

Supremacy 531

Chapter 531: The Thermosphere Layer.

Shshsh!!

Upon sensing something happening below his feet, Felix glanced down and saw that the platform was disintegrating rapidly!

He swiftly looked around him and noticed that everyone's platforms were about to disappear as well.

Not wanting to be the first to fall, Felix moved to the corner of the platform, standing on one tiptoe.

Some players did the same as him while some jumped on their own and began diving downward rapidly, clearly planning to leave as much distance as possible right from the start!

Alas, half a second wasn't enough to put a worth noting distance as the rest of the players followed after them unwillingly after the platforms completely disappeared!

Since there wasn't any wind in space, their flailing limbs as they fell didn't make any sound, making the sight quite comical on the screen.

Thankfully, all of them had decent training in the past ten days as they had regained their balance after a couple of seconds!

Immediately after getting into a star-like posture, Felix turned his head behind him and zoomed in on Saltz Master who was only a couple of meters behind him!

He was truly put in an unfavorable position right from the start!

"There are 25 seconds left in the grace period." Kayn informed the viewers, "We can already see that many players are trying their best to break away from each other by any means!"

Sure enough, Felix wasn't the only one trying his best to get out of the cluster as most players were either using their abilities to increase their diving speed, slowing themselves up to get above the pack, or just break to the sides like Felix was doing!

The method Felix was using to glide to the side was by spewing condensed white poisonous mist from his palms, propelling him slowly but surely away from Saltz Master!

The best part was the fact that the poisonous white cloud was left behind him, blinding anyone who went through it!

Naturally, it didn't put the players to sleep after inhaling it due to being in the grace period, but it caused them some hindrance!

"Landlord's method to break off sure is annoying the players!"

Kayn commentated while zooming inside the misty white cloud, showing that the players were having difficulty seeing in front of them.

Only those above Felix were affected negatively since the rest easily burst through the poisonous cloud before it gets shaped up!

Meanwhile, Felix didn't give a shit about the other players as his full attention was placed on Saltz Master who was chasing after him!

He clearly was aiming to eliminate Felix early so he could feel less pressured during the rest of the race.

'Mother f*cker, can't you leave me alone? It's a race!' Felix cursed in his mind while watching Saltz Master doing the same technique as Felix but with a dark matter being spewed from his palms!

He was actually moving slightly faster than Felix due to dark matter providing better propulsion!

"What do we have here?" Kayn zoomed on the peculiar chase and commented in intrigue, "For the stoic Saltz Master to chase after Landlord like this, it only meant he is either going for the bounty or he had an enmity with him!"

All of the viewers believed so since it wasn't common for players to go out of their own way to aim at each other amidst a race without a solid benefit to go after.

"Only five seconds in the grace period! Is he going to strike him from that distance?"

Kayn wondered while zooming out, showing that there were ten meters between them, which wasn't considered much for those players.

Felix knew that he would be in grave danger if he didn't do anything.

'Thor's Ordnance will let me create a wide distance between us while at the same time making him regret being this close to me...But, it's too soon to use such a tramp card, especially when it butchers my energy!' Felix pondered quickly, 'There must be another way!'

This sense of urgency sent his brain's gears running like an oiled motor, making him eliminate a plan after another each split second!

However, he ended up coming with only failed plans!

Just as all hope seemed lost, making Felix reach out to his leather bag, he received a telepathic message from Wild's Breath, 'I am right above you.'

Felix lifted his head instantly and saw that Wild's Breath was indeed a couple of meters above him!

At the start, he didn't even recognize him since he had half shapeshifted into a squirrel! While his body was still humanoid, he had a loose furry skin between his legs and hands!

Due to it, his speed had been slowed greatly unlike the others, making him be above most players!

Because there was a thin presence of air in the thermosphere layer, he clearly managed to glide successfully here!

It was only natural that gliding wouldn't be banned unlike floating or hovering.

That's because the players couldn't reduce their speed by more than 30% while the fall damage had been enhanced to 500%.

So anyone attempting to glide down to the ground without a parachute, wouldn't like the outcome!

'Uhhh? They really allied together.' Saltz Master frowned his eyebrows after spotting Wild's Breath diving on an equal level to Felix.

Felix had already stopped spewing poison after grouping up with his ally. However, his eyes never left Saltz Master, who also stopped trying to approach him.

He didn't mind trying to take care of Felix quickly and rejoin the race earlier. But now? He knew that both of them were going to delay him immensely if they went all out.

Unlike Sensation who received a direct order to focus on Felix, Saltz Master had been told specifically to focus on the bet by Erebus.

'He better not appear in front of me again.' Saltz Master gave Felix a cold glance and switched his posture to nose-diving so he could catch up with the rest.

He could see that at least 15 players were way below them and still speeding further and further!

Upon seeing that he had given up on him, Felix removed his hand from the leather bag on his waist.

He could have easily given Saltz Master a hard time but he preferred holding in his cards this early.

Having an ally in those situations was quite useful since it made everyone think twice about whether it was worth it to go on or not!

"It seems that Landlord has finally decided to take an ally!" Kayn commented.

Some of Felix's fans were a bit disappointed as they thought that Felix would continue going solo through all of his games.

However, the majority had welcomed the change as they knew that it was going to be just harder and harder for Felix to win games without relying on every resource available.

'Wild, let's speed up.' Felix informed while changing his posture to a nosediving, 'We need to be near them when they start fighting for the rings.'

Wild's Breath nodded his head in agreement and folded his hands and legs together.

Then, he joined Felix in the same height level and continued going down while glancing upward from time to time.

There were still 5 players above them and they could go all out on them at any moment.

BOOOOM!!

Out of nowhere, the noise of a muffled explosion reached Felix's ears, making him quickly focus in front of him.

Upon zooming in with his enhanced vision, he managed to see an ongoing battle occurring between three players who were in the lead!

The reason for their fight was a speeding ring that was shining brightly, making Felix notice it easily!

Boom Boom!

Soon, his vision got covered by a steamy white fog from their fight as one of them was a Fire Elementalist while the other was a Water Elementalist!

As for the other player? He already retreated from the fight after getting struck by both of them at the same time...By retreating, he simply glided to the side until he heals himself and returns to the course!

Meanwhile, Felix had swapped to an X-ray vision to keep watching as he wanted to see how the fight would end.

However, he ended up sighing in disappointment after noticing that both players had stopped fighting at once and went through the speeding ring one after the other.

When they emerged from the other side, their speed had been boosted by a whopping 20%, making them pull even further from the pack!

They didn't continue their battle but separated from each other and kept nose-diving rapidly!

They clearly made a silent agreement to focus on pulling away from the pack so it would be just 1v1 when they reach the troposphere layer!

"The pack had realized the seriousness of the situation and currently trying their best to catch up!"

Kayn commentated while zooming out on the slightly clustered group of players, where Felix was currently at its tail.

"All of them are aiming at that one speeding ring!!" Kayn exclaimed in excitement, "It's going to be mayhem with a high possibility of many players losing their lives!"

Everyone knew that he was absolutely right since the speeding ring was barely wide enough to let five players go through it at the same time!

This meant anyone aiming at it would require to buckle up as he would be forced to experience a rain of abilities hurled at it!

'Landlord, do you have a plan?' Wild's Breath asked while glancing at Felix, who seemed deep in his thoughts.

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'Good thing we are near the back.' Felix grinned slightly while lightning charges began to emit from his fingers, 'I have a clear view to striking everyone who attempts to enter the speeding ring.'

'Landlord?'

Upon receiving another telepathic message, Felix turned to Wild's Breath and warned, 'If you don't have a way to resist lightning, I suggest you stay a couple of meters away from me.'

Understanding that he was planning to make a move, Wild's Breath didn't hesitate to separate himself from Felix by gliding to the side.

'Leave me those at the back.' Wild's Breath said while focusing on the five players above them.

Just like they could easily strike those below them, the ones on top could do the same at any moment.

When Felix heard so, he gave him a slight nod and focused back on the players.

Boom, Whoosh, Baam!!...

"It has begun!" Kayn shouted while highlighting the current ongoing chaos between the players in front of the pack and the ones behind them!

The ones at the very front were using all of their defensive abilities to glaze through the barrage they were being fired at!

They didn't bother to even try and retaliate since they would do nothing but help other players beside them!

If a moron went and did so, it would be the same as staying behind to cover for the rest who would definitely prioritize going through the speeding ring more than anything!

This led to a one-sided beat down as the players in front kept succumbing to the tens of destructive abilities thrown at them!

Krialder's abilities were the deadliest since he could use as many Talismans as possible at a single time, making it possible to create one mega destructive attack from three elements!

That's exactly what he did as he had combined four Talismans! One to summon a whirling tornado, another to create a blazing inferno!

The other two had the same combination, making him manifest two destructive attacks that were fired without hesitation at those players ahead of him!

The worst part, he had armor of lightning and flames covering his entire body, making it extremely difficult to hurt him since they were created to assault anything heading in his direction!

Boom Boom...!!

The sky shook from the aftermath of those two combinations ending up exploding upon contact with two players, who unluckily failed to glide to the side fast enough!

Unfortunately, their shields only managed to weaken the abilities but not completely nullify them!

This resulted in them being propelled into different directions while groaning in agony from the burn marks all over their skin!

"Two down by Krialder!!" Kayn shouted with a feverish tone, "The rest were forced to retreat from the path to the ring to avoid getting bombarded!"

As he mentioned, most players in the front had decided to glide to the sides after realizing that it was impossible to continue tanking the salvos!

In their eyes, even if they entered the speeding ring, the ones above them would do the same and the distance wouldn't change!

Hence, they would continue being on the receiving end!

After they retreated, Krialder, Saltz Master, Sensation, and the other players who were the ones responsible for the barrage had been switched to be in the front!

