

World 1621

Chapter 1621: Divine Treasures' Ultimate Skills

The notification gave Master enough surprise that he missed an incoming attack. Jack's God Annihilating Sword in its lightning version pierced into Master's thick earth armor. The armor cracked under the pressure.

A giant illusory fist followed next. It slammed into Master from above. It was Heaven's Fist conjured by Arther.

Jack and Arther didn't let up. After Master was disoriented by the two powerful attacks, they came into melee range and continued sending hit after hit. The cracks on the Titan suit spread as it endured the punishments.

Inside the titan suit, Master analyzed the situation quickly. He sent a message to Linda, informing her about this surprising turn of events. Linda was no less shocked by Spring Crown's betrayal.

Linda quickly called for the soldiers who stayed behind to form a perimeter. If Spring Crown truly had betrayed them, he would not stop at only giving them bad intel. He would surely hit them where it hurt the most. On this battlefield, she couldn't think of a better target than her and the war table.

Linda looked at the projection above her war table. She couldn't see any blue dots. Since Spring Crown was no longer part of their force and he had not yet laid an attack on them, he should be considered a neutral player. He should be the only blue dot in the vicinity, but there was none. It could probably be he was not yet seen by any of their force or he was using a disguise or concealment item. For this number one gamer, she didn't find it strange for Spring Crown to possess such an item.

While ordering the sentries around her to be vigilant and not let anyone approach, Linda continued to study the projection. Spring Crown truly had caused them to lose the opportunity for a push. The full force they had been reserving was now halted before they could land any meaningful blow on the enemy's defense.

To make it worse, additional forces appeared near the defenders and helped with the defense. Linda easily guessed that they were the guild armies. On their side, their guilds had just summoned their guild armies a few days ago when clashing with Aldryth's force, so their guild armies were not yet available.

The Hydrurond guilds were the same, but she knew the Themisphere King brought with him the guilds from Palgrost. These should be the forces from those guilds.

Linda continued trying to maneuver her force under the unideal circumstances. Their large zombie army still gave the enemy huge pressure, but the area where their elite force was fighting was facing a force of equal power. With the protection from the wall and its armament, success in breaking through the defense was not that great.

Still, she did her best. All the while, worrying about when Spring Crown might appear.

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Linda had guessed correctly, Jack had indeed asked the guild members in the throne room to call their guild armies, but only three out of the eleven guilds. They had to save some force in case this battle continued for more days.

Master's Earth Titan Suit was finally destroyed under Jack and Arther's combined attacks. When they were about to resume their attacks on the exposed Master, a violent gust of wind blew them away. Even Lightning Jack was unable to resist the pushing force.

From inside the shattered earth titan suit emerged a being that seemed to be made entirely from raging winds. Its main body was a miniature twister. It had two upper limbs and a head that was made out of smoky air.

"Wind God Incarnation!" Peniel exclaimed.

Master had used the ultimate ability of the Wind God Blessing. He swung his smoky arm and a violent gust of wind blew forth. The gust hit Arther and sent him tumbling further while dealing wind damage.

Jack turned into a lightning bolt and slammed into Master, but his forceful advance was stopped by a magic shield which now looked to also be made of swirling wind. Master cast Chasing Arrows. The arrows were made of winds, increasing their speed and sharpness.

Jack used his sword art, creating a dense lightning field around him that destroyed all the wind arrows.

Master continued casting one spell after another while Jack dogged after him with one slash after another. Under divine protection, the damage both of them received from one another was greatly mitigated.

"Your Lightning God Incarnation will end soon. We will see how you fare then!" Master exclaimed.

"Don't count your chickens before they hatch!" Jack fired back. At the same time, a silver beam hit Master from his back.

Master was surprised by the attack. He didn't sense the attack before it was too late. Turned out it was a dragon-form Jack who had sneaked to Master's back using mana concealment. Jack had cast Double Clone earlier but he sent those two clones to support the army below. Dragon Jack secretly returned and fired his soul breath in close range so Master didn't have the chance to escape.

With that opening, Jack's sword art danced, complete with additional swords from Soul Asura, Phantom Blade, and Dances of the Brave. Uncountable lightning blades battered Master's wind body. Jack also added a couple of Nine Yin Phantom Swords in between. Even with the enormous damage reduction, Master's HP fell fast.

Master used one hand to cast Priest's recovery spells on himself to keep him alive. His other hand cast Chaos Black Hole.

The Chaos black hole appeared right behind Jack, but Jack dodged it before it exerted its pulling force by using Teleport Slash. He appeared before Master and combined the slash with Brave Slash.

"Rargh! You've truly made me angry, you insignificant worm!" Master cried after receiving the slash.

Jack sensed powerful mana converging. "Back!!" He shouted.

He and Dragon Jack flew back in a hurry. Arther, who was about to come back to engage Master, listened to Jack's command and stopped advancing.

A huge sphere made of raging winds appeared with Master at its center. The winds within this sphere cut everything.

While everyone was forced back by the Wind God Rage, thundering roars were heard from high above. Following the roars, two thick beams of fire and wind hit the defending army below. The two beams were breath attacks from Uddroth and Eurdrasill who had just descended from the sky,

While the defenders were still in turmoil from the breath, a colossal earth titan suddenly appeared. This titan was approximately one hundred meters tall. They were even larger than the two zombie dragons flying down from the sky. Master was hovering on this titan's shoulder.

"Oh, no... He has also fully upgraded his Earth God Blessing," Peniel said. "That is the divine treasure's final ability, Divine Earth Titan."

Chapter 1622: All the Eternal Summons

"Damn it!" Jack cursed.

The Divine Earth Titan was classified as a level 80 Eternal grade. It followed Master's level. This meant that Master already had three high-level eternal-grade creatures at play on the battlefield. This earth titan also looked very imposing due to its extreme size.

The earth titan lifted its feet and stomped on one of the iron mammoths summoned by Jack's second clone who was helping the troops down there. At the same time, it walked toward the wall and lifted its arm, readied to smash that gigantic arm into the wall.

"Don't let it hit the wall! It had an ultimate attack that caused massive damage to structures," Peniel informed.

"How long does this Divine Earth Titan last?" Jack asked.

"One hour," Peniel answered.

"Crap! So unfair. How come its duration is so much longer than my Lightning God Incarnation?" Jack complained. He zoomed into the titan's swinging arm and used Flame Strike.

The flame from his slash was mixed with lightning elements. A loud impact sound was heard when his Flame Strike collided with the swinging arm. The knockback effect successfully stopped the arm's swing but Jack was sent smashing into the ground.

"His size isn't just for show...," Jack uttered as he got up. "Oh, shit... My divine skill is coming to an end."

He sensed the mana started accumulating to begin his Lightning God Incarnation's finishing attack. He flew up and fed 50,000 mana cores into his pendant. At the same time, he used Elevate Beast.

The Archdemon Lord appeared. Under there, Therras transformed into its bi-pedal sovereign mode. Aside from it becoming an eternal grade, its size also became larger. Under Elevate Beast's effect, Therras was now the size of a large monster.

