"You handle it."

Without an ounce of hesitation, Duchess Alina started a live stream and used her connection to spread it far and wide throughout the entire universe.

In less than two minutes, hundreds trillions of viewers jammed up the stream services!

"Is she finally going to announce her surrender?" Asna expressed with a relieved tone as she watched the stream with Felix.

The majority of the viewers tuned in with hopeful thoughts, wanting nothing more than to hear those magic words from Duchess Alina's lips to end this nightmare for everyone.

It might have lasted for a mere month, but the videos and clips of the war in the network were too nightmarish due to the voidlings's involvement.

"Who knows?" Felix replied with a faint rough voice like he was trying to talk through a bad case of flu...His pale complexion and overall deathly zombie-like appearence didn't make it look any better.

'Felix...' Asna smiled bitterly as she glanced at her man.

Gone was Felix who used to laugh and joke around.

Gone was Felix who used to smirk confidently, regardless of what situation he was put into.

Gone was Felix who was always emitting an air of shameless and cunningless around him.

If his grandfather and his friends saw him right now, they would honestly mistake him for a walking corpse...

This month might have been heavy on everyone, but no one could even come close to what it was doing to Felix's mental health and seven hearts...

Chapter 1143 Agree Or Lose Your Humanity...Your Choice.

"Foremost, I would like to apologize to my own people for entrusting me with your protection and failing to deliver."

The moment Duchess Alina saw that enough viewers joined the stream, she immediately bowed her head with a sorrowful expression.

Everyone in the chat took a moment to process her sudden apology and then rained on her with all types of curses and insults.

It came mostly from her own people as none of them trusted in her leadership capablities anymore.

When she was proclaimed to be dead, all of them felt at loss and wished for her presence to return, so she could lead them out of this mess.

She did return and restored hope in their hearts.

Alas, nothing changed with her revival and actually just made things much worse for those innocent civilians.

When the vampires saw that the majority of the astrians had survived the war and sought refuge in other nations, every one of them wished that she would have remained dead, so their governors wouldn't continue fighting losing battles and surrender like the astrians.

Naturally, this didn't mean that Felix or the Void Nation weren't hated anymore.

All of them were still treated like the devils and prayed for their death by every vampire and gremlin...Their hate wasn't going to subdue even when centuries go by.

When Duchess Alina read some of those nasty comments, she showed a bitter smile and said, "I deserve everything you throw at me...I have failed you, I have failed my ancestor, and I have failed my own race."

"If she is fishing for sympathy, it ain't working out." Asna giggled in amusement after seeing that the comment section was still as negative as ever.

"Hmm." Felix gave a slight nonchalant head nod and continued watching the stream.

Asna could only sigh in defeat and stop trying to lighten Felix's mood for now...God knows how much she tried on daily basis to be supportive of Felix and uplift whenever something horrible happened in the war.

Yet, nothing worked. Still, Asna had no plans of leaving Felix on his own or stopping her attempts to cheer him up.

"I am firm believer that surrendering won't accomplish anything and merely cause our race to end up homeless in the universe and targeted by everyone until we end up going extinct." Duchess Alina took a deep breath and said, "However, I realized that we will end up going extinct either ways if the war continued on this progression. Since we already lost most of our fleets and no one in the alliance is helping us, I have decided to take matters on my own hands and end this once and for all."

Before anyone could interpret her statement, Duchess Alina narrowed her eyes in focus and announced out loud, "As the Vampires' 10th Duchess, I hereby declare that I am open to a fair death match with the Void Nation's King and whoever won will be forced to raise the white flag for their nation!"

This news caught all the viewers by surprise, making them spam exclamation marks on the chat rooms!

"She dares?!" Asna gave a murderous glare at Duchess Alina, feeling her killing urges return!

Who could blame her? She noticed Felix's corpse-like expression drastically change for the first time in the past month, finally moving some of his numbed facial muscles!

From his expression alone, it was easy to recognize that he was more than open for the challenge!

"I can end this war with my own hands...I just need to win the challenge and all of this will be over." Felix mumured with a bit of light restored into darkened pupils, "It will be finally over."

"Felix...It's danger..."

'Asna, just don't.' Thor shook his head after seeing that Asna was attempting to change his mind.

'But, it's too dangerous and unnecessary!' Asna bit her lips, 'That b*tch isn't easy to handle and if they fought in an arena, Felix will struggle to defeat her even with his upgrades.'

Asna was always confident in Felix's capablities, but in this case? She knew that this fight wasn't a joking matter.

Duchess Alina was ranked as twelve in the empyrean rank only below Fishermen Queen and the top Ten Supremes!

This meant that she was considered stronger than the Werewolves King, the Pandion's High Honor, The Spider Kin's princess, and the rest of the inner circle leaders!

She hadn't climbed to such rank by mere luck.

Asna understood that Felix wasn't going to kill her as easily as the last time when he would be facing her at her peak form and in a battle ready stance!

'It doesn't matter if it's going to be dangerous or irrational to take the challenge.' Elder Kraken spoke gently, 'Your boyfriend has to accept it regardless of what. Otherwise, his conscious will finally break apart.'

'Kraken is right.' Lady Sphinx supported with a solemn tone, 'The only reason Felix is still hanging on to his sanity is because he firmly believes that he can't do anything to stop this on his own while still making sure his nation wins.'

'But now, an opportunity has presented itself to make all wrongs right and if he rejected it because it's irrational or stupid, he will have no excuse to tell his guilty conscious anymore.' Lady Sphinx sighed, 'If that happens, Felix won't be himself any more ever again...'

In other words, Felix's personality would be forced to drastically change to this cold, calculative, and rational robot forever.

After all, only detached robots would ignore this challenge and prefer to conclude the war after slaughtering everyone...

'But, this isn't fair, it's not fair!' Asna's eyes turned a bit red as she stared at Felix's hopeful eyes.

She knew that he went through too much in the past month until he reached his breaking point.

Now, she was told that everything could have been avoided with a mere challenge? She couldn't accept it!

In her opinion, Felix should finish what he started instead of risking his life and wasting his nation's effort on a single challenge.

Alas, Felix wasn't born with a god's complexity like her, making him able to detach himself from the death of those mere mortals.

Felix refused to throw away his humanity to become one.

"I have made my case and I wish that the Void Nation's King will join the stream and give me his answer." Duchess Alina requested calmly, "I will be waiting for ten minutes."

"She is quite delusional to think that our king will accept her challenge."

"Who's dumb enough to throw away a certain victory for nothing?"

"I know right?"

The void citizens conversed with each other on this situation within Nimo's consciousness. They were laughing and joking around, knowing deep down that Felix wouldn't do this to them.

Unfortunately, they saw through this situation with the eyes of void creatures born out of evil, having absolutely no issues with even causing the entire alliance to go extinct.

Felix might be their king, but he wasn't a void creature like them...

So, in less than ten seconds, Felix joined the stream with Duchess Alina, stunning all the viewers, who were still prepared to enter a heated debate whether Felix would join the stream or not.

Without a greeting or waiting for anyone to react, Felix asked one question with a piercing cold eyes directed at Duchess Alina, "Why now?"

Chapter 1144 Lt's On!

Duchess Alina went silent for a few moments before asking back, "What do you mean?"

"You know what I mean. Everyone watching the stream knows what I mean." Felix stressed, "Why are you proposing a challenge now instead of doing so at the start of the war or even in the middle."

"Why now?"

Based on discussions in the chat rooms, everyone wanted to know Duchess Alina's reasoning as well.

In their eyes, the war went to sh*t for the vampires from the very start, and it was clear that no matter how much they struggled, they weren't going to win it.

If so, why not propose this 'salvation challenge' much earlier? Whether it worked or not, at least countless lives would have a bit of hope of being saved.

