

World 1501

Chapter 1501: Pin the Enemies in the Middle

Serpent Boss and his guild members disengaged from Ronald's force once he received David's message that the disaster item had been activated. David rendezvoused with him and they made their way to the palace gate in stealth. They hid at the side while they watched the demon horde clash with the zombie army.

David sent messages to Jeanny, telling her about what was happening outside the gate. When Boron's army retreated to the siege weapons, David gave Jeanny the signal.

Jeanny and the others had been preparing behind the gate. Thelgrun had regained his fighting spirit after Jeanny's admonishment. This spirit in turn roused the fire within his soldiers, burning their hearts with a violent flame to obliterate the rebels and the invaders who had intruded into their homes.

After they rushed out of the opened gate. The admiral by Thelgrun's side, Helga Flameforge, delivered the first strike by casting Hail of Fire. It was a seven-rune spell that rained fire onto a large area. She followed up with Flame Wrath. Multiple fireballs flew toward Boron's army which was still surprised by the sudden charge.

Since Boron's army had retreated, they and Master's zombie army were inside a narrow zone with the siege weapons in the middle. They didn't have much space to maneuver around, effectively reducing their ability to organize formations.

With them being pinned from two sides by the demon horde and Thelgrun's force, Boron couldn't effectively protect the siege weapons. Stray ranged attacks hit those weapons on occasion. Even the players who were controlling the guild army platforms received attacks from time to time. Their guild mates had to come to their defense to keep them alive.

Boron didn't back down. His target was already in front of him. All he had to do was kill his brother. The world system would then give Palgrost's throne to the next successor, which was him.

"Everyone, attack...! Slay Thelgrun...!!" Boron shouted.

"You good-for-nothing brother! I will have your hides for this!!" Thelgrun shouted back. He charged with his soldiers on the front line. His hammer was coated with a light enchantment that made it glow brightly. Each hit from his hammer resulted in a powerful blast that blew everyone in the vicinity away.

"Look out!" Thelgrun heard a warning. A chain lightning spell suddenly hit something near him. A dwarf appeared then.

The dwarf was Odir Goldhoarder, Palgrost's admiral who supported Boron. He had used Vanish to become invisible and was about to ambush Thelgrun. He didn't expect someone to know his position and dispel his invisibility.

That someone was Grace. Even though Odir was out of the range of her mana sense, her mana perception talent allowed her to see Odir's invisible self.

Another person also had the same ability, Paytowi, who was floating above Grace in his brave techno suit. His visor was able to perceive invisible objects. This same visor fired a thick beam, hitting Odir and knocking him away from Thelgrun. Helga immediately came to Thelgrun's side to protect him. She cast spells at Odir to keep him away.

"You meddling wench, you will pay me back for the shame you've cost me!" Grace heard a curse. She turned and saw a familiar humanoid crocodile come charging. This croc man was Jobreak in his beast form, the warden who guarded Dograr whom Grace saved from Khurn Valdur fort.

He slammed the ground as he advanced, causing tiny earthquakes that unbalanced everyone nearby.

These earthquakes didn't affect Paytowin who flew above. Grace also used Angelic Possession and flew up. She clashed with Jobreak from the air while Paytowin used Brave Rifle to support her. Brave King also barged in and helped Grace fight Jobreak.

Their companions, Mihos and Oswald, charged with Thelgrun's army and broke through one side of the enemy's defensive line. They arrived at one of the siege weapons and proceeded to dish out punishment on the mechanical weapon.

Mihos was level 70 now. He learned a new skill, Celestial Weapon. When he used this skill, the greatsword in his hands transformed into an even larger sword. This oversized sword made of light gave him incredible reach. Every slash also added additional light damage and reduced the defense of those it hit.

With the zombie army taking on the demonic horde, they couldn't aid Boron's army. Without the zombie army, Boron's troops were fewer than Thelgrun. They were also caught in a disadvantageous position. Their ranks continued to fall rapidly.

Sizhad, who was barking orders at his guild members, looked at the situation with gritted teeth.

"Such incompetence!" He cursed.

Several dwarven players came charging. They were targeting the players who were controlling the guild armies. If they could take out those players, the guild armies would vanish. The only thing Boron's side had the advantage of was the guild armies. The guilds on Thelgrun's side had already used their guild armies during the choke points battle, so no guild armies were with Thelgrun's force.

Sizhad came forward and put himself in front of the charging players. He was a level 72 gunner.

When the players, who had melee classes, saw this gunner block their way. They sneered and prepared to teach him his place. They swung their melee weapons at this dwarven gunner, only to receive a bullet in their faces. When they lost their vision, they found their bodies getting tossed into the ground. When their visions returned, a dagger and more bullets greeted them.

Sizhad sensed a killing intent from the side. He moved away just as a bullet flew past.

"General Sizhad... We meet again," Serpent Boss said. He and his guild members had come out of hiding and targeted the players who controlled the guild armies.

"You...", Sizhad's eyes narrowed. He had crossed guns with Serpent Boss in the past. He knew this man was not an easy opponent. "You might be a legendary soldier in this era, but I'm the descendant of the greatest legendary soldier of all time!"

Serpent Boss spat. "You delusional fool! If you learned your history well, you will know that General Amon never had a descendant. He purposefully made himself sterile so he had no one to lose. You are nothing but a common thug, and I will put you where you belong!"

Chapter 1502: Entering the Enemy's Command Base

Around half an hour after the demon horde first made contact with the zombie army near the palace gate, the horde also approached the station hall where the Liguritudum army command base was located.

Since they already knew the demon horde was coming, they were prepared. The soldiers set up layers of barricade along the tunnel that was the entrance to the station hall.

This was what Jack had been waiting for. He had been keeping an eye on Linda using his incorporeal state, making sure that she didn't move away.

Linda had thought about moving away several times since she received Ronald's report about the disaster item, but John kept her on edge. Moving away meant the army would act on its own for as long as she was moving. It was already tough dealing with her son's creative maneuvers which constantly required her attention. Without her direction, the situation would be even more difficult. She couldn't let her guard down even if only for an instant. If she didn't need to, she chose not to move at this time.

If the surprise attack on the mountaintop had been successful, she would have been able to move since John wouldn't be commanding Themisphere army anymore. That's why she sprang up the ambush as soon as the battle started, but it turned out she was the one who fell into her son's trap.

Now, she was trying to use their number advantage to cull the Themisphere army. Only after the gap widened that she could let go for a while and move.

The army in this station hall should be able to defend against the initial horde produced by the disaster item. Strong enemies would only appear at later stages, which was a few hours more. By then, she should be able to reduce the Themisphere army to a more manageable number. Then only would she move.