Felix, Wild's Breath, and few more players were now the ones behind them!

There were still at least 4 more kilometers before they reach the ring! But with their speed, that distance could be crossed in mere seconds!

'That's it, line up for me.' Felix narrowed his eyes at Saltz Master and the rest of the players below him, who were creating somewhat of a long line between them.

Only Sensation was breaking the line as she was diving while sandwiched between one Orc and fisherman, appearing like they were her bodyguards!

No wonder most male players castrate themselves in fear of meeting with a charm Elementalist in their game!

She literally had obtained two meatshields in the first minutes of the game! The worst part, they could use their abilities based on her orders!

'With those bodyguards, my attack wouldn't do much to her. I guess I can only go for Saltz Master.' Felix sighed in dejection while reaching towards his leather bag.

Click!

He unbuttoned it and reached inside with two fingers. Leader Emma and the rest of his fans leaned closer with unblinking eyes, desperate to know what he was packing inside.

Just as they thought that it was going to be needles, Felix had pulled a 10 cm long silver nail that gleamed under the sunlight!

'A nail???'

Everyone was taken back as they had not expected that his hidden weapons were going to be f*cking nails!

What was he going to do with them, throw them, and hope to hit the players' eyes? The viewers were honestly baffled by the sight.

However, before their thoughts could stray any further, Felix had closed one eye while placing his left hand above the shoulder of his extended right arm.

At the tip of his index and middle finger, he appeared to be holding into the silver nail.

But in reality, the silver nail wasn't touching his fingers at all as he was relying on his mental energy to keep it affixed like that.

But posture still made him appear like he was aiming a gun at the players below him!

Szzssz!sz!

Without any warning, Felix's entire arm had been engulfed in golden and blue lightning, coursing back and forth from the tip of his fingers to his shoulder!!

The moment Felix spotted that Saltz Master, Krialder, and two more players were exactly in his crossfire, he murmured to himself, "Thor's Ordnance...Fire!"

SZLZLZLZ!!!!

Unlike his soft murmur, his entire arm had brightened up like a flash bomb had gone off before a thick golden beam had been released from the tip of his fingers!!

Saltz Master, Kriader, and some of the players had instantly activated either defensive abilities or escape abilities without taking a split second to think about it!

Their instinct had sensed an incoming grave danger above them and they simply reacted based on it!

BOOOOOM!!

Two players who were slower to react were the victims of Felix's 4th Active ability as the golden beam had penetrated their thighs and emerged from the other side, slightly dimmer but still going on strong towards the ring!!

SzLzLzLz..!

It missed Krialder's head by a meter, and went through the ring with a 20% boost in its speed!

It was already fast enough, those who got harmed by it still hadn't realized that they had been hit!

But with the enhanced speed?! The golden beam actually reached the two first players in less than a millisecond!

'Uhhh?'

Upon feeling a sudden cold chill coursing on their backs, the players tried to turn around reflexively...

Alas, only one of them managed to do it successfully...The other?

Boooooom!!

The dimmed golden beam ended up striking him right in the back of his head, managing to explode it into a bloody shower akin to a bomb exploding inside of it!

'Huh?'

The other player who was about five meters near the explosion could only touch his face stiffly after being tainted by some blood drops.

Thump thump!

His heartbeats started to accelerate after his emotions began going out of control...Bafflement, shock, horror, and fear!

Looking at the corpse of that player get handled by the wind roughly, He knew that he had just dodged a bullet by luck!

His emotions were shared by every player who was in that golden beam's crossfire!

ARGHHHH!!!! Mmmmm!!

At last, the two players who got struck first had let out heartwrenching screams after a hellish wave of pain assaulted their being!

The players broke off their emotional shock after hearing their muffled screams.

When they glanced at them, they couldn't help but sweat a little after seeing their bottom half turn into a bloody mess!

Both of them were missing an entire leg while the other had a portion of it blown up by that golden's beam!

Since they were the first to get hit, they endured its full power!

"WHAT THE F*CK WAS THAT!!" Kayn's composure was completely ruined as he screamed at the mic in utter confusion and shock!

His feelings were comprehensible as the camera was placed in front of the pack when the golden Beam struck out of nowhere!

Before the viewers could react, Kayn was fast enough to show a replay of what happened, wanting to dig the source of that golden beam!

When everyone saw the activation sequence of Thor's Ordinance their mouths were left agape as they had never seen such an ability from lightning element!

"How?? I thought only light element have abilities that fire off golden beams?!!"

"Holy shit! That beam had actually penetrated three players at once!"

"No wonder he used a nail! He turned his f*cking arm into a Railgun!" A lightning Elementalist player commentated with an awed tone while watching the stream live from his bracelet.

Based on Thor's Ordinance activation sequence that was shown, he somewhat understood how Felix managed to create the golden beam!

He straightaway wrote it down on the stream chat but his message got buried instantly due to trillions of fans spamming constantly in a frenzy!

He shook his head and rewatched the replay again with a fascinated expression, 'I don't know the name of such incredible ability, but when I successfully copy it, I will definitely name it Railgun!'

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While the viewers were watching the replay, Saltz Master, Sensation, and even Krialder, who went through the speeding ring, had turned their heads to look behind them. They wanted to know who fired such a dreadful attack!

The moment they saw Felix's extended arm that was emitting smoke from the front, they instantly recognized the progenitor.

'No wonder I sensed lightning element when it passed by me.' Krialder thought with a solemn expression while breaking away from the pack after getting the speed boost.

'This bastard almost had me!'

Meanwhile, Saltz Master's poised attitude was no more as he knew that he had survived merely through his monstrous reaction speed and element!

Why? Because the f*cking golden beam had actually gone through his body first!

But it didn't cause him any harm as he had morphed his body into a living shadow, making him untargetable!

'Tch, his elemental manipulation sure puts mine to shame.' Felix clicked his tongue in irritation after failing his ambush to get rid of Saltz Master.

He always knew that it was extremely difficult to kill Saltz Master due to his ability to morph himself into a formless shadow.

The ones able to morph into the element itself were all monsters since they require peak external and internal control of the element.

"Haha, your champion sure had unlocked a fine ability of Thor's." Erebus praised with a hollow laughter.

J?rmungandr and Lady Sphinx snickered together as they had seen before how his eyes almost lept out of their sockets when the beam had penetrated Saltz Master.

If his champion wasn't good enough, Erebus would have lost the bet in the very first minutes of the game!

"Lucky dog." Kumiho cursed Erebus softly while focusing on Sensation's stream, seeing that her champion had ordered her meatshields to use their defensive abilities to cover her.

It wasn't just her who had taken extreme measures of defense as the rest of the players below Felix had used at least one defensive ability.

'Nice one Landlord!' Wild's Breath praised telepathically after he regrouped with him.

Although many players managed to go through the speeding ring, he was still delighted. Alas, Felix didn't share the same joy as him since he had failed to kill or at least heavily wound Saltz Master.

Now? He knew that Thor's Ordanace wouldn't have the same results since its activation sequence was high-profiled.

When they spot him preparing to use it, they would stack up shields and wait for him to waste his energy.

Some might argue that his strike was beyond successful since he had taken care of three players at once. But Felix didn't give a shit about them...Only Sensation and Saltz Master were in his eyes now.

"Landlord has shown his hand and it was a big one! But it was his turn to feel the wrath of the players above him!"

One of them had summoned a giant lightning bolt while another had morphed his arm into a water-based bazooka.

The other three had decided to participate in the attack, wanting to get rid of Felix so he wouldn't threaten them with Thor's Ordinance anymore!

'It's my turn!'

Upon seeing the seriousness of the situation, Wild's Breath had dove below Felix and said telepathically, 'Hop in!'

Understanding what he was aiming to do, Felix didn't hesitate to hold into Wild's back fur!

When Wild felt his grip, he immediately opened up his arms and legs, slowing his speed down but at the same time obtaining astonishing mobility in the air!

Whoosh Whoosh!...

The abilities kept missing them as Wild had been zig-zagging left and right, making it extremely difficult for the players to aim at him!

The worst part, he wasn't just gliding left and right, but also closing his arms and legs for a sudden plunge just to open them up and dodge other abilities.

His movements left Felix satisfied by his pick as he had chosen him specifically for his shapeshifting abilities!

In a few moments, Felix and Wild's Breath had finally gone through the speeding ring, emerging faster than ever on the other side!

'I will detach!'

Felix immediately let go of Wild's Breath fur after saying so.

They had only ten seconds of speed boost and he didn't want to waste it by slowing them down. As for the attacks?

They stopped the moment they reached the speeding ring since it was going to be even harder to hit them now.

After all, the only reason the players aimed at each other was due to the speeding ring making it obvious which direction those players would be heading to!

"Landlord and Wild's Breath truly have an amazing synergy!" Kayn praised, "Wild's Breath could take care of defense and mobility while Landlord could take care of offense by using his long-range abilities to open up paths and thinning their competitors!"

It sounded good on paper but Felix knew that he couldn't rely on Thor's Ordinance too many times since to create the mindblowing propulsion, he needed to use at least 60% of his lightning energy!

Right now, he had only 30% poison energy left and 0% lightning energy!

Naturally, with Asna's emergency energy tank, he was back to 100% in no time. However, he knew that he could utmost use it 6 times before Asna taps out.

Since the players were still too wary of it, it wasn't going to give the same results as the last time!

The reason Thor Ordanace consumes so much energy was due to its activation sequence.

There are two parallel currents on either side of Felix's hand. The first one was going towards the palm of the hand while the second one coming back towards his body.

Those two currents were represented by the blue and golden lightning that were going back and forth on his arm.

Without a projectile that acts as a bridge between the two currents, they wouldn't be able to do anything besides continue to consume Felix's energy.