"I had to test out other options before resorting to this." Duchess Alina answered composedly, "It's the last countermeasure since I don't know whether you are going to accept it or not."

She somehow deflected the bullet with a logical response. Still, Felix wasn't planning on dropping this subject at all.

"I was going to accept it even if you proposed the challenge at the start of the war." Felix replied coldly, "I merely sought the destruction of your empire and if it meant achieving it with a simple death match without a continuing war, I would have taken it in a heartbeat."

"He is joking right?"

"I don't think he is..."

"The hell is going on?!"

Upon hearing so, everyone realized that Felix had no issues with accepting the challenge even when it meant battling the twelve ranked strongest individual in the alliance, which was truthfully insane!!

This had taken the Void Nation's citizens by surprise more than everyone else.

"You're lying to fish for sympathy." Duchess Alina retorted, "If you truly didn't want to start the war, you wouldn't have tried to assassinate all the leaders at the very beginning...You would have challenged us to a fair battle instead of attempting to start chaos."

"I never said I didn't want to start the war. I said I wanted to avoid continuing it if there were other options to fulfill my goal." Felix sneered, "That's why I tried to assassinate the leaders at the start. I hoped to conclude the war with the least numbers of casualties...If you all died, the vampires and gremlins civilians and even soldiers wouldn't have had to suffer for additional two weeks unlike the astrians!"

"As for proposing the challenge at the start? Are you dumb? I am the winning side." Felix addressed, "It's not my responsibility to seek solutions for your own failures to protect your own kind."

Duchess Alina went silent at his arguments, not knowing how to get herself out of this without appearing like she was making excuses.

Felix might have had his personality twisted, but it didn't mean that he had lost his edge or wits.

[He is right, it's foolish to blame the wolves for the death of the sheep if the Sheppard walked them near their den.]

Meanwhile, the viewers agreed wholeheartedly with Felix's last statement.

Even the ones who despised him the most, understood that Felix had his duties to his people and Duchess Alina had her duties to her people.

To attempt and blame her own failure to protect her race on Felix was quite embarrassing for a leader...Especially, when she started the stream by owning this failure when clearly, she was merely fronting to keep her people backing her up.

When Felix saw that Duchess Alina wasn't planning to continue on this subject, he lost his mood to keep conversing with this ruthless monster.

In his eyes, he might be a monster too with everything that had happened in the past month, but at least if he was put in the same situation as her, he would have sought to fight for his people even if it meant doing it personally.

"I repeat, I agree to your challenge." Felix stated with a flat tone, "If you win, my Void Nation will leave both races alone and return all conquered territories. If I win, both gremlins and vampire must immigrate to somewhere else. In addition, none of you can start an official empire ever again."

"Firstly, I am speaking merely for my own race. Whether I win or lose, it has nothing to do with gremlins." Duchess Alina stated calmly, "So, you need to fight King Jaygat as well if you want to conclude the war on his race too."

This news pissed off the void citizens and Felix's supporters since it was a clear unfair demand! It would be already extremely difficult to deal with just one of them, now he had to fight both?

"Secondly, I am not too fond of your second condition. You have no right to cut off rebuilding our legacy away from us." Duchess Alina remarked with a stern tone.

This didn't cause as much of a reaction since they understood that Felix's condition was indeed too harsh.

After all, being banned from founding a new empire implied that their race would merely end up with having many kingdoms at best.

In the alliance, many benefits and important options were based whether a background was a nation, kingdom, or an empire.

Nations was a term coined on backgrounds that control only one solar system.

If they expanded their civilizations into another solar system, they get promoted to an official kingdom by the alliance.

For a kingdom to become an empire, they were required to control well over one thousand solar system minimum.

All of them needed to have at least one planet populated.

Hence, if the vampires were defeated, even if they started in a new galaxy and completely took control over it by spreading their civilizations, they would merely be proclaimed as one giant kingdom...Even if they named themselves to be an empire, the alliance wouldn't acknowledge it and allow them to receive the benefits of being one.

Since Federations and such were considered as empires in terms of statue in the alliance, they would never be able to go past such heavy limitation.

This would make their race be considered on the bottom of the alliance for eternity!

"Firstly, I know that King Jaygad is listening to this. So, if he is interested in being part of this deal, he will have to fight a councilman of my choosing."

"I am not fighting two of you even if I could wipe the floor with your corpses."

"Secondly, tough luck, I don't care whether you are fond of my conditions or not." Felix spoke in an indifferent manner, "If you want this challenge to occur, you will accept them. If not, I am perfectly fine with continuing this war as it is."

"All I know is that the next victims of the war will defintely not be on my conscience." Felix pointed at Duchess Alina and stressed coldly, "It will be on you and only you."

Without waiting for her response, Felix exited the live stream.

He closed his eyes and massaged his eyelids silently while having millions of thoughts and questions running through his head.

Did I make the right decision? What would the void citizens think of me now? Should I have been less assertive on the conditions? What if they canceled the challenge and wanted to take this to the end? I said that the next fatalities wouldn't be on my conscience, but I am still reluctant to keep this massacre on going...What am I supposed to do...

Just as Felix's mind was being flooded with doubts, hesitation, and uncertainty about the future, Asna reached out to his hands and put them away from his eyelids without saying anything.

When Felix tried to speak, she shushed him with a finger and helped put his head gently on her lap.

Then, she started to massage his temples gently while looking him directly in the eyes with a loving look.

"Felix, no matter what happens, I will always be by your side." Asna whispered, "So, stop doubting your decisions and act on what your hearts tell you regardless of how wrong it seems."

"But, it's really hard..." Felix smiled bitterly.

"Your entire life was packed with difficulties." Asna smiled beautifully, "This is merely one of them. I firmly believe that your previous difficulties have helped shape and prepare you to overcome this roadblock."

"You think so?"

"I don't think, I am confident that you are up for the challenge, whether it's fighting that sl*t or concluding the war in a normal manner." Asna reached out to his forehead and gave him a soft kiss before murmuring, "So, don't doubt yourself and finish this war with your head held up."

The moment she said so, Duchess Alina declared coldly in the stream, "We agree to your conditions. After twenty-four hours we will be holding two open death matches in the UVR with Queen Ai as the host. We will sign the contracts under everyone's eyes to make sure that both parties will be held accountable by the public."

"If you agree to those conditions, come back and make a statement."

Felix glanced at Duchess Alina and the chat rooms that went absolutely wild at such insane news!

Then, he turned to face Asna and smiled for the first time in this month, making Asna's eyes tear up a bit.

"Welcome back..."

Felix wiped her tears with his thumb gently and leaned closer to her lips. Then, he whispered with a tint of emotion in his voice, "I love you..."

Before Asna could react, Felix held her head with one hand and kissed her softly, making her forget anything she was going to say and focus purely on engaging in their passionate kiss.

As for his other hand? Felix used it to write a single sentence in the chat room.

"It's On."

Chapter 1145 Too Ashamed To Face His Loved Ones...

While Felix was recovering his mental health by being intimate with Asna, the Darkin faction's primogenitors had grouped up with King Jaygat and Duchess Alina to discuss the upcoming two battles.

"This is your last opportunity to redeem yourselves." Wendigo stated with an icy tone as he gazed at Duchess Alina and King Jaygat.

"We are up to the task my lord." Duchess Alina smiled coldly, "I have chosen death match in the UVR to make sure that nothing will save that punk when I get my hands on him."

Although Felix had killed her before, Duchess Alina wasn't afraid of him in the slightest...In her eyes, that ambush only succeeded because of many boxes being ticked off simultaneously.

In this battle, not a single box was going to be ticked off!

"You still need to be careful and don't underestimate him." Saurous warned, "We underestimated him in every game, and he always came on top somehow. So, you better take this as seriously as possible like you will be facing Elder Dragon."

"I understand."

