

Bloodline 1241

Chapter 1241 The Female Substitute

This other individual happened to also be transparent skinned but looked comparably younger.

He acquired the trinket from the older individual and put it on one of his fingers.

"Make sure you don't activate it until you have your target before you. It wasn't easy to acquire this," Shirmin stated.

"Thank you master Shirmin. Now I can finally take revenge for my brother," The younger individual voiced.

"One more thing, you can only use it once so pick your target carefully," Shirmin instructed.

"What? Just one? But there's two of them," The younger individual said with a tone of dissatisfaction.

"You will have to pick one of them. You can't use it twice," Shirmin shook his head.

"But master Shirmin can't you just get another one... I wanna take them both out," The younger individual voiced once more.

"Did you miss the part where i menthoned that I went to great lengths to get this? You can only pick one target and that is it, "Shirmin elucidated with a strong tone of warning.

"*sigh* alright then... I'll pick the one directly responsible for his condition," The younger individual finally gave in with a slightly defeated expression.

"It's better not to be too covetous if we wish to get sway with it and avoid getting a capital punishment... take caution, Orimon," Shirmin said.

"Yes Master Shirmin... How is my brother?" Orimon questioned.

"As you know we're having trouble reversing the state of his cells which have been rapidly sped up due to the damage from the attack of the earthling..." Master Shirmin responded.

"That earthling will pay!" Orimon voiced, his tone seething with rage.

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"I believe there was interference from the high order,"

Within a dark vicinity, a group of twenty clad in bandage like wears that covered the entirety of their bodies, stood in a circle. Their eyes was like a swirling abyss of darkness as black mist erupted from their beings while they discussed.

"Who would dare interfere especially when this is a sacred mission?" The captain voiced with a tone of suspiciousness.

Thisssihhhh~

A pair of eyes were formed in their midst from the dark mist circulating the environment.

"Prime Vessel Ji, we were just about to contact you," The captain voiced with a respectful tone while everyone bowed their heads.

"About the interference and slight breach into this plane, right?" A loud voice boomed from their midst, spreading across the vicinity.

"Yes, Prime Vessel Ji," The captain answered.

"That was the doing of our Lord... he did it because of the kid," Prime Vessel Ji stated.

Their eyes widened as they heard it, "We had thought it was an interference from another Prime Vessel... We apologise for we had no idea it was the Lord," The captain knelt along with everyone else.

"The confusion is understandable... Even I never expected the Lord to try such, almost jeopardising... Ahem... Anyways, the Lord obviously has a special fondness for this one. Make sure he doesn't come to any harm till you leave this plane," Prime Vessel Ji instructed.

"But you said to kill him if he doesn't accept the crown before this competition comes to an end..."

"I know what I said. This is my new decision, if you don't want our souls to be tortured for eternity at the hands of the Lord," Prime Vessel Ji voiced.

"I understand," The captain stated in response.

"Any new information on the outworldly yet?" Prime Vessel Ji questioned.

"It is the same as what I mentioned the last time... I should be able to draw conclusions from the next couple major challenges," The captain responded.

"Then make sure you do not contact me till then," After saying this, the pair of eyes formed from mist, dissipated.

After dissipating, the figures slowly stood back to their feet bearing similar expressions.

"Our Lord has a favourite?"

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arrived.

The day went by very quickly and soon the night before the next major challenge arrived.

Earth participants were gathered in the main room of their accommodation area, discussing on the coming major challenge.

"Like I said, since it is related to versus battles, I won't send any of you out unless I am sure you can't defeat the opposition paired with us. However, if the versus challenge has a different mode to it, we really can't tell who will be paired with who," Gustav voiced in concern.

"That is true... the pairing system could be random and end up not favouring us," Aildris chimed.

"This is the worst time to have main team member replacement. I do not have much faith in a substitute," Gustav voiced.

"Why don't we use Stark then? He seems plenty reliable," Matilda suggested.

"Yeah yeah man he really seems like a strong guy," E.E added.

"No. He didn't train with us, he is unaware of our fighting methods if we were to move as a group, there are many factors to consider," Gustav shook his head.

"You didn't train with us dimwit, what are you on?" Fildhor yelled from the side.

"He has a point," Teemee shrugged.

"More than half of the team have joined me on one MBO mission or the other... I didn't need to train with you guys. I already understand what working as a team is. I can't say the same for him," Gustav explained with a calm tone.

"Guys... Its fine, I'm join enough to participate in the challenge," Falco voice was suddenly heard from the other end.

Everyone watched Falco step out from his room with expressions of pity.

"No Falco, you're sitting this one out," Gustav shook his head.

"I want to help now more than ever. I can't let you guys go off with an inadequate substitute," Falco argued.

"We'll be okay. You need to rest," Aildris said with a smile.

"I'm fine really," Falco smiled back while raising his hands.

"I have made my decision Falco, and everyone stands by it. You're sitting this one out. If you're deemed to be in top condition after this challenge then I can consider letting you join the next one. If not, you'll keep sitting them out till you're all good," Gustav stated with a strong tone that left no room for argument.

"But... You guys are really unbelievable! Do you not believe in my capabilities anymore?" Falco took a step back as he suddenly felt stigmatised.

"That's, not it Falco, we just want you to be fine," Angy stood up while speaking with a soft tone.

"Hmph!" Falco moved to the side and walked out of the gathering with an expression of betrayal.

"Falco," Everyone called out but to no avail.

"I'll go after him," Angy said while moving out of the gathering as well.

"Should we just let him participate? I don't like seeing Falco get upset," Teemee voiced from the side.

Gustav shook his head, "Him reacting this way is proof that he needs to truly sit it out. He just wants to participate because he doesn't want to seem unreliable to us. Completely ignoring his current state won't make it disappear,"

Gustav response caused everyone to simmer down for a moment.

"Have you decided on the substitute to pick?" Aildris questioned.

"Will it be Wong?" E.E asked as well.

"No, this time I have someone else in mind. She shouldn't do too bad I think," Gustav responded with a look of contemplation.

"She?" Fildhor muttered with a tone of suspiciousness.

"Yes she... Yuhiko, you can come in," Gustav called out.

"Huh?" In the next instant, everyone turned towards the entrance to stare at the figure that had just arrived.

Their jaws nearly dropped as they stared at one of the most breathtaking beauties they had ever seen in their lives. She looked like a real life doll with an extremely enchanting heart shaped face and slanted eyes.

Her body was the true depiction of perfection as her curvy hips swayed from side to side while she walked in. Her lustrous black hair cascaded down her back like beautiful waves as her full pink lips pouted nervously.

"Ca... captain Gustav..." She voiced out with sexiest tone they had ever heard in their lives.

'I don't recognise her from the ship,' Teemee thought but then realised that with their numbers it would be easy for her to be hidden amongst the crowd of substitutes who were even higher than main team members.

Out of everyone here, only three people recognised her. Endric, Matilda and Aildris.

Aildris had senses recalled her exact appearance from the spacecraft on their way here while Endric and Matilda remembered her from school.

"I didn't even know she was one of the substitutes," Matilda voiced with a low tone.

"Hello Matilda... Hello Endric..." Yuhiko avoided making eye contact as she greeted them.