So, she continued to stay, unaware that she had again fallen into John's trap.

John went all out with the current assault as if there was no tomorrow. All was to not give Linda any breathing room, forcing her to continue operating her war table. Like Jack, he was also waiting for the demon horde to reach the command base.

Now that they did, a majority of the soldiers were barricading the tunnel, leaving the area directly around Linda with few defenders.

Jack returned to his body. He then cast Invisibility. He also did mana concealment before he took to the sky using his gold dragon wings.

He was sure players with God-eye monacles were placed at the entrances to the station hall, and probably someone who could sense mana as well. With both the Invisibility spell and mana concealment technique, he was undetectable by either method. He was completely invisible in the truest sense.

He didn't fly too fast. The airflow and noise produced by fast movements could alert the defenders. Some of the soldiers with flying spells cast the spells and floated into the air, preparing to block flying enemies. Luckily, there were not too many such soldiers. Jack carefully slipped past them.

Jack heard the commotion then. He looked back and saw the demon horde arrive. The number of the lesser demons was frightening. As if a flood, they poured into the tunnel and clashed with the soldiers. The soldiers in the air fought against the imps which were also numerous.

Things became hectic. Jack paid attention not to bump into the moving soldiers while continuing to slip deeper into the tunnel.

He finally came out into the large station hall. There were lots of carriages parked in this station. All transport services were stopped during the siege and the carriages were parked inside this station. Most of the soldiers were in the tunnel fighting the demon horde. Some were stationed at the entrance facing outside, where the Themisphere and Liguritudum armies were battling. Only a few were guarding next to Linda and the guild players.

Jack thought this was the best chance he could hope for. He dove toward Linda. But as he neared, he sensed something. He quickly stopped.

He was still invisible so no one was aware. He stopped because he sensed an invisible barrier in front of him. This barrier surrounded the area where Linda and the guild players were in. If he bumped into this barrier, his invisibility would disappear.

He focused his mana sense to trace the barrier. The barrier had the shape of a dome. The mana forming them came from the writings on the ground.

"It's a rune diagram," Peniel said to Jack via their minds.

Jack heard about World Ruler using a Protection Field rune diagram during the battle at Wicked Witches headquarters. World Maker must have a similar one.

He landed and studied the rune diagram. He could use brute force, but it would take him some time to break the barrier. Linda might not be able to flee but she could call for reinforcement. Jack needed to take her out fast once he revealed himself.

After using his mana sense to study the rune diagram on the floor, he thought he could unravel it within half an hour. His invisibility lasted forty-two minutes. It was enough time. So, he stayed undetected while tampering with the rune diagram.

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John received Jack's report about the protection field. It was a pity but it was not surprising. Despite being protected by an army, he knew her mother was a careful one. He could only endure for another half an hour.

Sweat poured down his forehead as he continued making one maneuver after another. It was not an easy task controlling such a large army. He controlled each regiment with meticulous precision. It was like doing hundreds of things at the same time.

In the past world, he would have collapsed from such strain. Luckily, this world was different. He already had a high intelligence from the start. This world's intelligence stat further boosted his brainpower, allowing his brain to work at superhuman processing speed.

He saw and calculated each maneuver and had the troops synchronized with each other, giving them a fighting chance against an enemy who outnumbered them.

Even so, he kept on losing soldiers. The worst situation was the central army which was fighting Liguritudum's main force.

This was the place where Master was located. Master had a vast selection of spells and lots of them were devastating. He could deal damage to a large number of enemies at the same time.

Master had received the report about the trouble at Boron's side. However, he couldn't do anything about that. Boron would have to take care of himself for now. Only after they took care of the Themisphere army could they assist the battle inside the capital.

Hence, Master stopped holding back. He had been saving some spells in case Jack showed up again. He had been wondering where this nemesis of his was, but he had no luxury to be concerned about that anymore. He unleashed all the spells in his arsenal. He even used his divine skills.

John sent Themisphere's elite force led by Eyrene to deal with Master, but Master was also surrounded by capable natives and players who kept him safe while he cast one spell after another.

John could only endure and tried to limit their loss as much as possible. He hoped Jack could hurry. Only after the enemy's command base was taken out that they could counterattack.

Chapter 1503: Taking Out the Enemy's Command Base

While everyone was fighting, Jack was working on the rune diagram. He was dismayed. He wanted to fight too. All the highlights of his gaming experience were during a battle. Why was he now the only one who didn't fight?

Jack didn't let himself get careless despite wanting to break this rune diagram quickly. He paid attention to every detail and moved the nodes carefully. Luckily, there didn't seem to be anyone nearby with mana sense. No one perceived the changes he made to the rune diagram on the ground.

He continued working while paying attention to his radar and mana sense. No one came near him. Linda and the guild players stayed inside the protection field. The guards were watching the two entrances. Even so, he didn't let his guard down.

When he was at the final step, he readied himself. He had one hand ready with his Storm Breaker while his other hand was on the ground interfacing with the rune diagram. Once the barrier was down, he would use Lightning God Barrage to kill Linda and the guild players who were controlling the guild army platforms.

He gained access to the rune diagram's final node. He injected mana into that node. Like a switch, he shut the entire thing down.

In an instant, he sensed the barrier in front of him was gone.

Linda was aware of the barrier coming off. The rune diagram was theirs. The protection field was invisible to others, but not to them. She saw the translucent dome that was the protection field coming off by itself. She knew then that something was wrong.

It took her only half a second to make a decision. She activated another rune diagram which had been prepared right underneath her. This rune diagram shone.

Peniel saw the glowing runes. She recognized it at a glance. She immediately shouted, using her mouth, not even bothering to do it covertly via telepathy.

"Hurry, kill her! That is a Field Teleportation rune diagram!!"

The urgency in her voice told Jack that there was no time to explain. Jack didn't need to. The two keywords 'hurry' and 'teleportation' gave him enough understanding.

The rune diagram was already in the process of activation, which meant he didn't have much time. He canceled his intention of using the divine skill. Due to the shortage of time, he resorted to using skills that manipulated time. He first used Dragon Eye. With his mind working at five times normal, he instantly cast Superior Acceleration.

Superior Acceleration at its current two stars increased the target's overall speed by twelve times, which in this case, was himself. With the accelerated speed, he formed numerous small runes around his body.

He was using the rune technique, Infernal Cleansing Flame.

When he first learned the rune technique, he needed twenty seconds to complete all thirty runes. After diligently training every day as well as using the technique in real battle several times, his activation speed had increased. At his best, he could complete the thirty runes in half the time, which was ten seconds.