Duchess Alina could see that the ancestors really placed all of their hopes on this upcoming death match to kill Felix.

After all, she was the strongest of their descendants alive, which meant if Felix defeated her, it was over for them in the games forever!

As for their races losing the war and being forced off to never start an empire, they couldn't care less.

"Jaygat, you also need to be careful." Wendigo frowned, "I actually fear for your battle more than Alina's."

"I know that upper figures of void race are immensely powerful...I have tested it beforehand." King Jaygat nodded with a solemn expression while recalling his battle with Mammon and Meriam.

"You are mistaken." Manananggal shook his head, "You should wish to fight those two than deal with that monster."

"Monster?" King Jaygat was taken back at the notion that even primogenitors could name someone below them as a monster!

"I am certain that punk will choose him to fight you." Saurous narrowed his eyes, "We never bothered to learn much about him in the old days, but his actions were too rampant it was hard to ignore his existence."

"Are you referring to The Ruiner?" King Jaygat asked rhetorically, already knowing that it was him.

"All I can advise you is to prepare nothing but uplifting your pride." Wendigo said, "Your battle will be decided in the first second because of it."

'Don't say much, you will just put doubts in his mind and end up making him dread his opponent before meeting him. This will affect his pride much worse.' Manananggal said.

'True.'

'Let's hope at least he puts a decent fight.'

The primogenitors switched the subject forcefully, not caring about King Jaygat's questions.

In their minds, they already proclaimed that King Jaygat as a walking man.

It would take him a miracle to win his boot, and they would rather not take away even that slight chance of victory by telling him stories about The Ruiner.

This was how desperate the Darkin faction were to kill off Felix!

They knew that they would be sending King Jaygat to a certain death and make gremlins around the universe homeless...Yet, they considered it worth it if it would result in Felix's death!

King Jaygat had no idea about this and had a strong belief that he would win his battle...After all, he was also ranked in the top twenty strongest players in the platform.

"What about your first plan? You even moved your own old bones to handle it personally." Saurous asked as he eyed Manananggal.

"Because of those circumstances, I decided to change it a little." Manananggal smiled faintly.

"Hmmm? What do you have in mind?"

"You will see when the time comes."

Duchess Alina showed a glacial smile after hearing so, knowing exactly what her ancestor intended to do.

She was all for it.

'Whether I win or lose, you will feel the same pain as I.' Duchess Alina laughed sadistically in her mind as she envisioned Felix's face.

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On the other side of the coin, Felix could be seen holding a closed off meeting with only his councilmen and spokesperson.

As for the rest of the Void Nation citizens? Felix neither apologized nor explained his reason to accept the challenge.

In his heart, he had taken the best decision and if they wanted to judge him for it, then they could do it...But, as their leader, he would not apologize for it.

"The Ruiner, if you need anything to handle your opponent, just name it." Felix stressed.

Felix was forwarded the fights rules after he accepted the challenge...Based on the rules, everything was allowed except for divine equipment and technological weaponry.

This meant there was no limit to number of legendary scrolls, potions, or artifacts used in this death match!

"Me need anything?" The Ruiner sneered, "Maybe a stretcher to pick up that weaklings' corpse after I'm done with him."

"As long as you are confident." Felix didn't pester him anymore, knowing that The Ruiner hated anything that doubted his strength.

So, he exited the meeting after spending a few more minutes explaining how things would go in the battles.

The moment he switched his focus to his copy in his UVR's house, he noticed that he had missed some calls from his grandfather and his friends.

"Are you going to ignore them again?" Asna asked as she glanced at his bracelet's screen.

"I...I..." Felix exhaled a deep breath and closed his calls inbox, not planning to return anyone's calls...Especially, for his grandfather.

He felt too ashamed to face his grandfather since the moment his identity was exposed as the Void Nation's leader.

"Maybe give him a chance?" Asna advised, "I know that your grandpa always wants best for you and will never judge you for this war even if he knew nothing about it."

"That's why I am ashamed to talk to him." Felix smiled wryly, "I know that my grandpa must disapprove of my actions, yet still, he will have my back and support me."

"Who knows, he might be calling you just to check on you before your fight." Asna reasoned, "In his eyes, this might be the last chance he will see you."

Felix knew that she was speaking the truth, but Felix still felt too disgusted and uncomfortable by the thought of speaking to his grandfather after being responsible over taking tens of millions of lives...

"I will talk to him after the war and explain to him everything...He deserves to know the entire truth."

In the end, Felix had taken decision to contact his grandfather only when he was ready to bring him to his own world.

After all, nothing could explain this war except for the truth...Felix refused to keep lying and hiding things from his grandfather.

Right now, he had only one thing to focus on...Preparing to defeat Duchess Alina in twenty-four hours!

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Back on Earth...A tiny beautiful greenish island could be seen in the middle of nowhere on the Pacific Ocean.

This was Sky Pearl Island.

It might be small and peaceful, but it was considered as the most dangerous place in the entire Milky Way!

That's because it was the home of the Maxwell Family and where Felix's Grandfather reside most of the time.

Although everyone knew this information, no one dared to use Felix's grandfather or his family as ways to threaten him.

Who would dare do so when the Federation turned this island into an indestructible fortress with the most expensive defensive measures.

Unbeknownst to everyone, there were a few void citizens living here and keep a watch from the void realm.

Felix planted them there to help his grandfather escape through the void realm if something were to happen.

Inside Felix's hotel, Grandpa Robert was seen sighing in disappointment after realizing that his calls weren't getting through to his grandson.

"Failed again?" Eric inquired while playing a shooting game on a hologram.

"That brat is hell-bent on snubbing me." Grandfather Robert's eyelids twitched in annoyance.

"Boss must be really busy with his upcoming battle." Eric showed an optimistic foolish smile and assured, "I am certain he will talk to you after the war is finished."

Grandfather Robert knew that was merely part of the truth and that Felix was avoiding him out of shame...After all, he was the one raising him and knew everything about his character.

He hoped to reach out to him and be there for him, knowing that whatever he was going through must be extremely difficult.

"I just hope that he has a shoulder to lean on." Grandfather Robert sighed, knowing that his grandson's had changed drastically after seeing his appearence in the latest stream.

He truly feared that he would end losing himself even if he won his war.

"I might as well leave him an email."

Since he wasn't going to talk to him, Grandfather Robert believed that it was best to leave what he wanted to tell him in a letter.

Maybe if Felix read it, he wouldn't be too ashamed and reach out on his own.

After he spent a short while drafting the email, Grandfather Robert sent it and closed his inbox, knowing that Felix wasn't going to respond to him anytime soon.

Then, he glanced at the sunset on the window and mumured softly, "Good luck son, I am always rooting for you, no matter what you do..."

Chapter 1146 The Lntroduction!

While Felix, Duchess Alina, and King Jaygat were doing everything they could to prepare for the battles, the network was buzzing nonstop with news about them.

Those two battles had attracted so much attention, the SG committee had decided to postpone important games which were conflicting with the battles date.

They knew that hundreds trillions of viewers would be stolen from them.

Since those two battles were streamed free of charge, no one was going to miss them even if it meant skipping on their idols' games!

Naturally, gambling dens couldn't waste such a fine opportunity to finesse money out of the public as they had set up many unique bets for everyone to take part in.

Because Felix had proved himself to be a force to reckon with, even though he was going against the twelve ranked empyrean player while he was merely at two hundred rank average, the odds were close to even in his fight.

On other hand, The Ruiner didn't receive much love and had 1 to 5 odds against him.

After all, no one knew anything about him while King Jaygat's achievements and prowess was spread far and wide.

In this heated atmosphere in the network with bets flying all over the place and excited tweets of celebrities going viral, the time of the battles had finally arrived!

'Are you ready to be teleported to the arena?' Queen Ai asked Felix monotonously.

