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Crack

In the next second, the ground beneath Lucas' feet caved in as his figure disappeared from the spot and arrived in front of Canza.

'Fast.'

Astonished, Canza rushed to move his gauntlet in front of him and block the incoming fist.

Bam

Lucas' punch landed and Canza was forced back a few steps, leaving behind deep cracks on the ground. This was the result of him trying to redirect the power of the fist, otherwise, he might have flown away as Lucas had a few seconds ago.

'Strong.'

Canza grimaced, feeling the situation was unexpected.

It didn't make sense that with just an increase in stellar energy, Lucas was able to force him back this much. But that was exactly what had happened.

Stimulated, Canza immediately stood up to confront Lucas who was about to deal a follow-up attack.

Clang

Canza's claws and Lucas' gauntlet collided, sending off sparks between the two of them. This time around, Canza was able to hold his ground, but his face was scrunched, looking as if he had swallowed shit.

The two sides separated, but Canza wasn't relieved.

'How is this possible?' Canza was astonished.

He was a sixth level stellar practitioner, but was having a hard time against a fourth level human.

"!!!"

Strands of stellar energy gathered around Canza to form threads which immediately wrapped themselves around him.

"Ha!"

Canza roared, sending the stellar energy within his body exploding and destroying the threads. But Lucas was only just starting.

Blue stellar energy gathered above Lucas' right fist before solidifying and extending to form an energy blade. He promptly brandished his new weapon at Canza, forcing the latter to respond with a parry.

However, Lucas' left hand suddenly seemed to hold an energy ball which he pointed at Canza.

Boom

The energy within the ball compressed to form a beam that struck Canza. At such close range, it was difficult for the latter to block the attack and he was hit by it.

Once again, Canza was forced into an unstable retreat, but this time, with injuries.

'This doesn't make any sense.' Canza frowned.

He was losing despite being stronger.

Stretching out his hand, Canza withdrew an item that hovered in mid air.

While trying to figure out a solution, it suddenly clicked.

Lucas paid attention to the battle between the Satcthalle and William, when he noticed that compared to before, their environmental awareness was low —significantly low.

'Maybe...'

And so, a fascinating idea was born in Lucas' mind and he couldn't resist giving it a try.

During the time he was waiting for an opportune moment, Lucas witnessed how William had fooled the Satcthalle and sent it into a berserk state. The incident made him smile and he couldn't help but thank William in his mind.

While the two combatants were engaged in an intense fight, Lucas snuck over to the Heart of Silver embedded inside a rock.

Because he activated the stealth mode and minimized energy usage of the Stellar Circuit Battle-Armour, Lucas was able to sneak close to the Heart of Silver without getting spotted.

But just as he pocketed the item, William happened to be looking over.

"You fucking bastard! Don't touch that!"

William's scream was heard and it attracted Lucas' attention. He saw that the Satcthalle didn't react to William's voice and sighed in relief. Without hesitating, Lucas immediately hurried and stored away the Heart of Silver in his inventory. Once he was done, he hurriedly left the scene, but made sure not to attract the Satcthalle's attention while doing so

"You fucking thief! Hold it!"

William hollered, but Lucas ignored him and ran away. The direction he ran towards was the path the Satcthalle had arrived from.

'Considering its size, there should be a large exit somewhere around.'

After the Satcthalle's grand attack, Lucas guessed the main entrance he came in through was now blocked and couldn't be accessed. Hence, the only way out would be through whatever hole the Satcthalle crawled in through. With its ten metres tall frame, the hole would definitely not be small, and would still be accessible even after the attack.

When he was at a distance he deemed safe, Lucas activated his Stellar Circuit Battle-Armour to full power and dashed away faster than before. His priority now was in escaping as he had already retrieved the Heart of Silver. As for remaining low-key, that was no longer necessary.

'Over there.'

Even though the lighting was poor, there was still a bit of it present. Lucas was able to spot a large open space ahead that was a dead-end. Glancing at the top, he noticed that there was no ceiling, with a bit of sunlight dropping in from the top. This was the exit he was looking.

'The Satcthalle probably came in through there.' Lucas thought.

Arriving at the bottom of the hole, Lucas glanced upwards and discovered that it was at least thirty metres high and only fifteen metres wide. He would need to climb that high to finally reach the surface.

For the Satcthalle, such a height was probably nothing difficult, after all, it was ten metres tall. Dropping from a height three times itself wasn't a problem. It also had unique hooves which helped it scale the mountains in the Millennium Mountains desolate beast domain, so climbing back up wasn't an issue.

But for Lucas, climbing such a height, while not impossible, was time-consuming and difficult.

Luckily, the Stellar Circuit Battle-Armour was equipped with booster rockets in the boot.

Activating those, Lucas slowly floated upwards at first. After stabilising, the rockets exploded with more power and he flew upwards to the exit.

Seeing the sky closing in on him, Lucas was tempted to sigh with relief as he had finally gotten through one major checkpoint. All that was left was to locate his shuttle, the Terino Grand Ghost, and exit the Millennium Mountains. As long as he got to the shuttle, leaving the desolate beast domain wouldn't be a hassle and only a matter of time.

Lucas flew out of the hole and breathed out with relief as his eyes adjusted to the light. Although there was an oxygen supply underground, it still felt quite stuffy and the dull green lights made the atmosphere depressing.

After leaving the underground lode, Lucas didn't plan on landing yet and decided to fly away until he was quite far from the area. However, because of the presence of some powerful desolate beast, he could only fly at a very low altitude.

Lucas immediately sent a signal through his communicator to track the location of his shuttle. After all, his current position was different from the entrance he used, so he would have to find his way first.