With Superior Acceleration boosting his speed by twelve times, the ten seconds were shrunk to less than a second.

Since the time the rune diagram below Linda started glowing, only one and a half seconds passed. That was when Jack completed his rune technique. He used Shooting Dash. Linda was not that far away. With the accelerated speed, he arrived before Linda instantly. It was the same result if he used Teleportation, but shooting dash gave him a damage boost.

At the same time, he activated Storm Breaker's Overlimit.

He didn't need all that damage boost to kill Linda even if she had a defensive skill on. His first target was the war table. Even if Linda was killed, if the war table still existed, another person could use it to direct the army. The war table was also within the scope of the Field Teleportation rune diagram. Jack didn't want to let it leave in one piece.

Jack slammed his rune technique into the war table. At the same time, his other hand slashed using Brave Slash to the side. This Brave Slash hit Linda, who was still unsure what had happened. Jack just suddenly materialized in front of her.

Both Linda and the war table vanished then, leaving Jack there. Jack wasn't teleported despite being inside the rune diagram's circle. This meant that the Field Teleportation only teleported friendlies.

He heaved a relieved sigh. Even though Linda and the war table were gone, he was sure he hit his targets. He saw Linda's HP stuck at 1 before she vanished. This showed she had a sacrificial dummy, but he didn't worry. She won't be able to control the Liguritutum army anymore.

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Linda and the war table appeared somewhere not far away, outside of Mount Sedgebare, under a secluded rocky overhang. A squad was there.

A field teleportation rune diagram was a mobile rune diagram learned from the country's research. By laying the rune diagram at two separate locations, personnel or items at one place could be teleported to the other. But these rune diagrams had to be set up beforehand.

Aside from the protection field rune diagram, Linda had this field teleportation rune diagram set up as an emergency escape plan.

Linda's HP was only 1, but she was alive. She hurriedly cast Heal and Healing Spirit on herself. Her HP quickly recovered. She looked at the war table with a frown.

The war table was not yet destroyed but a white flame was enshrouding it. Its HP went down rapidly. She tried casting a healing spell on the war table but she was notified that it was an invalid target. The war table was considered a structure, recovery spells were ineffective on it. It needed someone with the mechanic skill to repair it.

There was one who was stationed here in this backup command base. Linda quickly ordered the mechanic to repair the war table.

However, even before the mechanic came to the war table, it had crumbled.

If Jack had used the Lightning God Barrage instead of the rune technique, he might have taken out Linda but not the war table. That's why he modified his plan when the situation changed.

He knew how many HPs a war table possessed. There was a research path that increased a war table's sturdiness, but the damage that Jack's rune technique inflicted with the boost from Overlimit and Shooting Dash could easily reach three times a normal war table's HP. That's why he didn't worry. He was sure the war table was gone the second his rune technique hit.

Linda could no longer control the Liguritutum army.

Chapter 1504: The Big Dog is Coming

Linda might have gone, but the guild players with their guild army control platforms were still there. Jack was now looking at them as they looked back with gazes that were both confused and worried. Everything had happened so fast. They were still wondering what the hell happened just now.

Jack didn't let them wonder for long. He used Field of Sword. Multiple blades thrust out of the ground around Jack, impaling all the guild players. Since his Storm Breaker's Overlimit was still active, the damage from the Field of Sword was boosted. It also dealt chaos damage.

None of the guild players used any defensive skills due to their confusion. They were all killed when the multiple blades pierced their bodies. Their guild army command platforms disintegrated following their demise and the guild armies fighting outside were unsummoned.

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Master received Linda's report after the war table was destroyed. At the same time, he noticed all the guild armies vanished, including the ones from his guild.

He gritted his teeth. It was the Themisphere king again who single-handedly did the most damage to his plan. He barked some orders and turned back. He flew at his top speed toward Balgadur's main entrance. He ignored the battle between the armies. He didn't show it, but he was furious. He had to tear this Themisphere king to pieces!

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John also received the report from Jack. Jack told John that he failed to kill Linda, but he managed to destroy the war table and get rid of the guild armies.

"That is very good," John replied. The objective was for Linda to lose control of the army. This objective had been achieved.

Linda might try to give orders manually, but such an endeavor had many limitations. She could only instruct the troops in her direct vicinity. She could try sending messages to other players in the other divisions to relay her instructions, but there would be a huge time gap between her sending the instructions and the time her instructions were carried out. Not to mention, the players who received her messages might misinterpret her instructions. Thus, she was no longer effective in aiding the Liguritutum army.

John took this advantage to the fullest. Now, the Liguritutum was acting based on their own judgment. One side of the army wouldn't know what the other side was doing.

He sent instructions to the illusionists via the war table. These illusionists started producing illusion copies in bulk. These copies were then sent to the enemy. They led the enemy in one direction while the actual troops hit the enemy on its flank or rear.

They also moved around haphazardly within the enemy's midst. Because they were illusions, the enemy couldn't do anything to them. Having their visuals impaired by these distractions, they had difficulty identifying their real opponents and had trouble defending themselves from actual attacks.

When Linda was still operating the war table, this strategy was useless. The illusionist copies didn't show up on the war table's projection screen, so Linda wouldn't be fooled. She would command the troops to

move as if there were no illusions there. Now, the troops were moving based on the information they received from their eyes, which were vulnerable to illusions.

The situation started to turn. Before, the Themisphere army lost their numbers at almost the same rate as Liguritutum. Because the Liguritutum army had more troops, such an equal loss slowly tipped the balance away from the Themisphere army as time passed. Now, the Liguritutum army lost their number at twice or thrice the previous rate. If this condition could be maintained, the Themisphere army could grind down the Liguritutum army until they were equal numbers. From there, it would be even easier to maintain their advantage.

Master could use the Necronomicon to replenish the Liguritutum army's number, but he won't be able to fight effectively while using the Necronomicon. Any disruption would cancel the process and he would have to restart again. Hence, John had tasked people to pay attention to Master. He wanted to disrupt Master if Master tried to bring back the dead.

However, everyone reported that they couldn't find this enemy leader.

John thought for a bit before sending Jack a message. "Heads-up, expert. I think the big dog is coming your way."

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After slaying the guild players, Jack and Therras had been fighting the defenders who were guarding the entrance to the outside.

The defenders in the tunnel that went into the capital were still busy defending against the demon horde. Since there was no more war table to give them an instruction, these defenders continued to execute their last instruction, which was to defend this tunnel from the demon horde. They would continue to do that until they were beaten or were too scared to stay, or until a superior came and gave them the order to leave.

Hence, Jack only had the defenders from one entrance to worry about. He planned to head out after beating these defenders and joined the battle outside.

