

Abyssal 92

Chapter 92 - True Genius

The moment Azel's blue eyes exploded, his power spiked, and currents of ice covering a thirty-meter diameter were formed around him due to the effect the immense amount of energy on his body had on the natural energy on his surroundings.

Sophia, Ezequiel, and Kira stopped immediately when they felt this power and the immense threat that carried.

The power in Azel's body was so strong that even Ezequiel feared being reached by it, so without hesitation, they moved backward.

But unfortunately, due to the charge from before, now they were too close to Azel and before they could back up enough, the energy on the Eye Lord was released and one immensely powerful ice storm blasted out in all directions.

The speed of the storm was as impressive as his power and it reached the trio in an instant.

The moment Ezequiel realized they could not run away, he acted decisively. The Neo-Demon grabbed Sophia and then Kira with his hands and put them close to his chest, before adopting a fetal position with the two women in the center.

The energy on his body exploded, as he activated his True Name and Runic Set to the maximum and released an immense amount of lightning before compressing them around his body like a cocoon.

The lightning cocoon was so dense that it adopted a plasma-like state as it covers the trio.

The earth was left covered by a thick layer of ice as the storm passes by and when it reached the lightning cocoon, it assaulted it with its raw power and a great amount of the lightning vanished before a layer of ice formed around the trio creating a fifty-meter tall ice sphere before continuing its path of freeze and destruction.

The storm of ice extended as it froze the tunnel for more than a hundred meters.

It did not take long for the storm to reach where Zatiel was, luckily for him, he was far enough from its epicenter and had time to release a Sun Push from his chest moving his body dozens of meters in an instant.

Still, the storm continues his trajectory, but now its power was beginning to lessen and Zatiel made golden and dark flames appear over his body to protect him, greatly reducing his power so the amount it reaches him wasn't enough to truly harm him.

In the end, the attack that Azel released by making irreversible damage to his bloodline and life force reached the power of a Rank 3 spell and covered a three hundred meter area transforming it into an ice hell, releasing a power that could destroy any Rank 0 life forms and most Rank 1's as well.

If this attack had been released in a populated city, the number of casualties could have reached the thousand easily.

Had Zatiel been in the epicenter of this storm explosion like Ezequiel, due to his injured condition, he would have been forced to activate his Mirage Rune and teleport to save his life.

As he erased the rest of the aura and ice energy that remained on his body, Zatiel looked at the giant ice sphere with concern and used his Chaotic Core to probe the condition of Sophia and Ezequiel.

It was only after confirming that they were both still conscious and the damage on Ezequiel's body wasn't life-threatening that he relaxed.

Unlike the transformation of Bloodline Magi, that stimulate the bloodline they fused in their body to materialize an illusion from an ancient creature, Ezequiel's transformation was thanks to his Innate Spell "Titanic Form", that allows him to increase the size and weight of his body and because his density remains the same, his physique increased greatly.

Still, even with those advantages, resisting a Rank 3 spell and not ending with life-threatening injuries would have been impossible, but the Runic Set that was inscribed on his body was known as Hardening and it complemented Ezequiel's body perfectly.

Although the name of this Runic Set may sound simple, it was a Peak-Rank 2 Runic Set and its complexity was even greater than Savage and Overload.

The effect of this Runic Set was to alter the molecular structure on the wearer's body, to increase its density making it harder.

Due to the great amount of vitality and energy this Runic Set needed, Ezequiel was only able to have it active for a couple of minutes a day but when it was, his body in Titanic Form reached such a great density that his bones, muscles, organs, and skin became even harder than most Rank 2 magic metals and his body's natural defense could equal a High-Rank 2 magic armor.

As Zatiel observed the sphere and marveled at the boy's impressive defensive abilities, his Eye of Life and Creation noticed something and after a moment his expression became cold and full of killing intent.

He was trying to blend himself in the remains of the ice storm but wasn't able to hide from Zatiel's perception.

The target of Zatiel's killing intent was the blue and red light moving in the direction of the surface and if you looked more carefully you will notice that inside the light was Azel, although he now looked much older and was bleeding from his eyes, ears, and mouth.

Despite his tragic appearance, it seems that some of the energy obtained by destroying his eyes continued filling him as his speed was impressive, moving more than fifty meters with each second.

Zatiel saw the pitiful figure of Azel with coldness and started charging the energy on his body to pursue him, but as he did that, blood came out from his mouth and a wave of weakness filled his body.

Although his condition improved a little after eating Mira's brain and heart, his injuries were still too severe and he had not expelled all the white aura in his body.