Aside from Therras, Jack had also summoned the Mirage Beast and Spark earlier. He now instructed the power-up Therras to deal with Uddroth, while the Archdemon Lord went to face Eurdrasill. While the Mirage Beast and Spark stayed and helped the defenders.

With Therras' armor's supersonic mode on, it slammed into Uddroth using the Tyrannical Charge. Jack then used Gigantify Pet and Beast Tantrum. Therras' size grew even bigger. Its size almost rivaled the fire dragon it was fighting.

"Arther, go fight that wooden dragon!" Jack ordered.

Arther and Dragon Jack had been battling wind-form Master atop the earth titan. Arther was encased in his Sphere of Aegis. Arther wasn't willing to disengage from his fight with Master but he obeyed the order. He zoomed away.

Eurdrasill was tanking the fire spells from the Archdemon Lord while advancing. Eurdrasill had high resistance against all elements, but its fire resistance was the lowest. Jack picked Eurdrasill as the Archdemon Lord's opponent precisely for that reason.

However, the Archdemon Lord was a spell caster. It would be in trouble if Eurdrasill forced it into the melee range. Arther arrived then. His Sphere of Aegis gave him a boost of speed. He also used the Holy Incarnation which enlarged his body and covered him with white flames. He slammed into Eurdrasill and forced its advance to stop.

Eurdrasill retaliated by slapping Arther with his foreleg. Arther was sent crashing into the ground below. Considering he was just a mythical grade, he was not Eurdrasill's opponent. But the Sphere of Aegis gave him extreme resilience. He quickly shot back up and drew Eurdrasill's attention again. All the while, the Archdemon Lord maintained its distance and continued casting its spells. Against another eternal-grade opponent, it didn't dare to be as haughty as the previous times Jack summoned it.

Lightning Jack, who had finished accumulating his energy, turned into a huge lightning bolt. Just as Dragon Jack was caught by Master's Twister spell. The twister was empowered by the divine power and Dragon Jack couldn't fight the force. He was thrown around in the air while suffering wind damage.

Master cast Ice Wall to defend against Jack's divine finishing attack. However, the giant lightning bolt Jack had turned into didn't go to him. It instead slammed into the chest of the Earth Titan. A huge lightning explosion resulted from the impact. The Earth Titan was forced back a couple of steps. Cracks could be seen on the chest where the impact had occurred.

When the lightning cloud subsided, Jack was seen. He was back to human form and was floating in the air using the gold dragon wings.

"Haha. Your divine skill has run out. You still think you can win?" Master laughed. He pointed his hand at Jack and several wind blades shot out.

Jack dodged those wind blades with his speed. An earth hand wrapped with swirling winds suddenly appeared where he was flying to. A soft light covered Jack's body and he used Flame Strike again. Master's earth hand spell was shattered by the brute force empowered by the Strength of Hope.

"Hmph, I don't know what kind of divine power that is, but it won't save you," Master uttered as he continued to fire wind blades.

"Hah! For someone who called himself the creator of the world, you surely have much that you don't know!" Jack mocked.

Dragon Jack who had been trapped by the twister had freed himself using Lightning God Suit, but Jack sent him to go help Therras. Therras had been fighting Uddroth to a stalemate. But when Uddroth used demonization, Therras couldn't compete. Dragon Jack went over to help disrupt Uddroth's attention. At the same time, Jack also used Demonize Pet on Therras.

The Divine Earth Titan started walking forward again.

"You won't be able to stop us again!" Master exclaimed.

The earth titan made a heavy stomp. The earth around it shattered. It even hit the zombie army that was nearby. Master never truly cared about his allies, so this didn't surprise Jack. The stomp caused a focused earthquake that traveled forward. Where the earthquake passed, the ground became turbulent. The earth rose and swallowed everything in its way, most of which were the summons Theridan had stolen and the players who had bravely come down from the wall to fight the enemies.

The earthquake hit the wall and caused it to tremble. The shivering was even felt by those at the top of the wall. Damage numbers appeared rapidly.

Jack was dismayed. If it could cause that much damage from range, could the wall stand when the Earth Titan hit it close range?

Jack took out his King Badge. "Sorry, old fellow. I hope you can fight against two opponents," Jack said.

"Hehe," Master also used his Ruler Badge.

The sky rumbled. On one side, the clouds became dark and thunder was heard. Rain soon fell from those clouds as a huge shadow was seen swimming inside them. On the other side, the clouds became reddish. Those clouds soon evaporated as a huge fireball descended.

The fireball spread its wings and revealed itself to be the elemental firebird, Suzaki.

"Old bird... It's time for you to rest," A deep voice reverberated among the clouds. Broidrireg's blue and lengthy body came out of the dark clouds.

Chapter 1623: The Return of the Gap in the Wall

"You sound angry, old one," Suzaki greeted back. "You have always called me lady. It's very unlike you."

"You no longer deserve to be called that," Broidrireg returned. He was ready to fight Suzaki, but he was experienced enough to pay attention to the surroundings. What he saw down there caused his eyes to

narrow and his heart to sink. He saw Uddroth and Eurdrasill down there. Both were undead. He had known about Uddroth's demise, but this was the first time he learned about Eurdrasill's.

A deep growl was heard from Broidrireg's throat. "Who killed Eurdrasill...?" He asked.

Suzaki answered calmly, "... He was turned into an undead by the Necronomicon. The Necronomicon can only resurrect natives who are killed by the wielder or the force commanded by the wielder. Does that answer your question?"

"... Why do you help such a person?" Broidrireg asked. "You should have seen what he has done. Evil being like him will only bring pain and suffering to the world if he is given power."

"You have lived a long life, old one," Suzaki said. "Are you still so naïve to believe in the concept of good and evil? The world revolves around its inhabitants' wishes. I want something. You also want something. What if what I want causes you to lose what you want? Then conflicts arise. How to solve it? Power! That's as simple as it goes. Everything else is just a pretense."

"Hmph!" Broidrireg sneered. "What you call is lawlessness. The whole point of civilization is to combat this anarchy."

"Civilization is for weaker beings, old one. We don't need to be civilized. We are among the pinnacle beings of this world. We take what we want. We make our own rules!"

"Despite knowing you for ages, I realize now that I don't truly know you enough," Broidrireg said. "So, what do you want so badly that you do all this?"

"... Something I have longed for... Something that he said he could give me..."

"He...?" Broidrireg glanced at Master down there. "Is that why you help him? What is this thing he promised you?"

Suzaki was silent.

"Mighty one! A hand, please? I didn't call you here so you can chat...!" Jack called. He had been doing his best to halt the earth titan's advance but with Master's interference, his effort only slowed the titan by a little.

"I will deal with you later...," Broidrireg said to Suzaki.

"Unfortunately, I can't allow that," Suzaki was about to lunge, but he noticed Brodrireg was casting two spells while moving away. Those spell formations were completed at almost the same time when Suzaki noticed the casting.