'Yes.' Felix nodded with a serious expression.

The moment she received his confirmation, Queen Ai teleported Felix towards a randomized virtual planet.

King Jaygat and Duchess Alina were already there waiting for him next to a simple café table with three chairs.

Nothing wrong would have been with the scene if the table wasn't in the center of a greenfield, stretching for as far as the eye could perceive.

If one could zoom out a bit further from above, he would spot humongous mountainous chains with breathtaking waterfalls and forests on their majestic bodies.

Those mountainous chains were circling the greenfield and locking it down, making the entire scenery resemble an arena born out of nature.

Landlord! Landlord!! Landlord!! Landlord!!...

Felix was forced to ignore the view and lift his head after his name began chanting thunderously in the sky!

The sight he saw was enough to overwhelm anyone as the entire sky was filled with stacked up holographic chairs reaching to the exosphere!

Without needing to count, Felix discerned that hundreds of trillions of spectators decided to watch the battles live!

There would have been actually much more if the space wasn't filled up, forcing the rest of viewers to switch to watch the stream in the comfort of their homes or social areas.

Still, all of Felix's friends and closed ones managed to attend due to being prioritized by Queen Ai.

Although Felix's name was echoing through the arena, causing even the grass blades to flutter chaotically like a helicopter was hovering above them, Felix's glacial expression didn't change even a bit.

"Where is your councilman?" Duchess Alina asked calmly.

Felix lowered his head slowly and stared directly into her eyes for a few moments before answering with a flat tone, "He will be here when his fight is due...I am not here for chitchat, let's sign the contracts."

Without waiting for their response, Felix sat on his chair and picked up a holographic contract that was placed on the table.

Seeing that Felix wasn't planning on engaging with them, Duchess Alina decided to be direct as well.

"Queen Ai, please read the important terms of our joined contract to the public." She requested while enlarging the holographic contract for everyone to see.

Queen Ai took a goddess-like giant holographic form and began reading with a stoic expression, "There is no surrender in the battles. They will end only when one party was proclaimed dead. If a party lost a battle, the nation represented will be forced to surrender in the war and will never target the winner party for the perpetuity of this contract."

Naturally, Felix, Duchess Alina, and King Jaygat had already met in private before the battles to make sure that the terms were approved of.

Duchess Alina had placed her foot on the second term, so she would never need to worry about the Void Nation taking revenge on Felix when she killed him.

Felix agreed to it, not caring too much about what the Void Nation would do if he died.

"Everything below legendary rank is allowed in those battles regardless of the quantity as long the parties owned those items in their spatial card in the real universe...Only technological weapons and products are banned."

Since divine equipments were considered as secret knowledge, this condition was coined in this manner to avoid bringing them.

Since quantity was specified to be infinite, both parties made sure to prepare as much as they could in their spatial cards in the real world before joining the games.

"There is no time limit to the battles...However, the combatants are banned from going beyond the mountainous chain."

Everyone knew that if such measure wasn't implanted the battles would last forever if the players were allowed freedom of moving through the entire planet.

After all, they were allowed to carry with them as much energy stones and healing products as possible.

"This is all." Queen Ai requested, "Please sign the contracts if you are satisfied with the terms."

Duchess Alina and Felix stared at each other for a few moments without a single blink taking place.

Just as the atmosphere was about to get too intense, they signed the contract simultaneously and stood up.

"I hope you have prepared enough." Duchess Alina smiled coldly, "I am not planning on simply killing you...I will make sure that you will go through the same torment you imposed on my people before I finish you off."

Felix's fans and loved ones all felt chills course on their spines at her threat, knowing that she could do this without anyone being able to stop her.

After all, there was no surrender on the table and the battle would end only when one of the combatant die!

When the viewers saw Felix open his mouth slightly, they all perked their ears in anticipation at his retort, knowing that he was the best at them.

However, Felix ended up merely murmuring expressionlessly, "Good luck."

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Felix's fans were left at loss for words, having no clue how to back up such a lousy response.

Felix didn't care about anyone's reaction and teleported to his own seat in the arena.

King Jaygat and Duchess Alina also did the same with irritated looks, feeling like all of their plans to rattle Felix resulted in nothing.

"The first battle will start in two minute." Queen Ai announced, "It will be between the Gremlins King, Jaygat, and Void Nation's Councilman, The Ruiner."

Queen Ai might not be as great as MCs on hyping up the viewers, but she was still a good host.

So, she didn't spend two minutes in silence but actually used them to introduce both fighters, starting with King Jaygat.

"King Jaygat is believed to be the strongest and most talented darkness elementalist to be born in this era. His current seventeen empyrean rank reflects his overwhelming strength as not a single gremlin in the history of the alliance had broken past the top fifty ranks."

"With his overwhelming strength and charismatic personality, he was gifted the leadership of an important state in the Ogresaivalon Empire by the royal Nubia family."

"After the royal Nubia prince rose to power and replaced the emperor, he began exerting his authority on all states with tyrannical demands."

"Only King Jaygat rejected those demands for the sake of his people. This caused him to get stripped off his governing position and receive a heavy punishment for the sake of allowing the prince to establish his dominance on all other governors."

"King Jaygat refused to accept such an unfair treatment and made himself into a fugitive."

"During his fugitive years in the empire, King Jaygat founded a resistance with like-minded people, who were sick of the prince's tyranny."

"Under his leadership, the resistance had grown to an unstoppable power and ended up dethroning the prince and annihilating the entire royal Nubia family."

"As the leader of the resistance, King Jaygat had become the new emperor of the Ogresaivalon Empire."

"However, to remind himself and everyone about his true humble origin, he refused to call himself as an emperor, retaining his Kingship."

"This has occurred three hundred thousand years ago."

Queen Ai paused for a moment and teleported King Jaygat back to the arena. Then, she concluded her speech with the same emotionless tone, "Now, King Jaygat is here yet again to fight for his own people's freedom."

King Jaygat! King Jaygat!! King Jaygat!!...

Without needing to ask them to chant, the gremlins and many other viewers exploded in emotional cheering as they looked at King Jaygat's stoic expression.

Besides the viewers who cared about history, the rest had absolutely no clue that King Jaygat's story was this interesting.

The majority expected him to be born into royalty like the majority of leaders!

Queen Ai didn't care about the viewers cheers and continued her introduction through the noise, "On the opposite side, we have the Void Nation's councilman, The Ruiner."

"No further data is available...The battle will begin shortly."

Queen Ai concluded her introduction, dumbfounding most of the viewers, who expected the all-knowing Queen Ai would throw them a bone about The Ruiner's identity or at least his appearence.

Fortunately, they didn't have to wait for long to see The Ruiner as the moment Queen Ai ended the introduction, she teleported him in front of King Jaygat against his will.

He resembled a giant demonic creature born from the depth of hell itself with his two dark red horns on his forehead and long dark fangs protruding from his nightmarish mouth.

His ungodly appearence scared most of the viewers into silence, feeling like The Ruiner's would come get them if they cheered his opponent right in front of him!

Under this unexpected silence, The Ruiner opened his mouth and spoke...

"How dare you not ask for my permission!" The Ruiner narrowed his eyes murderously at Queen Ai's holographic form, "Do you wanna die, c*nt?!"

Chapter 1147 Darkness Realm!

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No one knew how to react to The Ruiner's sudden snap at Queen Ai as they merely kept staring at him with dumbfounded looks.

"What the f*ck are you looking at? Have you never seen a god walking on mortally plane?" The Ruiner switched his aggression to the spectators after seeing everyone's looks.

'This f*cker is crazy.'

'How is Landlord even able to control him?'

'Why do I have the feeling that he really means what he says?'

Everyone was forced to gulp a mouthful in fear and lower their gazes after they made contact with The Ruiner, seeming like they were trying to avoid getting targeted by this crazy demon.

