

World 1581

Chapter 1581: Consuming the Essences

Theridan was a level 90 mythical. He had the highest level among all the past kings. As the king who had founded Themisphere, he was said to have defeated many barbarian tribes and united all the humans into one country. Hence, it wasn't strange that he had a higher level than any sovereigns Jack had met, even when compared to Marcus.

The rest of the kings had levels that ranged from level 70 to 85. Aside from Theridan, another two kings were also mythical grades. Thegromar and Thebalder. The others were rare elites.

Thebalder was Themisphere's fourth king who was a friend to the orcs and also the reason for their country's enmity with the Verremor nation. He was a level 82 mythical grade.

During the Judgement of Past Kings, Thebalder used a sword to activate his skill, Earth Wrath. Here, he fought with two weapons, a sword and an axe. He fought with the ferocity of an orc. Aside from some unique skills, he possessed many standard skills from the Berserker and Avenger classes.

As for Thegromar, he was Themisphere's third king. He once led a military expedition into the Daflue Region to search for treasure inside the ruin of an ancient civilization. His force met with Liguritutum force which came for the same purpose. Conflict ensued. During the battle, Thegromar slew the head of the expedition which turned out to be the Liguritutum's prince. This became the source of hostility between Themisphere and Liguritutum.

Thegromar was a level 85 mythical grade. He was a spellcaster. His spells comprised many spells from the Elementalist, Warlock, and Reaver classes.

With the addition of eleven powerful combatants who were experienced in warfare due to their past lives, the tide appeared to be turning. The Young Januses were beaten back.

All of Januses were spellcasters. Hence, they were vulnerable in melee. Their meat shields came from their summons. But almost one-third of these summons switched sides because of Theridan's Beast Dominance. This further caused disadvantages to the Januses.

Theridan's main weapon was an unusual weapon. A bladed whip. Its long reach allowed him to hit the opponents as he rode his trusty pet, Terraxx.

Terraxx charged forward to where Therras was. Seeing its kind fighting alongside it, Therras' fighting spirit was roused. It fought more fiercely than it had ever been.

Good Janus cast a spell that conjured an illusory shield that protected himself, Jack, and the chalice.

Jack cast Magic Field to increase both his and Good Janus' spellcasting ability. He then cast Orb of Storm and Perpetual Lightning Judgement. With his advanced mana manipulation, the lightning snakes from the spell slipped through his allies without hitting them and struck the enemies.

Almost all the Young Januses were hit by this spell due to its extended range. A good portion of them were paralyzed and whatever spells they were casting were canceled. The eleven kings didn't waste this opportunity. They pounced on these Januses while they were down.

"Shit!" Jack cursed.

"What?" Good Janus asked.

"Never mind. Continue casting spells!" Jack instructed.

The reason for his curse was because of his clone that was using the Lightning God Incarnation. It was the end of the divine skill's duration and Jack was about to carry out his finishing attack, but Evil Janus cast a spell that teleported Jack far into the void. Jack's finishing attack couldn't cover the range back. His finishing attack ended up exploding where there was no enemy around.

Evil Janus either knew about his divine skill's final attack or he was able to sense the incoming attack. Either way, that ultimate attack was wasted.

Dragon Jack with the Strength of Hope was still battling through the Young Januses that protected Evil Janus. Spark was fighting beside him some time ago, but the spirit weapon suffered too many attacks. Most of Young Januses' spells were AOE and there was only so much Spark could do to avoid them. It didn't have as high an HP and defense compared to Therras, so it was losing HP faster than the others.

Spark tried to use its finishing mode the same as Lightning Jack, but this also failed. Evil Janus turned intangible when Spark came charging with its finishing mode. Evil Janus was using the Ghost Form spell. Spark's finishing mode exploded without harming Evil Janus, but it did take out a few Young Januses nearby.

With only Dragon Jack and Therras, the two were having difficulty until Theridan and Terraxx came to the rescue, the table was then turned.

"Hrrggghh... You people are truly exasperating," Evil Janus growled. There was clear resentment in his tone. The mage was furious this time. "I will make you all regret this...!!"

The dark aura surrounding Evil Janus suddenly turned denser. He was also growing larger. He no longer looked like a human. He was like a darkness-type monster with one large eye in his head.

"Oh no! He uses the essences he has collected," Good Janus informed.

"What does that mean?" Jack asked.

"He sacrifices all the essences from the faction leaders he killed to fuel himself. If he wants to become eternal, he will have to kill the same number of faction leaders all over again."

"That is good, isn't it?" Jack said.

"Good for the world. Bad for us. He might have lost the essence, but he gains a temporary boost of power that probably put him close to an eternal-grade power."

Evil Janus didn't take long to showcase his power. The Eye of Illios on its head shot out a thick dark beam that blasted everything in its way. The beam went all the way to where True Jack and Good Janus were located.

Both Jack and Good Janus cast Magic Wall. The two illusory walls blocked the beam but they cracked as soon as the beam touched them. They broke a second later. Jack activated Gold Scale Armor just before the beam hit. Good Janus cast Phantasm Armor, which conjured a ghost-like suit onto his body.

Jack and Good Janus were smacked by the beam. Good Janus tumbled back and fell to the ground but Jack just skidded on the ground a few meters back due to the resistance from his Gold Scale Armor. It's a good thing neither they nor the beam hit the chalice on the ground.

Even with the protection from the Gold Scale Armor, Jack lost half his life from that one hit.

Chapter 1582: Battery of Rune Techniques and Mega Spells

Peniel hurriedly used Fast Heal on Jack, bringing his HP back to full.

"Crap!" Jack cursed. He turned to Good Janus who was standing back up. "Hey, do you have a mega spell?" He asked.

"I... I have, but the enemy won't let us complete it," Good Janus answered.

"Get ready to cast it," Jack instructed. He then turned to the front and called, "Thebalder! Thegromar! Thewolden! Come over here!!"

"Young King, is that how you address your seniors?" Thebalder complained, but he and the others still came following Jack's call.

"I'm sorry. I'm in a hurry. Look, I'll need you three to prepare!" Jack told them.

Dragon Jack, who was still protected by Strength of Hope, came to Evil Janus to stop him from advancing. Jack used Hundred Shadow Strikes when he got into Evil Janus' range. The skill hit, but Evil Janus' already large dark body expanded again. The darkness covered Dragon Jack who just finished the strikes. He then found this darkness became denser.

What the others saw from the outside was Dragon Jack getting strapped up by Evil Janus' darkness. The darkness was as if pieces of long paper coiling around Dragon Jack until he was completely covered like a cocoon. Evil Janus then detached from this cocoon and moved forward.

Theridan and Terraxx fused into one as they performed Combination Assault on Evil Janus. Evil Janus used Teleport, dodging the assault and leaving the duo behind. Evil Janus rushed forward to where True Jack and Good Janus were.