"What... do you guys know each other before?" E.E questioned with a look of surprise.

"That doesn't matter," Gustav cut in before any one of them could respond.

"Yuhiko will be joining us for the next major challenge... you guys can try to get accustomed to her and ask her questions if you want," Gustav said before standing to his feet.

Chapter 1242 The Versus Battle Challenge

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'She is damn hot,' This thought was running through a number of the boys minds as they stared at her.

Matilda was all too familiar with the gazes of some of the male teammates here and roll her eyes at them.

'If only they knew,' She thought before walking towards her bedroom.

Endric stood too his feet as well and followed after Gustav. He had never been the type to concern himself about a girl's look. The last thing on his mind was a girl right now.

"Are you finally going to tell me or what?" Gustav voiced as he paused his movement in the passageway.

Endric paused his footsteps as Gustav's back remained turned to him. He was silent for a few before speaking.

"It is a sensitive issue since we suspect it is related to that... that is why I cannot speak freely on this matter," Endric stated.

"Now you're like the system... choosing to withhold information from me," Gustav was instantly able to tell what Endric was hinting at.

"That's not it... I will reveal more when I am sure of my assumptions which is why I said to watch out for Falco," Endric voiced while stretching his hand forward in the direction of Gustav's shoulder.

"If you're not gonna say anything, then don't say anything," Gustav stated before walking away without turning around.

Endric's hand paused in mid air as he stared at Gustav's departing figure with a conflicted expression. He let out a heavy sigh before turning around.

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The next day arrived very quickly. At this time, both the citizens of the Planet Ozious as well as all the guests gathered from across galaxies had gathered in the arena.

The IYSOP participants were currently in their waiting quarters as the time of the next challenge drew closer.

The arena was currently undergoing a change that had everyone's faces brimming with interest as well as astonishment.

The grounds were getting covered in a layer of gold that spread all across the area which was well over a hundred thousand feet radius.

Unlike the time of other challenges that occurred on the ninth disk, within this area, the vicinity wasn't expanding in size. It would seem that the next challenge did not require it to be outrageously massive.

As the grounds turned completely gold, purplish plated layers suddenly began to extend in certain areas. These purplish plated areas elevated, forming stages that covered radiuses of five thousand feet each.

Each purplish plated layered platform was at least a hundred feet away from the next and by the time they had finished appearing all over the arena, there was up to a hundred and fifty of them.

At this point everyone was well aware that these were battle stages. The challenge being versus battle made it quite obvious, however they didn't realise that this wasn't the end.

After the stages had been formed, different kinds of structures began to appear on them. Some of them started forming streets with buildings on them. Some formed a forestry kind of area with beautiful terrains. On some, very weird terrains with active volcanic mountains had been formed.

"Woah~"

These stages weren't just stages anymore, they were practically locations at this point. Each stage being over five times larger than a football field made it so that it was possible for them to contain natural environments.

After the stages had turned to natural environments stationed for battles, beams shot down from the sky upon every one of them.

Zhiiihhh~ Zhiiihhh~ Zhiiihhh~ Zhiiihhh~ Zhiiihhh~ Zhiiihhh~

A dome of sorts instantly, appeared all around the terrains that these stages had formed. This of course was to make sure any battle that happened with any of the stages, would not disturb the spectators or others in the surrounding stages.

Thiiihhhhhh~

When it was finally time for the challenge to begin, the podium where Handler One was stationed began to elevate.

"Hello once again everyone..."

He began speaking as the floating screens above the displayed the different battle stages well as a design that showed the name of the challenge.

"As mentioned earlier, today's challenge is a versus battle challenge. Let us welcome the participants to the arena first of all," He declared, causing the participants to walk out of their waiting rooms in droves.

Although the arena was very much packed due to the stages that housed multiple terrains, there was still enough space for the participants to move in between.

Cheers~ Cheers~

-"Yaaahhhhhhhh!"

-"Earth! Earth! Earth! Earth!"

-"Draconets! Draconets! Draconets! Draconets!"

- "Indulus Prime! We are the greatest!"

- "Ozis Tupo! Ozis Tupp!"

The spectators went bonkers cheering in support for their respective planets.

Thiiinhhh~ Thiiinhhh~ Thiiinhhh~ Thiiinhhh~

In the midst of the cheers, glowing numbers began to appear above the heads of every participants on the arena like a holographic display.

"Huh? You have some number on your head," Glade said to Teemee.

"You have it too," Teemee responded.

"I think we all do," Angy voiced while looking around with a confused expression.

- "What are these numbers?" Everyone instantly became curious upon the appearance of the numbers.

It would have been easy to figure out, if everyone had the same numbers, however, the numbers varied. Some participants happened to have way higher numbers than others.

"I shall now explain the versus battle challenge in detail..." Handler One stated, causing the arena to quieten.

"The numbers hovering above each one of you, displays your points for the current challenge. I believe you lots are wondering why everyone has a different point, well that's because the points happened to have been extracted from each planet total accumulation since IYSOP began..."

Gasp~ Woah~ Whaaa~

The spectators had different reactions upon hearing this and the arena soon turned noisy again but Handler One continued.

"The points each planet has gathered since the start have been unequally shared amongst teammates. Our systems have randomly shared these points which is why some teammates have way lesser than the others. The combined number of points displayed above the heads of teammates still remains equal to the total number of points that the group has gathered since the start of the competition..."

However... with the setting of the versus battle this could change,"

The crowd went up in a frenzy again as Handler One continued to explain.

"You have a thousand points... I wonder what this means," Angy said to Gustav.

"I guess we're about to find out," Gustav responded while staring at the five thousand and fifty points, hovering above Angy.

He had made a quick calculation of how many points it amounted to after tallying the numbers hovering above everyone and confirmed that truly it was the number of points they had gathered since the start. He was surprisingly given the lowest points out of everyone.

"Upon the system's generation of one hundred and fifty participants from different planets, each of them would head to the respective battle location and pick a planet to face. After picking the planet, they'd have the chance to pick an opponent as well from that planet... this is where the points come into play..."

Handler One went on to mention that if a participant picked an opponent from the group of twenty who had a lesser number of points than them, the opponent would have no choice but to agree to the battle and move to the battle location.

However, if the participant picked an individual who had a higher point than they did, the selected opposition could choose to decline battling them. Then they'd have to pick someone else till their next turn.

"If after being picked, you lose to your opponent, five hundred points will be deducted from you and added to your opponent. If you have less than five hundred point, you will incur a minus which will of course be debited from the rest of your teammates," Handler One kept explaining.

"A participant with an higher point can decline battling another participant with lower points, three times. At the fourth decline, the computerised artificial intelligence will deduct a random number of points and add it to the opposing participant who issued the battle,"

At this point the arena was very loud. The versus battle was really going to be more intense than they anticipated. It was practically a point stealing challenge since participants who get picked to choose their opponents could pick someone that they were sure they could defeat.

To top it off, a participant couldn't refuse if their points were lesser. The ones with higher points really had more advantages. The captains didn't even have the power to choose who to send out or anything like that. The only thing that offered a medium of protection against more powerful opponents was points.

So long as they had higher points, they could protect themselves from stronger opponents.