John's warning came then.

Jack looked at his radar and there was indeed one red dot heading over. That dot must be Master.

Under normal situations, he wouldn't shy away from fighting the enemy boss, but he was currently deep behind the enemy's line. He was alone. Fighting Master under equal ground was already strenuous. If he had to fight under unfavorable circumstances, it would be pushing it.

He looked at the dot and at the defenders he was fighting. He could force his way through and made a run to his army, but Master was rather close already. If he was somehow stopped, he would be finished. He decided this was the time when he shouldn't take risks.

He looked back. 'Well, that is also a risk,' he thought.

He didn't waste his time thinking for too long. He unsummoned Therras and cast Double Clone. He left one clone to continue fighting the defenders. His authentic self and second clone flew to the tunnel he had come in from. One was on gold dragon wings, and the other was in supreme dragon form.

Too bad his invisibility spell was still on cooldown. He could use reset but he decided to save that spell until he was truly out of options.

The defenders on the back of the tunnel saw the two Jacks flying toward them. They turned around and prepared to engage Jack. Jack greeted them by sending Lightning God Barrage their way. While they were still paralyzed from the lightning explosions, he rushed straight into the tunnel.

Chapter 1505: Escaping Through the Chaos

Clone Jack quickly vanquished the rest of the defenders who were guarding the entrance to the outside. He went out afterward, just as Master arrived. By getting rid of the defenders, no one would tell Master that there were other Jacks leaving through the tunnel.

"Hey, you! How about a rematch?" Jack said as he brandished his swords from the ground. He could cast Soar but the flying speed from that spell was nowhere close to Master who was using the demon wings.

Master stared at Jack on the ground. He wasn't fooled. Since the Double clone created real bodies, they were shown on the God-eye monocle's radar. He had seen the one red dot in his radar turn into three and two of these red dots went in the opposite direction, into the capital. He understood then that the spell Jack used was Double Clone and not Magic Clone.

"How about you come down and—" Jack didn't finish his sentence because Master was already casting his spells.

Master didn't have the intention of wasting his time with a clone, but he also couldn't leave this one behind and chased after the other two. He knew the Double Clone spell. Even if he killed the real Jack, if the clones were still alive, one of those clones would become the real Jack. If he left this clone, this clone might flee back to the Themisphere army.

Clone Jack used Roll and Shooting Dash to dodge the spells aimed at him. He used his ranged skills and spells to attack Master who was floating above. But without flying, these attacks carried little menace.

Master just stayed at the same spot and focused on casting his spells. Jack's attacks were either blocked by Magic Shield, Barrier, or the Ice Armor protecting Master's body.

At one point, Jack ran straight into a giant earth hand after dodging a gravity hammer. Jack was just about to cast Ghost Form to escape but the spell was disrupted by Master's Cancel Magic.

Master cast a new spell then. A non-standard elite spell that could be learned by classes branched from the Mage class. This new spell was Chaos Black Hole.

Though this was the first time Master cast the spell, it was not the first time Jack saw this spell. He had experienced this spell before when he was doing the Ancient Battleground Legacy Dungeon. This Chaos Black Hole was the same spell cast by Herald of Greed which conjured a flaming black hole.

This spell dealt chaos damage each second while the target was pulled by the black hole. Jack might have an exceptional strength to force himself away if this spell was cast by another player, but Master's unusually high intelligence produced a black hole that had an unusually strong pull. Jack was unable to free himself.

Aside from dealing chaos damage, this spell had a 100% chance of inflicting an instant death effect if the target was still alive and within the black hole's range when the spell ended.

Jack had known about this spell after experiencing it before, the right move was to use Gold Dragon Vitality which neutralized the instant death effect. At the same time also recovered all the HPs lost from the chaos damage. However, he was unable to. This was because that skill had just been used by the other clone inside the tunnel.

For the second time, his body was crushed by this spell when the black hole shrunk to a small dot. He died even when he still had some HP left.

After disposing of this clone, Master looked inside. He flew in.

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Jack and his clone went deeper. Lots of obstacles were in their way. Soldiers and imps were fighting in droves in the air. Jack and his clone slipped in and out while trying their best not to get caught in the fighting. On the ground, it was a sea of ethereal soldiers and lesser demons. If they hadn't flown up here, there was no way they could go through such a dense crowd down there.

Once they neared the end of the tunnel, no more ethereal soldiers were up in the air. Thus, all the imps redirected their attention to them. Jack was ready. He was in the middle of casting a spell.

The spell formation was completed. Perpetual Lightning Barrage empowered by mana manipulation exploded. Jack aimed all the lightning snakes to his front. All the basic-grade imps burst into ashes upon contact with the lightning snakes. The lightning continued out of the tunnel in a fan shape and bombarded all the demons that were heading in.

The sky ahead of Jack was suddenly clear. He and his clone shot forward using Wind Jets. Once they were out of the tunnel, they saw the hellish image of the capital. It was overrun by demons.

"Thelgrun is going to be pissed about this," Jack remarked.

Jack flew to the side, moving away from the tunnel. His clone followed. The demons continued to look for paths to expand outward. They were rushing to the tunnel, which was soon filled with newly arrived demons again.

Jack saw more powerful demons in the mob. The demon commanders now came riding on steeds. Their steeds were giant armored hellhounds and giant bats with three heads. These steeds were level 81 special elites. There were also giant golems made of black rocks with lava constantly coming out of the multiple holes in their bodies. These black golems were level 76 rare elites.

In the distance, Jack saw a few high demons in the air. One of them noticed Jack who was flying away and it came in Jack's direction. Several imps followed after this high demon.

The incoming high demon was a level 81 rare elite.

Jack didn't want to waste his time fighting this high demon. He sent his clone with the gold dragon wings to engage the demon while he flew away. He flew low among the building to keep out of sight while using mana concealment. He also kept close to the edge of the cave hall. Most of the demons went for the tunnels. There was less concentration of demons on the edges.

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Out of the tunnel connecting to the station hall, a thick black beam shot out, evaporating all the imps as well as knocking away all the three-headed bats that were just about to enter. An ethereal with demon wings came flying out.

It was Master who was chasing Jack. The black beam was Chaos Beam, a spell that evolved from Mana Beam after he used a Chaos Seed on the spell.

Master surveyed the surroundings. The demonic eye on his forehead pulsed as it tried to locate its prey. It locked onto Jack then. Jack was fighting a high demon not far away.

"Where is the other one...," Master muttered. His demon eye spotted the third Jack then.