However, the consumed energy doesn't just evaporate but actually builds up more force! When Felix feels that enough force was built up, he simply flicks the Nail's head with his index finger!

This causes the driving current to go through the positive side, through the projectile (Nail), and comes back through the negative side, using the Lorentz Force with the addition of Fleming's left-hand rule.

The end result? The Nail gets projected by the electromagnetic force akin to a bullet, turning it into a golden beam from all the force that was stored in the activation sequence!

The more force stored during the activation sequence, the bigger the golden beam would get plus faster, making it almost impossible to be dodged!

Felix was more than careful in his attack as he had utilized all of the stored lightning energy in it. Yet, it turned out that wasn't enough to take down that monster.

But neither most viewers nor the players knew about any of this since it was their first time seeing such an ability in play.

Based on its sophistication and complexity, it would require a genius Lightning Elementalist to pull it off with his elemental manipulation.

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Soon, three minutes had passed by without any fight occurring in the sky since there wasn't anything to fight for.

Everyone was trying his best to keep up with the pack since being left behind at those moments could be fatal.

'Oh? Is that a ring or a teleportation circle?' Felix pondered while zooming in on a tiny shiny object tens of kilometers below him.

As they got closer and closer, the tiny shiny objects kept increasing substantially, allowing even the player with the worst vision of the bunch to notice them.

'So many teleportation circles!' Felix raised his eyebrows in surprise after seeing that all of them were creamy white!

After a quick counting, he came up with 10 teleportation circles all placed randomly and somewhat far from each other.

'10 teleportation circles ahead.' Felix informed Wild's Breath, 'The first one is still 20 kilometers or so away from us. I assume that there was at least 5 kilometers distance between each one of them.'

'You can see that far?' Wild's Breath exclaimed in shock at such detailed information. His eyes had been shapeshifted into an eagle's eyes.

Not just any eagle but one of the finest ones with astounding vision.

Yet, he was able to spot only four teleportation circles!

'Good thing I didn't speak first.' Wild's Breath wiped his forehead and lied through his teeth, 'I can see them as well. What's the plan? Should we enter one of them or avoid them at all cost?'

Felix thought about it for a second while taking in newer information about the distances between each teleportation circle.

Then, he nodded his head and said, 'Let's enter the first one since it is going to teleport us at least 3 kilometers below but 1 kilometer off course. So, it's worth the risk.'

'Most players are going to aim for it as well.' Wild's Breath said with a grin, 'How about you give them the same treatment?'

'Heh, like hell I will keep wasting my energy to keep opening up the way.' Felix scoffed in his mind.

He understood that Wild's Breath mobility cost him minimum energy unlike him who needs to place everything in a single strike.

If he kept using Thor's Ordinance wantonly, it wouldn't end pleasantly when their partnership breaks off since he would have more energy than him.

'No, that ability consume alot of my energy and it wouldn't have the same result as before. It's not worth it.'

Felix refused his suggestion and offered a simple clarification to not break off the partnership so soon.

After all, he still needed a mount to carry him through those three layers.

Wild's Breath in his squirrel form was a fine mount!

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'Are you certain in your calculations?' Wild's Breath changed the subject since he also didn't want to fall out with Felix so soon.

'90%.' Felix nodded his head firmly.

Upon hearing so, Wild's Breath didn't add anything else.

Meanwhile, at the front of the pack, Sensation, and Krialder were leading it by a small margin.

They were first to veer off slightly to the right so they could enter the teleportation circle.

While Sensation wasn't making any other moves, Krialder had brought out four Talismans at once and folded them in his palms.

'I must get rid of this Charm Elementalist before I run out of mental defense Talismans.' Krialder planned with a serious expression.

He understood that he was dangerously close to Sensation.

If she decided to switch her target to him abruptly while he wasn't protected by the talismans, his fate would be the same as those two players guarding her.

"Blade Curser had successfully gone through the teleportation circle!"

Meanwhile, Kayn was commentating while placing the camera on that player who was leading the entire race by five kilometers or so.

However, after the teleportation, he ended up widening the distance by 15 kilometers!

'F*ck this bastard's luck is going win him the game!' Felix cursed.

It wasn't just him who felt this way as the players had all started to feel skittish by the current status quo.

They understood that if someone didn't try to stop him, the f*cker would keep widening the distance little by little.

That's because they would be fighting against each other, slowing themselves up in the process while he would continue to go at his fastest speed!

The only way to catch up to him was by not fighting in the next two layers and hope that he would get hindered by the obstacles in the last layer!

Lastly, enter a teleportation circle and get even luckier than him by teleporting to a circle that was tens of kilometers ahead of everyone!

This was the reason why everyone was currently aiming at the 1st teleportation circle.

All of them would be getting one free opportunity to change their current placement without any risk of getting teleported backward.

'You rea..hmmm?'

Just as Felix wanted to check on Wild's Breath, his expression changed to a startled one after spotting that Krialder's hands burning with green fire!

'How much did he use and who is going to be his target?' Felix raised his vigilance to the max as he kept zooming on him.

There was only 1 kilometer between them and he could most definitely aim at him.

Since his burning hands were high-profiled, everyone had noticed them and raised their guards against him.

'Is he finally making a move on me?' Sensation thought while glancing behind the giant body of her Orc bodyguard.

However, the players waited and waited yet Krialder didn't strike anymore. He simply kept diving towards the teleportation circle that was already in plain sight.

It would take him probably less than 4 seconds to reach it. Since Sensation and her guards were near him, it would take them the same amount.

Naturally, the players behind them weren't going to let them enter it that smoothly as they had activated multiple offensive elemental abilities and waited until they got closer to the circle.

The instant they saw that they were mere hundreds of meters away from it, they fired everything at once, fully confident that their abilities would hit one of them!

Whoosh Whoosh!!

'Filthy Orc! Protect me well!' Sensation ordered sternly while taking cover below the Orc's giant body, turning him into an umbrella in a rain of abilities!!

Boom Boom!

Due to his wide back, he ended up eating most of the abilities thrown at them!

Thankfully, the other charmed fisherman player had created a water shield around them before, letting it tank a few abilities before breaking down.

Just as Sensation tried to check the Orc's wounds, a sudden chill coursed on her back, making her feel like a gun was pointed straight at her temple!

'Landlord!'

The golden beam was the first thing that came up in her mind. However, when she swiftly turned her head, she was horrified by the sight of Krialder, holding a bow made completely out of greenish flames!

He was drawing two greenish flaming arrows while aiming at her head! Because of the previous rain of abilities, there was smoke everywhere resulting from their explosive collisions!

Krialder had taken advantage of that chaotic situation to pull a fast one on Sensation!

WHOOSH WHOOSH!!

Not giving her a split second to think, Krialder released his bowstring and watched the first arrow explode in contact with the fisherman's chest, killing him instantly!

The water shield that was protecting them earlier had been destroyed by the previous salvo, leaving them vulnerable to Krialder!

Before Sensation could regain her wits at losing one of her meatshields, Krialder fired off the other arrow right at her face!

Whoosh Whoosh!!

Abruptly, her three fluffy white tails had moved on their own and stacked in front of her face, trying to protect her from the arrow!

When some of Krialder's fans saw this, the first thought that course in their mind was, 'Is she for real?'

However, before they could ridicule her futile attempt, they were left in absolute disbelief after seeing that the flaming arrow managed to bypass only two tails before exploding after touching the last one!

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Right after the explosion occurred, the three of them had gone through the teleportation circle and disappeared at once!

"Where are they now?!" Kayn opened his eyes widely and started looking for them from a teleportation circle to another.

Soon, he spotted that all three of them had been separated!

Krialder had been sent only 5 kilometers away and 2 kilometers off course.

Meanwhile, the Orc had actually ended up getting sent to a teleportation circle that was 15 kilometers away from the pack!

However, he still seemed under the control of Sensation's charm element as he was wobbling all over like a puppet without its master.

His back was a bloody mess from the previous attacks yet he didn't seem to feel anything.

There was a peculiar black patch on his back that no one had noticed...

Kayn ignored him and focused the camera on Sensation who emerged 10 kilometers away from the pack but was still engulfed in greenish flames, making all of her fans cry loudly in despair.

'Good Shit!'

Meanwhile, the sight had sent Felix over the clouds. He didn't know if she was dead or alive but he was beyond joyful just from the fact that her bodyguards had been dealt with properly!

A normal Charm Elementalist without men to protect her was the same as a defenseless kitty.

However, Sensation wasn't just any ordinary Charm Elementalist!

After the greenish fire had disappeared, most viewers who didn't know anything about spirit foxes were startled by the newly breathtaking image of Sensation.

She had fully transformed into a milky white fox with three giant tails behind her!

The tails had their tips colored in pink, appearing like they hadn't been damaged at all by the previous explosion!

'F*cking hell, she actually managed to pull it off during the explosion.'

Felix cursed while clutching Wild Breath's fur dearly for his life as they were getting bombarded after reaching the teleportation circle.

He already knew about her full transformation as she had used it once or twice in her previous games.

Based on his research, the transformation enhances her charm to an unfathomable level. In addition, it turns her tails into killing machines as their fluffiness was merely a decoy to the monstrous strength within them.

Although her other body parts remained weaker, the fur becomes resistant to multiple destructive elements.

This was the reason why the three tails had managed to block the flaming arrow before.

Sensation had activated her transformation instinctively after realizing the grave danger she was in!

"Hehe, it's not that easy to get rid of my girl." Kumiho giggled in enjoyment after seeing that Erebus and Lady Sphinx were showing disgruntled expressions.

Meanwhile, Krialder merely shrugged his shoulders and continued diving after her. He tried and failed to kill her.