When the other kings, who were in his way, tried to stop him. His dark body birthed several dark tentacles. He then spun at high speed while continuing onward. The dark tentacles whipped his surroundings following his spin. The kings who tried to stop him were smacked away by the tentacles.

Even while spinning, he could still cast spells. Multiple dark balls spread out. These balls exploded upon contact. Where the balls exploded, they created strong gravity fields. Those who were in the vicinity were pulled by these gravity fields and were With the path cleared up, True Jack and the others came into range. Five of them stood before the Chalice of Blood, protecting it. Evil Janus then noticed multiple runes unable to move freely.

Evil Janus himself wasn't affected by these gravity fields. His dark body glided through these gravity fields without any sign of encumbrance.

He cast another spell. A river of darkness spread forward. From this river, waves of dark energy splashed to the left and right. Damaging those nearby as well as pushing them away. The dark river created a clear path for him.

With the path cleared up, True Jack and the others came into range. Five of them stood before the Chalice of Blood, protecting it. Evil Janus then noticed multiple runes were generated by those five. Those five were preparing rune techniques and mega spells!

When Evil Janus came into view, Jack cast the Superior Acceleration which spell formation he had already prepared. Jack targeted himself and the other four next to him. He then cast Time Realm to increase their speed further.

Evil Janus felt himself slowed by the Time Realm. He uttered a growling noise while speaking, "How dare you use spells from a class that should have been rightfully mine!"

"Then take another one, sucker!" Jack shouted as he cast Time Lock. With the acceleration in effect, the spell was as if instant-cast. Evil Janus didn't have the time to react.

"Now!" Jack shouted. With the effect of the superior acceleration, the others were already close to completing their rune techniques and mega spells. They purposefully slowed it down to wait for Jack's signal, which was now given.

Thegromar's mega spell was called Purgatory World. The spell covered a large area with golden flames. These flames dealt light and fire damage. These flames also degraded armor and reduced the defensive and resistance values of everything inside its AOE. The longer someone stayed within the spell's AOE, the higher the reduction became.

Thebalder's rune technique was Pulverizing Chains. It was a ranged technique. It conjured several giant chains with blades all over their surfaces. If these chains managed to catch their target, they would bind this target, keeping it in place, and dealing large physical damage over time.

With these chains binding Evil Janus, he was unable to flee even after the two-second duration of Time Lock was over. Held by the Pulverizing Chains, he was forced to stay inside Thegromar's Purgatory World for its full duration.

Thewolden's rune technique was a more instant type. It was the same rune technique used by Themus when he tried to kill Jack in the past. The technique created a giant purple energy sword that stabbed forward. This rune technique had the name of Royal Slaying Blade.

The Royal Slaying Blade was also a ranged technique. The purple energy sword pierced through Thegromar's Purgatory World and stabbed into Evil Janus, delivering huge physical damage.

Good Janus also completed his mega spell. His mega spell was called Storm Wrath. The spell created a sphere of intense wind and lightning energy that battered everything within the sphere.

Evil Janus was extremely startled. He was just about to take action, but these rune techniques and mega spells were already on him without him seeing them being cast. He understood then he had been affected by Time Lock, one of his teacher's potent spells.

"Peniel!" Jack shouted. He had also completed his rune technique, but unlike the others, his was a melee technique.

Peniel used Invulnerability just as Jack completed his Teleportation spell. He appeared behind Evil Janus, who was bound by Pulverizing Chains, and then stabbed his Infernal Cleansing Flame into the bound mage. Before his invulnerability was over, he quickly cast Wind Jet to get out of the area ravaged by the two mega spells.

As they watched from the outside, they were surprised to find that Evil Janus' HP bar went down very slowly. They had not even devoured half of his life yet. By the look of it, these rune techniques and mega spells were still not enough to defeat Evil Janus.

Chapter 1583: Summoning a Reinforcement

"What the... He was hit by three rune techniques and two mega spells. How can he survive?" Jack uttered as he watched Evil Janus' HP bar.

The two mega spells and two rune techniques affecting Evil Janus were near completion, but his HP was still half full.

"It is probably his unique dark form. It must give him very high damage reduction," Good Janus presumed.

"His eye!" Jack exclaimed.

After they had a good look, some sort of a translucent veil shrouded Evil Janus' body. The large eye on Evil Janus' head was pulsing. With each pulse, the veil turned more tangible.

"The eye was using some kind of skill to mitigate the damage," Jack said. He then asked Peniel, "Do you know what that skill is?"

Peniel shook her head.

"Never mind that. I'm going to try something," Jack said. He turned to Good Janus, "Do you also have the spell that teleports a target like what he used on my clone?"

"I have," Good Janus answered, before asking. "What are you going to do?"

"Not me. My other clone," Jack said.

Dragon Jack had arrived. He used his natural wind jet and flew directly into the chaotic world covered in golden flames, windstorms, and lightning calamity. His Lightning God Suit had already ended, but his Strength of Hope was still on. Even protected by this divine power, Dragon Jack still lost HP extremely fast. He used Gold Dragon Vitality halfway to replenish and double his HP.

Arriving before Evil Janus, he used Devouring Cross, refilling his life again. The damage from the Devouring Cross was greatly mitigated by the translucent veil. This confirmed his analysis. However, the purpose of his barging into this world of elemental calamity was not to land the Devouring Cross. It was to get close to Evil Janus.

When his Devouring Cross landed, the air right in front of Janus' head shimmered. It was not so obvious due to all the flames, winds, and lightning, but Evil Janus could sense an attack coming.

Evil Janus didn't do anything about it, though. Firstly, he was confident of the defensive veil he had conjured. Secondly, there was nothing he could do. He had to fully concentrate to maintain this veil.

A long black light flew out from that shimmering air with lightning speed. This thin black light pierced through Evil Janus' veil. Evil Janus didn't have the time to think about how his veil was so easily penetrated because that black light stabbed right into the large eye in his head.

"ARRGHHH...!!!" Evil Janus cried out. His hands went into his one eye that had shut from that stab.

"Now!" Jack called.

Good Janus had prepared the spell formation. He cast the spell once he received Jack's signal. The Dragon Jack next to Evil Janus vanished and appeared next to them. His life was only one-third left. Peniel quickly used her healing skill on him.

"Continue attacking!" Jack exclaimed. They fired their ranged attacks into Evil Janus inside the elemental sphere.

Young Januses tried to get to Evil Janus to help him but they were stopped by the Themisphere's past kings. Theridan and Jack's second clone had also returned and wreaked havoc among the Young Januses.

Evil Janus was only disabled for a short instant, but it was enough since the defensive veil was no more. Evil Janus' one eye opened again. It was emitting blood-red light this time. This eye looked at Jack for a brief moment, Jack could feel the hatred from that stare. It then looked away in the chalice's direction. That red eye pulsed.

As it did, the air above the chalice shimmered.

"Protect the chalice!" Jack shouted.