While some believed that he was merely putting a front, Felix and the rest of the Void Nation knew that he was as serious as he could get!

Even when he threatened Queen Ai, he would most definitely search for her servers and destroy them to prove his point!

"This meathead really needs a beating..." Candace facepalmed as she sat with the rest of the councilmen, feeling slightly embarrassed by having her race represented by him.

They were already having a bad image in the public due to their voidlings, now even the councilman was acting like a madman.

"Well, keep wishing." Arthur chuckled, "As long as the primogenitors doesn't make a move personally on him, he can act as wild as he wants."

"Eyes down here, you vulgar imbecile." King Jaygat said with an indifferent look, not affected in the slightest by The Ruiner's appearence or his persona.

"Vulgar imbecile?" The Ruiner slowly lowered his head and turned to face King Jaygat with a creepy wide smile.

He sized him up and down for a few moments and then said while licking his lips, "I was planning on just killing you to end this farce as quickly as possible, but I guess breaking your pride and devouring it isn't so bad either...It's been a while since I have added someone to my collection."

Besides a few knowing viewers, the rest had absolutely no idea what The Ruiner was talking about...Even King Jaygat was in the dark and thought that he was merely trying to get in his head.

"Stop spouting nonsense and get ready to fight." King Jaygat narrowed his eyes coldly as he took his battle stance.

Unexpectedly, The Ruiner remained silent and just kept that creepy wide smile on his lips.

The moment two minutes ended, Queen Ai ignored their trash talking and announced out loud, "You have twenty seconds to teleport anywhere on your side of the arena and prepare yourself...When the times end, you are free to battle each other."

The moment she finished speaking, King Jaygat teleported hundreds of kilometers away from The Ruiner!

Then, he closed his eyes shut and mumbled under his breath, "Darkness Realm..."

Under the stunned eyes of the viewers, a sphere of darkness emerged on top of his palm...It was so dark, it resembled a tiny black hole!

"What is he going to do with tha..."

Just as Olivia was about to ask her teammates about it, the rest of the question was halted in her throat at sudden unbelieving sight emerging before her!

The small darkness sphere expanded in the blink of an eye and covered more than a hundred kilometers radius!!!

The shocking part? It was still expanding at an insane pace under the stupefied looks of the viewers, who had never witnessed such thing before!

"Dear lord...Is this the true strength of the alliance's inner circle leaders?" Grandfather Robert mumured with a dazed expression while his pupil's reflected nothing but absolute darkness!

After the darkness realm reached the center of the arena, it stopped expanding forcefully like it had hit an invisible wall.

If it wasn't for the preparation duration still ticking, it would have gone over to the other side and devoured even The Ruiner!

"Tsk, this is the irritating ability that he used to escape from our grasp." Meriam clicked her tongue in irritation after recalling her fight with King Jaygat.

"It might seem as if it's just a darkness field, but it's more than that." Mammon added with a serious tone, "Jaygat can move freely within his darkness field faster than even space elementalists with teleportation abilities. He can also turn his body into darkness energy and merge it with his field, making it impossible to hit him."

"We realized that unless we completely erase his darkness field, it's impossible to defeat him within it."

When Felix heard so, he glanced at the darkness realm, that stretched for hundreds of kilometers, and he instantly knew that only mass destruction weapons or abilities could get rid of it.

"I was told that you are a void creature born out of the sin of pride."

Suddenly, King Jaygat spoke from within the darkness realm. His deep voice was somewhat soft, yet it was still heard distinctly in everyone's ears.

What surprised most viewers was the fact that voice's source was impossible to pinpoint as it came from everywhere and kept echoing repeatedly.

"If you are so proud of your strength, I dare you to step inside my darkness realm." King Jaygat provoked.

"Sounds like a drag."

The Ruiner lifted his pinky and cleared his right ear with an lazy expression.

Then, without an ounce of hesitation, he walked towards the darkness realm, leaving behind him deep foot imprints with each step.

After he reached the edge of the darkness realm, he was forcefully stopped by the invisible wall.

"Seven...Six...Five..."

While Queen Ai counted down the end of the preparation phase, The Ruiner merely lifted his finger above him and announced for all to hear, "I summon the Sin of Pride for a clash of prides."

Before anyone could react to hearing such nonsense, a gigantic violet symbol manifested out of nowhere above The Ruiner!

It resembled a mesmerizing violet peacock created out of many peculiar letters, which were never seen before!

Just as the viewers wanted to react at this unique phenomena, their eyes were forced to look anywhere but the symbol!

No matter how much they tried to look at it, their eyes refused to listen to their commands, scaring the living sh*t out of everyone!

'What's going on ?! Why can't I look at that symbol?!' Am I under a mental attack?!'

Even King Jaygat realized that after a mere two seconds of direct contact with the peacock symbol, his eyes refused to look at it again!

When he focused on The Ruiner instead, he was shocked to see him staring directly in his direction with the same creepy wide smile!

'Impossible!' King Jaygat refused to believe that The Ruiner was able to see him from within his own darkness realm.

That's because not a single vision ability was capable of seeing through his darkness realm when light particles were unable to enter it!

Without light, all visions were deemed useless besides spatial ones.

King Jaygat was certain that even spatial vision wouldn't be able to help The Ruiner since he had already merged his body with the darkness realm!

"Three...Two...One." Queen Ai ignored everything on going and announced monotonously, "Fight."

The instant the invisible wall was removed, King Jaygat dropped all of his doubts at once and pushed the darkness realm to engulf The Ruiner!

The Ruiner had no chance of escaping the darkness realm when he was so close to it before.

"You're dead." King Jaygat smiled coldly while eyeing The Ruiner standing nonchalantly inside his own world.

Even the inner circle leaders believed that The Ruiner was in a pinch, knowing the entering King Jaygat's darkness realm was a death sentence!

"Unless he escapes through the void realm, It will be over for that idiot." Fishermen Queen Everley remarked.

"He is too proud to escape." Queen Alfreda stated calmly.

"Let's see then what he does to free hims ... "

Just as Minister Aquairis was about to join the conversation, The Ruiner lifted his arm above his head while having his palm a straight as an arrow.

Then, he brought it down swiftly until it reached the ground in a single motion...It might have been fast, but it was nothing extraordinary as even commoners managed to see his movement.

The Ruiner retracted his demonic arm back into a crossing position while still having that nonchalant look on his face even when nothing resulted from his action.

"Haha...That's it? HAHAHAHAAH...."

Just as the viewers' were about to break into mocking laughter, The Ruiner uttered a single word.

"Split."

Then, there was no then...The arena, the mountainous chain, the darkness realm, and even the clouds were split apart like mosses splitting the sea for his people to pass through...

Whether they were inner circle leaders or commoners, everyone was left with widened horrified eyes at this unimaginable scene, making them feel like they were in the presence of a true god!

Chapter 1148 The Sin Of Pride Law.

Craashhh!! BOOOM!!...

The noise followed instantly as mountains broke apart, trees were hurled in the air, and waterfalls imploding into clouds of rain!

Meanwhile, the grass field was separated into two halves like an earthquack assaulted the arena and left a long chasm, leading to the abyss!

As for the darkness realm? It was sliced from the center, showing everything on the other side!

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Everyone was left utterly stunned and honestly quite freaked out as nothing made sense out of The Ruiner's attack!

They would have been more accepting if he smashed the ground, used an elemental ability or anything that could result in such a godly destruction!

Instead, The Ruiner merely waved his arm down like he was chopping a board and everything split apart to fulfil his will!

It was too illogical!

"Pride law is really something." Aspidochelone expressed with an intrigued look as he watched the battle's stream in the council with the majority of the primogenitors.

They would be fools to miss out on those two battles, which would almost never occur again.