The worst part, she didn't bother to even glance at Krialder or the pack behind him as she went full out in her dive to catch up to the Orc!

He was more important than anything currently!

Whoosh Whoosh!

Meanwhile, Felix and Wild's Breath had successfully gone through the teleportation circle.

They did it while staying in touch so they would get teleported to the same destination.

If Sensation didn't get ambushed at such a critical moment, she would have touched her bodyguards to take them with her.

A split second later, Felix and Wild's Breath had emerged from another teleportation circle while being focused by the camera.

When their fans saw the distance crossed, they could only shake their heads in dejection.

The unlucky dogs had been teleported to the 2nd teleportation circle, crossing merely 5 kilometers just like Krialder.

Meanwhile, Blade Curser, and that Orc were at least 15 kilometers away from them.

'Give me a f*cking break already.'

Vexed with his streak of garbage luck, Felix could only whine about it in his mind while detaching himself from Wild's Breath.

'Poor thing, he would have ended in the first place by now if he didn't ally with a burden like you.' Asna fired shots with a taunting voice.

Totally ignoring her remark, Felix searched in front for Saltz Master, wanting to check his current position.

Saltz Master and a few more players had entered the circle before them.

He had already noticed that multiple players had ended up either near them or five kilometers ahead of them.

However, there was no sight of Saltz Master no matter where he looked!

Chapter 535: Saltz Master Showing His Hand.

'Where did this bastard go?' Felix frowned his eyebrows while activating his infra-ray vision. After another full sweep, he still didn't spot him.

'Don't tell me he is above me?!'

Felix looked back immediately and was met with the sight of those five players going through the 1st teleportation circle...Still, no sight of Saltz Master.

'He can't just disappear into thin air.' Felix knew that Saltz Master must have used some sort of an ability to conceal himself. Hence, he kept inspecting everything thoroughly in his line of sight.

Yet, he ended up empty-handed again.

'This is a little bit worrisome.' Felix would be lying if he said that he wasn't spooked.

One of the most dangerous players in the game had gone completely invisible.

Just the thought of it sent shivers down his spine as he felt like Saltz Master could pop out anytime behind him and stab him.

Most of the players didn't notice Saltz Master's disappearance since they were focused on the race, unlike Felix who had a bet to win.

Meanwhile, Kayn and the viewers were the only ones with knowledge about Saltz Master's current whereabouts.

"Unbelievable, Saltz Master actually took advantage of the previous chaotic situation to cast a shadow on the Orc, Heavy Punch!"

Kayn commentated in admiration while highlighting the hidden play that Saltz Master had pulled off when everyone's attention was on Krialder and Sensation.

It could be seen on the screen that he had cast a shadow on the Orc's back and somewhat teleported to that shadow!

When the Orc entered the teleportation circle, Saltz Master had been taken with him!

Since he ended up luckily being tens of kilometers away from the pack, Saltz Master had benefited from it the most!

The best part?

The f*cking Orc was still charmed, making Saltz Master continue staying connected to him like his own shadow without him noticing anything peculiar!

If it wasn't for Sensation's mental control, Saltz Master would be sensed instantly by the Orc!

"His plan is indeed quite wicked, but how long is he going to remain connected with Heavy Punch?" Kayn wondered while showing the viewers how the Orc kept spinning randomly due to his unbalanced state.

Since he was under a heavy dose of mental control, he couldn't fix his posture at all. This resulted in Saltz Master feeling everything in his shadow form!

"Isn't it better to detach and nose-dive? He will be much faster this way." Sophia asked while tilting her head in confusion.

"True, and he wouldn't need to deal with the wild spinning." Kenny agreed, "He must be extremely dizzy now."

"I don't care about any of this!" Olivia booed at the stream and chanted with her tiny fist in the air, "Switch to Felix! Switch to Felix!..."

Alas, George and the rest ignored her chants and continued their discussion on Saltz Master's peculiar plans.

Yet, no matter how long they discuss, they could never find out Saltz Master's true aim!

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Minutes went by in the race without anyone making sudden moves. Even when they reached the teleportation circles, they simply ignored them and continued diving normally.

No one was a moron to make such a risky move since any teleportation they take now has the possibility to send them back to the first teleportation circle.

Since they had already entered it before, they wouldn't be able to use it again.

Hence, they would be left at the far back with almost no chance of winning the game unless everyone died somewhat.

Felix and Wild's Breath were currently one of the 7 players at the back of the pack.

Due to the teleportation circle, the pack was actually split up into multiple groups. The biggest one was Felix's group.

Since the thermosphere layer's height ranges from 90km to 800km, the players had to actually drop for about 160km just in this layer alone!

Double the distance they require to travel through the other three layers!

Hence, the reason why the race had entered a prolonged peaceful period that lasted for 5 minutes before another speeding ring had appeared before all.

Because the pack had been split up, thinning the numbers of players, a silent agreement was made to simply go through them without starting needless trouble.

The only one who ended not entering the speeding ring was Saltz Master who still remained connected to the spinning Orc throughout the entire duration!

In those 5 minutes, his absence was finally noticed by the rest of the players.

However, all of them assumed that he had been teleported to the very front previously and he was too far to be seen.

This conclusion had made them slightly antsy but still, no one made any rush moves.

Meanwhile, Sensation was getting closer and closer to the Orc since she had received that 20% speed boost unlike him.

She appeared quite desperate to recover her meatshield as she had been focusing all this time to bridge the gap between them.

When Kumiho saw this, her grip tightened on her armchair.

"Heh, finally starting to get nervous?" Erebus smirked while supporting his head with his palm.

"Can you blame her?" Lady Sphinx said casually, "Her champion is about to face the deadliest ambush in her life by your champion."

"I got to admit, your champion's patience and intelligence are truly praiseworthy." J?rmungandr complemented.

Saltz Master truly deserved to be praised as everything that he went through was to create this deadly ambush on Sensation!

It was to be expected that he would target her since this was a three-way champion's battle. When an opportunity like this showed itself, he didn't hesitate to grab it!

'Filthy Orc, causing me so much trouble.' Sensation cursed in disgust as she neared Heavy Punch.

There were only a few hundred meters separating them...

'At last...'

Meanwhile, Saltz Master couldn't see anything due to being in a shadow form. However, he could sense the distortion in the air hundreds of meters above him.

He wasn't fully certain if the one causing it was Sensation but he knew that it was highly going to be her since no one would want to be this near to another player...Even to a seemingly harmless Orc.

100m...50m...30m..20m...

Immediately after Sensation crossed the last 20 meters and got on the same level as the Orc, she ordered in her mind, 'Wake up, you useless oxe.'

Just like a magic spell was cast on him, Heavy Punch's eyes started to open up, showing a tiny pink heart in the pupils.

'Now, try to regain your balance.' She ordered again while staying 5 meters to his side, not wanting to get close to him while his limbs were flailing everywhere.

Heavy Punch found it quite difficult to regain his balance due to his dizziness as everything appeared to be spinning in his eyes.

But after he adapted somewhat, he got it done eventually. However, a nasty headache soon assaulted him, making him clutch his head in pain.

'What's wrong with you?' Sensation asked while approaching him rapidly.

'Headache, dizzy, so dizzy.' Heavy Punch responded by single words like a toddler.

Sensation wasn't weirded out by this since it was her abilities doing. Dumbing down the men so they would be much easier to order around.

However, at this very moment, this ability was about to lead to her downfall as Heavy Punch hadn't realized that someone was on him!

'Stop whining, I will fix it now.' Sensation aimed her palm at Heavy Punch's head and released an invisible pink wave.

However, before the particles could reach Heavy Punch's forehead, Sensation was startled by the world suddenly turning completely dark!

'Oh NO!!'

Realizing what happened, Sensation immediately tried to transform into a spirit fox for extra defense!

Alas, no one matter how fast she was, it would never be faster than Saltz Master in his own body...

Slice! Slice! Slice!...

A split second later, Sensation's transformation was stopped on its own.

How could she transform when all of her body limbs and head had been severed from their places like they were made out of tufo?

Sensation's brain had already short-circuited, not allowing her to have a single thought about the situation.

As for her body? It was displaying all signs of fear and agitation. From her accelerated heartbeats to her body hair standing stiffly.

It was said that people with severed heads remain conscious for a few seconds. No one knew if that true.

But in the case of Sensation? She was able to see clearly a shadowy face appear in front of her and mouth off a short sentence.

'May you find peace in the Spiritual Realm.'

Sensation piecing out those words was the last thing that ever coursed in her mind before fountains of blood gushed out of her severed limbs and head!

She couldn't be any more dead!

A champion had fallen but not in the hands of Felix...This was the champion's games, no one was safe from anyone...

Chapter 536: Blazing Through it!

When the darkness withdrew, the viewers and the players were left with the shocking sight of Sensation's severed parts being cast into different directions.

Unbothered by the blood, Saltz Master's body got reconstructed above the Orc's back.

Before the viewers and the players could break out of their daze at such a sudden harrowing image, Saltz Master waved his hand down abruptly and the head of the Orc got severed as well by a shadowy line!

He got executed right when Sensation's charm abilities lost their effects on him!

Saltz Master dusted his clothes and jumped away from the Orc's corpse as he knew that it was going to lose control soon and hurl blood everywhere.

When he got into a diving posture and carried on his journey coolly as nothing had happened, only then, did viewers and the players react!

Whooooaahhh!!!

While the viewers exploded in cheers of excitement at such a deadly ambush, the players all shuddered in fear at the sight of Sensation's current appearance.

They never assumed that Sensation would actually end up getting killed right after she survived an ambush by Krialder!

'Motherf*cker, he really planned far ahead to get rid of us!'

Felix didn't feel an ounce of joy at the notion of Sensation getting eliminated. He understood that the rules of the threeway champions' game were slightly different.