The air around Suzaki turned dense. She had been hit by the same spell before. Being locked by the dense air, she had difficulty moving. The second spell hit then. A giant bubble of water encased Suzaki. As a being of fire, she felt extremely uncomfortable inside water. Flames burst from her body, trying to evaporate the water around her, but the water persisted.

The second spell was similar to John's Living Water Prison, only much more powerful. It was called Oppressive Water Prison.

Suzaki was again impressed by Broidrireg's spell-casting ability. The speed and precision of his spell-casting were out of the world. While Suzaki was incapacitated by the two spells, Broidrireg flew down. He was already in the process of casting more spells.

The next spell was Air Lock. A ring of twisting wind appeared on the earth titan's legs which were in the process of stepping forward. This ring caused its movement to halt. It lost its balance and almost toppled over. With its sheer strength, it stomped downward. The Air Lock was forcefully broken by the stomp.

Broidrireg's next spell hit. The ground under the earth titan's feet became watery. The earth titan sunk until the ground was almost to its knees. Several tentacles made of water lashed out and coiled around the titan, pulling it further down. This spell was called Watery Grave.

Master looked at the approaching Broidrireg. The old dragon was already preparing another spell. Master's Wind God Incarnation was also almost over. Mana was gathering within him as his body was prepared to unleash the divine skill's finishing attack.

Like Jack, Master's mana manipulation was advanced enough for him to focus the divine energy into a singular attack rather than letting it do an AOE burst. He originally planned to aim this finishing attack at Jack, but he now changed his target after seeing the earth titan getting hindered by Broidrireg's spell.

Master channeled the accumulated mana into his hand and pointed at the incoming Broidrireg. A massive torrent of twisting wind burst from his hand. This wind formed a large column that shot at the blue dragon. The column was very fast. Broidrireg didn't have time to cast any high-level defensive spells, so he erected a magic shield.

"Crap, he can shape his finishing attack into a ranged version," Jack uttered. He fired Mana Beam at Master, but Master just ignored it. Before the finishing attack ended, Master still had the damage reduction effect from the divine skill.

Broidrireg's magic shield lasted one second but it shattered afterward. The raging wind column slammed into him. He cried in pain as his elongated body tumbled backward. He didn't lose much damage from the hit, but that divine strike still caused him enough pain.

The pain made him lose hold of the Watery Grave, which was a sustained spell. The water that was trapping the earth titan's legs turned back into solid ground. The water tentacles broke into water droplets.

The earth titan heaved its legs and broke the ground that was trapping its legs, creating a huge hole. It climbed out from that hole.

Jack dashed toward Master. He still had the Strength of Hope. He should be much stronger than Master who had turned back to normal form, but Master didn't stay normal for long. His body enlarged and his head grew horns. Master used Demonization.

Jack's swords were stopped by Master's magic shield. Master then cast Telekinesis and threw Jack far away.

The earth golem again lifted its arm. This time, no one managed to stop it. It ignored all the ranged attacks from the defender on the wall. Its hand turned into a giant wrecking ball that gleaned a bright yellow light. Like a falling meteor, it smashed into the wall.

The wall caved in from the strike. Cracks started to spread. These cracks also shone a bright yellow. With a loud thump, the wall broke. There was again a huge gap in Messephyria's defensive wall.

Chapter 1624: Moving the Prisoners

In the basement inside World Maker's headquarters, World Throne, Leavemealone, Jeanny, and Red Death were still inside their jails. Leavemealone and Jeanny were training their mana manipulation. Red Death just sat with an annoyed expression. She didn't understand why the two still had the mood to train under their current situation.

It was Leavemealone who started doing it. After a while, Jeanny decided to practice too since there was nothing else they could do. The runic ropes still bound them. They couldn't practice either their martial arts or perform game skills.

"Do you two know how many days it has been?" Jeanny asked. She had just finished her training session. She needed rest.

Red Death ignored the question. She was still irritated by the whole situation.

"Twenty days," Leavemealone answered without stopping his training. His eyes remained closed.

"So long already... I wonder what happens outside," Jeanny muttered. "I'm sure help will arrive. Our friends will come to free us. We just have to prepare for it."

"Save your optimism to yourself," Red Death said. "We are deep inside enemy territory. They will have to beat Hydrurond or Aurebor first before they can come here. Sending a small infiltrative force is just suicide."

"I never said help would be soon, but it will come! I'm sure of it," Jeanny said. Her tone expressed her confidence.

"Hmph," Red Death decided to stop conversing. She hated this kind of delusional people the most.

"Quit your yapping! You are disturbing my nap," the rare elite ethereal guard shouted. The two guards that Master appointed took turns in watching these prisoners. One was here from noon until midnight. The other one stayed from midnight until noon. So, there was always someone watching the prisoners.

"Nap...? You are guarding them while napping?" A voice was heard. The guard immediately stood up anxiously after hearing the voice.

Master was seen walking down the stairs to the basement. Jeanny and the others turned to him with hostile expressions. Even Leavemealone stopped his training.

"My—My Lord...! Forgive me! I was joking. Of course, I am wide awake. I'm just saying it to make them stop making noises!" The guard hastily gave an excuse.

"We will talk about this later," Master waved at him. He walked to the front of Jeanny's cell. He watched the three with a slight smile.

"How is your stay?" He asked.

"Stop your patronizing. What do you want?" Jeanny asked.

Master didn't answer her. He instead turned to the guard. "I'll be taking them. I'm moving them somewhere else. Open their cells."

"Right away, my lord," The guard uttered. He hurriedly came to the cell. He was just about to insert the key into the cell's keyhole before he stopped. "Oh... right. I almost forgot. My Lord, what is the password?"

Master gave the guard a hard stare. That made the guard uncomfortable. "My... My Lord, didn't you tell us that even if it's you who came, you still have to give us the password before we hand these prisoners to you?"

Master didn't respond. He continued to stare for some while before making a long sigh. "That guy is truly vigilant. I'm sorry about this."

While the guard was still trying to make sense of Master's words, a spear suddenly appeared in Master's hand. Before the guard could react, this spear accurately hit the guard's wrist that was holding the key. The guard yelped in pain and lost grip on the key. The spear had targeted the acupuncture point in the wrist.

The spear didn't stop. It rapidly stabbed three more times. These stabs forced the guard back.

"Seven Spears Assaulting Heaven...?!" Jeanny exclaimed in bewilderment. Since when did Master use a spear? Not to mention execute a martial art.

Master deftly picked the key up and used it to unlock the cell's door. Once it was opened, he rushed in. Jeanny stepped back upon his approach.

"Don't move!" Master shouted.

The spear in his hand was replaced by a dagger. He made a quick slash. Jeanny found the rope that was binding her had been sliced. Master shoved the cell key to her while she was still uncertain of what was happening.

"Free the others!" Master exclaimed. He then ran back out.

The guard outside had recovered from his surprise. He was still puzzled by the entire ordeal, but he knew he couldn't stay still. He ran to the side wall and pressed a spot in the wall.

"There is no use, I've deactivated the alarm!" Master exclaimed. The dagger was again replaced. His hands now held two longswords. The two swords danced around with flowing grace, causing the still-confused guard to be unable to fight back.