His eyes were full of killing intent as he saw the flying figure of Azel, but in the end, he could just sigh.

'Killing one and forcing the other to shatter his bloodline and escape is enough, after all, we are still at Rank 1 and the members of the other party were already close to reaching the peak of Rank 2.'

But as he was accepting the fact that Azel would escape, he saw how a soft blue glow was coming from the tunnel deeper part.

Azel was escaping with all his speed, but when he felt the soft glow approaching his expression filled with terror.

'Him, if he were to grab hold of my now then...' Resolution filled Azel's face as he increased his speed, even more, increasing the amount of blood leaking from his body and making him age even more.

The soft blue glow was a humanoid figure with golden lines all over his body and its speed was beyond impressive, as despite Azel's intent of escaping the figure was able to shorten the distance rapidly.

Before Azel could react the soft blue humanoid was beside him and the Eye Lord wasn't able to do anything as the humanoid grabbed hold of his neck, choking him, and stopped his movements, frustrating his escape.

"Gwyn! what... the he..ll do you think... you are ... doing"

Azel could barely speak as Gwyn's hand was squeezing his neck so tight it suffocated him and even worse was that his touch started to rot his skin and drain the little amount of energy that remained on his body.

"It's not obvious, I am killing you," Gwyn's face was full of satisfaction as he saw the fear and regret on Azel's face.

"If you... kill... me, Lord Finz... will hunt you... down"

Azel was hoping to use the name of the mighty Soul Forging being behind him to intimidate Gwyn.

But unfortunately, the only thing he managed to obtain by mentioning Finz's name was to make Gwyn's killing intent increase together with the strength and rotting applied to his neck.

"The fate of that old bastard will be the same as yours!" Gwyn says with immense hatred, but after a moment he calms down and coldness fills his face.

"But you are right, if I were to kill you, he will have an excuse to attack me."

When Azel heard that, he started to feel hopeful but the killing intent on Gwyn remained the same and his next words shattered his illusion of escaping.

"Luckily, I am not the one killing you."

As soon as he finished speaking, Gwyn launched a blow with all the power of his body to Azel's chest, breaking several bones and sending him flying away.

Azel's body was very fragile after burning so much life force and destroying his bloodline eyes to carry that immensely powerful spell, so Gwyn's attack almost made him faint.

But the pain did not stop there, as felt how a hand pierced his back and buried itself in his gut before releasing an immense amount of fire that started to burn his body from the inside out.

"AHHHHH!" Azel could only cry in pain, as a golden fire started to come out from his mouth, ears, and eyes.

As Azel screams filled the tunnel, another sound was heard when the ice sphere started to break and huge pieces of it crumbled into the ground, revealing the three figures inside.

Although both Kira and Sophia were exhausted due to channeling all of their energy to reinforce the defense of Ezequiel, the amount of damage that reached them was very little.

But Ezequiel situation was entirely different, he was extremely pale, there were frozen areas all over his body and the worst injuries were on his back, large pieces of skin and muscles were missing, as they froze and broke apart, and there was a large amount of cold energy inside him trying to extend his damage.

As soon as the ice broke, Ezequiel deactivated his Runic Set and True Name and with the help of the two women landed carefully on the ground and focused on healing himself.

Ezequiel damage was severe, but it was expected after all the power of Rank 3 spell can't be underestimated and normally, any Rank 1 life form that receives it at point-blank will have his body disintegrated.

As this happened, Azel's screams finally ended as his body was no more and the only thing that was left on Zatiel's hand was a great number of golden flames.

Zatiel divides the flames into two parts, sending one to Ezequiel and the other was used on himself.

The moment the golden fire touched Ezequiel, the wound on his back started to heal rapidly and the cold energy on his body began to vanish, improving his complexion greatly. As for Zatiel, the golden flames were able to regenerate the bones, muscles, and skin that cover his lung.

When Kira and Gwyn saw Zatiel healing abilities, they became shocked.

Skills that can heal you by absorbing the energy of your opponent were already rare, but the speed and efficacy of the healing that Zatiel was able to provide with the body of an almost dead Eye Lord were amazing and the fact that they were equally effective on others was even more impressive.

Zatiel doesn't really mind the stares of the duo and was focusing on analyzing the soft blue and translucent body of Gwyn as well the Runic Set inscribed on his body.

Thanks to his knowledge and the help from the chip, he was able to obtain the information about his body transformation and runes.

"So this is a true genius of this world, interesting."