First, the one who wins the game wins everything.

However, that's only applicable if the champions didn't get killed in the hands of another champion!

Since Sensation got killed by Saltz Master, this meant that Kumiho's treasures would be given to Erebus even if Felix won the game!

This rule was done like this to make the champions battle against each other and bring the best entertainment to the primogenitors.

After all, where was the fun in the game if the champions kept ignoring each other and just focusing on the win?

So, two treasures were already secured by Erebus, leaving only two for Felix to bring home.

Felix already was in a disadvantageous situation due to being ten kilometers behind Saltz Master!

What's worse, there was only Cursed Blade ahead of Saltz Master. Felix knew that he wouldn't cause much trouble to Saltz Master!

So how could he feel joy in this situation?

"Saltz Master showed his true colors!" Kayn commentated with a feverish tone, "No wonder he remained connected with Heavy Punch for so long! His target was the pretty Sensation all along!"

The viewers didn't know why he cared to wait for so long just to slay Sensation but they still cheered him on after finally spilling some blood and enlivening the game.

"You leaving already?"

Meanwhile, in that cozy room, Erebus asked Kumiho with a wide grin.

"I have another champion game in less than 5 minutes. I need to catch it lest Saurous gets upset with me for not watching it with him."

Kumiho spoke casually while standing up like her champion didn't just get slaughtered.

"I see, I see." Erebus smirked and requested, "Can you hand me the harp and the amulet? I want to feel them in my hands."

Kumiho didn't bother to entertain his cheap attempt to humiliate her. She simply clicked on her bracelet and said, "Check your email inbox, I have sent the serial codes."

Vrr Vrr!

Sure enough, Erebus's bracelet vibrated slightly, letting him know that she wasn't kidding.

Before he could start bickering with her, she blew a kiss at them and said, "Bye-bye, Let's meet at another time."

Then, she exploded into light particles. Although she appeared cool about the entire situation, she was slightly pissed at the fact that Sensation died before she had gotten Felix's secrets.

Kumiho dearly wanted to know the deal between Felix, Lady Sphinx, and J?rmungandr. Alas, it wasn't meant to happen this time.

"I guess it's just us now." Erebus said with a faint grin while glancing at J?rmungandr and Lady Sphinx.

"You better change that cocky grin Erebus." J?rmungandr advised calmly as he eyed Felix, "The game is not over yet."

Erebus merely chuckled, believing that he was a bit delusional if he thought that Felix had any chance of winning this.

He knew that the only chance that Felix had to win this was by entering with Saltz Master in a thunderstorm and utilize a lightning-based ability.

He didn't know if Felix had any ability that could be used in that environment but Erebus preferred thinking of the worst scenario possible.

Due to the distance between the two of them, it was going to be almost impossible to enter the same thunderstorm!

So, Saltz Master simply needs to keep going at the same pace and he would emerge victoriously!

The primogenitors stopped speaking and focused on the game as they noticed that the players were getting closer and closer to the 3rd layer in the atmosphere, Mesosphere!

"Only 40 kilometers are left before Blade Curser and Saltz Master reach the Mesosphere Layer." Kayn wondered, "Are they going to slow their speed as much as possible to avoid getting burned or just blaze through it?"

"Blaze through it!"..."Blaze through it!"..."Blaze through it!"

The viewers cheered on the latter as they wanted nothing more but to watch the players enter the mesosphere layer akin to a meteor shower!

Alas, only a few players were planning on doing so since they had adequate abilities to turn off the fire and keep it off as they penetrate the mesosphere layer...Or they were simply fire-resistant.

'Landlord, when we reach the edge of the thermosphere layer, making sure to hold into me as I will be slowing our speed to the minimum.' Wild's Breath informed.

Felix thought about it for a few seconds and shook his head, 'No thank you, I will be going at my fastest speed.'

'Oh? Do you have a method to survive getting burnt?' Wild's Breath asked.

'No.'

Wild's Breath got shocked after hearing his blunt response.

'Are you nuts? Didn't you attempt blazing through the mesosphere layer in the practice runs? It's impossible to resist the burning effect without having some abilities to rely on.' Wild's Breath said.

'Don't mind me.' Felix gave him a slight nod and said, 'If you are planning to slow down, then our partnership will most likely come to an early end.'

'I am not that brazen to copy you.' Wild's Breath rejected.

'Very well then.' Felix smiled faintly and said, 'If we managed to cross paths before the troposphere layer, let's continue supporting each other.'

'Alright.'

Although Wild's Breath seemed like he agreed, he knew deep down that Felix would be in great trouble if he carried out his plan.

Hell, he somewhat believed that Felix might end up burning to dust if he had absolutely nothing to help him out.

Felix didn't care about anyone's thoughts as he already planned to use a method to survive through the experience.

It would be extremely painful but he wasn't a foreigner to pain at all.

Asna who read his mind and saw his plan could only show a subtle hint of worry. But, her tone was as sadistic as ever, 'Felix on fire, aah, this is a dream comes true.'

'F*cking psycho.' Felix's eyelids twitched after hearing so.

Then, he ignored everything and emptied his mind, preparing himself for the upcoming hellish agony.

Minutes went by and the ceiling of the mesosphere layer was getting closer and closer to Felix.

Meanwhile, Cursed Blade and Saltz Master had already gone through it after using a slowing ring that was extremely close to the mesosphere layer's ceiling.

By utilizing it, they didn't end up burning at all but their speed had been slowed substantially. This helped the players bridge the distance from ten kilometers to only five kilometers.

However, Cursed Blade and Saltz Master weren't worried that much since they knew that only a few players would ignore slowing their speed.

The majority were definitely going to use the ring as well, this would return the distance between them to normal again.

6km....4km...2km....500meters.

The moment the players crossed over the half-kilometer mark between them and the layer's ceiling, they immediately moved based on their preset plans.

"As expected, more than 15 players have decided to take play it safely." Kayn commentated while highlighting the biggest pack of players gliding towards the slowing ring that was slightly off course.

This left only 5 players in different heights still going strong on their main course.

"Krialder, Burning Crusade, Waterloo, Serenity, and Landlord are planning on continuing on with their speed! This will help them a lot!" Kayn commentated in excitement at first before arching his eyebrows at the realization that Felix didn't show any sort of ability to help him out.

"How are poison and lightning element are going to help him fend off against the burning effect?" Kayn asked in bafflement.

Alas, the viewers were just as bewildered as he was.

However, before they could start to ponder on this matter, their eyes were captured by Krialder slapping two talismans on his body, creating some sort of a red halo barrier on him.

Meanwhile, Waterloo and Serenity had engulfed themselves inside water spheres to keep them wet.

Only Burning Crusade and Felix had yet to make a move even though the mesosphere layer was right in front of their faces.

The viewers understood that Burning Crusade had a fire immunity but what about Felix?

Just as they tried to think of solutions that Felix had prepared, they were left in absolute disbelief at the sight of him turning in a burning man as he blazed through the mesosphere layer!

This created an image of two shooting stars, representing Felix and Burning Crusade!

While Burning Crusade appeared just fine, the image of Felix's skin getting scorched black almost made his fans, grandfather, and Olivia faint on the spot!

They instantly knew that Felix had gone full commando without having anything to rely on!

Chapter 537: Abonrmal Pain Tolerance!

"THIS LITTLE BASTARD IS GOING TO GIVE ME A F*CKING HEART ATTACK!" Robert yelled with reddened cheeks at the stream, appearing completely outraged by Felix's decision.

Who could blame him?

In his eyes, Felix already had all the money in the world to spend for eternity. His safety was guaranteed by the Witch Empire.

So, there was no reason for Felix to continue risking his life in the games in such a fashion.

Alas, if only he knew that Felix's sense of responsibility toward the elders in his mind was the reason why he always takes every game as seriously as possible.

Even if the elders told him not to go that far, Felix would still do it since he would never half-ass a game just to avoid feeling some pain.

"Landlord has gone f*cking nuts!" Kayn yelled, "His body might survive it but the pain he will be experiencing is beyond understanding! I won't feel surprised if he ended dying from neurogenic shock!"

Just as Kayn claimed, Felix was truly in great pain as his entire body was burning from the scalp to his tiptoes.

Argh!

However, he simply gritted his teeth and kept his eyes closed shut as he dove down with his arms extended in a guard position in front of his face!

He knew that he would get burned to the bones if he didn't heal himself at the same time.

So, he was utilizing the agitator inducement to keep his flesh always recovering as it was burning. This made it impossible for his nervous system to get burnt and relieve him from his misery.

'You got this Felix!' Asna cheered him on after starting to feel slightly bad for him.

She didn't why the change of heart as she would have been enjoying his agonizing state before.

Meanwhile, Lady Sphinx and J?rmungandr didn't look worried at all. Instead, they had confident smiles planted on their faces, making Erebus slightly confused and curious.

"Aren't you worried that he might pass out or die from pain?" Erebus wondered.

"No." Both responded at the same time.

"Why so?" Erebus asked again.

Lady Sphinx and J?rmungandr looked at each other and smiled, leaving Erebus's question unanswered.

'Whatever, even if the kid didn't die, he will most definitely not emerge in his optimal form.' Erebus thought calmly, 'He already had almost a zero chance to turn this around in his peak form, don't even mention now.'

While Erebus was doubting Felix, his champion had noticed that he was being in hot pursuit by Felix!

'He's nuts! How could anyone tolerate such pain?!' Saltz Master exclaimed in his mind, breaking his composure yet again.

He truly didn't expect Felix to go for such a risky move to keep himself in the game.

Hell, even Krailder and the other four players near Felix were feeling chills as they looked at his crumbling skin that turns into ash.

Then, it gets recovered to almost peak just to be burnt again!