"Fo... Formless Flowing Sword Style...?" Jeanny was again hit by surprise after seeing the sword art Master used.

She didn't stay still, though. Whatever was happening, this was the perfect opportunity for them to escape. She wasn't going to waste it. She was already working the key on Leavemealone's cell door. When it was opened, her spear appeared in her hand. A quick thrust and Leavemealone's binding was unraveled. She went to Red Death's cell next.

Leavemealone came out and joined Master in pounding the guard.

"You are not Master...," Leavemealone said.

"Great deduction, genius," Master replied. "I need to keep this face on to give us a smooth pass out of here, but we need to take this guard out first. Can't let him warn the others."

Jeanny came out from the cell with Red Death. The two joined Master and Leavemealone. The guard already had difficulty facing two opponents. With the addition of Jeanny and Red Death, the guard had even more trouble in retaliating.

"Who are you?" Jeanny asked.

"We can talk once we are out of here," Master returned.

Despite being a Level 80 rare elite with high HP, the guard couldn't last long against four experts. He fell in no time.

"Now, everyone should listen to me. These are four ropes. They are just normal ropes. You have to pretend you are still bound and follow me out. We are already in combat mode. We need to flee this place before we can use guild or town return scrolls."

"Tell us who you are! I'm not going to blindly follow a stranger," Red Death demanded.

"Sister, I just break your ass out of jail. Can't you... Oh, crap!"

Master stopped speaking when he saw a rectangular plate float out of the guard's dead body. It was shining a bright glow.

"We have to get out of here. NOW...!!!" Master exclaimed.

Chapter 1625: Forced to Leave the Battlefield

At Messephyria, everyone gazed at the massive hole in the wall. Their trance was broken when the Divine Earth Titan took another step.

A giant water whip suddenly shot from the earth titan's back and coiled around its body. The earth titan was unable to advance. The water whip came from Broidrireg's spell. The blue dragon was casting a second spell. The second spell was Telekinesis.

The earth titan's physical strength might be strong enough to compete with Broidrireg who was fifteen levels higher, but the Telekinesis was affected by the Intelligence stat. The Telekinesis took hold of the earth titan and its heavy body was dragged backward toward Broidrireg.

A high-pitch screeching was heard from above.

"Old one, your opponent is me...!" Suzaki had freed herself from the oppressive water prison. She was diving while shooting feather flame darts.

Broidrireg cast the defensive spell, water curtain, to block the attack.

The earth titan which was dragged toward Broidrireg turned back and punched toward the dragon. Broidrireg deftly dodged the punch and coiled his long body around the giant titan. His lengthy body locked all the titan's limbs and prevented it from moving. He then fired his Water Wind Jet Breath right into the titan's face.

While doing that, spell formation after spell formation formed around him. These spells were aimed at Suzaki who was attacking him while he was impeding the earth titan.

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Linda didn't just stay idle after the gap in the defense wall was created, she input the command via the war table and sent a majority of their elite troops into the gap. The massive zombie army continued to swarm the wall from all sides to keep the defenders at bay.

Many defenders died when a part of the wall was destroyed. Those who still survived hurriedly gathered at the gap to stop the enemy tide from rushing in. However, there were just too many enemies and the force that stormed the wall was not low-level zombie troops.

Jack's second clone was among the ones who tried to stop the tide, but even he perished from the sheer number of enemies.

"Genesis, have everyone summoned their guild armies! Have them defend the gap. We can't let the enemies into the capital!" Jack sent the message. "Also, wake up the resting army. It's all out now!"

Sending everyone to defend might give them the boost to hold the enemies for now, but they wouldn't be able to do this for long. Without dividing the army into fighting and resting, everyone would get tired after a period. With the enemy's massive number, it was more likely they would get tired before they could defeat enough enemies. However, they had no choice. With that gap in the wall, they would be overrun if they didn't give it their all.

As the battle became fiercer, True Jack continued fighting Master. He had thrown everything at Master, but he was nowhere near to defeating Master. Master not only had an insane number of spells, but he also used his Necronomicon to reduce his spells' cooldown time. There were more than enough zombies for him to sacrifice for that ability. His spells seemed unending.

Jack used his staff's abilities, the Vision Bending and Illios Stare. Master's mana manipulation was advanced enough to form a defensive mental block against Illios stare's mind attack. Master was still able to cast spells even when he was affected by Illios Stare.

He couldn't find Jack while he was in Vision Bending, though. Jack also cast Hundred Mirages to further fool Master. Even so, Jack couldn't land enough damage to endanger Master. Master's demon form gave him strong defense and he also had plenty of recovery spells from his High Priest class.

Master managed to dispel Jack's invisibility by casting Tri-elemental Storm and Enhanced Fire Storm. Both spells covered an extremely large area. Jack's invisible body was hit and his vision bending ended.

Jack's Strength of Hope was nearing the end of its duration. Without the Strength of Hope, he knew he wouldn't be able to compete with Master. Even now, he had already gone all out. Master's Demonization lasted one hour, and who knew what other ability Master was still hiding.

His Strength of Hope ended, just after he was hit by Master's Chaos Beam. He was sent crashing into the ground. He got up and was about to use Reset, but he noticed Master had stopped moving. The expression on Master's face showed that he was having a struggle.

Jack wasn't wrong, Master was indeed in turmoil. This was because he had just received a system notification and a holographic screen was in front of him. It was the screen from a recall plate he had given earlier.

'Damn it! Why is it at this time...?' He cursed in his mind. He then thought of something. He had an idea of who to blame for this. That person had indeed hit them where it hurt the most, except it was not on this battlefield.

"Grrh...," He growled. If he accepted the recall. He won't be able to return to this battlefield anytime soon. He didn't have any more recall plates. Even if he did, the recall plate had a hidden cooldown. The same individuals couldn't be called by recall plate more than once a day. Without one, he would have to manually cross through the border region to get back into Hydrurond. Even with his Qilin, that would take several days.

He didn't take long to decide. This battle might be important, but those three at headquarters were much more important. He might not get another chance to get them in one place. He clicked the accept button on the holographic screen.

Jack didn't stay still for long. He used Reset and used Lightning God Incarnation again. He was flying at Master when Master suddenly vanished.

"Huh?!" Jack was startled by the turn of events.

"What the...," Jack swiveled around, several times. His first thought was Master had also mastered mana concealment. Master probably tried to backstab him. His second thought was Master had teleported away, but then he remembered there was no spell formation when Master vanished.

"Huh? Where does he go...?" Jack asked. He couldn't believe Master left the fight just like that.

He looked around. "Master's summons are still here," Jack said.

Not just Suzaki and the divine earth titan, but his other summons like the High Demon and High Angel which evaded Theridan's Beast Dominance, were still battling the defenders. High Angel was High Priest's level 70 skill.

"As long as he doesn't die, even if he teleported far away, his summons will still fight in their summoned location," Peniel explained.

"Are you telling me he truly left?" Jack asked.