Thebalder, Thewolden, and Thegromar were staying near the chalice, they readied themselves. Thegromar cast a spell that conjured lightning fences around the area where the air was shimmering.

Something colossal suddenly materialized from that shimmering air. This thing did a swipe as soon as it appeared, destroying the lightning fences as if they were nothing. At the same time, the shockwave sent the three kings flying. It then landed hard on the ground. Knocking the chalice over.

As the chalice tumbled, Theridan and all the past kings vanished.

Jack and Good Janus were dumbfounded by the sudden turns of events. Everything happened so fast. Now only did they register the thing that had appeared out of the shimmering air was a dragon. Not just any dragon. It was a true dragon. One that Jack knew and had seen before.

Tiemezzys!

The yellow dragon stared at Jack briefly before turning to Evil Janus who was still imprisoned inside the elemental sphere. Tiemezzys cast Telekinesis at Evil Janus. His telekinesis was so powerful that it broke the pulverizing chains from Thebalder. Free from the chains, Evil Janus was dragged out by Tiemezzys' telekinesis.

"Stop him!" Jack shouted. He cast Telekinesis at Evil Janus. Good Janus did the same.

Their spells hit Evil Janus. The two spells and the telekinesis from Tiemezzys were like two invisible forces pushing Evil Janus in opposite directions. One tried to hold Evil Janus inside the elemental sphere. The other was trying to pull him out.

Unfortunately, Tiemezzys had far greater intelligence stat. Jack and Good Janus couldn't compete with the eternal-grade dragon. Evil Janus was plucked out of the ongoing mega spells. Only Jack's infernal cleansing flame was still ravaging his body.

Evil Janus knelt on the ground after being saved. The white flames burning his body soon ran out of duration. Neither Jack nor Good Janus dared to do anything with Tiemezzys next to Evil Janus. Evil Janus still had over thirty percent HP left.

Jack looked at the situation around them. A large portion of Young Januses had been defeated, but there was still plenty left. Evil Janus might only have one-third of his life left, but he was still a force to be reckoned with. Not to mention the Themisphere's ex-country guardian who had made it clear that he was Evil Janus' ally.

No matter how they assess the situation, it was a clusterf*ck!

Chapter 1584: A different group of Reinforcements

On Jack's side, there were only his clones, Therras, and Good Janus. The five of them watched the enemies with apprehension.

Jack couldn't tell for sure, but it seemed like the dragon was grinning.

Tiemezzys said to Evil Janus who was standing up, "Hehe. When I agreed to your condition, I never expected it would be to help you against the object of our deal."

Evil Janus didn't respond. He took out a potion and drank it. His HP started recovering. Jack and the others didn't dare do anything to prevent it with Tiemezzys right next to Evil Janus.

Although things looked to be in Evil Janus' favor, he didn't look happy. On the other hand, his expression showed that he was trying to hide his fury. He stared at Jack menacingly with his one blood-red eye.

"Grrrh... You truly have made me very angry, Mister Storm Wind," Evil Janus growled. "You've forced me to let go of the chance to extract that Time Sage from you."

"Do you know what he means?" Jack asked Good Janus.

Good Janus shook his head. "Whatever deal my evil twin made with Tiemezzys, he made it after he separated from me."

"More correctly, we made the deal three days ago," Tiemezzys said with a grin.

Both Evil Janus and Tiemezzy just stood there without making any move. Young Januses were the same. They stopped attacking a while ago and just surrounded Jack and the others.

Jack's two clones were both back to human form. The beast form skill had ended. The Strength of Hope was still in effect, but with the current situation, it didn't seem like it would make any difference. Maybe that's why Evil Janus and Tiemezzys just watched them with playful stares.

"Three days ago? That's when I was captured," Jack said.

"Yes. After I found out that you suspected me and even laid a trap for me, I need to prepare for contingency," Evil Janus said. "So, I visited Tiemezzys. I have known about his grudge against you. He had gone into seclusion and never did anything because he thought you were still under the protection of Goddess Serenity. I knew that it was no longer so since the aftermath of the Hydrurond War."

"If I had known, I would have taken action then," Tiemezzys growled.

"So, after you fell in my hand, I went to meet Tiemezzys. I only need the essence from a few more faction leaders. He promised to come to my aid if I encountered any complications. In exchange, I will give you to him. This exchange is supposed to happen only after I extract your Time Sage class."

"Hehe, imagine my surprise when I see who he needs help against after coming here," Tiemezzys chuckled. He then said to Evil Janus with scorn, "I can't believe you are having trouble against a weakling such as him."

"It's all because of that artifact," Evil Janus pointed at the Chalice of Blood on the floor.

"The Chalice of Blood...? Hm, whatever. Is this space secured for the outworlder's rebirth cycle?" Tiemezzys asked.

"Yes, he will revive here if he is killed," Evil Janus confirmed.

Tiemezzys stared at Jack menacingly. "Then, it is time for me to enact vengeance for Themos!"

The dragon was just about to lunge forward, but a loud boom was suddenly heard. The sound startled everyone.

Jack also felt the ground shake. A second boom was heard. Jack realized then it was not the ground that shook. It was the entire space that seemed to have shuddered.

A third boom and this time, a ray of light was seen from above. Everyone looked up and saw the void above had cracked. From this crack, that ray of light shone through. Another boom and the crack became bigger. Several figures dropped from that crack.

When they landed, everyone saw that it was a group of armored and cloaked people. Leading this group were two people. One was a draconian with an eye patch. He wore white plate armor and carried a humongous greatsword on his back. The other one was a cloaked ethereal.

Good Janus recognized the two leading figures. "Master Ragorth? Master Hashi?" He called.

Jack had never met the two but he knew their names. Ragorth was the faction leader of the League of Champions while Hashi was the top native assassin in the Assassins guild.

Ragorth and Hashi looked around the place with bewilderment. While everyone inside this space was flabbergasted by the appearance of this new group, Ragorth and Hashi's expressions showed that they were also clueless about what was going on there.

"Master Janus? King Storm Wind? What exactly happens here...?" Ragorth asked.

Before Good Janus could reply, Jack beat him to it. He spoke while pointing at Evil Janus, "Master Ragorth! Master Hashi! This creature is an evil spirit that possesses Master Janus' clones. He is the culprit in the assassination of league faction leaders!"

"He is?" Hashi asked. His eyes narrowed at Evil Janus.

Evil Janus' appearance at the moment didn't resemble a human. His body was shrouded by dark smoke and he had only one large eye on his head that emitted dark red light.

"Eyewitnesses mentioned a blurry creature as the perpetrator. That shadowy monster does look blurry," Ragorth said.

"So... That girl spoke the truth. The murderer is truly here," Hashi said. He brandished two large curved daggers. A translucent green aura coated the two daggers. "I'm going to avenge my leader's death."