"I gotta say that although the human's cultivation system isn't the best, it sure helps build abnormal pain tolerance to each cultivator!" Kayn commentated with a hint of admiration in his tone.

His praise made the human viewers all feel fluffy inside.

Moments of pride like those were extremely rare since humans were used to getting cursed at or ignored by other races due to their historical f*ck ups and their shitty personalities.

So to have their cultivation system get praised before viewers from all over the universe was a big deal to many commoners and bloodliners as it made them feel slightly acknowledged.

"Landlord! You got this!!"..."Keep it up, Landlord! We believe in you!"..."Landlord!!"...

Chants resounded all over the stadium, coming from different corners since the spectators were getting merged together.

All of them were eying the screen with folded hands or clutching the top of their heads in worry and hope.

They could see that the distance left was a whopping 30 kilometers before he reaches the stratosphere.

He only needs to reach it and wouldn't need to worry about being burned again due to the game's modifications.

But 30 kilometers drop? It would take him at least 1 to 2 minutes to reach the ceiling of the stratosphere layer if he kept in the same posture.

The viewers could only watch him burn up akin to a falling star as he speeds past Krialder, Serenity, and the other two players besides him!

It was normal that he would be faster than them since the wind that was supposed to hinder him from reaching his fastest speed was the one fueling his fire!

'Not in my watch!' Burning Crusader immediately extended his palms behind his back and began spewing concentrated blue flames, making them seem like two jets!

Since he was also crow half-ling, his upper body was humanoid, unlike his button half. He didn't possess wings just like Hell's Crow.

Whoosh!!

Still, his speed had exploded, making him close the distance to Felix quite easily!

He didn't want to utilize this technique since it consumes quite a lot of energy to keep his speed boosted.

He wanted to keep it until the last layer but he also didn't want to walk away from such a free kill.

He could see that Felix was struggling to deal with the pain, making it the perfect opportunity to get rid of him!

Whoosh!!

When he got in the perfect position to fire at Felix, he didn't hesitate to open his mouth and spew a breath of fire at him!

Felix didn't even bother to glance at the attack as he had already sensed his murderous intent from a mile away even though he was under unbearable agony!

The way he countered the attack was by unleashing the lightning stored in his body so he would slow down the attack aimed at him...As mentioned before, this slowness was in his own perspective.

In this situation, having the ability to think and move ten times faster than the attack was beyond crucial since it allowed Felix to reach out to the leather bag and pull out a boiling hot red nail!

Not wanting to add extra pain to himself, Felix held the nail with his mental energy and placed it almost instantaneously between two fingers that were already pointing at Burning Crusade.

Upon seeing that the fire breath was merely five meters away from him, Felix didn't hesitate to start the activation sequence of Thor's Ordnance!

Since everything was happening almost at the speed of sound, Felix managed to fuel the ability substantially!

Then? Felix stomached the pain in his burnt black fingers and flicked the nail's head like he was flicking a piece of crumpled paper!

Immediately after, Felix had closed the lightning containers with his mental control, allowing his mind to see and process everything again at a normal speed.

The first thing that came into his vision was Burning Crusade's expression that was in the process of changing from confident to horrified in a single moment!

BOOOM!!

Alas, before his expression could manifest fully, the golden beam had gone through the fire breath and emerged from the back of his chest, leaving a wide hole after it disappeared in the horizons!

Whoosh!!

Felix didn't come fully unscathed from this as the remaining of the fire breath still landed on him, adding to his misery.

Thankfully, his body was already scorched black to make any difference.

Two attacks happened at the same time...But the results were utterly different, making the viewers doubt their eyes as they didn't expect that outcome would turn to be like this!

Just like the players, they knew about Felix's abilities separately but they seem to forget that Felix's lightning-quick passive could be combined with every ability he owns!

'F*ck me sideways, he fired the same golden beam in less than a split second! How could anyone defend against it?!' Waterloo, who was above them, drew a deep breath in agitation.

He immediately glid to the left, putting more distance between him and Felix.

Krialder and the other two players did the same as they didn't want to go all out in the 3rd layer.

Burning Crusade's bloody corpse was the perfect warning that Felix wasn't an easy kill even if he was literally getting fried!

"Landlord! Oh, Landlord! Your pain tolerance sure put everyone's to shame!" Kayn said with an awed look.

He was already beyond surprised that Felix could last this long. Yet, the bastard was still in full control of his body and senses to be able to retaliate like that!

What the viewers didn't know was that Felix had been using his mental energy to contain his stored lightning, then use it again to hold into the nail while at the same pump the agitator inducement to heal himself at the same time as well!

He was doing all of that while getting burned!

It wouldn't have been possible without the daily mental control exercises that he did for potion-making.

Hard work in anything always pays off!

Chapter 538: Loot Boxes!

After seeing that everyone had put a respectful distance from him, Felix stopped paying them any attention and focused on healing himself as he gritted his teeth.

This time, his eyes never left Saltz Master, the main source of his current pain.

After all, if it wasn't for him pulling so ahead, Felix wouldn't have been forced to take extreme measures to keep up with him.

'I will f*ck him up when I catch him, I swear on it!' Felix promised with bloodshot eyes that were slightly bleeding. He looked one last time at Saltz Master's back and closed them shut again to avoid having them turn into ash.

His agitator inducement was already having trouble healing his external burnt marks fast enough since the fire was evaporating the mist immediately after it gets released. Felix was purely using the inducement internally.

The amount of energy that was being consumed to keep it up for this long had begun to take tolls on Felix since he had charged himself with only 30% poison energy while the rest was for lightning energy.

Thankfully, after it was consumed, he switched to using only Asna's purified energy, which could be used for any element as long as he had an affinity to it.

"Only six players are at the front and they are closing in rapidly to the stratosphere layer." Kayn commented, "I bet they must be feeling slightly warm due to the ozone layer being upfront."

It was common knowledge that the stratosphere increases in warmth with elevation because ozone gases in the upper layers absorb intense ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

So, the area near the ozone layer was always warm unlike the area above it and the one below it that was always below zero degrees in temperature.

The closer Felix got to this layer, the less fire kept surrounding his body. This wasn't caused by the ozone layer or the chill but due to the game's modification.

It was done like this in case someone was daring to attempt blazing through the mesosphere layer, he wouldn't end up burning almost all the way to the lower air.

Everything was for entertainment purposes and the sight of Felix resembling a meteor wouldn't have occurred if this modification wasn't done since he wasn't a retard to risk doing it in all three layers.

'Finally, Landlord has been put out of his misery!' Kayn spoke while spotting the camera on Felix's body that was getting cooled slowly after he penetrated the ozone layer.

A split second later, the fire was completely snuffed out, allowing the viewers to see his horrendous state!

He appeared like a f*cking black charcoal!

Hell, people would actually mistake him for a meteor if he even approached the ground in such a state!

Soon, the viewers' vision was blocked due to a greenish mist being released from the front and covered his entire body, turning him into a smoking green ball.

This situation remained like this for more than five seconds before the mist disappeared, showing Felix in a new blue anti-chill suit that covered his entire body and head.

They couldn't see even a single area of his skin, making them unable to guess the state of his burnt marks.

"He must be fine." Kayn mentioned, "His healing ability is extremely effective against even broken bones."

True to his words, Felix had indeed returned to his peak form!

As they say, after the suffering comes the glory!

Right now, Felix was in 3rd place in the race and he was merely 4 kilometers away from Saltz Master!

Such distance was almost nothing in Felix's eyes!

'Let's see how you pull away now.' Felix narrowed his eyes dangerously while staring deeply at Saltz Master's back.

He was staring so hard, Saltz Master ended up sensing it and turning around to check.

When he saw Felix in his anti-chill suit without any subtle hint of injury, he frowned his eyebrows in disgruntlement and turned to face the front again.

'It's not the time to deal with him.' Saltz Master thought while focusing on colorful objects hovering in the air, 'I need to secure my own parachute first.'

Saltz Master didn't know if those little colorful objects were parachutes or loot boxes but he wasn't planning on slowing himself to deal with Felix in such a critical moment.

Grabbing a parachute was a priority even for him who could transform into a living shadow. That's because he knew that it wasn't allowed to use elemental manipulation to fly, float or hover.

So, even if he transformed into a living shadow, he would still be subjected to falling to the ground and would feel the same pain as the others since his senses were still connected in that form.

If they weren't connected, he wouldn't be able to sense Sensation's location and deal with her.

Meanwhile, Felix who had the best vision in the game had already identified the little colorful thingies as loot boxes spread everywhere in their course and off it!

The majority were actually off course by a kilometer to five kilometers!

'They are putting them like that to bait us.' Felix reasoned.

He knew that if one player decided to go for a loot box off course, he would most definitely be out of the race if the others kept on their course.

But, it was a good idea for the players at the far back who gave up on the race pretty early.

They might not win but at least they would get a sweet compensation for the risks they took in the games.

As for the loot boxes in the course? Felix wasn't planning on letting Saltz Master grab them without risking his live!

'Heh, I dare him to approach one box.' Felix smirked faintly while placing his fingers on the leather bag.

This was the old leather bag. It was still safe and sound after going through that inferno.

That's because it was mildly resistant to environmental elements. If it wasn't for so, the nails inside would have melted already.

Thankfully, they got merely superheated before chilled again.

"It's time for the fun part!" Kayn brought the mic close to his lips and laughed in delight, "There are more than 100 loot boxes spread throughout the stratosphere layer. This amount will definitely bring out the greed in those players' hearts."

Kayn brought back the camera to the front and zoomed on the top six players. Then, he mentioned, "Those six players would have it easier to grab the loot boxes in the course, leaving leftovers for the ones behind them."