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Chapter 1243 Picking Opponents

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Although he had the lowest point accredited to him amongst all of his teammates, this point was still considered pretty high generally since the planetary groups each had different points they had acquired since the start of IYSOP.

"Hmm she just happens to have the highest number of points..." Gustav voiced while staring at Yuhiko who had the number 8300 floating above her head.

"Should we be worried?" Aidris questioned from the side.

"No, she can handle herself except she gets challenged by the more powerful participants from stronger planets... Also she has higher points than almost everyone so it's quite beneficial since she can turn down fights from stronger oppositions," Gustav voiced without a tone of worry.

"Lastly, the deduction of points vary based on participants..." Handler One happened to still be explaining.

Gustav's eyebrows furrowed as he heard this.

"500 points is the minimum amount deducted after a loss... however, if a the participant who lost has up to 1500 points then the deduction will be higher," As Handler One got to this point, the details were displayed on the floating screens above.

1500 points = 600 points deduction

2000 points = 700 points deduction

2500 points = 800 points deduction

3000 points = 900 points deduction

3500 points = 1000 poonts deduction

4000 points = 1100 points deduction

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The points deduction kept rising till it reached ten thousand, displaying the number of points that would be deducted if a participant with that amount of point loses to an opponent.

'This is not good,' Gustav eyebrows furrowed even more.

"Now there will be more reason to target those with higher points," Aildris voiced with a concerned tone.

While Aildris and Gustav was concerned about this, a lot of other participants were peachy about this new announcement and began looking around for a target.

It was unknown who would be picked for the first batch but there was no doubt that everyone would get a turn so it was best to set their sights on someone they knew they could beat and also acquire a good number of points from.

"Yuhiko," Gustav called out.

"Cap... Captain Crimson?" She voiced with a respectful and shy look as she turned around.

"Drop the honorifics... Listen to me very clearly," Gustav started by saying.

"Do not accept any challenge unless I tell you to no matter what you think or how many points you lose except its unavoidable like another participant having a higher number of points than you," Gustav voiced with a cautionary tone.

"Understood," Yuhiko answered with a tone of total obedience.

"it is unlikely you'll get challenged by anyone with higher points since only a single participant has higher points than you do. Anyway, even if you feel you can defeat a challenging participant, do not accept unless I ask you to," Gustav elucidated once more.

Yuhiko nodded meekly in response causing the males around to stare with blissful expressions.

'I wish she'd act this way with me,' More than one of them bore this thought in mind.

"She sure has become quite humble compared to what I remember," Matilda voiced from the side.

"That is only because of the person my big brother is right now. It is normal for people to try to bootlick him to get in his good graces," Endric chipped in from the side.

"But she seems to have changed... shouldn't we at least give her the benefit of the doubt?" Matilda said with a contemplative expression.

"That's for my brother to decide. We didn't experience what he did at her hands and don't be fooled by appearances... People don't easily change," Endric concluded with a look of disapproval.

He still hated himself for what he made his brother go through all those years just as much as he hated the others who were included in Gustav's torment as well. Yuhiko included.

Handler One mentioned a few more things and highlighted some already mentioned information before finally declaring the start of the next challenge.

< The Versus Challenge Shall Now Commence >

The participants were told to move to a part of the arena as they waited for the computerised artificial intelligence system to pick out the first batch of one hundred and fifty participants.

Thhrrriihhiii~ Thhrrriihhh~

Groups sat together waiting as digital images of hundreds of the participants were run through on the screens floating above.

Thhiihhnn~ Thhiihhnn~ Thhiihhnn~ Thhiihhnn~ Thhiihhnn~

Participants names and faces began to line up one after the other as the system picked out the first batch.

- "Yes! I'm one of the first,"

- "I see myself up there haha,"

- "I'm going in, i know who to challenge first,"

Multiple participants voices laced with excitement and vigor could be heard all over.

"Captain, it looks like I'm going first," On the side of the Klaxosapes, one of them with a brownish rocky figure voiced as he stood to his feet.

"Who should I pick?" He proceeded to question.

"Anyone you can defeat. Squash them," The captain of the Klaxosapes gave his team member full authority to pick who he wanted to fight.

"Ak ti hum sav itu nem," The team member voiced with a tone of respect before heading forward.

The participants that were picked had the location they'd be battling tagged to their names and pictures up there. This made it easy for them to head to their various battle stages.

After arriving within his battle stage which was a location with a stream and multiple seamount scattered across, the Klaxosape proceeded to head to the middle.

The computerised screen before him, displayed the different planets he could pick to < Korgi of Planet Klaxosape has challenged Fv12 of Planet Phixiq >

< Doquisol of Planet Kindulhas challenged Cletivil of planet Torqe >

challenge. He proceeded to scroll through them and tap on the planet he had interest in.

Thriiihhh~

The members were displayed before him along with their various points.

A chuckling expression appeared on his rocky face as he stared at the person with the highest number of points.

Thriihh~

< Korgi of Planet Klaxosape has challenged Fv12 of Planet Phixiq >

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Different challenges began appearing on the screens above as the one hundred and fifty participants picked their opponents.

<< (Planet Klaxosape) Korgi Vs Fv12 (Planet Phixiq) >>

<< (Planet Sxil) Triewindi Tarbolt Vs Soruda Ols (Planet Foridal) >>

<< (Planet Kindulhas) Doquisol Vs Cletivil (Planet Torqe) >>

For participants with lesser points that were challenged, they had no choice but to move onto the required stage to battle the opponent who picked them.

While those with higher points contemplated whether or not to accept the challenge they had been issued.

The whole arena erupted into loud cheers and dialogues of excitement as the versus challenge kicked off. With the number of participants currently battling, it was impossible to watch every single one of them so spectators stuck to their fellow species participating or another participant they found interest in.

Minutes later, the sounds of blasts and collisions continuously rang out as participants faced each other.

The versus challenge had a no hold bars battle so anyone could fight as they pleased without holding back. There were Handlers who were set to swoop in and declare the loss of a participant if their opponent unleashed an inescapable attack that would deal fatal damage.

Within one of the stages where the environment happened to be a forestry type, an individual with glowing red markings all over her body could be seen leaving the stage.

It had only been a few minutes yet she had already defeated her opponents.

"It is finally our time to shine," This individual who happened to possess a double shoe shaped head and rhombus white eyes voiced with delight.

< Opheiner (Planet Ruhz) Wins >

< 500 Points Attained >

The screens showed a playback of her battle with her opponent which had ended with just three hits.

Opheiner had moved very swiftly, the instant the battle began dealing a strike on her opponent's back before they could realise what was going on. The moment she did, the red markings appeared on her body and she moved even faster, delivering a fiercer blow the next time.

Her opponent was a team member from the planet VA who had performed really good since IYSOP began so they weren't weak. She just happened to have dealt damage too high and quickly before they were able to retaliate which brought about her win.

"Watch out for those ones if they ever challenge you, they're battle freaks..." Gustav voiced to his teammates.

Planet Ruhz hadn't done very well since IYSOP began due to not specialising in anything beyond battle. Since not every IYSOP challenge was battle oriented, it was expected that they wouldn't perform their best there but now, the perfect opportunity had presented itself.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

One another of the floating screens, a participant who was shaped like a humaid bug was continously getting smazhed into a mountain.