Beast Form Jack was too far already. With so many demons around, it would be too difficult to chase Jack who had absurd speed. His demon eyes then caught something in the far distance. It was a pitch-black being, and it was heading this way.

Master looked again at the nearby Jack who was still fighting the high demon. Killing that clone was pointless. He turned around and flew back into the tunnel.

Chapter 1506: The End of a Revolution

It was past midnight. Yet, the battle didn't appear to end anytime soon. What's more, the demon horde started appearing out of the multiple exits on Mount Sedgebare's foot.

These demons took no time to pounce at the Liguritudum army.

After seeing the situation inside the capital, Master knew this was inevitable. He came back outside and informed Linda. Linda had rejoined and rearranged the army manually to prepare them for the attack from the rear. Without the war table, this took great effort.

Master stayed behind his army and used the Necronomicon to revive the dead that was within range. The troops protected him while he did that.

John didn't give them a good time doing those. He knew full well about the demon horde. He expected the demons to only come out near the disaster item's final hour. But because of the demons' high movement speed, they came out sooner than expected. John was glad about this. He adjusted his army position and made sure the Liguritudum army was boxed in so they couldn't escape the incoming demon horde.

Due to this, the Liguritudum army was suffering what Boron's army inside the capital was experiencing, getting pinned by two enemies from opposite sides.

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Inside the capital, the battle was also still raging. While the Liguritudum army outside was still strong despite being beset by two sides, Boron's army was at the edge of defeat.

Most of the siege weapons were already destroyed. The few remaining were close to collapsing. They had long stopped firing at the diamond gate. The rune diagram on the gate was now slowly replenishing its HP.

All the guild players on Boron's side with the summoning platforms had been killed. The Dogs of War members made sure of this as they sneaked through the enemy's ranks and assassinated these players. There were no more guild armies at play.

The zombie army continued to reduce in number as the demon horde came at them non-stop. They were now less than a quarter of their original number.

Boron's army also suffered greatly. They had fallen to around 300,000 troops. Thelgrun's army now outnumbered them more than three times.

Boron had been fighting Thelgrun and Jeanny. He was not doing too well. Under the two's punishment, he had lost a substantial number of HP. He now had his soldiers covering him while he moved away. Even with his conceit, he knew defeat when he saw it.

He wanted to escape, but the enemies were everywhere. There was nowhere to go. Thelgrun's army was in front while the demon horde was at his back. In his panic, he called for a squad of his army to punch through the side. He had to get away from this place!

He saw Sizhad then.

Sizhad was also not having a good time. Many of his members had been killed. He was currently fighting multiple opponents at the same time. With a skilled move, he grappled one of these opponents around the throat and used this opponent as a human shield while he fired at the other opponents.

He sensed a killing intent again, but he was slightly slower this time. A bullet struck his side. He turned and caught a glimpse of Serpent Boss disappearing amidst the crowd.

"Sneaky bastard...!!!" Sizhad cursed.

A group of native soldiers came then. They beat back Sizhad's opponents.

"Sizhad, we have to get out of here!" Boron was the one who led this native squad.

Sizhad looked at Boron with a complicated expression. He said, "Follow me. I know a secret way out."

He called for his nearby guild members who were still alive. They quickly regrouped while fighting through the enemies.

Leaving the main battlefield, Sizhad led the group to an alley near the edge of the cave hall. Thelgrun's force stopped chasing them but there were still plenty of demons.

They fought their way, losing a good number of people in the process. When they reached what looked like a noble's house, Sizhad broke the house's door and rushed in. Boron asked him what they were doing entering this house but Sizhad ignored his question.

Sizhad went down into the basement. In the basement was a door. He opened it and behind it was a long underground tunnel.

"What is this place?" Boron asked again after seeing the tunnel.

"I used to work with the noble who owned this house," Sizhad finally answered. "He secretly built this tunnel as a means to smuggle things from the slum district. Let's go. We should be able to sneak out using the exit from the slum district."

The group entered the tunnel. They numbered fewer than one hundred. They abandoned their entire army to save their hides. This army was still dying up there as they continued to fight, unaware that their leaders had left.

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After going through the tunnel for some time, they climbed out into a house in the slum district. They came out of that house and made their way to the exit. They heard the sounds of the demons roaming around. They traveled in silence to avoid attracting those demons.

The official exit from the slum districts was crawling with demons. Sizhad led them to another path. They climbed to the roof and then entered a small secret cave that took them outside the mountain. They came out into the cold air of the night.

"Damn! F*ck!! This is shit! How can this happen?" Boron started cursing once they were outside.

"Lower your voice. There might be demons out here as well. You will attract them," Sizhad warned.

"I will shout as I like!" Boron yelled defiantly. "I'm supposed to be the president by now. Not waddling through secret tunnels and caves to escape like a common criminal. This is not my fate! I refuse to—"

Boron's words stuck as a dagger stabbed into his throat. He was then pulled to the ground when a rapid shot was fired point-blank on his face.

Boron hit the ground with eyes that stared at Sizhad. He didn't believe this outworlder turned on him.

"You are never going to be the president," Sizhad said. "After we defeat Thelgrun, the plan is to get rid of you and I will replace you as the puppet president under Liguritudum. You are never meant to be anything!"

Sizhad unleashed Bulletstorm. All the shots were directed at Boron on the ground. Boron's HP was already low to start. He died after the barrage of bullets.

The native soldiers who followed Boron only numbered ten. The rest were Sizhad's guild members. These native soldiers were also attacked when Sizhad made his move. These native soldiers quickly followed their leader to the grave.

"What should we do now?" Giddo, who was among the players, asked.

"We will regroup with World Maker," Sizhad answered. He took one last look at Boron's body on the ground. His guild members were picking up loot from the fallen natives. He spat at the corpse and left.

Chapter 1507: Taking Shelter Behind the Gate

Near the palace gate, the battle continued. The zombie army was almost routed. Only a few zombie soldiers were left. As a result, many demons went past these zombie soldiers and attacked the remaining of Boron's army, which also didn't have that many left. Some of the soldiers in Thelgrun's army had to fight the demons now.

"Surrender!! You've lost!" Thelgrun yelled at Boron's soldiers. "Do you want to lose your lives?!"

"We will fight for our lord till our last breath!" Odir shouted. He had many wounds on his body. He only had less than 30% HP left. He had been ganged up on by Helga and the others.

"And where is this lord of yours?!" Thelgrun asked.

This question caused Odir to look around. He couldn't find Boron.

"He has fled!" Serpent Boss came forward and said. "He escaped with the outworlder named Sizhad. I trailed after them to the edge of this cave hall but I had to turn back. There were too many demons for me to stay covered."