As he mentioned, Blade Curser and Saltz Master could be seen aiming at the closest loot box to them. It didn't look like they were planning on striking each other.

However, the same couldn't be said about Felix as he had already pulled another nail and extended his shoulder towards Saltz Master like he was pointing a rifle at him.

Well, he wasn't exactly focusing on Saltz Master but the loot box that he was aiming for.

Sensing ill intentions at him, Saltz Master glanced behind him and was instantly irked after spotting Felix's posture.

However, he still didn't change his path, making it obvious that he was planning on challenging Felix.

'If he couldn't hit me when I didn't know about his ability, it's impossible to hit me now.' Saltz Master thought with an indifferent expression.

Meanwhile, Felix had yet to start the activation sequence to fuel the golden's beam power.

Saltz Master had noticed his inactiveness but he still didn't lower his guard as he was ready to turn into a living shadow at any moment.

However, he ended up almost reaching the loot Box and Felix still didn't fire at him!

100m...50m...10m....5m...

Just as Saltz Master wanted to touch the loot box and claim it as his own, time abruptly slowed down only for Felix.

Then? A thin version of the golden beam had emerged from his finger, appearing like a laser beam, and connected right with Saltz Master's back and emerged from the other side!

It was a pure a clean strike!

Szllzllz Boom!!

However, the moment Felix closed his lightning containers and the time returned to normal, he sighed in frustration after spotting that Saltz Master had exploded into the black matter before reconstructing a split second later with a newer set of clothes.

"What a quick strike!" Kayn exclaimed while highlighting the assault one more time, "Hell, the party is already over after we spotted it!"

When the viewers saw that Saltz Master was still in optimal shape, they could only shake their heads at Felix's futile attempts.

If even the fastest attack in the game failed to harm Saltz Master, how could anyone do it? Felix didn't claim that the bastard was extremely hard to kill for no reason.

One shouldn't mention that all of this was happening in mid-air!

God knows how impossible killing him would be when he is near surfaces with actual shadows!

'Whatever, at least he didn't get the loot box.' Felix smiled faintly after seeing that Saltz Master was giving him a dirty look from afar.

It was only natural that Saltz Master wouldn't get the loot box since they required to touch it with their hands to avoid players using their elemental manipulation and harvesting them like a weed.

After all, the games committee put them specifically for the players to fight for them.

This wouldn't have been possible if they didn't make it mandatory to physically touch the loot boxes!

Felix wasn't planning on letting either Saltz Master or Blade Curser touch them as he had already pulled two more nails with a faint smirk.

'If you want them, then you better put your life on the line to get them!'

Chapter 539: I Will Show You All!

The moment Felix thought so, he saw that Blade Curser was about to touch another loot box. Before, he focused on Saltz Master, which allowed him to secure a free box for himself.

'You have your shields up, huh.' Felix commented after spotting three thick walls made out of clay emerge above Blade Curser.

Felix knew that he would require a buffed Thor's Ordnance to penetrate all of them and actually harm Blade Curser.

He didn't want to do it since he would be doing Saltz Master a great favor by removing the closest threat to him.

"Blade Curser had secured the 2nd loot box." Kayn mentioned, "It seems like Landlord is mainly targeting Saltz Master...Like seriously? What's their deal? Since the start, they have been gunning at each other."

Alas, no one knew the answer besides the primogenitors and their champions.

Felix didn't care about how others perceived him as he kept diving at his fastest speed, ignoring most loot boxes that require him to glide to them.

It wasn't like he was too rich to bother with them but because he understood that he would get assaulted the moment he tries to touch one of them by those four above him.

They were waiting patiently for an opportunity to strike him and Felix wasn't going to jeopardize the game for some loot boxes.

The last thing he needed right now was to slow himself even further.

Because he was constantly assaulting Saltz Master and the fact that he kept giving up on loot boxes as well, this left most of them still untouched.

Only Krialder ignored them and continued diving down, wanting to catch up to the top three.

This resulted in another split of packs...Four at the very front, two in the middle, and the majority were either at the back or off course hunting down for loot boxes.

Since they knew that it was going to be extremely difficult to survive the landing without a parachute, they were slowing themselves up to the limit allowed.

That's because they knew that the game would be concluded the moment one player touched the ground safely. Hence, they would get teleported to safety while still in mid-air!

So, they kept gunning for loot boxes, fighting with others for them.

Wild's Breath was part of this group as he realized that his decision to not blaze through the mesosphere with Felix had screwed him big time.

But, he didn't regret it since he knew that he wouldn't come out of it in the same condition as that madman.

While he was hunting down loot boxes, Felix kept on ruining Saltz Master's attempt to grab one for himself while at the same time force Blade Curser to waste his energy by building such strong defenses for no reason at all.

This situation carried on like this until Felix had noticed tiny colored thingies from afar.

'Parachutes!'

He instantly recognized them after he zoomed in even closer.

There were only six of them. The rest must be still far below beside the ceiling of the Troposphere layer!

'I must get one and destroy Saltz Master's chances of getting his own!' Felix decided to go all out in this matter.

It was naturally impossible to destroy those unclaimed parachutes, which meant he either needs to attack him after he secures it or keeps hindering him like he was doing before.

Since hindering him appeared quite effective due to his element nature, Felix was going to keep doing it.

'It's time to use some decoys.' Saltz Master thought calmly after noticing the six parachutes as well.

He glanced at Felix, who clearly was in an offensive posture, and gave him a slight smirk.

Felix didn't notice it since his focus was on Krialder who had finally made his own move!

He saw him slap two talismans on his palms and watch them turn into jets of green flames that helped him increase his speed significantly!

The technique resembled the one that Burning Crusade had utilized!

"Krialder sure is patient enough to hold into such a useful ability until he reaches the parachutes!" Kayn praised near the mic while highlighting Krialder who was about to pass Felix!

Whoosh!

Upon noticing Krialder reach the same height level as him, Felix didn't hesitate to aim his arm in his direction!

Szllzllzz!

"You can't harm me." Krialder smiled at Felix whose arm had already become packed with electrical charges. He didn't seem worried by Felix's Thor's Ordnance.

'Damn it, he is wearing a lighting immunity shield and another one for electromagnetism. He is countering both the metallic nail and the lightning force behind it.' Felix cursed and brought down his arm after spotting a thin white layer on Krialder's skin.

It was merged with electromagnetism waves that were spreading outside of his body.

At the start he just sensed it but after using his truth vision, he was able to see them clearly.

After all, he was able to see through the entire electromagnetic spectrum.

He always knew that Krialder had a lightning affinity and was capable of etching all sorts of lightning-based abilities. But he didn't expect that he would have even etched a defensive electromagnetism ability on a talisman as well!

It would allow him to propel any approaching metallic object away from his body! So the silver nail was going to be stopped!

It seemed like he always had them but decided to save them for crucial moments like those!

"Good decision." Krialder gave Felix a casual smile and speed downward, going past him in a heartbeat.

When he reached 100m below him, Felix had noticed that he had another talisman glued on his back.

He didn't know how to read runes but there was someone in his head who was master linguistic.

'Asna, meaning?!'

'Uhhh, it says, fire element, fire armor, temperature 500 K degrees, 1 minutes duration, automatic activation after sensing a foreign elemental presence in 5 meters radius.' Asna informed while doing her nails casually.

'Automatic shield to protect him in case someone ambushed him with elemental abilities.' Felix narrowed his eyes at the talisman and thought, 'You are looking down on my poison manipulation as well.'

Felix understood that the fire armor was going to be extremely useful against mist/liquid-based elements since the heat the armor would be releasing was comparable to 200 C degrees.

Hence, they would evaporate before they touch Krialder's body!

Since only Felix, Waterloo, and Serenity were behind him now, he picked this talisman specifically for them.

After all, both of them were water Elementalists while Felix was a poison/lightning Elementalist. Krialder had already taken care of Felix's lightning abilities by using that immunity talisman plus the electromagnetism talisman.

This left only poison which was known to have mist/liquid/solid form based on the level of the owner's manipulation.

Based on Felix's garbage demonstration on his elemental manipulation in the promotion game, it was fair to guess that he was still incapable of even turning poison into a liquid state.

Hell, Krialder was more worried about Waterloo and Serenity since they had the capability to solidify water, turning it into ice attacks!

Naturally, to create a single ability like that, would take ten times the effort than a pure Ice Elementalist.

Still, they could create such attacks and bypass his protective fire armor...But they didn't, and it was too late now to do it since he was already far away from them.

This left only Felix to worry about but Krialder wasn't feeling any of it!

In his eyes, he had done enough research to understand that it was impossible for Felix to advance from using poison in mist state to poison in a solid state!

Even if he had the best poison Elementalist teaching him personally!

So those two defensive talismans were more than enough to speed past him safely!

He was truly an intelligent man who had done his homework...But was it enough?

'Let's see if any f*cker would dare to disdain my poison manipulation after this.' Felix smiled coldly as he snapped his finger, creating one pitch-black nail from his palm.

It wasn't just condensed, it was rock solid like it was made out of ice!

This was Felix's current progress in poison condensation! He couldn't turn a bigger-sized ability into liquid instantly but one 5cm nail?

He was already able to solidify it!

Why?

Because he didn't have any poison Elementalists as a teacher but THE Poison Primogenitor himself!

After months and months of the daily grind! This 5cm solid pitch-black nail was Felix's final result!

But Felix didn't create it to hurl it at Krialder.

Nonono...He knew that his throw would never make the solidified poison nail travel fast enough to touch Krialder's back before the fire shield takes care of it.

Instead, he brought the nail in front of his finger and used his mental energy to hold it right there.

His arm was still extended in direction of Krialder who was now 1km away from Felix.

White electrical charges exploded out of Felix's body as he enters the supersonic mode again.