As his face planted into a side of a mountain, he would be aggressively pulled out and smashed into another before he could retaliate.

< Korgi (Planet Klaxosape) Wins >

< 600 Points Attained >

"I don't need to tell you guys how physically strong the Klaxosapes are," Gustav voiced as they stared at the screens.

Chapter 1244 Earth's First Challenge

"I don't need to tell you guys how physically strong the Klaxosapes are," Gustav voiced as they stared at the screens.

"But strength is the only thing they have going for them... I'll squash any one of them," Yonda stated from the side.

"Don't underestimate them just because they only have immense physical strength. They also have very high defense and are not in anyway slow. Not to mention that each of them vary in strength, their captain is an opponent I trust only three amongst all of you to be able to deal with... and you Yonda, are not amongst that three," Gustav explained with a candid expression.

"Tch, you overestimate them and underestimate me," Yonda responded with an irritated expression.

"Do not go against the Klaxosapes unless I tell you to," Gustav stated.

Yonda responded by looking away. It was unclear if this was a reaction of agreement or defiance. Gustav overlooked it and kept his eyes on the battles ongoing all across other stages.

With perception, he could have a sensory view of all the battles ongoing at the same time but Gustav still decided to activate God Eyes occasionally.

[God Eyes Have Been Activated]

With God Eyes he was taking note of the internal strength of participants he found spectacular and comparing them to his teammates.

He had initially gauged the strength of planets based on the information he read about them and how they had performed since the start of IYSOP. Now gauging individual strengths since this was a versus battle and wouldn't want any of his teammates taking on participants that they couldn't defeat.

As the versus battle challenge continued, more participants who were initially unknown, rose to prominence. They hadn't gotten the chance to display their real capabilities due to the initial challenges but now the spectators could see that they had truly been sleeping on a number of participants.

< Tevirqk (Planet Roidinstack) Wins >

< 500 Points Attained >

< Yikiwo (Planet Ustanbid) Wins >

< 500 Points Attained >

< Destom (Planet Ezretil) Wins >

< 700 points Attained >

< Gorim (Planet Riz) Loses >

< 500 points Deducted >

The first batch happened to be very intense as more than fifty participants won as well as lost fights in twenty minutes.

Gustav kept pointing out things to take note of to the group as the numbers kept reducing. The battles were so intense that the terrains within the stages were getting destroyed.

Fortunately, the environment would repair itself after a fight ended so there was no doubt that these stages would be reused for the next batch regardless of how much it was destroyed.

After another thirty minutes had gone by, only three set of participants seemed to remain.

At this time, everyone could properly focus on the fights since there was a lesser number left.

- "Who do you think is winning between Zia and Runphold?"

-- "I'm going with Runphold even though he's from planet Ilk,"

- "I'm going with Zia... Planet Thrizhta has done well so far,"

- "But they've been fighting for nearly an hour already,"

- "They seem to be evenly matched,"

The battle between Zia of Planet Thrizhta and Runphold of Ilk seemed to be more interesting to the spectators than the other two.

This was mostly because Planet Thrizhta happened to be top hundred overall in IYSOP whereas Planet Ilk was ranked around the four hundreds based on their differences in total points. Yet, Zia and Runphold had been going at it for nearly an hour without anyone really getting the upper hand.

What made this even more interesting was the similarities between both parties. They were both using weapons and dressed like warriors.

Zia was a female with completely red skin and blue helmet covering her face. Her skin tight white jumpsuit like wear, made it so her fluid movements were undiluted as she swung a glowing green blade repeatedly.

Randolph on the other side who was clad in metallic black like wear that covered his entire being like a giant Knight also retaliated by parrying her attacks with a broadsword like weapon in his grasp. The blade emitted a bright red glow as they clashed repeatedly blasting shockwaves across the vicinity.

Trees were uprooted as every swing of their blade evaded by the other, sent sharp energy ripping through the environment.

While their battle continued, the other two had already concluded their battles, leaving only Zia and Runphold as the last participants left in the arena. I think you should take a look at

"Who do you think will win Gus?" E.E questioned from the side.

"Randolph," Gustav answered with a look of certainty.

"That's... but Planet Thrizhta seems to be more powerful overall," Matilda voiced in surprise.

"They are... but not in the case of these two battle. They are almost evenly matched but Randolph had been chipping away her energy all this time by slightly holding back. This isn't his full strength. He plans to unleash his full strength and take her by surprise when she is nearly out of energy so she will be unable to evade. While she also has a few tricks up her sleeves that she hasn't tried, Runphold has a higher chance of evasion than she does," Gustav analysed lengthily causing everyone around him to slightly open their mouths in disbelief.

"You're able to tell just from watching?" Since this was Yuhiko's first time of witnessing Gustav do something like this, she was more shocked than the others.

"Pfft he is definitely wrong," A team member of Planet Thrizhta yelled from the east. It seemed they had heard Gustav.

"He had a bet with an Osiris due a similar occurrence and won... I don't think he is wrong," Another participant from a different planetary group voiced.

"Shut it clown, Zia would never lose to that..."

Just as they were speaking a loud yell was heard from the middle of the arena.

Runphold who had been on the defensive for sometime had suddenly turned aggressive charging at Zia recklessly or so it seemed.

"Thousand seering falls..." Runphold leapt into the air spinning repeatedly with his red blade swinging forth.

The sky suddenly darkened above like a storm was coming and what appeared next was a rain of thousands upon thousands of red blades.

Thiinngghhh~ Thhhiinnhh~ Thiiinngghh~

Zia swung repeatedly with as much strength and speed as she could muster, repeatedly hitting away the hundreds of blades shooting at her.

Fwwhiii~

Runphold suddenly appeared behind her while she was busy with this.

Swwwiiihhh~

Stretching his blade sideways and swinging forward with all of his might, Zia noticed the attack almost too late. She turned to the side to parry but the instant their blades collided an insurmountable force rocked her entire being.

She only realised that this attack was ten times more powerful than normal when her entire body was spiralling across the air with blood oozing out of body.

Runphold charged forward and leapt upwards with his blade raised once more.

"Yaaahhhhh!" He roared as he swung the blade downwards with intensity at the spiralling body..

< Runphold (Planet Ilk Wins) >

< 700 Points Attained >

The announcement rang loudly causing cheers to ring out from a particular part of the spectators area.

Gustav didn't even need to say, 'I told you so'. The look of defeat on the faces of planet Thrizhta team members as their eyes widened was a pleasant enough sight. He didn't really care and was glad that the first batch had finally ended.

Not a single earthling was challenged during this or even picked so he was already looking forward to the next.

The screens above displayed the highlights of the first batch for about a minute before showing the list of all the winners as well as the points they had acquired.

In about a minute more the computerised system had began picking out participants for the next batch.

Soon a new set of one hundred and fifty participants were picked once more and unsurprisingly not a single earth participant could be spotted. However, this time there were a few participants from planets who were top fifty and amongst them was Planet Ghundabault.

Gustav recognised the exact participant that had been picked amongst them. The Ghundabault's were relatively small sized in structure. The biggest amongst them was only a little over three feet tall yet they were very powerful.