"Your lord left you to save himself. Is that the dwarf you want to follow?" Thelgrun bellowed. "Is that coward the lord you want to give your life for?!"

Odir gnashed his teeth. He didn't want to believe it, but the fact was Boron was not around. No one saw his body. If he had fallen, there would have been a commotion. Had Boron truly fled and left his followers to die?

Some of the soldiers in Boron's army started throwing down their weapons. "I... I surrender..." They said.

"Me too."

More and more followed.

"Get into the palace courtyard!" Thelgrun yelled. The rebellion was done. There was no point fighting this leaderless army anymore. They had the demons to worry about now.

Everyone ran to the diamond gate. The ones who still had high enough HP covered the retreat.

Helga cast multiple fire spells that had large AOE, burning the demons and slowing them down. He cast Fire Wall to cover her allies' retreat.

A black whip suddenly pierced through the wall of fire. This whip caught one native soldier. He was then pulled away. He was screaming as his body disappeared behind Helga's wall of fire.

Not long after, a large figure burst through the fire. As it did, the fire in the area it passed through died down. It was a large creature with four legs and two long arms. Its skin was completely pitch-black. It had a demon's head with two horns but its face was also completely black. Nothing could be seen from that face except for a row of crimson teeth and two narrow slits of crimson eyes.

Players who used their Inspect learned that this black creature was an Abyss Daemon. It was a level 86 rare elite. Following behind it were several demon knights and demon commanders riding the giant hellhounds.

"Retreat! Retreat...!!" Helga shouted as she continued to cast her spells. She focused her firepower on this abyss daemon, who seemed to have a very high resistance to magic. The creature brushed off her flames as she came at her with its four legs.

It swung its hand. A black whip shot out from that hand. The black whip was very fast and it snatched Helga's body. Grace, who was nearby, grabbed Helga before she was pulled away. Together, they resisted the pull. A dwarf soldier tried cutting the black whip with his axe, but his axe just bounced off without cutting the whip.

Paytowin was also nearby. He summoned his brave saber and cut the black whip with it. Unlike the soldier's axe, his brave saber cut the whip cleanly.

The abyss daemon turned his gaze to Paytowin. Its two narrow eyes burned fiercely. Paytowin felt as if his essence was ripped apart. He screamed from the pain. His HP went down as each second passed.

The abyss daemon was using Soul Burn, a skill Jack had experienced before. This eye skill dealt gradual damage but also had a chance of an instant kill. Paytowin was lucky enough that the instant kill was not triggered.

The soul burn ended mid-duration when Odir appeared behind the abyss daemon and backstabbed it. Helga also fired a flame burst which forced the abyss daemon back.

"Go!" Odir shouted. "I will hold them off! And President Thelgrun...!"

Thelgrun was at the diamond gate's side, urging everyone to enter. He heard Odir's call.

"Please spare my brother. He is just following me," Odir said.

"Brother, no!" Jobreak, who was Odir's brother, shouted.

"Go!!!" Odir yelled as his body broke into a hundred images and assailed the demons that tried to advance.

Helga stopped Jobreak who tried to go to his brother, "Don't waste your brother's sacrifice. Come with us!"

Jobreak was unwilling but Helga forcefully pulled his hand. They entered the diamond gate with the others as Odir fought the demons. Some of the dwarven soldiers chose to stay with this admiral. They were remnants of Boron's army who like Odir, felt great shame after finding the lord they chose had abandoned them. They couldn't live with this shame and chose to atone for it by using their lives to cover their comrades.

Thelgrun gave these warriors one last look before ordering his soldiers to shut the diamond gate. The gate slowly closed. After being spared by the siege weapon's bombardment, the gate's HP had slowly recovered to almost 5%.

Jobreak fell on his knees after the gate was shut. There was no way his brother could survive the onslaught outside.

Everyone took a breather inside the courtyard. The remaining of the surrendered Boron's army was gathered at one side. Their weapons were confiscated. Jobreak stood with them.

After the fierce battle outside, Thelgrun had only 1,100,000 troops left. As for Boron's army, only 50,000 went through the diamond gate with them.

Thelgrun sat weakly. This war had cost too much. His once great army was reduced to such a small number. Not to mention the damage to his capital. Even if he won this war, the cost and effort it took to repair and rebuild would not be small.

But he thought he should count himself lucky to still have his country. Unlike Hydrurond who had to take refuge in another country. He stood back up. He looked at the remnant of Boron's army. Boron's rebellion had failed, but he still had to punish these dwarfs who had followed his brother. He was about to address them when a soldier came to him.

"Mister president... the gate," The soldier said rather panicky.

"What of it?" Thelgrun asked.

"Its HP is reducing again. It is almost 3% now...," The soldier answered.

Chapter 1508: Demon Lord

"What?! How can it be?!" Thelgrun shouted.

The demons outside might be numerous, but the gate was very durable and its HP recovery was fast. Unless all the demons outside dealt damage to the gate at the same time, their damage shouldn't be able to offset the gate's HP recovery. There was limited space for them to crowd in front of the gate, so they shouldn't have been able to do that. They would need a siege weapon that dealt extra damage to structures to take down the gate.

What the people behind the gate were not aware of was that it was in fact siege weapons that were now firing at the gate. Or more correctly said, siege monsters. The ones dealing the most damage to the gate were three gigantic worm-like monsters. Their skin was reddish black and they had an extremely large oval mouth at the front of their bodies. From these oversized mouths, they shot acid-like giant balls that traveled a great distance.

These worm monsters were Demon Worm Cannons. These three worm monsters were level 86 special elites. Their acid balls dealt high earth damage to structures. These balls also dealt continuous damage after impact and had the effect of reducing the structure's defensive stat and HP recovery effect.

There were only three of these monsters but they were more effective than when the gate was bombarded by Boron's siege weapons.

The defenders behind the gate looked at the gate's reduced HP with helplessness. The mechanics tried repairing the gate and aided its HP recovery, but their effort was not enough. The gate's HP simply fell too fast. It wouldn't be long before the gate was destroyed.

Thelgrun was unable to say anything seeing this reality. Would their trouble ever end?

"Everyone! Form a defensive line! Prepare to fight!" Jeanny's thundering words were heard echoing in this palace cave hall.

The players immediately acted upon the command. They took formation facing the gate, ready to make use of the gate as a choke point.

The native soldiers turned to Thelgrun, who decided he couldn't falter again. "Damnit to hell! Prepare for battle! Let's send these demons back to hell...!!!"

All the native soldiers also acted after the order. They organized themselves with the players. The native melees formed the first line of defense due to their high HP. The melee players provided the second layer of support.