Evil Janus didn't bother to explain. There was nothing to explain anyway, he was truly the faction leaders' murderer. He was curious about how these two managed to locate and even intrude into this pocket space, but finding the answer to that question would have to wait. He had to deal with the problem at hand first.

He was going to target Ragorth sooner or later, considering Ragorth was one of the strongest faction leaders. Now that Ragorth was here, might as well make use of the situation.

"Tiemezzys, deal with those two!" Evil Janus commanded.

"Deal with them yourself! My quarrel is with this outworlder," Tiemezzys replied.

"Remember our deal!" Evil Janus exclaimed. "I will capture the outworlder. He will be yours!"

Considering the payment for their deal was Jack, Tiemezzys could just take Jack now. He didn't need to obey Evil Janus. But despite his vengeance-fueled rage, he was still a true dragon. He had his dignity. A deal had been struck. He had to honor it. He grunted and headed toward Ragorth and Hashi.

Chapter 1585: A Warrior and an Assassin Against a Dragon

When Tiemezzys advanced, the standstill was ended. Everyone started moving again. Young Januses resumed casting their spells. This time their targets were the members of the League of Champions and Assassins Guilds.

Ragorth and Hashi didn't bring many followers. The Young Januses still outnumbered them despite having been culled by the past Themisphere Kings. Even so, the ones they brought were elites. These faction members, seeing that they were targeted, weren't just letting themselves be sitting ducks.

All the cloaked figures from the Assassins Guild vanished in the blink of an eye, while the League of Champions' warriors dashed in different directions. They and the Young Januses soon clashed.

Ragorth and Hashi didn't retreat despite Tiemezzys' menacing advance. Ragorth unsling the gigantic greatsword on his back and swung it forward. Following the swing, the greatsword grew to a bigger size. Hashi thrust his daggers. As he did, uncountable images of daggers stabbing forward were seen.

Tiemezzys swung his massive claw. The impact between his claw with Ragorth and Hashi's assaults caused a shockwave. The result of the exchange sent Ragorth and Hashi a distance away. Tiemezzys looked at his two adversaries with disdain.

Both Ragorth and Hashi expected this outcome. Both of them were level 90 mythicals, but Tiemezzys was one grade higher.

"That girl is right again, we do need this potion," Hashi said while taking out a small bottle from his back. Ragorth did the same.

If Jack saw the bottles, he would recognize them. The bottles in Ragorth and Hashi's hands were Divine Might Potions.

Tiemezzys also recognized the bottles, but he had been underestimating the two so his response was late. Ragorth and Hashi acted fast. They immediately drank the bottles after revealing it. The two's aura increased exponentially.

"Hmph! Even if you get a boost, the two of you are still not my opponent," Tiemezzys uttered.

"Is that so...?" Ragorth said. He took a low stance. His skin was covered by crimson tattoos. His armor also glowed with light that was usually seen when Ki Weapon was used.

The greatsword in his hand had grown to three times his body size. He was as if holding a huge pillar. Yet, he didn't appear encumbered. His body abruptly shot forward. This movement skill was the same as Spring Crown's Propelling Dash.

Ragorth's charging speed from the propelling dash was very fast, but Tiemezzys' dragon eye was able to catch the movement. Tiemezzys slapped downward, attempting to swat Ragorth into the ground. Ragorth's colossal greatsword swung up and collided with Tiemezzys' massive claw.

Different than before. This time, the impact threw the two back. Ragorth retreated a farther distance which showed that Tiemezzys was still stronger, but it was no longer as one-sided as before.

Tiemezzys was unhappy with the outcome. When he was about to retaliate, he felt a sting on his back.

"Rargghh...!!" He roared both in fury and pain. He swiveled backward with his claw, but the one who hurt him had retreated. He saw that it was the guy from the Assassins Guild, Hashi.

"Why didn't I sense your attack?" Tiemezzys asked in puzzlement.

"Hehe. If my attack can so easily be detected, do you think I will still be called the greatest assassin?" Hashi returned the question.

What Hashi used was mana concealment. One that was very advanced. His degree of mastery was even better than Wong's because he could completely mask his mana during an attack.

Tiemezzys felt his back itch. He felt his mana was in chaos at the spot where he had been stabbed. He also lost a bit of HP every second.

"You use poison!" Tiemezzys exclaimed.

"Of course. Which respectable assassin doesn't use poison?" Hashi replied.

"Fine! You want to die? I will fulfill your wish then!!" Tiemezzys opened his mouth wide. Heavy torrents of yellow fumes poured out of his mouth. It was his divine earth breath.

Hashi turned into multiple shadows that ran everywhere. Tiemezzys couldn't pinpoint which one was the real one with his mana sense. In the end, he tried to swipe all the shadows, but there were too many and they ran around haphazardly. His breath ended up hitting Young Januses and the other faction members who were unfortunate enough to be in the path.

Ragorth came from the side when Tiemezzys was firing his divine breath. Unlike Hashi, Ragorth couldn't conceal his mana, so Tiemezzys sensed the attack. Tiemezzys's claw clanged with the giant greatsword. Ragorth used Ki Strike in the blow. Tiemezzys's claw ended up getting smashed to the side.

Ragorth followed with Deca Slash into Tiemezzys' exposed side. A move similar to Penta Slash but landed ten successive rapid slashes instead of five. Each slash produced higher damage than the last.

Feeling humiliated by the successive hits, Tiemezzys stopped his breath and slammed into the ground. This produced a localized earthquake that knocked Ragorth off-balance. At the same time, earth spears thrust out of the ground, impaling Ragorth.

Ragorth's Ki Armor reduced the damage he received, but he was unable to take a proper stance due to the earthquake. He activated his Wing tool to escape. He was paying attention to Tiemezzys' next move as he flew up. He saw Tiemezzys' eyes glowed.

'Oh, no!' He thought, but his mind became empty after that last thought. He had been hit by Tiemezzys' Divine Stone Gaze. His mind was petrified.

Tiemezzys stretched his neck. His mouth was opened wide ready to chomp Ragorth who was helpless in the air.

Hashi suddenly appeared in front of Tiemezzys. He waved his hand. A bright flash was produced with that wave. At the same time, Tiemezzys felt stinging pain in his eyes. Tiemezzys was forced to shut his eyes and jerked backward.

What Hashi used was the Flashing Powder Throw. It was a variant of Hidden Weapon Specialist's Powder Throw. It not only caused Blind to the target, but it also disrupted the opponent's mana sense for several brief seconds.

While Tiemezzys was blinded both in visual and sense, Hashi grabbed Ragorth and pulled him to a safe distance.

When Tiemezzys regained his sight, he saw Ragorth had broken free from his Divine Stone Gaze. He snarled. These two proved to be more troublesome than he thought.

Chapter 1586: Additional Reinforcements

When the battle reignited, Jack sent his two clones to Evil Janus, who was also heading his way. Evil Janus had drunk two different recovery potions during the standstill. His life which was only one-third left had recovered to almost half.