"No kidding, The Ruiner was born with a single pride law ability, and it already turned him into one of the strongest beings in the universe." Siren said with a fascinated tone.

All other unique void creatures were born with a single law ability based on their sin.

Wrathful Creators were able to give birth to nightmarish voidlings by using their wrath and void energy as fuel.

Djins were capable of granting wishes by taking advantage of their targets greed and receiving a similar wish for their utilization.

Void Succubi could invade the dreams anyone they wanted and use their lust law to turn them into sex slaves.

Imitators could copy any individual in this universe below their spiritual level and obtain their unique cultivation system and other innate abilities.

Dreamers were able to use their sloth law ability to consume the dreams of their targets and turn them into sustainable energy for growth.

Symbiotes were similar in that manner as their gluttony law ability help them consume anything out of substance in the universe and turn it into energy for growth.

As for Annihilation Fiends? They also posessed a single law ability and it was non-other than The Clash of Prides!

This ability was a double-edged sword as it allowed the Annihilation Fiends to base their battle on just pride!

While the viewers had no idea what the symbol meant, they were forced to take part of the challenge the moment their eyes landed on it.

The challenge was simple...They needed to keep staring at the symbol for a longer duration than The Ruiner.

As seen from before, no one managed to keep their eyes on the Symbol for more than two seconds...Even the inner circle leaders were forced to look in different direction against their own will.

The only ones passing the test were the Hive Empress, Metal Empress, Elder Dragon, Asna, Nimo, and obviously all primogenitors watching the stream...Even Felix failed to match The Ruiner's insane self-pride!

Too bad for King Jaygat, he was the one facing The Ruiner and not them, which meant that only his results mattered.

He lost just as bad as the rest of the inner circle leaders!

"The Clash of Prides...I thought he wouldn't bother to use it and rely on his standardized strength in his battle." Saurous sighed as he stared at the violet peacock symbol without an issue.

"Since he used it, it looks like he's aiming to break Jaygat's pride and devour it to further enhance his strength." Erebus said.

"Can he do that even in the UVR?" Kumiho titled her head in confusion.

"Let's watch and see." Aspidochelone said as looked at The Ruiner who was walking on air through the chasm he created.

Meanwhile, King Jaygat was peeking at him while his heart was pounding like a set of drums.

The previous attack didn't hurt him physically since he was one with the darkness realm, but his mind was frightened silly.

'How is this bastard so stupidly strong?! Even Elder Dragon wouldn't be able to do that without much momentum!' King Jaygat thought to himself while completely hiding himself, not daring to let out a squeak anymore.

He was warned alright that The Ruiner was freakishly strong, and he should be careful, but he still was caught off guard.

'I must switch to offense and go all out before he makes any other moves!'

Without delay, King Jaygat beamed his legendary weapon, Orb of Night.

It was a small hexagon shaped orb the size of soccer ball...Each hexagon face was embedded with a pitch-black futhark.

King Jaygat tightened his grasp on the orb and commanded coldly, 'Kill mode, activate.'

The Orb opened slightly and began sucking in all the darkness around it like a hungry hippo.

In less than a second, countless long darkness blades emerged from the orb's slits!

King Jaygat neither threw the orb nor pointed at The Ruiner, he merely commanded it coldly, 'Decapitate him!'

The Orb of Night disappeared from his its place and emerged above the chasm, where the darkness had yet to cover again.

"What is that?"

"Is that an ability?"

"Looks like an artifact."

The Orb of Night was spotted instantly by everyone, drawing varied reaction due to its weird appearence.

"What is this toy?" The Ruiner said curiously as he eyed the speeding orb in his direction.

'Toy?' King Jaygat snickered, 'This is a customized legendary artifact forged by the previous dwarves emperor himself. It's able to slice anyone apart as long as they were touched by darkness!'

'I dare him to call it a toy after this!'

Whoosh Whoosh!...

Abruptly, the darkness walls on both sides of the chasm began to vibrate and wave like an ocean in a storm.

Then, hundreds of dark tentacles surged from them and assaulted The Ruiner simultaneously...They caught his limbs, neck, and even torso, forcing him to halt in his place!

The Orb of Night was getting nearer and nearer to The Ruiner's neck.

Duchess Alina and the others, who knew about the true horror of this artifact, could already imagine The Ruiner's neck getting sliced apart!

Yet, The Ruiner didn't even bat an eyelid as he stared directly at the incoming orb that was merely a few meters away from his neck!

Just as King Jaygat's smirk was about to widen, it was stiffened halfway through at the chilling sight before him.

'Ho..How...'

His brain had suffered from a short-circuit, as he eyed his Orb of Night stuck inside the darkness tentacle around The Ruiner's neck!

It was trying its best to pass through the darkness tentacle and emerge on the other side, but no matter how much it span, it was unable to move an inch!

"Looks like your ancestor hasn't told you enough about me or the law of pride."

The Ruiner spoke casually while reaching out to the Orb of Night with his hand like the darkness tentacle had absolutely no strength over him!

He caught the small orb with his giant hand, making it seem like he was holding into marble.

Then, he placed it between his thumb and index finger and aimed it directly at where King Jaygat was hiding!

Phew!!!

Just like a child playing with marbles, he launched it akin to a bullet!

Before King Jaygat could break out of his shock, the Orb of Night sliced him up from his waist as smoothly as cutting butter!

Fortunately, he was in his base transmutation form, helping him escape from harm again!

Yet, The Ruiner didn't seem to worry about it at all.

He merely extended his arm forward and had his hand turned into a claw while facing King Jaygat.

'Like hell I will stay near you!'

Although King Jaygat had no clue what The Ruiner was doing, he was too agitated by what happened to feel safe in his position.

So, he instantly teleported to the edges of the darkness realm, putting over three hundred kilometers away from The Ruiner!

Without change of expression, The Ruiner merely turned his claw in King Jaygat's direction again and ordered indifferently, "Bring him over."

Abruptly, King Jaygat felt sudden tightness across his entire body.

'Impossible! Impossible! This is illogical!'

This shocked him silly like nothing before as he knew exactly what it meant.

'Stop! Stop! Stop!'

He kept shouting his mind like a madman while his transmutation was forcefully being cancelled against his will!!!

In less than a second, his physical body was restored within the darkness realm...Yet, the nightmare wasn't over yet for King Jaygat.

The moment his body was restored, his own darkness realm rebelled against him and covered him entirely with darkness tentacles, making him unable to move an inch!!

"WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON! CANCEL!! CANCEL!!" King Jaygat screamed like a maniac to cancel his own darkness realm.

Yet, no matter how loud he screamed, his own ability refused to listen to his elemental manipulation!!!

While he was losing his marbles at this inconceivable situation, the darkness tentacles instantly brought him in front of The Ruiner's extended claw.

They positioned his neck right in his claw precisely like they didn't want him to sweat a drop.

"Release him and get out my sight." The Ruiner ordered nonchalantly.

Just like an obedient puppet, the darkness realm retracted its tentacles and broke into black particles, returning the arena to its peaceful appearence under the dumbfounded looks of the viewers.

"Do you understand now? As long as the pride symbol stand above me and no one can contest against my pride, I own everything in this arena."

The Ruiner smiled faintly as he looked directly into King Jaygat's fearful eyes. Then, he moved closer to him and whispered word by word with his creepy demonic smile, "To..the..last..particle."

Chapter 1149 Who's Next?!

Before King Jaygat could process such a disgustingly strong power, The Ruiner tightened his claw on his neck and then threw him against the chasm's wall!

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King Jaygat smashed through the rocks like he was hurled by a cannon, stopping only after he created a hundred meters long trail on the chasm's wall!

Cough! Cough!

He hadn't lost consciousness, but he ended up coughing blood like a broken fountain, suffering from major internal injuries.