"I don't know, but I can tell you if you just stay up here doing nothing. Your Lightning God Incarnation will be wasted," Peniel said.

"Oh, you are right!" Jack exclaimed. He turned into a lightning bolt and headed to aid the others.

Chapter 1626: Stopped before the Exit

Jeanny and the others ran up the stairs from the basement. Master was leading the way.

"Hey! Do we still have to put these ropes on?" Red Death asked.

"F*ck that. There is no time for that anymore. We just have to sneak our way out," Master answered. He took out a magic scroll and used it. It contained the Group Invisibility spell. They turned invisible.

"Then you don't need that disguise anymore... You are Spring Crown, aren't you?" Jeanny said to Master.

"Oh? I'm touched that a beauty such as you recognize me even when I look completely different. You might have a feeling for me, but sorry, lady, I'm taken," Master said, he ended his disguise and became Spring Crown.

"She is also taken, you narcissistic freak," Leavemealone said.

Red Death didn't say anything. Did they forget that Spring Crown was also an enemy? She continued to pay attention to the man closely.

"I recognize you from the stolen martial arts you displayed," Jeanny said.

"Stolen?! I'm hurt! Is that how you speak to your savior? Those martial arts weren't stolen. They were learned... without permission."

They came out to a large hall. Spring Crown led them to one of the many hallways.

"Are we really sure we want to follow him? He could be leading us to a trap," Red Death said.

"Lady, come on!! You were trapped before I broke you out. Why would I bother to lead you to a trap when you are already captured in the first place...?!" Spring Crown yelled. "We don't have the time to second-guess each other. Almost all the members are out in the war in Hydrurond. I've also sent the native guards out of this headquarters before I save you, people. So, our path should be clear, but we still need to get out of here before he catches us."

"He? Who do you mean?" Jeanny asked. They had come out of the hallways into another large hall. It seemed to be the headquarters' lobby. The main entrance was just ahead.

"Who do you think?" Spring Crown returned.

As they were running, they heard flapping sounds from the hallway they had just come out from.

"Oh, shit!" Spring Crown cursed.

A shadow shot past them. At the same time, several energy balls spread around the lobby. They detonated and hit almost every space. Jeanny and the others defended themselves but were unable to dodge the blast. Their invisibility ended. Spring Crown recognized the spell as Magic Bombs.

Their attacker landed in between them and the main exit. It was a humanoid figure in demon form. The face resembled an ethereal face more than a human's.

"It is truly you...," The demonic ethereal said. The demon's voice was slightly heavier but everyone recognized the voice. The demon was Master.

"Ugh, boss. Don't you have somewhere to be? Like winning the war in Hydrurond?" Spring Crown asked with a forced chuckle.

"Why? Is it because of the native massacres in Hydrurond?" Master asked.

"Massacre...?" Jeanny and the others didn't know about what happened.

"I might be a man of my word, but I still have my limits. You've just gone way too far, boss."

"You, fool! Those natives are not real people. They were generated by computer codes!"

"They look real enough to me," Spring Crown shrugged.

"Hmph, you have truly cost me big this time... I will make you regret ever turning back on me," Master threatened. The situation of Messephyria's siege might have been in his favor before he left. Even if he was not there, the probability of his force winning was still big. But like in any other war, anything can happen. If something that turned the tide happened when he was not there, then it would be a disaster.

"How do you find us? The invisibility spell should also erase us from your monocle's radar," Spring Crown asked.

"... If you wish to escape this place, the fastest exit is this main entrance," Master answered.

"Aw... Shoot! Should have climbed to the balcony upstairs and fled from there," Spring Crown regretted his haste.

"You will regret more than..."

One of them wasn't interested in this conversation. Leavemealone sent his Fire God Barrage before Master finished speaking.

Master acted fast. He cast Ice Wall before the twenty fireballs were even halfway. Ice Walls wouldn't normally be able to defend against the divine skill, even if Master's intelligence stat was abnormal, but it was also powered by strong mana manipulation. Despite Leavemealone having a good degree of control over mana manipulation, he was more accustomed to using it in martial arts. He didn't spend much time training mana manipulation on game skills, while Master wholly focused on training mana manipulation on game skills.

The ice wall broke but it still managed to stop the twenty fireballs. Thick vapor resulted from the collision of the two opposing elements. Something fast dashed out of the vapor.

It was Leavemealone. He was in his White Tiger Emperor form. He arrived before demon-form Master in a beat and sent a kick right to the side of Master's head.

Master lightly lifted one hand with a magic shield to stop that kick. The collision caused a loud impact, but the powerful kick was unable to make Master budge.

Despite the kick failing to land a hit, Leavemealone didn't stop. His body spun at high speed and his other leg delivered a spin kick. This time, it hit Master's face. Yet, all it did was cause Master to turn his head by a little. The resulting damage was also very little.

Leavemealone couldn't believe he was fighting a spellcaster. The pressure he felt was as if he was fighting against a strong melee opponent. This was even after his power was multiplied by his beast form. It was still not enough to compare against Master in his demon form.

Leavemealone didn't stop moving despite his surprise. His two fingers stabbed out as he landed. Violent cold energy swirled following his fingers. But before he carried out the attack using Nine Yin Abyssal Finger. Master had cast a spell. He turned into several images. It was the Mirror Image spell. Each image had the same mana signature. Even with his mana sense, Leavemealone couldn't tell which one was the real one.

In his confusion, he was hit by Force Impact. He was sent flying across the hall. Master cast Repeating Magic Bind. Several energy rings accurately locked Leavemealone's body parts while he was still in the air. He hit the far wall and fell to the ground. He didn't get up. He was unable to move due to the magic bind.

In a short instant after Leavemealone carried out his sudden attack, he had been incapacitated.

Chapter 1627: Foiled Escape

Even though the others were late in responding, they didn't stay still for long.

"Keep him busy!" Jeanny exclaimed. She used Beacon of Hope, buffing everyone. Afterward, small runic symbols started appearing around her.

"Nice!" Spring Crown said as he dashed forward. He used Propelling Dash while Red Death used Rogue's Light Foot.

With the increased movement speed from Light Foot, Red Death's movement was very fast, but Spring Crown's Propelling Dash covered the distance faster. He was the first to arrive before Master after Leavemealone was sent flying.

"Your mirror image won't trick me," Spring Crown thrust his spear. An energy blast followed his thrust.

Master used his magic shield to block that Ki Blast. Spring Crown's inhuman perception let him pinpoint the real Master even when those with mana sense were fooled by the confusing images.

Following Spring Crown's targeting, Red Death used Phase Strike and teleported behind the one Spring Crown attacked. She was just about to deliver her backstab when Master disappeared using Teleportation.

While Spring Crown and Red Death fought Master, Jeanny who was preparing her rune technique sensed something coming behind her. She had no choice but to stop her rune technique and jumped away just as an axe cleaved the ground she was standing on before.

She was surprised to find her attacker to be the prison guard they had killed earlier. Master had used Control the Dead to reanimate the guard's corpse after he was summoned by the Recall Plate.