His eye pulsed with red light. Jack's two clones were stunned when this red light washed over them. Evil Janus cast two spells in succession. Magic Bind which was evolved to produce multiple binding rings. These magic rings locked the two Jacks' bodies.

The second spell was Black Hole. Jack had run out of his defensive skills, so the two Jacks were helpless as they were sucked by the black hole. The instant kill effect triggered and the two Jacks were devoured by the black hole.

When Evil Janus was about to resume his advance, he was bewildered when he found Jack to be smiling.

"What are you smiling for?" Evil Janus mocked. "Do you think you are safe just because Ragorth and Hashi came to your aid?"

"Oh, I'm not smiling because of them. I'm smiling because of that big tear above," Jack pointed at the crack in the void above. The crack was mending but the gap was still visible.

Evil Janus then noticed that Jack was holding a small badge. It was his King Badge!

All of a sudden, ten additional figures appeared around Jack. They were his royal agents.

Jack barked his orders without delay, "Duke! Jonathan! Lindsey! Robinson! Help the league faction members deal with the clones. Eyrene! Laurent! Howard! Help those two against that big dragon. Amy! Nerd! Support me. Elayne! Play music that boosts everyone's stats."

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Evil Janus was too startled by these additional reinforcements. His response was late. Elayne was the first to take action when the other royal agents spread out. She thumped her zither and a reverberating shockwave radiated. It was a skill she had just learned in the Brave Academy, Debilitating Broadcast. It was a sound skill that caused magical damage and stunned enemies in a large area around her.

Evil Janus was stunned by this sound attack. Jack and Therras took the chance to fuse into a huge meteor using Combination Assault and slammed into him. When he was reeling, Hell Whip cast by Nerd coiled around his body. Jack said to Evil Janus, "I still have another trump card, you know."

Jack used Reset. He then cast Double Clone and resummoned Spark. His true body then exploded into lightning form while his first clone transformed into Supreme Dragon Form and his second clone cast Time Lock.

"Time to wrap this up!" Jack declared. He cast Superior Acceleration. With boosted speed, he activated Soul Asura, his weapon's Overlimit, and performed the burst attack of his sword art.

Uncountable lightning slashes battered Evil Janus' body during the short two seconds he lost.

At the end of those two seconds, everyone landed a combined assault. Spark and his two clones were also under superior acceleration. Spark used its Finishing Mode. Dragon Jack used Soul Breath. Clone Jack cast Perpetual Lightning Judgement. Lightning Jack used his weapon's skill, the God Annihilating Sword.

Amy and Nerd also cast their offensive spells. Nerd cast Warlock's Hellish Explosion. Amy cast Celestial Explosion, which was similar to Hellish Explosion but dealt light damage instead of chaos. The two's attacks didn't land at as precise timing as Jack's, though.

One of his royal agents landed an attack with perfect timing. It was Elayne, who used Sound Cannon empowered by mana manipulation.

The combined attacks created a spectacular explosion. When the dust settled. Evil Janus was no longer in his shadow form. He was back to his original form. The staff of Illios' eye was also back to its sculpture state. Evil Janus' HP was less than 5%.

When Lightning Jack was about to land the killing blow. He sensed a powerful attack from the side. He turned and saw massive torrents of rocks coming his way. He turned into a lightning bolt to dodge. These torrents of rocks swirled around Evil Janus, protecting him. They swatted anyone who tried to get close.

"You, miserable mage! How do you get defeated so fast?" Tiemezzys bellowed. The torrents of rock were his spell. Even with Eyrene, Laurent, and Howard joining the fray, he was still able to watch the situation on the other side.

"That won't save him!" Dragon Jack exclaimed and used Gold Dragon Breath.

The gold dragon breath had a powerful corrosive effect. The stones surrounding Evil Janus seemed to decompose rapidly.

Clone Jack used his other weapon's skill, World Splitter. The energy from his sword cut through the decomposed rocks, destroying them.

A shadow suddenly zipped through the open path and landed a stab into Evil Janus' body. It was Hashi. The assassin was also paying attention to the battle on this side. He used Combat Clone and left that clone to fight Tiemezyss. He himself rushed here once he saw the opportunity. "I will avenge my leader!" He exclaimed.

His dagger contained powerful venom. Evil Janus' HP dropped rapidly.

"Oh, no. You won't kill-steal my prey!" Lightning Jack exclaimed.

He shot back using Wind Jet. The side he was facing still had some defensive rocks swirling. He didn't have the time to move to the side where the path was opened by World Splitter. He used Ghost Sword and stabbed using the One-word Thrust.

Storm Breaker was still in its Overlimit state. The maxed Overlimit increased Storm Breaker's reach by a great deal. The weapon had the length of a spear in its current state. The Ghost Sword skill allowed Jack to bypass all the defensive rocks and reach Evil Janus behind.

His thrust accurately stabbed Evil Janus' forehead.

That last stab finally took out Evil Janus' HP. Unlike other natives, Evil Janus' body disintegrated when he died. Several loots fell. Jack had used his Runestone of Luck when he delivered his stab.

"Raggh! Useless...!!" Tiemezzys cursed.

Hashi turned to Jack. His face was slightly dissatisfied. He was supposed to take this killer's life to avenge his leader. He looked at Tiemezzys. He had achieved his objective. He wondered if he should continue fighting that dragon.

While Hashi was having second thoughts, Lightning Jack, Dragon Jack, Therras, Amy, Nerd, and Elayne went to assist the others who were battling the yellow dragon.

Young Janus clones stopped fighting after Evil Janus was defeated. Good Janus could now assume control of them. He instructed them to help Ragorth and the others fight Tiemezzys.

Suddenly finding himself beset by everyone, Tiemezzys was now regretting his deal.

"Rarrrgghh! This is the worst deal I have ever made!" He shouted in frustration.

Chapter 1587: Complete Legendary Weapons

Clone Jack stayed behind with Good Janus. Aside from the two, everyone else crowded around Tiemezzys. Hashi decided to join the fray when he saw his Assassins Guild members join the fight against the dragon.

Jack was walking toward the loots dropped by Evil Janus. A tiny orb emitting a purple light floated among the loot. It floated towards Jack. Jack was about to grab it, thinking it to be some sort of special loot, but this orb avoided Jack's hand and floated past him. It continued onward toward Good Janus. It stopped before the mage and stayed there.

"What is that?" Jack asked.

"... It's my evil twin's essence," Good Janus answered. "It came to me by itself since it was originally a part of me."

"Oh... Wait! Are you going to accept that essence? Do you think that's a good idea? If you fuse back with him, won't his evil thoughts influence you again?"

"In theory, it should not. He had died. Just as he absorbed the essence from the faction leaders he killed, his consciousness is not influenced by them. I shouldn't be as well."

"You said in theory... You don't sound very confident," Jack said.