Due to size no one had noticed the glare that the Ghundabault participant had shot in the direction of the earthlings but Gustav spotted it.

'Looks like we finally have an opposition,' His face nearly broke a smirk as the small structure female with a multicolored hair floating above her head moved towards the stage with streets and multiple high-rise buildings.

She wasted no time in heading to the middle to pick out her opponent and soon enough the beam of light that appeared in the area where earth's participants were seated confirmed Gustav's theory.

"Someone challenged one of us," Angy was the first to voice out as they stared at the person who had been challenged with looks of astonishment.

On the side of the Ghundabault, their captain displayed an expression of disbelief as she stood to her feet, "Is Navira stupid? How could she challenge him of all people?" She voiced with a tone of anguish.

Chapter 1245 I Did It

"Is Navira stupid? How could she challenge him of all people?" Ghundabault's Captain voiced with a tone of anguish.

-"Oh? Isn't this a sight..."

-"We will finally get to see him in a proper 1 v 1 fight,"

Multiple voices could be heard from background as an earth participant slowly made his way towards the middle of the arena.

-"He accepted the challenge,"

- "I don't think he could have refused it... they both have a thousand points,"

- "Who do you think will win?"

The discussions about this particular battle happened to be way more than the others despite the fact that it hadn't began.

The dirty blonde hair earthling with an extremely enchanting look as well as demeanor, calmly made his way to the city like environment.

'I will have to end this as quickly as possible without activating more than one or two abilities,' Gustav thought as he arrived before the stage and slowly took steps upwards.

His thought process was due to the fact that he didn't want to display much of his fighting prowess in a 1 v 1 battle. He didn't want the more powerful opponents taking note of his cards and coming up with ways to counter them in future challenges.

Although he knew he had many abilities to juggle and pick from, he still didn't want to spend much time in the stage with this Ghundabault participant.

The dome opened up for him and he walked right through. He casually and nonchalantly strolled in the middle of the streets, towards the three feet tall figure up ahead.

Her black root like hair floated above her with reddish tips. She looked like a chibi human with cute cheeks in a warrior like outfit.

Gustav remembered her to be the one he battled against in the river splitting challenge. While they hadn't battled each other physically, it was still a contest between the two of them and she lost.

"I will defeat you and take back my honour," Navira swore with a serious expression but her cute high pitched voice made it difficult to take her seriously.

"You would have been better off challenging a different person or a different planet all together," Gustav voiced from up ahead. Although they were hundreds of feet away from each other she could still hear him clearly.

"I will wipe that look of confidence off your face," Navira stated as her energy began climbing.

"*sigh* Sorry but I'll be ending this battle very quickly and I'm afraid you have a zero percent chance of winning," Gustav actually felt bad for her.

Navira seemed to be a person of strong character but she had made a wrong choice of challenging Gustav because she wanted to prove she would win in a 1 v 1 battle.

"Ghrrh! We shall see about that," She gritted her teeth before charging forward.

< Navira Onuval (Planet Ghundabault) Vs Gustav Crimson (Planet Earth) >

Thwwwoosshhh~

Navira closed the gap between them instantly and leapt into the air while swinging her hand forward. A wall of silver energy pushed forward intensely, following her entire moving frame.

Gustav thrust his right palm forward while maintaining his unbothered expression.

Bang!

A loud collision rang out as a wave of energy spread forth.

Crash~ Krrrychh~ Kaannnkk~

The high rise buildings on the sides quaked intensely as cracks appeared all over them and glass rained from the sky due to the panes getting blasted open.

The silver wall that had slammed into Gustav's palm did not even manage to successfully push him back in the slightest causing Navira's face to scrunch up in disbelief.

Gustav clenched the silver wall which looked like a wave that had covered the entirety of the street....

Krrrychhh~

Cracks appeared all over it as it blasted into smithereens in the next instant.

Fwwhii~

Gustav reached out and grabbed Navira's wrist before turning around with intense speed and flinging her forward.

"Ugh!" Navira groaned as her figure instantly arrived before one of the buildings up ahead.

She pushed her palm forward, blasting a massive hole through the building as her figure catapulted through it.

Although Gustav's counter had been faster than she could handle, she managed to stabilise herself quickly and blasted holes through the building instead of crashing into it with her body.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

She continuously blasted through the walls within the high rise building as her body kept speeding forward with intensity.

Bang!

The instant she blasted through the last wall that would give her access out of the building, she spotted a figure floating in mid air right after the wall like he had been waiting for her.

"Repressio!" She screamed out while trying to activate an attack very quickly but unfortunately...

Swwhiiii~

The figure had already moved...

"You need to go to sleep now," Gustav voiced with a calm expression but the fist that he drove into Navira's gut was quite the opposite of calm. I think you should take a look at

Boom!

It sounded like an explosion had gone off as Navira felt like the force of a moving planet slammed vigorously onto her entire being.

Blleerrghh~

A trail of blue blood was left across the air as her body blasted shot backwards with intense speed.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Her figure blasted through several buildings this time, crashing from wall to wall and creating holes within them.

"Hmm I hope that wasn't too much," Gustav muttered as he slowly dropped his hand.

The force behind this punch was several times weaker compared to when he punched Captain Strum but he knew well that they had quite the difference in strength which was why he held back for Navira.

He only hoped that this wouldn't be too much for her.

[Hover Has Been Deactivated]

His figure descended from above and he proceeded to land in the middle of the street.

Fwshiii~ Fwwwwhii~

Gustav could hear the sound of the handlers flying into the stage to check on Navira who had the last building collapse onto her after she crashed into it.

The announcement for his win was supposed to have gone off by now but they needed to confirm her status first.

Gustav nonchalantly dusted his wears and turned around to head to the point where he had entered the dome from.

He was close to reaching the entry point when the entire vicinity suddenly began quaking intensely.

"I am not finished Gustav Crimson!" A loud and aggrieved scream was heard as the grounds suddenly ruptured.

"Hmm?" Gustav exclaimed as the grounds in the entire vicinity crumbled, causing him to start falling.

He looked up and could see all the high-rise buildings floating into the air.

"Oh?" Gustav exclaimed as he noticed Navira hundreds of feet northwards, floating in the air with her entire figure drenched in her own blood.

Her eyes glowed intensely with her arms spread sideways as a silver energy emitted from her being was wrapped around the hundreds of high rise buildings floating above the ground.

Grrrrhhhh! Grrrvvv~ Grrrrhhhh! Grrrvvv~

Before anyone could understand what was happening these buildings which numbered in around three hundred, floated towards Gustav's position and began descending.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Booom!

Loud and continuous crashes that sounded similar to earthquakes reverberated across the arena as these buildings fell intensely onto Gustav.

Debris and rocks blasted across the vicinity as the crashes continued for the next minute until Gustav's being was completely buried underneath.

"Huff! Huff! Huff! Huff!" Navira breathed heavily as her blood soaked figure descended from the air.

The entire vicinity had been completely desecrated from her ability and she was also worn out as well as injured. However, a feeling of gratification welled from within as she smiled amidst the fatigue.

"I did it..." She voiced.

"No you didn't," A familiar voice resounded behind her causing a chill to run down her entire body.