"Everyone, be ready for a tough battle...", Jeanny informed her guild members and the allied guild players via chat. "There will be a level 86 mythical-grade boss coming this way."

Jeanny had received the news from Jack. The placement of the disaster item was slightly off their planned coordinates, which caused the boss to be more likely heading to them than the armies outside. At first, they thought the gate should be able to shelter them while they waited for this disaster item to run its course, which should be in a couple more hours, but it seemed that they didn't have that luxury of having a break.

"Uh-oh..., I think that boss you mentioned is already nearby," Paytowin said. He noticed a large dark red dot at the edge of his radar.

'So fast...?' Jeanny thought. This boss must have a faster movement speed than the other demons. She lamented the situation. This disaster item was supposed to aid them. Well, it did at first, but it seemed like it was now their turn to suffer the consequences.

She didn't dwell long on the thought. All they could do now was try to resist this horde as best as they could.

While they waited anxiously for the gate to fall, the remnant of Boron's army came to them. Jobreak, who was their representative, approached Thelgrun.

"Mister President, let us help," Jobreak said.

"Didn't you help enough already?" Broban said sarcastically.

Jobreak wasn't offended. He stared at Thelgrun, waiting for his answer.

"Mister President... We need all the help we can get," Helga advised.

"Give them their weapons!" Thelgrun ordered. "You lots will be on the front line! But even if you survive, don't expect to be excused from your punishment."

"We understand," Jobreak said.

Their weapons were redistributed and they came forward, joining the soldiers on the front line.

The gate was already below 1%. The support mages started casting spells to buff the front-line melees. The mechanic ran away from the gate. They had tried their best to slow down the HP decline. It was up to the combatants now.

Then, the inevitable happened. The diamond gate opened with a bang! The massive gate flew off its hinges. The demon horde rushed in.

The first to enter was the giant hellhound. It came running straight for the defenders. The demon commander riding atop the hellhound swung its flaming halberd. Crescent energy shot along the ground and struck the front-line soldiers. It had been so fast that they were late in using their defensive skills.

Giant Steve who stood behind quickly came forward to cover the gap. He used Curtain Wall just as the hellhound came pouncing. The hellhound's fast charge was forcefully stopped as it slammed into the illusory wall. The others took the chance and sent their attacks on the hellhound.

The demon commander jumped from the hellhound. It leaped over the front line and stabbed downward with its halberd. A giant dark spear materialized following his stab. It was Hell Spear. The equivalent of Dragoon's Heaven Spear except this skill dealt chaos damage.

A huge flaming shield appeared and blocked this hell spear. The shield was cast by Helga.

More and more demons rushed through the opened gate. The abyss daemon also followed. Its crimson eyes scanned the crowd. Its two hands then burst into multiple black whips. Each hand had five black whips. These black whips lashed out, striking and catching the defenders. They were then pulled and thrown outside the gate where the rest of the demon horde was waiting.

In the air, the imps poured in, followed by the three-headed bats and several high demons. The defenders who could fly went to the air to stop their advance.

The defenders tried to maintain their formation but more gaps were forced into their formation as more demons entered. The battle became more and more chaotic as time passed.

"The boss is here...!" Paytowin shouted.

Everyone felt the pressure then. Flying through the gate was a demon three times the size of a normal high demon. It was covered in armor that was adorned with runic glyphs. On its head was a crown made of black flame. Behind its large bat wings was a large revolving circle of black flame.

This boss was a Demon Lord.

Chapter 1509: The Hero Arrived

Although this demon lord's level and grade were equivalent to Emris, Themisphere's strongest lord marshall, it was classified as a boss, which put it at a higher difficulty than the regular monsters.

The demon lord looked at the scene before it with unconcealed contempt. With a grunt, the revolving black flame behind him produced ten large flaming spears. The spears then shot out in different directions.

These spears were like homing missiles. They flew in irregular patterns, dodging obstacles in the air, before diving into the place with the most concentration of defenders. It then erupted with a shockwave of energies that sent everyone flying as well as damaging them.

"It's just one boss! We can take it down if we work together!" Scarface shouted to motivate everyone.

"It's not just one boss. He brings an army of minions with him. How are we going to take him down like this?!" Silverwing complained.

"I will open the way! Select few will engage the boss. The rest keep the minions from interfering!" Red Death shouted and used Ice God Barrage.

The twenty ice balls carpet-bombed the demon horde and cleared a way forward. As Red Death rushed forward, a huge tiger made of white flame charged past her and pounced the enemies ahead. Not long after, a humanoid tiger with a flaming suit also rushed past her.

It was Leavemealone in his white tiger emperor form and the Lesser Tiger God Manifestation. Leavemealone used Fire God Barrage and extended the path forward.

"Haon, Cleo, don't rush! There are too many enemies. We go together," Domon's voice warned them. He was also fighting his way through the path created by the divine skills. Jet and Freddie were next to him.

These experts pushed forward, trying to get to the boss. Other players and the native soldiers supported them as best as they could, but their path was then blocked by the Abyss Daemon and several demon knights.

There were just too many demons. Protected by his minions, the demon lord continued to unleash devastating attacks from long range, whittling the defenders down.

The defenders were pushed back little by little, while more and more demons entered. These demons all had higher average levels than the average player's and native's levels. Having David who had a high level among players activate the disaster item had now backfired on them.

Only the side where the Everlasting Heavenly Legends' members were located could still push back against the demon horde somewhat. This was because of their high average level and their companions who were mostly ex-members of the Council of Charites.

Because of this, Jeanny instructed her guild members to be the ones to push forward to reach the demon lord while the others held the demon horde at bay.

Jeanny, Grace, and Paytowin took the lead. Paytowin's brave techno suit was off its one-hour cooldown so he was equipping it again. Their companions, Mihos, Brave King, Garuda, and Oswald fought beside them.

The Demon Lord saw this group's advance. It made a scowling face, unhappy that its minions let the enemies come so close. The flaming circle behind it revolved again. This time it produced a large number of giant dark icicles. It threw these dark icicles at the incoming group.

Seeing these giant icicles raining on them, the sentinels and paladins in the group used their skills to block. While the archmages cast magic walls. Several icicles broke past the defensive skills and pierced into the ground. Everyone avoided the point of impact as best they could.

However, the icicles didn't just stop after landing. They melted and spread outward along the ground. The ones who were in the area when the ice went past their legs found themselves stuck. They couldn't

move. They activated Willpower to break free, but since the ice covered a large area, they were trapped again once they took the next step.

Unless they could fly or have a skill that gave continuous movement-removal, they couldn't free the area.