Master didn't call any other summons because most of his summons were still fighting at Messephyria. The ones that were controlled by either Theridan or Jack's Beast Dominance couldn't be unsummoned.

Those that were not controlled by the enemies, he could summon them again after replenishing the cooldown using Necronomicon. But doing that would cause the earlier summons to vanish.

He didn't want to decrease the manpower at Messephyria to make the battle here easier. He also thought that he and the reanimate guard were enough to prevent these four from escaping.

Red Death's mana sense traced Master's Teleportation spell. She then used the more potent Phase Kill to again appear behind Master, but her backstab failed again. Instead of hitting Master's back, it clanged with the hard surface of a floating shield.

This floating shield was a level 70 skill from Master's Valiant Paladin class, Celestial Shield. It conjured a living shield that automatically blocked attacks.

When Red Death was about to follow up with another attack, she sensed an attack coming from below. She quickly jumped as multiple spears thrust out of the ground. This was Master's spell, Lurking Spear.

The jump got her out of the spears' reach, but a hell whip snatched her in the air. With his incredible strength, Master pulled the whip, and Red Death was slammed back into the ground. At the same time, Master was casting another spell.

His Telekinesis spell was completed before Spring Crown arrived. His Telekinesis was max-leveled. It could affect five targets. These five targets were Spring Crown, Red Death, Jeanny, Leavemealone, and a runic rope which he threw in Leavemealone's direction.

Magic Bind didn't last long. Just as it ended, Leavemealone was again restrained by Master's telekinesis. At the same time, the runic rope controlled by Master's Telekinesis came and coiled itself around Leavemealone, binding him.

Jeanny, who was fighting against the dead prison guard, suddenly found herself unable to move due to the telekinesis. The guard's axe came then, smashing her into the ground.

Red Death was held by Master's telekinesis, but she could still use a skill. She vanished from her place using Back Shift, appearing again behind Master and freeing herself from the telekinesis' hold at the same time.

The celestial shield came in between her and Master. She used Diabolic Stab and her weapon's skill, Demon Tooth, back-to-back. The two skills managed to shatter the celestial shield and even caused Master to stumble, but the damage was greatly mitigated.

Spring Crown vanished from his spot. He appeared behind Master and stabbed. He was using a dagger now. He had used Copy Weapon Skill on Red Death's Phase Kill earlier. He used it now that he saw the chance. Master couldn't avoid the attack since he was still unbalanced from Red Death's assault. The dagger pierced into Master's side.

Master was still in demon form and was protected by ice armor, so the stab failed to endanger his life.

"Very good, worms!" Master exclaimed. A dark aura exploded from his body. His demon body was enshrouded by ominous light. He had used the Superior Demonic Possession.

At the same time, he cast Flame Wrath. Multiple fireballs empowered by the Superior Demonic Possession shot forth.

Spring Crown changed his weapon to dual swords and used Formless Flowing Sword Style to cut these fireballs. Red Death jumped back to dodge the fireballs while stabbing those she couldn't avoid.

After Master was stabbed by Spring Crown, his telekinesis ended, so Jeanny was freed. She had beaten the dead guard back but was now busy repelling Master's fireballs.

"We can't win. You two hurry and escape. I will hold him down!" Spring Crown exclaimed. Even if one of these three escaped, it would be worth it. It would be difficult for Master to get all the divine treasures together if there were two free ones outside.

Jeanny wasn't willing to leave Spring Crown and Leavemealone. Red Death didn't have that moral baggage. She turned and dashed toward the exit.

"None of you leave...!!!" Master exclaimed. His Hell Prison came forth. A dome of black fire encapsulated them all within it.

Red Death tried using Mad Kill. Her flurry of stabs battered the wall of the dome, but it was as if she was stabbing a solid steel wall. If even Eurdrasill had trouble breaking through this Hell Prison, what more of her?

With Master's demon form and superior demonic possession, he swiftly took down all the three trapped inside this hell prison and bound them using runic ropes.

He gave a sharp stare at Spring Crown who was bound on the floor.

"Too bad I failed to free these three, but at least I got you out of the battlefield," Spring Crown said with his typical smile. "You don't need me, do you? Why don't you just kill me?"

"With a higher HP, you will suffer longer tortures," Master answered with a savage tone. "You will regret ever double-crossing me."

Chapter 1628: Fighting the Demonized Zombie Dragon

At Messephyria, the battle was still ongoing. It didn't appear to end any time soon.

After Master vanished, Jack zoomed toward Broidrireg. But he saw the ancient dragon was still able to compete despite going against two high-level eternal-grade opponents. Broidrireg just needed to keep the stalemate until the divine earth titan ran out of duration, which was less than half an hour by now. Once that happened, Broidrireg could focus on Suzaki.

So, Jack changed direction and headed to the gap in the wall. The defenders fiercely defended the gap to prevent the enemies from entering, but there were a lot of enemies. They wouldn't last forever.

On his way, something crashed into the ground not far away. It was Therras. The Elevate Beast and Demonize Pet had ended. Therras had turned back to its normal form. In that condition, it was not Uddroth's opponent. To make it worse, Uddroth was still in its demon form.

Jack turned into a lightning bolt and headed to Therras.

"Be a man and make up your mind, will you?!" Peniel scolded. All these zappings around were making her dizzy.

Jack cast Double Clone again on his way. His previous clones had ended their duration. Dragon Jack had even died fighting Uddroth before it finished its duration. He now had his two clones follow behind while he continued toward Uddroth.

He unleashed Lightning God Barrage and Swords of the Brave as Uddroth dove toward Therras.

Uddroth saw the incoming attacks. His gigantic wing covered the side where Jack was coming from and shielded him from the lightning balls and lightning swords.

While Uddroth was busy defending the lightning attacks, Jack came to Therras' side. Therras' HP had fallen below half. There were also many cracks along its armor.

Jack used Beast Howl to recover Therras' HP. He then reapplied all the previous buffs that were now available again after Reset. Elevate Beast, Demonize Pet, Gigantify Pet, and Beast Tantrum. Therras again turned into a giant demonic beast with eternal-grade power.

Jack then used Combination Assault. The two turned into a giant meteor, which was covered by lightning since Jack was still in lightning form. This lightning meteor flew at a faster speed than normal. Uddroth failed to react when the lightning meteor smashed into his body. He lost a large chunk of HP and was thrown back spinning.

Uddroth spread his giant wings to stop his tumbling. At the same time, he fired his Divine Fire Breath. Jack easily moved out of the way, but Therras who had a larger frame was hit by the breath. Therras' defense which had soared from all the buffs reduced much of the damage but it still got pushed back into the ground.

Therras retaliated by firing its earth core bomb. Uddroth's hand conjured a dense fireball and he threw it like a baseball at the incoming yellow ball. The two balls collided and resulted in a massive explosion containing the fire and earth elements.

Meanwhile, Jack activated Soul Asura and Dances of the Braves. He approached Uddroth and cast Black Hole. The generated black hole was covered in lightning since Jack was still in lightning form. The black hole sucked Uddroth and caused him difficulty in moving. Jack used his sword art then.