The instant she turned around a kick was already inches away from her face.

Bang!

The sole of Gustav's feet crashed into her face with force, causing the already destroyed stage to cave even more as she shot across the air, bleeding even more intensely than before.

All Navira felt was a high pitch sound go off in her head before it forcefully turned light out.

Bang!

Her figure slammed into the other end of the dome and slowly slid down across it as she completely passed out.

"You weren't fast enough," Gustav muttered with a slightly pitiful look. However he knew that he would barely be affected by her attack even if he had gotten caught in it.

The handlers who had initially paused their interference earlier swooped down as quickly as they could to give Navira medical attention.

Gustav dusted his skin tight outfit once more as he began to make his way out of the stage.

< Gustav (Planet Earth) Wins >

< 500 Points Attained >

The screens above showed playback of specific parts of Gustav and Navira's battle. The part that left a lot of spectators curious as to how Gustav was unscathed was also showed in slow motion for the weaker spectators who couldn't figure out what happened.

It showed Gustav placing a small circular item on his forehead the moment the ground around him got destroyed and he began falling.

Chapter 1246 I Trust In Your Judgement

It showed Gustav placing a small circular item on his forehead the moment the ground around him got destroyed and he began falling.

As the buildings descended and covered up his entire figure or so they thought at the time, he had already vanished. He turned invisible, activated speed skills along with hover and used his wings.

He immediately became fast enough to escape the descending buildings, and appeared behind Navira who was still dropping the buildings in a frenzy.

The power in the invisibility button depleted after she finished dropping the buildings and Gustav just happened to wait patiently till she was done so he could tell her she failed.

- "That was..."

- "He ended the battle in less than five minutes?"

- "It looked so easy for him..."

- "Crimson! Crimson! Crimson!"

The spectators were still immensely shocked watching Gustav approach the area where other participants were cooped up. A lot of them didn't think Navira would win from the start but they hadn't expected Gustav to take care of her so easily.

To Gustav this battle had lasted longer than he wanted it to but he was glad he didn't display much of his battle prowess just like he wanted.

"Yo man that was cold," E.E voiced with a smile as he raised his hand for a high five.

Pah!

Gustav returned the high five as he return to the midst of his teammates. Aildris, Teemee and the others as well also basked in joy at their first win. It was almost like the win had come to them with open arms asking to be taken.

A couple of participants shot Gustav a not so friendly glance from all across the place but Gustav wasn't bothered. He knew he would still be challenged regardless of how things had gone down this time. He just didn't think he would have been challenged so early into the start.

The second batch continued without a hitch as the spectators focused on other battles that were currently ongoing.

The sound of battles continously echoed across the vicinity as things turned even more intense in some locations. The place where Gustav had battled with Navira began slowly repairing itself.

There was no doubt that it would be ready before the next batch began.

'We just have to maintain our current accumulated number of points to be fine in the long run... I estimate the second disqualification will be in two days and this time a higher number of planets won't make the cut,' Gustav calculated as he took note of the ongoing battles on every single stage.

Handler One had mentioned that the Versus Battle Challenge would go on for about a week and during this time, there would be disqualifications. Gustav could already tell when the disqualification would first happen and it was obvious that a specific amount of total points for a planet would be decided upon.

The planets who fail to meet up with the required points will of course be disqualified. Gustav could tell there will be more getting disqualified this time since the current challenge was practically a points stealing challenge. There was no doubt that before this ended, some planets might not be left with any points.

There was also the unspoken rule that should a planet lose all of their points, they were automatically disqualified. It would still take some time to get to this point since there were still over 1800 planets left in the competition.

As time went by, the third batch began and still not a single earth participant was picked amongst the one hundred and fifty. This time no one challenged a single Earthling as well making Gustav wonder if he did too good in the last battle.

He of course didn't want to completely scare participants off since he still wanted them to gather some more points for themselves. He already had someone in mind that he was interested in challenging but he wanted to make sure he gathered enough points so the person wouldn't be able to refuse his challenge.

Right now he had the number '1500' floating above his head but it wasn't enough so he was hoping more people would challenge him.

"Am I the only one who thinks that dude powers are awfully similar to Falco's?" Teemee voiced from the side.

"You're actually right... I'm noticing the similarities as well," Matilda added from the side.

Following their gazes, there was no doubt that they were referring to the seven foot figure wrapped up in black bandage like outfit from head to toe while emitting an aura of darkness.

His eyes were pitch black as well and he just happened to be battling with an opponent with dark claws that had formed on his hands. Whenever he swung his arms, dark sharp crescent shaped energy would shoot forward dissecting everything in its path.

When Falco was still learning to control Darko, this was an application of darkness he constantly made use of so it was easily recognised by Teemee and the others. I think you should take a look at

"It isn't just him... The team members from Indulus Prime as a whole seem to bear similar abilities with Falco," Aildris chimed in from the side.

"So I wasn't the only one who noticed then," Teemee voiced with a hint of suspiciousness.

"Well... I think it should be a little normal to find one or two persons across the universe with similar abilities with yourself... there aren't a lot to go around," E.E said with a contemplative tone as he tethered on whether this was something to be suspicious of or not.

"Right Gustav?" E.E asked.

"They haven't performed any suspicious acts that have caught my eyes yet," Gustav responded.

"You see guys, y'all are worried about noth..." E.E didn't get to complete his statement when Gustav interrupted.

"That doesn't mean I don't find them suspicious," Gustav stated."

"Oh..." E.E turned to stare back at one of the screens above with squinted eyes.

"While you are correct, Some things are just too similar to be merely coincidental... You guys should keep an eye out and tell me if you spot anything suspicious," Gustav added with a serious tone.

They all responded affirmatively and kept watching the ongoing third batch.

The team members from Indulus Prime were all dressed the same way and each gave off the same form of presence and energy. They all emitted dark mist like Falco recently would from his forehead whenever he activated his bloodline.

It was hard to tell teammate from teammate since they all pretty much looked the same except for their differences in height.

Gustav already had a few suspicions since he witnessed the prowess of their captain, Irand, during the river splitting challenge.

After observing them he noticed that, they didn't seem to have human like skin since all God Eyes showed to him was ink black and multiple hollow parts that on their bodies that were hidden by the bandage like wraps covering them. There was no doubt that they weren't humans.

However, in some instances their application of the power of darkness was very similar to Falco's. Whilst this had put them on Gustav's radar it wasn't enough to have any suspicions about them.

Gustav had thrown them to the back of his mind till Falco began acting up recently. At this point, everything and everyone was suspicious to him so he wouldn't mind holding onto the littlest of strands.

'Somehow their accommodation center is always shrouded in a layer of darkness,' Gustav knew he was unable to see through other planets accommodation area using God Eyes unless he didn't care about setting off alarms.

However, he had noticed that the Indulus Prime accommodation area would be shrouded in an extra layer of darkness. Almost like they couldn't trust the protection measures set in place by the Ozis.

Were they trying to keep eyes out? Or were they trying to keep something in?

Either way, Gustav found this to be a little bit more suspicious.

'The Sacred Jewel should also be able to see through but it would be the same as God Eyes... Alarms would go off. I need something or rather someone who can do it naturally like it doesn't have to be an ability that should be activated...' At this point only one person came to mind.