Berserkers who had max-leveled their Cry of Rage came to their rescue. Aside from freeing allies from movement restrictions, max-level Cry of Rage provided 100% resistance to movement restriction for a duration instead of 50%.

These acts took time, though. During that time, the demon lord continued to blast the trapped players with multiple spells, killing quite many players.

As they struggled, a large number of lightning snakes suddenly blasted through from behind the gate. Countless lesser demons and imps were vaporized once they were touched by these lightning snakes.

Followed after were a thundering voice and twenty large lightning balls that slammed into the demon lord's back. The demon lord stumbled forward while receiving high lightning damage.

"Have no fear, for the hero has arrived...!!"

The Man cursed when he heard the voice, "F*ck, who copy me...?"

Everyone saw the owner of the voice then. It was no other than Jack. Three Jacks to be precise. Two were flying in the supreme dragon form and gold dragon wings. The third one was riding atop Therras.

Those who saw Jack were happy that he had come to their aid. But at the same time, they were also annoyed by his not-so-modest declaration.

Jack was originally looking for an exit to go outside and join his army. But with the demon horde running rampant, he couldn't move as he wished. Most of the exits to the outside were crawling with demons. These demons also wanted to head out due to the disaster item's system.

So, he continued to move while staying under cover. Before he knew it, he arrived near the palace gate. When he saw the gate was broken and the demon horde was pouring in. He knew that Thelgrun and the others were in trouble inside. Hence, he cast Reset and then rushed in to help.

"King Storm Wind...!" Thelgrun called excitedly when he saw Jack.

"Mister President! Don't worry, your friend is here. We will sort this out together!" Jack exclaimed. In his mind, he half-hoped Thelgrun never found out who detonated this disaster item in his capital.

"Jeanny, Grace, George! On me! We will slay this demon lord together!" Jack exclaimed.

Chapter 1510: Unknown Force

Outside the capital, the Themisphere army was still pinning the Liguritutum army with the aid of the demon horde coming out of Balgadir.

John must admit, even without Linda controlling the Liguritutum army, that army was still formidable. They stubbornly hung on and refused to be defeated.

This persistence should be credited to Master, who continued to revive the dead to refill his army's rank. The battle had gone on for some time and there were plenty of corpses for his Necronomicon. At the same time, he sacrificed the zombie soldiers that were near death to reduce his spells' cooldown time. This allowed him to summon more minions.

Even so, he was only one person. His effort was commendable but the rate by which he revived the dead was not fast enough to cover the ones killed by the Themisphere army and the demon horde.

It was only a matter of time before the Liguritudum army collapsed.

John was fully aware of this so he also persisted. He couldn't be careless and let the enemy have an opportunity to turn the situation around.

As he worked on the war table, he saw a large group of white triangles appearing from the edge of his projection screen.

He had sent scouts all over the territories surrounding the battlefield. This was so he was aware when a new force appeared, just like what happened now. The war table only projected things perceived by the troops it was registered to. If no one from the Themisphere army saw this new force, it wouldn't appear on the projection.

This group came from behind Mount Sedgebare, opposite where the two armies were battling.

"Huh...?" John was not sure what to make of this.

Even if there was a party crasher, he expected it to come from the opposite side, from the direction of Num Maldur pass.

He expected Linda to send a message to the players who oversaw the troops they left behind to guard the supply lines, instructing them to bring these troops and come here as reinforcements. But even so, these reinforcements would take days to arrive. Plus, if this group was from Liguritudum, they would color red, not white. These newcomers were white because they were considered neutral.

A possibility came into his mind. Could this be the Cult of Phobos? This thought worried John. The Cult of Phobos was filled with strong combatants. They had experienced the cult's prowess during the war in Hydrurond. That last time, the Council of Virtus came to their rescue. They had no support from that council this time.

John made an estimate of this new force based on the number of triangles on the screen.

"It is around 100,000," John muttered.

He was slightly relieved. It shouldn't be the Cult of Phobos. The last time, the cult attacked with a force of 20,000 troops. Although the members were all very strong, the divine faction boasted a limited number. 100,000 was too large. This was another force.

This force was encroaching fast. Their speed was unusual for a force as large as them.

Too bad he couldn't send a message to the native scouts who saw this new force. He couldn't ask them what they had seen.

John was still unsure of what to do. Were they foes? He would have to adjust his army's formation if they were. He didn't want this force to hit his army from the back. But if he adjusted the formation, he would give the Liguritutum army an opening.

He decided to see this force's movement first. He should be able to guess their intention once they came near. He would adjust his tactic then.

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On the battlefield, Master had the Necronomicon in one hand while his other hand had the magic staff, casting spells non-stop.

Unfortunately, he couldn't revive the demons. These demons came from a disaster item. They weren't natives like the real underworld demons. They were considered monsters. Their bodies evaporated once they died. They left no traces of their corpses. Thus, they couldn't be revived.

Master could only revive his soldiers and the Themisphere soldiers his army had slain. These supplies were abundant but they were scattered throughout the battlefield. He had to roam around the battlefield, searching for corpses to revive. The process was exhausting and time-consuming, and it was not fast enough to let them turn the situation around.

This frustrated Master.

At this time, he received a report from Linda which was even more upsetting. Boron's force had lost. Their army inside the capital had been routed. Sizhad survived but he had to flee the capital. They had failed to take down the president and the throne.

The invasion had failed. Their plan was to hold the Themisphere army until Boron's army took down the capital. Even if they waited out the disaster item's duration, they wouldn't be able to conquer the palace with the Themisphere army holding them down.

"F*CKKK...!!!" Master cursed loudly, which startled his guild members nearby. Rarely did their leader curse like this. Master had always been calm and collected.

Master took a deep breath. There was no need to get upset. It would only lead to mistakes.

As he thought of a solution, he heard another commotion.

"The defensive formation on our flank has been breached." He heard another report from Linda.

"Who? The Themisphere army or the demon horde?" He asked.

"Neither... We are still unsure. The players on that side said they couldn't get a clear look at the enemies. The enemies are very fast. They only see shadows and mists."

"Shadows and mists...?" Master looked up. It was still nighttime.

He gritted his teeth. He then issued the order, "Retreat! Call everyone to retreat! We are falling back!"

Linda got Master's message. She didn't object. She had been thinking about how to phrase her words to advise Master to retreat. She was glad Master came to this conclusion by himself.

As they were pinned from the front and back, the Liguritudum army could only move from their flanks. They punched through the flank opposite from the one that was assaulted by the new force.

Master ordered his zombie soldiers to cover their escape. The zombie soldiers carried out the command faithfully. They didn't mind being sacrificed as meat shields. They had no minds.