Meanwhile, his arm had been engulfed in the same golden and blue lightning that was going back and forth, appearing like they were recharging his arm.

'Let's go with 80% this time.' Felix closed one eye while keeping the other narrowed at Krialder who seemed to be slowly turning his head towards Felix.

Felix believed that he must have sensed his killing intent.

"It's too late...J?rmungandr's Ordnance, fire!" Felix murmured to himself as he flicked the solidified pitch-black nail from its head!

Then? The same golden beam emerged from his fingers and ended up reaching Krialder in less than a millisecond!

The shield of fire was useless in this case since the talisman was still in the process of activation while the beam had already struck Krialder's wide open back!

Immediately after Felix saw this, he turned off his supersonic mode and watched how his golden beam didn't manage to penetrate through Krialder's back.

But the force was strong enough, Krialder's body had been launched even further down!

Yet, not a single ounce of joy could be seen on Krialder's expression. Only disbelief and confusion like he had just failed to solve an easy puzzle.

Whoosh!

A moment later, the golden beam ended up losing its last bit of energy, disappearing at once.

Before Kayn, the players, and the viewers react to Felix's failed attack, they were left in absolute horror at the sight of Krialder's body breaking into dust from the center of his chest.

Due to the raging wind, the dust had been taken away, not allowing anyone to see a tiny bullet-like hole in Krialder's back.

This was the beauty of poison...It didn't require a true destructive attack to end someone's life.

Just a single pitch-black nail made out of corruption inducement was enough to take down the Krialder, whose elemental abilities were comparable to Origin Realm Bloodliner.

Just one little nail had silenced the entire Milky Way Galaxy...

Chapter 540: The Parachutes!

Deathly silence covered the stadium as the spectators kept reviewing the image of Krialder's disintegration over and over in their minds, wanting to comprehend what the f*ck had just happened.

They turned to look at their seat neighbor just to see the same confusion clouding his eyes.

They could understand if Krialder ended up with a hole in his chest or even exploding into a shower of blood.

But turning into dust from the same golden beam that struck others before? They simply couldn't fathom how it happened!

"La, Landlord has successfully slain Krialder, one of the players with the highest potential to win the game!" Kayn stuttered his commentary while his eyes were completely focused on the replay, wanting to spot the difference before then and now.

Earlier, everything happened so fast by the time he realized that Felix was gunning for Krialder, the deed was already done!

After watching the replay in slow motion, he couldn't help but spot the pitch-black nail and how it got created.

"Poison!! Solidified Poison! That's it!" Kayn exclaimed loudly in shock, making the viewers start clamoring out loud for him to play the replay.

Especially Krialder's fans were still finding it difficult to believe that their idol had been disposed of just like that. They expected him to use a coupon or something to save himself but...He didn't.

How could he even request the Queen when he got disintegrated almost instantly?

The moment corruption inducement touches someone's body with weak poison resistance, it removes them from existence.

That's why Felix named the new technique as J?rmungandr's Ordnance since the main firepower was the poison nail instead of the lightning force!

A second later, Kayn played the replay on a different screen, leaving the first one still focusing on Felix who was currently speeding unhindered towards one of the five parachutes.

It was going to take him at least 15 seconds to reach them since they were quite far.

However, the viewers didn't even glance at the main screen but focused on the replay that was playing in slow motion.

This allowed everyone to spot the sequence of Felix's attack right from the start!

"Solidified poison! He actually reached this far!" Maganda Chief stood up from his seat as stared with widened eyes at the stiff black nail.

"How long did he possess poison manipulation?" Zosia said with a slight tremble in her tone, "It can't be less than 3 years."

Zasia's calculations were based on the first extrastriatal contact with the earthlings. In her eyes, Felix was merely a commoner before the invitation.

She was absolutely right in that sense but also wrong in her calculation. After all, Felix got his manipulation in less than a year now!

If those fogies knew that he made such skyrocketing progress in less than a year, they would probably assume that the Organization had done something to modify Felix's body!

It was simply impossible in their eyes to reach such a height in this short period!

If only they knew about Felix's daily grind that would drive anyone crazy, they wouldn't be thinking the same!

"So he can create a solidified poisonous nail. That's cute." Erebus chuckled while glancing at J?rmungandr.

Seeing that he didn't receive a response, he asked, "How long did it take him to reach this level in his internal manipulation?"

"Instead of asking about him, you better start to worry about your own champion." J?rmungandr said casually.

Erebus waved his hand dismissively, "Your champion might have created an upgraded technique between two elements but it still as useless as the normal one. Nothing could touch my champion."

Lady Sphinx took a small elegant sip from her teacup and said calmly, "He might not be able to touch him but he will most definitely be able to touch his parachute."

"I wonder about that." Erebus grinned faintly and stopped talking at once as his champion was almost above the first parachute.

Out of nowhere, a golden beam had emerged and gone right through him just as he was about to touch the parachute.

Alas, he ended up going through it as well due to his ability.

Before Felix could smile at his successful attempt, he realized that Saltz Master's body didn't reconstruct instantly as the last time.

Instead, it spread slightly with the wind before five black balls emerged in the area he was at. Those five balls started to shapeshift rapidly!

In less than a second, they all turned into the same version of Saltz Master!

Everything about them was black just like Saltz Master!

'Shadow Decoys, damn it, I didn't think he could construct them in mid-air with all of this wind smacking into us.' Felix cursed while trying to track the real Saltz Master with his infrared vision.

However, it only shows him five masses of white energy. There was no heat, no bones, no organs, nothing!

Felix could only watch them head to different parachutes, making him understand that he couldn't hit all of them since he had already run out of the stored lightning.

He was using it on and off throughout the entire game and it was a truly limited resource!

Without it, he lost the ability to think and move faster than everyone else.

'F*ck it, let's wing it.'

Knowing that time wasn't his ally, Felix immediately aimed at a random version of Saltz Master and then fired Thor's Ordnance with a normal nail.

POOOO!!

Just like the previous times, Saltz Master exploded into a cloud of dark matter.

However, this time, the cloud had spread out in the atmosphere, making Felix figure out that he had struck the wrong target.

When he looked at the rest, he saw that one of them was hugging a parachute while the rest were gliding slowly towards him!

'Let's see how you can protect your parachute now.' Felix narrowed his eyes at the real Saltz Master and fired off another golden beam at him.

Those beams were fueled with only 10% of his purified energy, making him have an easier time spam them like this.

They might be weaker versions but they get the job done by forcing Saltz Master to turn into a living shadow.

Pooof!

While Saltz Master had exploded into a cloud of dark matter, the parachute backpack had actually disappeared!

Felix saw that it had been engulfed into a sphere of darkness before vanishing like magic!

When Saltz Master's body got reconstructed, he turned around and gave Felix a nonchalant look, like he wouldn't care about whatever he did to him from now on.

'Motherf*cker, where did he hide the parachute!' Felix was absolutely baffled by the situation since he had never seen Saltz Master utilize this technique in his previous games.

What he didn't know was that even the viewers and Kayn were shocked by the technique!

"Did he simply turn the parachute invisible?" Kayn shook his head at his own theory, "It would have left a presence and Landlord wouldn't miss it."

True enough, Felix had focused deeply on the areas around Saltz Master, yet he didn't see any peculiarly.

He understood that if the parachute was merely invisible, it would be subjected to wind resistance, leaving a slight distribution in its descent..

But, there was nothing at all!

Felix focused first on securing his own parachute as he had finally reached one of the remaining four.

He picked it up and strapped it on his stomach so those behind him would aim at it so easily.

Luckily for him, they seemed like they didn't plan on starting a fight now but just keep the pace as it was.

There were two remaining parachutes for them so there was no need for battle.

Meanwhile, Erebus was laughing loudly while looking at Lady Sphinx's and J?rmungandr's disgruntled expressions.

"Haha, your little boy isn't the only one who is improving his elemental manipulation." Erebus praised with a delighted expression, "My lad has finally touched the limits of the 2nd stage of elemental manipulation."

J?rmungandr couldn't help but let out a long exhale and praise, "To actually be able to transport objects to the Shadow Realm while at such a young age. I gotta admit, he truly a prodigy that was born to master shadows."

When J?rmungandr tried to compare him to Felix who was still struggling to feel the poison around him, his eyelids could only twitch slightly.

He might feel that Felix's speed was trash compared to Saltz Master, but he knew that he was hardworking...With elements that he possessed and hopefully other future elemental manipulation, his true potential is a million times better than Saltz Master.

He might be ahead now, but Saltz Master was soon going to hit the wall of 2nd stage of elemental manipulation without any method to improve it.

The only way to go higher was by having the primogenitors' own perfect manipulation that would help him reach 3rd stage...Felix already had it!

"Can he transport himself to the shadow realm yet?" Lady Sphinx asked with a hint of worry.

"If he could, this game would have been in the bag before it even started." Erebus shrugged his shoulders, "Sadly, he can only transport smaller objects for 8 minutes maximum."

Lady Sphinx sighed in relief at the sound of that. She knew that if Saltz Master could transport himself, then he wouldn't even bother with a parachute.

After all, he could transport himself to the shadow realm right before he touches the ground.

Then, he could transport himself without the build-up velocity that he created throughout the entire descent!

'Damn it, if I can't target his parachute this only means that I need to eliminate him right when he opens it up or inside the thunderstorm.'

Felix decided to save his energy for the troposphere layer and simply focus on defending his own parachute until he reached it.

"Three players at the front! Two more right behind them! The rest are either catching up or still hunting down loot boxes." Kayn commentated with a thrilled tone, "The troposphere layer is only ten kilometers away from Blade Curser and Saltz Master! This is the shortest layer and also the one with the most obstacles!"

"The game was about to enter its final critical stage!"