Gustav made his decision at this point.

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After two more batches, an earth participant was finally picked to be amongst the next 150 participants.

"Finally," Teemee voiced from the side as one of them stood to their feet.

"Haha Aildris show em who's boss," E.E yelled from the side as the silver haired 7'1 member in thier midst wore a faint smile.

"Do you have someone in mind?" Aildris turned to Gustav's position with his eyes still shut as usual.

"No, i trust in your judgement. Pick any opponent you wish to," Gustav responded.

"Hnm, Alright then," Aildris nodded before stepping forward elegantly and confidently.

Chapter 1247 Results

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One major difference between Aildris's air of confidence and that of Gustav's was that there was no ounce of pride in the way he carried himself. Aildris looked kind as well as charismatic and confident to anyone. It would be difficult to have any bone to pick with him.

Aildris soon arrived at the stage that was decided for him and began checking out his options for selection.

At the same time Aildris was busy with this, loud beeps rang out deciphering that a couple of participants had already picked their opponents.

A look of surprise appeared on the faces of many spectators as they noticed a beam of light in the earth participants area.

One of them had been challenged...

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Underneath his armpit area were two Viondur Eggs which he held with a slight look of dissatisfaction despite being unbothered about his injuries.

"I ran into some trouble," Gustav voiced before turning to face Aildris.

Aildris nodded and handed the storage button in his possession to Gustav. As Gustav made use of Gravitational Manipulation, the eggs in his grasp floated while he passed Aildris storage button back to him as well.

Zing! Zing!

The two Viondur Eggs vanished from sight at the same moment all of Gustav's burns and cuts healed up completely.

His skin returned to its usual rosy color along with his dirty blonde hair exuding an enchanting allure.

"All captains are required to place the eggs they have acquired into any of the Flaming Cauldrons for proper calculation,"

Handler One's voice reverberated across the entire vicinity as flaming cauldrons began rising from the ground at the corners of the arena.

Each cauldron was as large as a full grown human so there wouldn't be any issues with putting the Viondur Eggs in. The captains began heading to the cauldrons to place their eggs in.

At the moment, the screens floating above displayed the scoreboards without scores. Only the planet names were visible.

Each time a captain placed a Viondur egg in one of the cauldrons, scores would appear before their planet name on the screens and their position would move up.

In a couple of minutes about three hundred captains had emptied the contents of their storage into the cauldron and the calculation of scores was still ongoing.

Some captains didn't move from their standing point since a lot of planets didn't manage to acquire a single Viondur Egg at the end of the challenge.

Besides this, some planet groups also lost their eggs to the Phixiq participants before the end of the Viondur Challenge. Their animosity was currently fueled as they glared in the direction of the Phixiq captain who was walking over to one of the cauldrons.

It almost seemed like the captains who were suspected of holding the highest number of Viondur Eggs by the participants finally decided to move at this point.

As Gustav stepped forward with his storage button in hand, so did Ozious, Oxlrkik, Xionsi, Draconets and a couple other captains as well.

Captain Strum glared at Gustav from the corner of his eyes as the animosity in the air grew higher at this point. Gustav's face remained expressionless as he stepped forward, ignoring the stares from everyone.

Bolstron the captain of the Phixiq planet happened to be structured like a mechanical red upper humanoid body and the lower body of an arachnid like creature with thirty two legs.

The number of participants glaring at him in animosity happened to be way higher than others but the mechanical like creature didn't seem to care as a black metal liquid appeared before him.

Fwwhwiiii~

Viondur Eggs began to phase out of this floating black liquid metal which he placed in the flaming cauldron one after the other.

-"That bastard!"

-"They robbed you too?"

-"My group is a victim as well and we only acquired two eggs,"

-"I'll make sure he pays in the next challenge,"

Some of the participants seemed to be triggered as they stared at the number of eggs that kept phasing out of the black liquid metal. Seeing so many of the eggs, the other captains who had placed their eggs in a cauldron already lost all flicker of hope they initially had.

"Hmph, We may lose this one but our great planet will remain on top," Captain Strum scoffed as he placed the last egg from his storage into the egg.

Staring up at the scoreboard, his eyes widened a little as he spotted the current situation.

1. Planet Phixiq - 30 Viondur Eggs > 12,000 points
2. Planet Diaporonian - 22 Viondur Eggs > 8800 points
3. Planet Draconet - 21 Viondur Eggs > 8400 points
4. Planet Ozious - 20 Viondur Eggs > 8000 points
5. Planet Hixto - 17 Viondur Eggs > 6800 points

6. Planet Diov - 17 Viondur Eggs > 6800 points

This scoreboard was still counting since the captains were still inputting their eggs which was why 7.
Planet Tronvida - 15 Viondur Eggs > 6000 points

8. Planet Earth - 15 Viondur Eggs > 6000 points

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Captain Strum was shocked when he noticed a considerably weaker planet was currently first position.

He couldn't fathom how this was possible especially since he had dropped every egg in his position into the cauldron already.

While he didn't expect to have the first spot anymore due to his suspicions about earth after the scoreboard was displayed at the ending of the second week.

They had only managed to acquire four more eggs than what Earth acquired at the end of the second week when the challenge finally ended so he wasn't very optimistic.

"Planet Phixiq..." He growled while turning to stare in the direction of their captain.

Captain Bolstron still happened to not have finished dropping all the eggs in his possession into the cauldron.

The spectators were going bonkers at this point as everyone seemed to be hinged on the fact that Planet Phixiq had won.

After a few more seconds the rankings on the scoreboard had undergone change once more.

1. Planet Phixiq - 41 Viondur Eggs > 16,400 points

2. Planet Earth - 40 Viondur Eggs > 16,000 points

3. Planet Diaporonian - 22 Viondur Eggs > 8800 points

4. Planet Draconet - 21 Viondur Eggs > 8400 points

5. Planet Ozious - 20 Viondur Eggs > 8000 points

6. Planet Hixto - 17 Viondur Eggs > 6800 points

7. Planet Diov - 17 Viondur Eggs > 6800 points

8. Planet Tronvida - 15 Viondur Eggs > 6000 points

9. Planet Oxlrk 15 Viondur Eggs > 6000 points

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-"Planet Phixiq won..."

-"Earth was came very close. If they had one more egg it would be a draw,"

- "The statistics are unbelievable, how did this happen?"

- "I did not even expect to see the earth in top three... Who knew they gathered this much,"

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

The entire place had turned noisier as Captain Bolstron could be seen heading back to where his other teammates were positioned.

'If earth's captain had not taken two back out of the four we stole from him we would have gotten totalled 17,200 points but the current statistics isn't bad either,' He thought as he walked back to his teammates area.

This undoubtedly meant that he had inputted all the eggs in his possession into the flaming Cauldron. However, Gustav still seemed to be standing before the cauldron in front of him unmoving.

The spectators as well as other participants felt that he must have been shocked by the results above as acquiring such a number of eggs would make one believe they had definitely won.

While the environment was extremely noisy, Gustav was in his thoughts.

'I really wanted to experiment on some and see what makes it so important... I guess i can't do that now,' Gustav was internally at loss as he reached for his storage button.

Tap!