Flame burst out of Uddroth's body. His demonized body was coated with flames. This flame suit reduced the damage dealt by all the lightning swords battering his body.

The last time Uddroth fought Suzaki, he refrained from using his fire skills. This time, he had no such reservation. He cast a spell with one hand while his other hand formed a fiery whip that clashed with Jack's lightning swords. When the spell was completed, several wells of fire appeared on the ground below. Out of these wells burst out giant flame serpents. These flame serpents shot continuous flame breath at all the enemies nearby.

Jack was forced back by the intense heat. Without Jack's interruption, Uddroth's massive strength tore himself out of the black hole's influence. Therras came then. It ignored the intense heat generated by Uddroth's flame suit. Therras' massive body crashed with Uddroth and the two exchanged melee blows without seemingly trying to defend themselves.

Under the demonized effect, Therras gained a couple of extra skills. Its claws were coated with dark fire, it added dark and fire element damage to each strike. Its body was also filled with horns that dealt physical damage when enemies engaged in a melee exchange.

Despite all of Therras' buffs, Uddroth was still winning the close-ranged battle. Therras received more hits and lost more HP than it meted out. Peniel used her recovery skills to keep Therras alive.

Jack rushed in to deliver some attacks whenever he could. Otherwise, he sent ranged attacks. His two clones continued to stay at a safe distance and sent ranged attacks. The three-minute duration of his Lightning God Incarnation quickly passed by. When he sensed the energy gathered, he focused that energy on his fist. At the same time, he cast Superior Acceleration. He targeted the spell on himself, his two clones, and Therras.

With the increased speed, Jack delivered its finishing attack at Uddroth while the dragon was still busy clashing with Therras. The powerful attack was able to force the titanic Uddroth crashing into the ground below.

Jack returned to his normal form once the finishing attack was completed. With the enhanced speed, he quickly cast another spell, Time Lock. He then transformed into the supreme dragon form and flew up.

His two clones had been preparing an offense when they received superior acceleration. One prepared the rune technique while the other prepared the mega spell. The rune technique was completed first, probably because Jack was more accustomed to it.

Jack with the rune technique teleported to Uddroth right after Dragon Jack flew up. He slammed his Infernal Cleansing Flame into Uddroth who couldn't move due to the Time Lock. Once the rune technique hit, he flew away using Gold Dragon Wings.

Next, his mega spell, Storm Wrath, was cast. A giant sphere of lightning and wind encapsulated Uddroth's body. Outside, Jack also fired his Soul Breath.

By the time the Time Lock ended, Uddroth's body was already being ravaged by all these assaults. As a zombie, it didn't show any sign of a surprise. He simply got up and tried to tear himself out of Storm Wrath's sphere.

The pressure inside the mega spell was extremely heavy, but it was still not enough to stop Uddroth. Jack activated Strength of Hope and Lightning God Suit. He and Therras attacked Uddroth when he was at the periphery of the sphere. They tried to push him back into the sphere. But with his divine flame breath, Uddroth knocked the two away. He then pulled himself out of the Storm Wrath's area.

Nothing seemed to be able to stop this demonized zombie dragon.

Chapter 1629: The Arrival of a Reinforcement

Even though they were unable to force Uddroth to stay inside Jack's mega spell for its full duration, all the chained attacks had reduced Uddroth's HP to nearly 70%. The white flames from Jack's infernal Cleansing Flame were also still burning Uddroth's body. The dragon didn't feel any pain, though.

With the boost from the Strength of Hope, Jack continued to fight the fire dragon together with elevated Terras. He sent his two clones to help the defenders, they were too weak to provide any meaningful contribution after using the rune technique and mega spell. From their eyes, he saw the defenders continued to get pushed back.

Not only that, he received reports from multiple parts that more and more of the zombie soldiers climbed up the wall. A few had even entered the city and wreaked havoc. They were as if fighting an unstoppable tide. It was just a matter of time before everything fell apart. Yet, he didn't want to give up.

When hope seemed to be diminishing, he received a message, "King Storm Wind, we see that you can use a hand."

Jack saw the message sender. It was Saint Jonathan, John's father, who was also the player representative who marched with the Sangrod army.

"Uncle...? Please tell me you are nearby!" Jack replied.

"It's weird having you call me uncle. Please, just call me Jonathan. We already have the battle in sight. Hold tight. We will arrive soon."

"Wait! Can you spare a portion of your army? Preferably the death dealers Vanessa brought when she went to Palgrost. They are with your army, aren't they? I have a target for them."

The death dealers were one of Sangrod's special units. They were fast-moving light units with high DPS, similar to Everlasting Heavenly Legends' Blood counts. But while Blood Counts were more akin to the assassin class, the death dealers were more equipped for direct combat. They were more of a light cavalry unit.

Each death dealer brought a shadow warg as a battle pet. At night, they and their pets could camouflage themselves into shadows and mists, turning them more deadly. Unfortunately, although the evening was approaching, it was still a couple of hours before sunset.

"Tell me your target," Jonathan replied to Jack.

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On the other side, Arther was having trouble. He was not Eurdrasil's equal. Once his Sphere of Aegis ended, he was easily tossed around by the wood dragon. It was mostly the archdemon lord who kept Eurdrasil busy.

However, the archdemon lord was a ranged spellcaster. Several times it was forced into a melee exchange by Eurdrasil. It lost more HPs compared to the dragon. There was little Arther could do to change the situation.

In his frustration, Arther made a forceful charge at the dragon, only to be smacked by Eurdrasil's powerful tail. Arther slammed into the ground below, losing a large chunk of his life in the process.

While he was trying to get up, several large pods fell to the ground around him. These pods opened and revealed treant-like creatures. Arther's Inspect informed him that these creatures were forest elementals. Each of them was level 85 rare elites. There were twelve of them.

These elementals were summoned by Eurdrasill.

Arther didn't want to bother with these summoned creatures. His silvery wings spread again. But before he could fly far, he was snatched by the woody tentacles of these forest elementals. Arther swung his swords to cut these tentacles, but more and more latched onto his body. With the combined might of the forest elementals pulling at him, he was forced back into the ground again.

These forest elementals then swarmed at him. Their skin was very durable and their tentacles had thorns. They caused damage simply by latching onto their targets. They also exuded poisonous fumes that dealt earth damage and caused the Poison effect.

Arther's greatsword flared with Ki Weapon. He used Double Whirlwind Slash. The move beat the forest elementals back, but only for an instant. They quickly advanced again with their multi-tentacle appendages.

Arther continued swinging his greatsword left and right. He had no problem fighting these forest elementals despite being outnumbered, but he didn't want to spend too much time dealing with these creatures. Jack gave him the order to support the archdemon lord. An order he was unable to carry out at this moment.

After several rounds of fierce exchanges, Arther defeated two out of the twelve forest elementals, but this took too long. When he was frustrated by these obstacles, a crimson-thorned whip coiled around a forest elemental close to him. It was then violently pulled away.