"I'm not...," Janus replied. His hand went forward to touch the purple orb.

"Are you truly sure that's a good idea?" Jack asked again.

Janus' hand paused upon Jack's question, but it moved again soon. The instant he touched the tiny orb, it dissipated.

Jack could sense all the mana from the orb poured into Janus from the touch. Janus himself didn't exhibit any changes. Jack used his Inspect and found that Janus had returned to his original level and grade, level 90 mythical.

"Uh... Hello? Do I have a reason for concern," Jack asked.

Janus turned to him and smiled. "Don't worry, I'm still the one who was imprisoned with you these past few days."

"Phew! I'm relieved," Jack heaved a long sigh.

"You are a very trusting person, Mister Storm Wind. I could have lied to you," Janus said.

"I believe that smile," Jack pointed at Janus' face. "The evil one never smiled like that. Even when we met for the first time when you and he were still one, you didn't smile like that. He is gone."

Jack turned his attention back to the loots. One specific item among the loots drew most of Jack's attention. It was a magic staff. One with an eye sculpture at its top.

"Staff of Illios...", Jack muttered and picked that staff up.

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Staff of Illios, level: 80/99 (Legendary magic weapon)

Magical damage: 1,250

Range: 80 meters

Attack speed: 1

Energy: 500

Intelligence +55

MP +500

Vision Bending: Create a copy that will stay within a radius of 10 meters from the user. The user will be invisible for as long as the copy exists. Copy will vanish if the user receives an attack. Duration: 3 minutes. Cooldown: 3 hours.

Illios Stare: Shoot a beam that deals 200% chaos damage every second. Causes Dizzy status. If the beam hits the same target for more than 10 seconds, the damage is increased to 250% chaos damage every second. If the beam hits the same target for more than 20 seconds, the damage is increased to 300% chaos damage every second. Duration: The first 5 seconds is free, every second afterward will consume 30 MP each second (until a maximum of 30 seconds). Cooldown: 1 hour.

Eye of Surveillance: Consume 1,000 mana cores to project an image of a targeted place. Range: 50 kilometers. Duration: The first 5 minutes is free, every second afterward will consume 20 MP each second (until a maximum of 15 minutes). Cooldown: 2 hours

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"Wow, this staff has three active abilities," Jack remarked.

"Yeah, that is rather unusual," Peniel agreed. "Maybe because this staff was created using a legendary artifact."

"It's one ability is for non-battle purpose, though," Jack commented about the Eye of Surveillance. "This ability is for reconnaissance. I'm a bit disappointed. It can only spy on things fifty kilometers away. It would be cool if I could spy on things in another country, like when Janus used the eye to watch the battle in Liguritidum."

"Maybe if you disassemble the staff back to the original artifact, you can," Peniel proposed.

"You mentioned me?" Janus asked when he heard his name was mentioned.

"Nothing. I'm just happy all my weapons are legendary grades now, hehe," Jack chuckled. "Oh, you don't mind parting with the Eye of Illios, do you?"

"It is yours," Janus said. "That thing brings me enough trouble already."

Jack immediately replaced his Mana Leech Staff with this new magic weapon. He couldn't transfer his Orb of Raijin yet. He would have to etch this staff before he could.

He didn't review the other loots. He just picked them up and entered them into his inventory because, at that time, several loud booms were heard. The space was also shaking. He looked toward the source of this occurrence, Tiemezzys.

Multiple earth pillars sprouted from the dragon and stabbed in all directions. The pillars went all the way to the edge of this pocket world, piercing its boundary. Those who were slammed by these earth pillars received large earth damage and were petrified. Several Young Januses and the members from the two factions members were turned into stone.

Tiemezzys unleashed his divine earth breath again, damaging and forcing all his assailants back. His breath attack also went on and hit this space's border. Cracks could be seen in the void wall and ceiling.

"He is fighting while looking for a way to escape," Jack said.

Jack might be staying at the back here in safety, but his other two selves never stopped fighting. Janus was the same, he was contributing by controlling the Young Janus clones.

Dragon Jack had unfortunately been killed from the last breath attack. But before he died, he successfully sent his soul breath to Tiemezzys' eyes, forcing the dragon to shut his eyes.

Lightning Jack was at the end of the divine skill's duration by then. He channeled his finishing mode onto his fist and rushed at the dragon. By the time he came into Tiemezzys' mana sense scope, it was too late

for the dragon to dodge. His accumulated lightning fist slammed into Tiemezzys' belly. The powerful impact was enough to send the colossal dragon tens of meters back.

Chapter 1588: Vision Bending

Tiemezzys roared. His roar shook the entire space. The roar was out of both pain and anger. Anger that he was being humiliated by beings that should have been much weaker than him. Yet, the pain was real. Even with his incredible defense, that last lightning attack took out tons of his HP.

Tiemezzys stared at Jack in fury. The Jack who just attacked him had now returned to human form. This battle was unadvantageous for him. Even when his enemies were all weaker, there were just too many. As embarrassing as it was to admit, he knew the wise option was to flee, but he at least had to take out the Themisphere King first. Killing Jack was his entire purpose of being here!

He charged forward. Now that Jack was back to his human form, he should be vulnerable. A gigantic figure came in his way. It was Ragorth, who had used Gigantify and was now five times his normal size.

"Out of my way!" Tiemezzys yelled.

With both an enlarged body and an enlarged weapon, Ragorth's strength multiplied exponentially. Even so, he was still dwarfed by Tiemezzys. When his greatsword and Tiemezzys' claw collided, he was still the one getting pushed back. However, he was successful in stopping Tiemezzys' charge.

Multiple shadows appeared around him then. It was the assassin, Hashi, and his fellow faction members. They zipped around Tiemezzys with speed almost unseen to the naked eye.

Tiemezzys clamped his jaws, producing a sound that almost shattered the air. This explosive sound hit the assassins who were jumping around him. They fell like flies hitting an electric fence.

After carrying out a sound attack, Tiemezzys was then hit by one. It was as if someone with a megaphone shouted right into his ear with the volume turned to the max. He felt his head spinning.

This sound attack was another of Elayne's new skills, Blaring Noise. It didn't cause much damage but this skill could daze almost any target. If this skill was used while the user was playing music, it became a sustained skill. The skill could be maintained until the user's music was stopped.

Tiemezzys found it hard to think under this mental attack. He gritted his teeth and used mana to erect a barrier around his mind. Elayne's skill could still seep into this mental barrier, but at least he could think properly. He located Elayne and couldn't believe his attacker had such a low level. The humiliation was unbearable.

Elayne was not the only one troubling Tiemezzys. There was also Howard who kited from a safe distance. He was in his Lightning Destroying Arrow mode and was firing without reserve. He probably contributed the most DPS. But the same as Elayne, Tiemezzys couldn't get to him. If Tiemezzys forced his way, he could only choose one direction. He chose the direction toward Jack.