'I...Need...to...get..away.' King Jaygat beamed a rank five healing potion and gulped it down. His injuries were gone instantly like he was touched by the light goddess herself!

'The chasm's darkness! It's made out of laws, he can't control it too!' King Jaygat swiftly allowed his body to fall to the depth of the abyss, believing that natural darkness shouldn't be under The Ruiner's commands.

Unfortunately, the instant he merged with it, the same darkness tentacles manifested around him and captured him like a helpless prey!

"No!! No!! You monster!!"

King Jaygat could only cry with a clear horror on his face as he got delivered back to The Ruiner's grasp.

"Stop trying to escape and just kneel down before my greatness. I might give you merciful death then." The Ruiner stated indifferently as he looked directly into King Jaygat's eyes.

"F*ck you!" King Jaygat spat in his face hatefully and beamed five scrolls around him.

When Felix and Arthur zoomed on the writings, they both exclaimed simultaneously, "Four Epic Explosive Scrolls and one legendary!!"

They immediately figured out that King Jaygat planned to blow himself with The Ruiner after he realized that it was impossible to win this battle when even his element was against him!

As a king of an entire race, there was no way he would let himself get humiliated under the eyes of the entire universe!

Without an ounce of hesitation, he activated them while shouting out loud, "LET'S GO TO HELL TOGETHER!!"

The Ruiner merely glanced nonchalantly at the surrounding scrolls, which had their runic letters light up brilliantly with an orange color!

An explosion with the force of hundred Hiroshima nukes went off in the center of the arena!!

It was so destructive and forceful, it reached even the holographic viewers in the sky, forcing them to guard themselves reflexively!

After the flames settled up, a cloud mushroom rose up much higher and hid the crater for all to see.

"Did it work?" Duchess Alina swiftly used her omnipotent vision to look straight inside the cloud mushroom with a hopeful expression.

"Huh? This....How?!!"

Her hopes crumbled immediately after spotting The Ruiner floating within a humongous crater that was deep enough it resembled a natural bowl.

The shocking part? He was still holding into King Jaygat by the neck!!

"Disperse."

Abruptly, The Ruiner's voice thundered in everyone's ears, forcing them to open their eyes to the sight of the mushroom cloud getting blown off by the wind.

In an instant, The Ruiner and King Jaygat were seen under the eyes of the viewers without a single scratch on them!

The only things changed were the arena's state and King Jaygat's complexion...His face was a white as sheet paper as he kept staring at The Ruiner's nonchalant expression.

"How is this even possible...."

"Gulp...Is he really a god like he said?!"

"He must have used a scroll or an ability! Must be!"

While the spectators were losing their sh*t at such an unimaginable sight, King Jaygat had front seat row on what exactly had occurred at the moment of the explosion.

He knew that even if he told others, no one would believe him!

Who could blame him?

The moment explosion occurred, it had expanded everywhere around The Ruiner's and him like they were inside an invisible barrier!

But in reality? It was just the particles defying their physics and refusing to touch The Ruiner and his prey based on his orders!

Even the heat hadn't reached them like they were isolated in a different dimension!

This was the true terror of laws manipulation compared to merely elemental manipulation...Just one ability from the pride laws allowed The Ruiner to turn into a true god!

'Why am I here? Why am I facing this fiend! Was I forsaken by my ancestor...Hahaha, it must be. They knew that I was never going to win against this demon and he still threw me off! After everything I did, after all the hard work and sh*t I went through for him, he disposed of me like this just for a chance to kill a human? Hahahah!'

King Jaygat started laughing out loud like a maniac after finally realizing his true worth in the eyes of his ancestor.

A mere tool to fulfill Wendigo's desires!

The more King Jaygat lost it, the bigger The Ruiner creepy grin had gotten.

"It's good that you finally figured out your truth." The Ruiner joined him in his maniacal laughter, "You are worth jacksh*t! You're nothing but a mere toy to gods like us. So, tell me, how dare a toy have pride in itself?"

King Jaygat felt his pride being hammered with each insult thrown at him by The Ruiner. He wanted to retort, but he found nothing to defend himself.

His most prized darkness manipulation betrayed him in the blink of an eye. His ancestor sacrificed him without an ounce of emotion. Now, even external items such as scrolls were also siding with The Ruiner.

He felt like his existence amounted to absolutely nothing and his so-called pride was a mere joke before true gods.

"Kneel before me as an apology and I will give you a merciful death!" The Ruiner kept pressing.

"No..."

King Jaygat's pride might have cracked, but it was still not broken!

"No?" The Ruiner smile turned colder and said, "Let's see how long you will hold out."

Before King Jaygat could react, The Ruiner held him by the foot and teleported to the bottom of the crater.

Booom Boom Boom!

Just like Hulk smashing Loki in Tony Stark's tower, The Ruiner kept bashing King Jaygat's left and right, leaving deep imprints in the ground!

When he finished, he lifted King Jaygat back up, showing a miserable appearence, which no one would have imagined it would associate with an honorable leader in the alliance inner circle.

"How about now?" The Ruiner asked again.

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"N...o...No." King Jaygat replied with great difficulty when his entire mouth and throat was busted open.
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"You must be betting on dying after going through this torture?" The Ruiner grinned creepily while bringing King Jaygat near his face.

King Jaygat remained quiet, but it was clear to all that he was betting on that.

"Too bad, you will die only when I allow it." The Ruiner snapped his finger and ordered, "Heal him."

Just like a magic show, King Jaygat's shattered body was recovered instantly to its peak form after a wave of light passed through him.

"Let's start round two."

The Ruiner smiled coldly and instantly began smashing King Jaygat again on the ground under the stunned and horrified looks of the viewers.

"This is too much...Can Berserth even beat him?" Queen Alfreda frowned as she glanced at Elder Dragon, who was watching this one-sided beat down with a neutral expression.

No one knew what was going through his mind at the moment.

"Thank god we have decided to include them in the alliance." The Spider Kin's Princess Maeralya sighed in relief, feeling more safe by having this monster on their side.

"Let's put a pin on that." Fishermen Queen narrowed her eyes at the current gruesome torture, "He is clearly an evil lunatic."

Most of the viewers thought the same as they kept watching The Ruiner beat down King Jaygat to his last breath just to heal him back to peak, and then repeat the process.

In each time, The Ruiner asked to have King Jaygat kneel.

This kept on going for more than an hour until most gremlins dropped out of the stream, not able to take it anymore.

As for the rest of the viewers, every one of them started wishing for King Jaygat to just do as The Ruiner wanted and end this diabolical torture.

"How about now?" The Ruiner asked King Jaygat, whose appearence was beyond disfigured.

"I...Will...Do...It."

"I guess round 214 it is...Huh, you agreed?" The Ruiner sounded a bit disappointed when he realized that King Jaygat finally tapped out.

Thud!

"Ah, whatever, I guess one hour of fun is enough."

He threw him on the ground and healed him back to peak, not worried in the slightest that King Jaygat would pull a fast one on him.

He didn't need to be worried as King Jaygat truly had enough of such meaningless torture...His pride was already broken a long while ago when he realized that no one was going to save him and The Ruiner had no issues of spending years torturing him.

The fact that he couldn't even kill himself was another blow...Still, he was motivated by a another reason to kneel down before The Ruiner.

'If I am going down, I might as well humiliate that f*cker with me.' King Jaygat thought coldly as he envisioned Wendigo's face.

So, under the eyes of his people, his peers, his enemies, and most importantly, his ancestor, King Jaygat knelt down before The Ruiner with his eyes closed shut.

The moment he did so, visible violet aura began emitting from his skin and heading towards the peacock symbol. Then, it was transferred to The Ruiner and disappeared within him.

"This is it! How long have I missed this wonderful feeling! HAHAHAHAHAH!"

The Ruiner started laughing maniacally while raising his arms in the sky.

"What in the hell..."

