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Chapter 327: 1V1

'Die.'

Canza swung his hand forward, blasting off streaks of stellar energy using his claw-like vestige.

The attack moved so quickly that within a second, even though there was a ten metres gap between them, Lucas was hit.

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Lucas' figure was forcefully flung back and sent crashing into a twelve metres tall tree. The force of the attack was so much that the impact of Lucas' body on the tree's trunk broke it. With the remnant force still on him, Lucas crashed into the ground where he formed a small crater.

The tree began its descent but Canza waved at it, forcing it backwards. The result was that the tree fell towards the spot where Lucas had landed.

"I have to say, it's impressive of you to have forced me to use my true power. Not even that little snub that done what you did, and you're a human while he's a fifth level stellar practitioner. You should be proud."

Canza calmly spoke as he stared at what was to be Lucas' burial spot.

Confident that his attack was successful, Canza turned to leave but suddenly stopped right away.

"Why do you have to be a roach?"

Canza turned back once more. Even though it looked like he didn't care, Canza's senses had been spread all around. He could sense life signals from the centre of the damage, which could only mean one thing; Lucas wasn't dead yet.

Meanwhile, Lucas was currently having a mental fit.

To survive against Canza's attack, he had activated one of his last two remaining Bronze Grade cards —the one with a fourth level stellar practitioner ability. It had been so long since Lucas received a Bronze Grade card from the system that he tried his best to avoid using any of them unless necessary, opting instead for the surplus Special Ability card.

However, against the current Canza, the Energy Form Manipulation ability he had was not enough.

The difference between a sixth level Apertures Opening stage stellar practitioner and a peak fifth level might not seem much in words, but there was indeed a wide gap between the two. Although they were still in the same class —the second class— there was a clear difference between the two and not just in words.

For starters, a sixth level stellar practitioner has more energy reserves than a fifth level stellar practitioner, even if they were at the peak. There was also a difference in energy manipulation. As one at the edge of the second class, a sixth level stellar practitioner's ability to manipulate stellar energy was more powerful than a fifth level stellar practitioner.

There were also other differences like increased physical and reactionary abilities and so on. This was why, unless a vestige was being used, at the same skill level, it was basically impossible for a fifth level stellar practitioner to beat a sixth level stellar practitioner.

In Lucas' case, it was even more unreasonable. The peak fifth level Canza was already an opponent he could barely escape from, but a sixth level Canza was a different story.

"Should have just let me walk out."

After lifting himself from the ground and shoving away the rubble and fallen tree, Lucas glared at Canza with the intent to kill.

That's right. Lucas had changed his mind. Canza needed to die.

Although the deciding factor was Canza's attack against him, which almost took his life, Lucas had other reasons for this.

Firstly, once William escaped, chances were that Canza would eventually find out that he had the Aión source. This would lead to Lucas being hunted by the two parties later on. Lucas never doubted that William would escape as he was armed with a Grade 4 vestige and was a fifth level stellar practitioner; defeating the Satcthalle might be impossible but not escaping. Hence it was better to nip the bud at the moment.

Also, if he killed Canza, Lucas would have a scapegoat. This was because William would misunderstand that Lucas was a member of Canza's squad who was secretly watching the situation. The members of Canza's team all wore black outfits and many of them had masks on, so this misconception wasn't impossible. He might even presume that Lucas is Canza.

If William investigated the area later on, he would fail to find Canza's corpse, which would further strengthen his suspicion that Canza took the Heart of Silver.

Of course, the deciding factor for this seemingly abrupt decision was that Canza had forced Lucas to use the Bronze Grade card. Since it was now activated, Lucas had to make good use of it.

"Should have let you leave, and why?" Canza had a fascinating look on his face.

He was seemingly surprised by the guts in Lucas' statement while also finding it funny.

"Oh, your energy just changed." Canza's brows rose up a bit.

"It's rising. Fourth level. Interesting."

Canza stared at Lucas with the same eyes as a child who had found a fun toy.

Humans with stellar energy were quite rare, but not nonexistent. In such a technologically advanced world, it was only natural for solutions to be found, although extreme. The only sets of humans truly without the ability to use stellar energy were pure humans, but they were basically extinct. The impure humans however, managed to find some tricks to utilise stellar energy, albeit with a limit. This was especially so in Digress city-state.

As the next city-state that was accepting of humans, it was normal for the unofficial Belfargos city-state to also have such individuals.

But most importantly, Canza knew how certain humans were able to utilise stellar energy. From what he could tell, Lucas wasn't using that method. As such, Canza stared intriguingly at Lucas, wondering what sort of method the latter has utilised to exude fourth level Apertures Opening stage strength.

"The energy of your vestige is Grade 4 vestige, correct? You should be able to entertain me for a bit then." Canza smirked.

Even though his opponent has a Grade 4 vestige, Canza wasn't worried as he too had one. But most of all, his opponent was weaker than him by two levels; from his perspective, there was no need to be worried.

However, Lucas proved him wrong in the next second.