Many hinder his way. Ragorth and Hashi with their surviving faction members, the Young Januses, and Jack's other royal agents.

Jonathan had unluckily been petrified during the earlier earth pillars attack. Jack's royal agents who engaged Tiemezzys in the melee were Eyrene, Lindsey, and Robinson. Robinson was in his eagle form, flying in and out whenever he saw an opportunity. Lindsey used her katana and zipped around the dragon with fast movements. Aside from Eyrene, the two dealt minuscule damage, but they were distracting enough that Tiemezzys had trouble focusing.

Laurent and Amy played support using their healing spells. Duke Alfredo and Nerd joined Howard in applying DPS using their offensive spells.

Tiemezzys fought ferociously. What he thought was an easy battle today had turned into a laboring fight. He cast several spells while his limbs and tails smacked the flies that kept swirling around him. Lindsey had suffered several hits. Her condition was the worst, but she didn't show any fear. If not for Laurent's golden plates protecting her body and Amy's healing, she would have died a while ago.

"Lindsey! Move back!" Jack's voice ordered. Lindsey finally retreated after that direct order.

Tiemezzys turned back. The voice just now came from his back. He recognized Jack's voice. He had been fighting his way to get to one Jack when another one approached him from behind. He knew about Jack's Double Clone. He knew he had to take both Jacks out if he wanted to achieve his objective. The one at his back was closer, so he turned around.

He noticed that the Jack behind him was using Evil Janus' staff. The eye sculpture at its top transformed into a real eye and fired a dark beam. He felt stinging pain when this beam hit him. This was one of the staff's abilities, Illios Stare.

The beam persisted, dealing chaos damage every second. Tiemezzys roared while casting a spell. Hundreds of rock pellets were summoned. They battered everyone nearby, but a large portion was directed at Jack who was firing Illios Stare.

The rock pellets flew past Jack as if he was an illusion.

"What?!" Tiemezzys exclaimed in surprise. He clearly sensed Jack in the position. It shouldn't be an illusion.

Jack was using the staff's other ability, Vision Bending. He had experienced this ability when Evil Janus used it. This ability not only shrouded one with invisibility, it also masked one's mana. It completely displaced the staff user's presence into a different place. When Evil Janus used it, only Spark who had mana perception was able to locate his position. Tiemezzys didn't have that ability, so he was fooled.

After a few more times trying to hit illusion Jack without success, Tiemezzys' mouth opened wide as if he was about to unleash his divine earth breath. But instead of a beam, the yellow foams poured out in a ring shape. The ring fume hit everyone that surrounded him. This, of course, included invisible Jack who used Vision Bending. Illusion Jack vanished and Jack was exposed then.

When Tiemezzys was about to attack, he felt a stinging pain in his back.

'Is it that accursed assassin again?!' Tiemezzys thought in his pain. He couldn't sense this attack coming. He turned around but it was not Hashi. It was another Jack who had used Brave Slash with One-word Slash.

Chapter 1589: Tracking the Hidden Enemy

Hashi was nearby. He was about to land another sneak attack when Tiemezzys was occupied but Jack beat him to it. He was now staring at Jack in disbelief. His mana sense also couldn't detect Jack. This level of mana concealment was what made him believe he was the best assassin in the world. He found it hard to believe there was another person who had the same expertise as him.

Jack's mana concealment had undergone a huge upgrade due to his practice using the Chalice of Blood. By learning how to camouflage his mana to infiltrate the artifact, he also learned how to mask his mana to make it appear as if common mana in the air. This practically made him invisible to mana sense.

Even though Jack managed to land the powerful hit, he had brought himself too close. He was Tiemezzys' primary target. Tiemezzys ignored everything else and lunged at Jack.

Jack was just about to cast Ghost Form but Tiemezzys beat him by casting cancel magic. He was grabbed by Tiemezzys' massive hand. The dragon's jaws soon followed. After three rapid chompings, Jack died.

The last clone turned into the real Jack. This one was still firing Illios Stare at Tiemezzys. It was past twenty seconds now. The Illios Stare was dealing maximum damage each second.

The others also never stopped their offensive while Tiemezzys was preoccupied with Jack. His life was below half already. The dragon was alarmed when he learned about his HP. He never expected this band to pose such a menace. He did think about fleeing, but he thought he still had enough time to finish Jack off before he was forced to take this shameful act.

He stared at the one remaining Jack. He was weighing the option whether or not to take the risk.

Giant Ragorth was in his way. Hashi also never stopped harassing Tiemezzys from the shadows. These two were always the main combatants against the dragon. With the effect of the divine might potions, the two were able to go toe-to-toe with Tiemezzys, allowing the others the leeway to land their attacks.

Tiemezzys also had a problem utilizing his mana manipulation because of Elayne's constant mental attack. He had to use mana manipulation to protect his mind. Hence, he was unable to use it during attacking or defending.

After reviewing the situation, Tiemezzys decided to risk a bit more before splitting. He lowered his body into a crouching position. Almost the entire bottom part of his body was touching the ground. While he was doing that, he was leaving himself open. Almost everyone doubled their offensive effort except those in the front line who had mana sense. They could sense Tiemezzys' aura spiking. Due to that, they moved away instead.

The dark ground below Tiemezzys suddenly alighted with a bright yellow color. This brightness spread abruptly and covered almost the entire ground within this space. Everyone suddenly felt their steps becoming heavy.

"The... The ground turns into sand!" Amy exclaimed.

Everyone understood that what was beneath their feet was no normal sand. This transformed sandy ground seemed to pull at them. The gravity that affected them had doubled or tripled. Everyone had

difficulty moving. Even those who were flying above like Robinson also felt his body getting pulled to the ground.

While everyone was still flabbergasted by this situation, Tiemezzys vanished into the sand.

"Burrowing!" Jack remembered this was the same ability as the Grim Sand Drake from the past.

The Illios Stare was disconnected once Tiemezzys burrowed into the ground. Eternal grade didn't show up in God-eye monocle, so Jack couldn't tell where the dragon was now. Even his enhanced mana sense couldn't pierce too far into the ground to detect Tiemezzys' whereabouts.

Gold dragon wings sprout on his back. He flew up to put some distance from the sandy ground, but his flight speed was slow because of the increased gravity. Before he was even three meters from the ground, he sensed something approaching the ground below him.

The sand below him exploded. The huge jaws of Tiemezzys were about to swallow him whole.

Jack was ready. He had been forming a spell formation while he flew up. He cast Teleportation and appeared way up in the air. Tiemezzys couldn't prevent it since his Cancel Magic was still in cooldown.

"No flying...!!" Tiemezzys roared while casting a spell. It was the no-fly zone. Everyone lost their ability to fly and fell to the ground. In Jack's case, he fell directly toward Tiemezzys' mouth.

When Jack was about to cast Wind Jet, he found himself being hit by a spell. He disappeared and reappeared on the ground away from Tiemezzys. Jack found that it was Good Janus who had teleported him to safety.