Several flame darts with the shape of bats flew in. They hit the forest elementals and exploded. Those elementals received burn effects after the explosion. The thorned whip returned then. It whipped in all directions, hitting all the forest elementals. The whip-wielder showed herself then.

"Vanessa...?!" Arther exclaimed.

"Hello, young Arther. It's always thrilling to see your handsome face," Vanessa greeted with a seductive smile that revealed her vampire fangs.

Arther shivered involuntarily. His heartbeat turned slightly faster. "What... What are you doing here?" He asked.

"What do you mean what am I doing here? Do you forget already that our two countries are allies?" Vanessa asked back. "You people had rushed ahead disregarding the plan. We have finally caught up with you."

Behind her, the army she brought came crashing into the Ligiritudum army. Some of the vampire soldiers charged ahead and took on the surviving forest elementals.

The Ligiritudum army had been focusing on trying to breach the gap. With the Sangrod army hitting their rear, they couldn't maintain their advancing momentum. It gave the defenders the time to strengthen their formation.

Arther was relieved to see this reinforcement. Although the zombie army was still pushing from every direction, at least the defense in the gap should be manageable for now.

A sudden inhuman cry from above drew his attention. He and Vanessa looked up, only to see Eurdrasill's divine wind breath pierce through the archdemon lord's chest. Its HP had fallen to zero from that breath. Even when Eurdrasill couldn't use mana manipulation, he was still a true dragon. The archdemon lord was unable to contend alone against the dragon for long.

"No...!" Arther yelled as the archdemon lord turned to dust.

Chapter 1630: The Arrival of an Ally

With the archdemon lord gone, Eurdrasill was given free rein. He cast a spell that conjured an acid rain. This rain dealt magical damage to everyone it touched and lowered the equipment's durability. The spell was placed right above the gap in the wall.

The dragon also descended. Several wood tentacles sprout from his body. As he flew at a low Altitude, these tentacles smacked the defenders away. At the same time, he cast another spell that summoned several wind saws. These saws spread and sliced through the defending soldiers.

"Stop...!!" Arther shouted. His silver wings spread and he flew toward Eurdrasill.

"Wait! You are not his opponent...!" Vanessa yelled, but Arther ignored her warning.

Arther used Aerial Charge once he came into range. This was similar to the Charge skill but usable in the air. The charge let him slip through the Eurdrasill's swinging tentacles before the dragon was aware. He slammed into the side of the dragon's face. He followed it up by using Divine Flash Strikes. He turned into multiple flashes that struck the dragon's head.

His assault did stop Eurdrasill's advance. But once his Divine Flash Strikes ended, he was snatched by one of Eurdrasill's wood tentacles. This tentacle slammed him into the ground before Eurdrasill's massive claw stomped into him. Arther received massive damage despite having the divine armor skill protecting him.

When Eurdrasill was about to stomp again, a thorned whip coiled around his neck. He looked back and saw a vampire woman trying to pull at him using that tiny whip. Eurdrasill jerked his head forward. Vanessa lost the tug-of-war and was flung forward.

Vanessa utilized the force. She didn't lose her balance from the fling. She jumped and passed above Eurdrasill's head. On her way, her hand waved, spreading dark powder. This move was similar to the hidden weapon specialist's powder throw. But after hitting the target, the dark powder remained and even became solidified. Vanessa had aimed the throw at Eurdrasill's eyes. This congealed powder was now covering the dragon's eyes.

Eurdrasill roared from the loss of sight. He couldn't sense mana. He stomped wildly while having one claw trying to peel the gel on his face.

Vanessa used her whip on Arther once she landed. She pulled him out so that he wasn't hit by Eurdrasill's wild stomping. However, the wood tentacles on the Eurdrasill's body also swung around wildly following the dragon's movement. The two were smacked by one of these tentacles.

Eurdrasill finally ripped the gel off his face. Once he could see again, he opened his mouth. Mana gathered inside.

"He will use his breath attack. We have to dodge!" Vanessa exclaimed.

Arther looked back. They were directly before the gap. If they dodged, the defenders behind would suffer the breath attack.

"No, we hold our ground!!" Arther exclaimed. He used a Paladin's skill, Heaven's Shield. The illusory shield appeared before him. His Heaven's Shield was even larger and brighter than the standard one.

"You fool!" Vanessa cursed, but she didn't leave Arther. She cast two defensive spells in succession. A firewall and a wall of vines came up in front of Arther's Heaven's Shield.

Eurdrasill unleashed his divine wind breath then. The powerful torrent of swirling air slammed into the firewall, the wall of vines, and the illusory shield. The firewall was extinguished almost instantly. The wall of vines was shredded. The Heaven's Shield held for a second but was then shattered.

Arther planted his feet. With the divine armor covering him, he used his body to block the breath attack. Vanessa held him to keep him stable but they finally succumbed to the pressure. They were knocked away as the residue of the breath traveled onward.

The divine wind breath was greatly mitigated after passing through the two. It hit the defenders behind. The defenders received damage but they didn't lose their ground.

"You, crazy fool. Hurry and drink a recovery potion!" Vanessa told Arther.

Arther bore the brunt of the breath attack. He suffered tremendous damage. He was also not in the best shape since he had been battling Eurdrasill for quite some time. He had less than 5% of his HP left.

Vanessa unslung a bottle from her belt and handed it to Arther. It was a Super Healing Potion. The potion was a rare consumable item. It recovered 10,000 HP instantly and then slowly recovered 5% of the user's max HP within sixty seconds. It was not much. But then again, there were not many potions that were effective for a native.

Before Arther could receive the bottle. Six rapid gunshots were heard. These gunshots accurately hit Arther's head, resulting in critical damage. The shot took out Arther's remaining HP. He slumped beside Vanessa who was still holding the super healing potion.

Vanessa turned to the perpetrator. It was an ethereal outworlder with a cowboy getup.

Ronald grinned after the kill. He had been with the Liguritutum army that tried to storm the gap in the wall. He was always looking for low-HP native officers to kill. When he saw the battle between Eurdrasill and the two natives approaching their way, he immediately went over to hunt for a kill stealing.

"You, bastard!!" Vanessa cursed. She threw several flaming bat darts, but Ronald quickly hid behind the nearby soldiers. These flaming bat darts hit the soldiers instead and exploded.

Vanessa looked at Arther. She pitied his passing. Although they didn't communicate much, she had a fond feeling for this human knight. She wasn't aware that Arther's life was protected by a wonder building.

Eurdrasill flapped his wings and resumed his advance toward the gap in the wall. The defenders looked at this massive dragon with apprehension. They already had problems keeping the Liguritudum army out. If this dragon hit them, it would open the floodgates for the invading army.

When the defenders lost hope. A thick yellow fume shot out of the sky. This yellow fume struck Eurdrasill and forced him tens of meters back. Another massive dragon came down from the sky. It had dark yellow scales. The veterans from the Themisphere army recognized this dragon at a glance because this dragon used to be their country guardian.

Broidrireg, who was still battling suzaki and the divine earth titan, looked at Tiemezzys and uttered, "Heh... Took you long enough to fly here."