The viewers were stunned speechless by the sight of his giant body growing bigger at a noticeable pace!

This wasn't all as his horns turned longer, his fangs sharper, and most visibly, his muscles more defined!

Thud!

While everyone's eyes were on The Ruiner's visible growth, no one noticed King Jaygat, who fell face down on the ground with an extremely aged appearence like he had exhausted all of his longevity!

This was The Ruiner's goal all along. He wasn't forcing King Jaygat to kneel to uplift his ego but to absorb his broken pride!

As Annihilation Fiend, this was the only method for them to grown stronger.

That's why they kept destroying civilizations in the past as they targeted kings and queens' pride for the sake of absorbing it and growing stronger.

After the violet aura stopped releasing from his body, King Jaygat closed his wrinkly soulless eyes shut and turned into fine dust.

This exactly what happened to his body in the real world even though he was logged in the UVR.

Whether one was in an illusion, virtual world, or real world, the moment they give up on their pride before an Annihilation Fiend, only this fate awaited them!

"Hahahaha!! I should have come sooner from retirement. Who's next! Who's next?! Is it that vampire girl?! Come down here and let's have some fun!"

The Ruiner kept yelling thunderously with an aroused expression like he had just felt the greatest orgasm in his life, not knowing that the entire audience and stream were as silent as deserted graveyard.

"WHO'S NEXT?!"

Chapter 1150 No Other Option But Victory...

-Congratulation to The Void Nation. King Jaygat has been slain, the battle is over !-

Fortunately for Duchess Alina, Queen Ai came to the rescue as she teleported The Ruiner outside the arena against his will again after this announcement.

"You b*tch! I was just starting!!"

The moment The Ruiner opened his eyes next to Felix and the rest of the Councilmen, he exploded into another frenzy, cursing the living shit out of Queen Ai.

"That's enough Ruiner." Felix said calmly, "You have done enough, and it's my time to fight for the nation."

"Fine." The Ruiner crossed his arms with an irritated expression and quietened down.

He might be much stronger than Felix and more proud than him, but he still listened to his orders and requests for a simple reason...He was confident that his god would never choose a nobody to be taking care of him.

-The next battle will be held in half an hour break. May the next combatants prepare for it.-

Queen Ai announced again.

"Well, the first battle has ended as we have anticipated." Saurous said as he glanced at Wendigo, who didn't seem too pleased by the image of King Jaygat kneeling before another.

It was extremely humiliating for him when he was watching the game with the majority of his peers.

"Yes it did." Wendigo replied with a suppressed chilling tone.

"If only his pride was equal to The Ruiner, the peacock symbol would have bestowed them both with complete domination of the surrounding laws.' Manananggal shook his head.

Clash of Prides was a double-edged sword for this exact reason. The Peacock symbol was fair in judging everyone's genuine pride in themselves.

If Elder Dragon was against The Ruiner in this clash, they would have most definitely matched their prides.

This would in turn make them both a temporarily gods in a limited area.

If somehow Elder Dragon's pride was higher than The Ruiner? Then, he would end up getting dominated just as badly as King Jaygat by his own ability!

That's why Annihilation Fiends never rush to use this ability unless they were certain that their pride is much higher than their target.

However, because the only method of them getting stronger was by using this ability and absorbing their targets' pride, they were forced to take risks and choose individuals with high pride.

After all, breaking a nobody's pride would give a meager reward compared to breaking the pride of a King.

All in all, it was an extremely overpowered ability, but it was fair and fraught with risks that had caused many Annihilation Fiends to end up killed in the old times.

'There is no ifs anymore...What's done is done.' Wendigo narrowed his eyes coldly, 'It will be all worth it when I see that punk getting turned into cloud of blood.'

'Alina won't disappoint us, we have prepared too much for this moment.' Manananggal assured.

'She better be.'

While The Darkin faction primogenitors were putting all of their hopes on her, Duchess Alina was meditating in peace to get rid of the horrific image of The Ruiner's torture out of her mind.

She might not admit it out loud, but her confidence was shaken to the core by such a unforgivable sight.

She honestly thanked god she wasn't selected to face against him. But at the same time, that one-sided slaughter had woken her up.

'If I want to win my fight, I need to take it as seriously as possible.' Duchess Alina kept breathing in and out regularly, trying her best to cleanse her mind from all the hate and anger she had towards Felix.

She planned earlier on torturing and humiliating Felix, but now? She wasn't going to screw around and end him in the first opportunity she obtained!

Felix also spent this half hour break to revising his plan as it was quite too complex this time even for him.

Meanwhile, the aftermath of King Jaygat's death was taking place in real time and was streamed for everyone to watch.

It wasn't pretty in the slightest.

"Whether the Void Nation win or lose the next battle, they have already succeeded in getting rid of two major races in the alliance." Aegnor sighed while sitting with Selphie and his cousins in the arena.

He had both wisps of consciousness logged in simultaneously and watching the battles with his void nation and his royal family.

Unlike Arthur, he had yet to get exposed as the recording shown in the council was from Arthur's perspective. He modified it to show only clips of primogenitors to not expose Aegnor.

Since Aegnor's identity wasn't significant and could affect the war in any shape or form, Duchess Alina didn't spare him even a second of her time to expose him.

As disrespectful as it was, Aegnor wasn't complaining.

"What do you mean whether they win or lose their next battle?" Selphie eyed him frigidly, "Felix is going to win it. There is no other option. Understood?"

"Yes." Aegnor's eyelids twitched, 'You psycho.'

Baron, Elanor, Carwen, and Moana could only glance at each other with slightly worried looks at Selphie's behavior.

Ever since Felix was exposed as the Void Nation's leader, they witnessed Selphie's personality drastically change from a gentle and loving to a silent and distant.

It was like her kind personality conflicted with her love for Felix after finding out that his nation was committing mass genocides in the war.

If she was a human, no matter how much she loved Felix, she would forsake him if he went against her beliefs and moral standards.

Unfortunately, she was an elf. Her love was no different from obsession that could be freed only if she was betrayed personally by Felix.

This inner conflict between her love and morals kept stressing Selphie out to the point she stopped being herself, even lashing at her cousins whenever they criticized Felix in this war.

The fact that Felix had refused to meet or talk to her due to his shame made it even worse.

Fortunately, her love for Felix ended up prevailing at last after she realized that Felix took no joy in those deaths and was willing to sacrifice himself to finish this over a battle.

Though, this created another conflict in her mind as Felix's safety in this battle was far from guaranteed.

The fact that only death could end this fight made it even harder for Selphie to cope up with her emotions.

'Let's stop bringing up Felix's death.' Elnora gulped a mouthful, 'I have a bad feeling that if Felix really died, she would vent it on us.'

'I second that.' Baron said, 'I would rather not be frozen in time.'

The rest nodded in understanding and stopped discussing anything related to this battle, leaving them to stare at Selphie as she kept murmuring prayers for Felix's safety.

She was praying to non-other than her mother...

Her concerned reaction was shared by Felix's Grandfather and his loved ones...In fact, most humans prayed for Felix's victory, knowing that if he died, their race was going to return to its sh*tty situation yet again.

Felix was a beacon of hope for them. They were sure that a better future would unfold under his leadership, similar to the way he pushed their rank to twenty-five.

So, plenty of hopes and wishes were lying on Felix's shoulders. He knew all of this, but he didn't allow it to affect him.

He merely kept revising his plan in silence without an ounce of emotional instability.

Before long, Queen Ai announced out loud, "The battle will begin in two minutes!"

Both Duchess Alina and Felix opened their eyes simultaneously...Neither rage, hate, agitation, nor any emotions were reflected in their pupils.

The only thing reflected was absolute stillness like a peaceful lake in spring.

Then, they uttered simultaneously with great conviction...

"I will kill him!"

"I will kill her!"