The others resumed their attacks when Tiemezzys resurfaced, but he soon vanished into the ground again.

"Damn it! He must be heading toward me again," Jack lamented. Without the ability to fly, he wasn't confident he could dodge the next attack.

"Everyone, follow my sound attacks!" Elayne shouted. She had one hand on the ground. Her other hand was playing her zither's strings. Several sonic darts shot forward and hit a spot on the ground. "He is under there!"

The others didn't question how Elayne knew Tiemezzys' position. They attacked the spot where Elayne had indicated. Jack's royal agents were the first to act, but not all of them had ranged skills that could penetrate the ground.

Howard fired his Soul Penetrating Arrow. Robinson used Ki Blast. Lindsey stabbed into the ground using Drilling Thrust. Alfredo cast Spears of a Hundred Calamity, and Nerd cast Sunlight Spear.

Damage numbers appeared indicating that they hit something down there but those damages were greatly mitigated.

It was Eyrene's spell, Revolving Ice Saw that had a better effect. Her spell conjured a circular saw made of ice that revolved at high speed. It sliced through the sand neatly and dealt continuous damage as the ice saw cut its target repeatedly.

A booming sound was heard as multiple sharp rocks erupted from the ground, hitting those who had attacked the ground. All of Jack's royal agents were blown back from that rock attack, including Eyrene.

Chapter 1590: Resolved to Die

Elayne continued shooting her sound darts to let the others track Tiemezzys' movements. Based on her tracking, Jack retreated to keep a safe distance between him and the dragon.

While others didn't understand how she achieved that feat, Jack had a rough idea. Elayne's mastery over sound granted her a sonar-like ability. By feeling the ground using her hand, she was able to detect the vibration caused by Tiemezzys' movement inside the ground.

Giant Ragorth was the next to come to the spot where Elayne indicated. He pulled his giant greatsword high before stabbing it deep into the ground. As it did, a gigantic rune symbol appeared on the ground. Massive light erupted from the symbol, blowing all the sand upward.

Following the eruption of the sand from the ground, a huge figure followed.

"If you are so eager to die, then let me fulfill your wish!!" Tiemezzys roared as he leaped out since the sand that hid him was gone.

He took Ragorth by surprise and bit into his left arm.

"Arrgghh...!!!" Ragorth screamed in pain from the bite.

Tiemezzys' massive claw then slammed Ragorth into the ground. He then had his heavy body pin the giant draconian warrior while slamming him repeatedly, causing damage with each slam.

He let go of Ragorth's arm which was wounded from the bite. He was about to bite into Ragorth's head when something sharp stung him in the side of his face.

It was Hashi who had again approached undetected. Hashi stepped on Tiemezzys' head and dropped several round things that stuck onto Tiemezzys' head before jumping away. These round things then created a chain explosion.

The repeated explosion on Tiemezzys' head forced him to stop his offensive against Ragorth. Ragorth took this chance to deactivate his Gigantify skill and returned to normal size. He slipped away from Tiemezzys as he shrunk.

Two soothing lights fell on him and he felt the wound on his left arm no longer hurt so much. His HP also went up a considerable chunk. He turned to the two who had healed him, which were Amy and Laurent. He gave them a grateful look.

Now, that Tiemezzys had come out in the open, the others resumed their offense. The League of Champions' warriors and the Assassins Guild's members swarmed the dragon while Young Januses sent their spells.

Tiemezzys spun his body in rage, his massive tail smacked all those around him. He looked at Jack again, who continued to keep a safe distance.

Jack knew that as long as he kept Tiemezzys focusing on him, the dragon wouldn't be able to do much damage to the others. Hence, he kept up this kiting technique. He only sent ranged damage if the dragon came too close.

Tiemezzys realized that the risk had become too great now. He would just have to look for another opportunity to deal with Jack. Now that he knew Goddess Serenity no longer protected Jack, such an opportunity would surely come.

He cast a spell. Six large earth cones appeared around him. This earth cone spun at high speed like giant drills. The others didn't dare to approach because they were weary of how these earth drills would attack them.

These earth drills aimed in Jack's direction and shot forward. At the same time, Tiemezzys fired his divine earth breath. Jack was prepared since he knew he was always Tiemezzys' target. He cast Wind Jet. His body shot out of harm's way as both the earth drills and breath attack shot by.

The breath attack and the drills crashed into the void wall by the edge of this space. Cracks were seen and soon after, the void wall shattered, creating a gap even bigger than when Ragorth and Hashi entered this place.

"I will get you back another time," Tiemezzys growled at Jack. He ran toward this huge gap in the void wall.

"Not so fast!" Jack cast Time Realm.

Tiemezzys found a barrier blocking his way. He also sensed his movement become sluggish. He slammed into this barrier. Before Tiemezzys' claw hit, the barrier at that spot seemed to shine brighter and become denser. When Tiemezzys' claw hit, he found this barrier resisted his strength.

Jack was using mana manipulation on his Time Realm skill. But instead of slowing the time further, he focused his mana manipulation to strengthen the exact spot in the barrier where Tiemezzys was hitting. This act gave the barrier enough strength to withstand Tiemezzys' power which was far stronger than Jack's.

"You wretched thing!" Tiemezzys cursed. He slammed the barrier again, but it remained standing. He was still unable to use mana manipulation because Elayne had again sent him a disrupting mental attack. Otherwise, this barrier would have crumbled.

While he was trapped, the others arrived and resumed their assaults. These assaults caused him to be unable to focus on breaking Jack's Time Realm. Hence, he remained trapped. The gap in the void wall he had created slowly mended.

Before the Time Realm ended, the gap had fully closed. Tiemezzys lost his chance to flee this space.

Furious, he fought recklessly. He no longer just targeted Jack. He wanted to destroy everyone here. This resulted in several more casualties. Among them were several members from the League of Champions and the Assassins Guild. Several young Januses also fell. On the royal agents' side, Robinson and Lindsey lost their lives.

Luckily, both Laurent and Amy had the resurrection spell. Jack and Duke Alfredo cast Telekinesis to pull the two's bodies out. Laurent and Amy then resurrected the two. Jack ordered everyone to fight more reservedly. They couldn't afford for more to die now that Laurent and Amy's resurrection spell was on cooldown.

Ragorth and Hashi looked at Laurent and Amy in envy when they resurrected their comrades. They wished the two resurrect their members as well, but they understood about the spell's cooldown. It was not strange for Laurent and Amy to prioritize their comrades first.

Through an arduous battle, they finally reduced Tiemezzys' HP to almost 5%. The dragon appeared to have resolved to die. He no longer tried to escape, but he was determined to take more victims before he fell.

A loud voice empowered by mana manipulation caused everyone to stop.

"Everyone, please stop!!"

Everybody stopped, even Tiemezzys. They all turned to the voice. It was Jack.