He singled out two sphere shaped objects that were emitted in holographic format from his storage button and right before everyone's eyes, an unexpected scenario played out.

Zing~ Zing~

Two multicoloured three feet large eggs appeared before Gustav.

-"What? He had two more?"

-"How in the world does he have more?"

-"This is unbelievable,"

-"Why did he stand there all this time if he still had more?"

The spectators areas lit up in a frenzy once more as this unexpected occurrence took them completely by surprise.

At the position of the handlers, they had a look of relief as they watched Gustav drop these two eggs into the flaming cauldron before him.

Planet Ozious were fifth place currently, yet the handlers seemed to be relieved when Gustav relinquished the last two Viondur Eggs in his possession, putting earth at the top.

If Gustav had noticed them, he would definitely have found this suspicious, however, his mind was currently elsewhere.

'What a loss... oh well,' Gustav decided to stop being bothered about it and turned around at this point.

He had wanted to keep the last two eggs he stole back from the Phixiq group to himself but he eventually had to drop them or earth would have lost.

Chatter! Chatter! Cheer! Cheer!

While there were loud voices of confusion and displeasure all across, the cheers coming from the earth spectators area happened to be very loud as well.

"You sure gave us a scare there Gus,"

"Looks like you were taking your time to cause this type of reaction,"

Everyone began voicing out one after the other upon Gustav's return.

"Yeah I wanted to keep an egg for myself but I guess I'll just have to let things be," Gustav shrugged as earth completely became the centre of attention at this point.

"This isn't possible? How?"

On planet Phixiq area they were plenty shocked as to how they still lost the first place despite how many groups they stole from.

After a couple more minutes went by, the final result of the Viondur Egg challenge was on display for everyone to see.

Chapter 1248 Secret Business Transaction

Rodritiv pushed his palm forward causing over forty gems to fly upwards at insane speed in Aildris direction. The moment they expanded, the entire air was covered in massive gem like balls without a single channel of escape for Aildris.

It looked liked Aildris was going to be heavy crushed by the line up of massive gems shooting across the air at this momemt.

Thwii~

Aildris suddenly opened his eyes...

Rodritiv who was below felt like time had come to a stand still at this instant as the world was suddenly drained of colors.

Oooohhhhh~

The sound of astonishment from the spectators area showed that they were just as shocked as the color drain was spreading beyond the stage these two were battling within.

Bam!

Aildris stretched his hand forth to touch the massive gem before him which had turned from green to grey.

Tiiisshhh~

The gem suddenly crumbled to dust particles upon contact as Aildris descended from the air.

'Such beautiful eyes,' Rodritiv entered a state of temporary awe as he stared at Aildris eyes which possessed a spectrum of unknown number of colors.

Rodritiv wasn't the only one who was awed, the spectators and participants who had never witnessed Aildris open his eyes before were extremely stunned as well.

These colors were like rings in his eyes which were all blended in perfectly, making them look like a different dimension where only colors existed.

Rodritiv felt like he was in a swampy location as his movements turned sluggish. His gems had lost almost all power when their color got drained. The vicinity had turned into Aildris's domain as he was the only being who retained color in this world of black and white.

Aildris landed before Rodritiv and thrust his left palm forward. Rodritiv had wanted to counter but with his sluggish movement and the reduction in strength of his gems, he was unable to react quickly.

Bam!

Aildris fist slammed into Rodritiv's chest, sending his entire body shooting across the air.

"Spectrum bind," Aildris muttered as he locked his thumbs together casing circular multicolored strings to appear around Rodritiv in mid air.

The glowing multicolored strings, wrapped around Rodritiv's entire body from top to bottom, making him look like he was clad in a new type of fabric as his body spiralled repeatedly in mid air.

Aldris raised his right index finger, causing Rodritiv to be suspended in mid air. At this point, he was struggling to escape the binds but to no avail. He couldn't control his gems in this state, neither was he strong enough to rip through the spectrum bind.

His body wriggled continuously in mid air while Aldris stood in place for a bit before making a backwards motion with his index finger.

Rodritiv's completely bound body flew towards Aldris and stopped when it arrived before him.

"Hmmhh! Hmmhh!"

Aldris made another small motion, causing Rodritiv's mouth area to be freed.

"I've lost haven't I?" Rodritiv voiced with a look of defeat.

"Unless you throw in the match you haven't but you did good," Aldris smiled while responding.

"The moment you opened your eyes it was over for me... You are a great opponent," Rodritiv voiced with a respectful tone before yelling out a declaration.

"I give up!"

< Aildris (Planet Earth) Wins >

< 500 Poinys Attained >

Yaaaaaaaahhh~ Chatter! Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

Some of the spectators area especially where earth was located went bonkers. Cheers and all sorts of remarks erupted causing the place to turn super noisy.

"Aildris! Aildris! Aildris! Aildris!"

They cheered for Aildris as he closed his eyes, causing the vicinity to return to tranquility. Rodritiv was freed and regained his color. His body fell from mid air after the spectrum bind disappeared.

"Good one," Aildris reached out his arm to help him up.

"Thank you," Rodritiv took Aildris arm and got pulled up.

This gesture solicited cheers from the spectators from both Planet earth and Foheng's positions.

Aildris and Rodritiv each left the stage with barely any injuries and new found respect for each other. This made the atmosphere warm and peaceful compared to other locations in the arena.

"He's right, the battle ended the moment Aildris opened his eyes," Gustav muttered.

With the new strength his teammates had gained before IYSOP, some of them still had abilities they had never displayed and probably would never display in some situations.

Aildris happened to have a combination of new abilities he couldn't even make use of in this battle since it would cause death if the opponent was unable to counter. He had to play it safe so as not to get branded with a penalty.

("He's getting real close,") The system voiced in Gustav's mind.

'Yeah I noticed... That Spectrum Bind he made use of was almost similar...' Gustav responded internally as Aildris arrived back in their midst.

("Usually it is meant to go with the abilities of the being who unlocks it so this little unexpected energy emissions are normal. Only your case was different because your Cosmic Superiority is kinda abnormal,") The system voiced.

'You don't need to keep reminding me that I'm a freak in every given opportunity,' Gustav squinted his eyes.

("Yes I do,")

'As always... f you...'

("Fuck you too,")

'You're' a virtual being, you will never know how it feels to do that,'

("...")

'How long till he unlocks it?' Gustav questioned.

("...It depends... could be months or could be...")

'Could be what?'

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"So this is why you stopped her. I'll hand it to you, you're pretty smart little earthling," A humanoid looking being with an armadillo structured face, said with a tone of amusement.

"I care not for your thoughts or unnecessary remarks... do you have it, yes or no?" The dark skinned male with beautiful looking dreadlocks voiced from across the table.

"Don't be in such a rush, join me for a meal first," The Armadillo faced creature suggested.

"Do I look like I am in the mood for any of your antics? This is a business transaction, I am not your friend, neither am I an accomplice of yours. Do you have the item?" The dark skinned young male voiced with seriousness, his face lacking any form of friendliness. *nOvelusB.cOm*

"Aish just look at that big scowl on your face, you almost reminded me of her..." The Armadillo faced creature was about rambling away again when he noticed the sharp gaze from across the table and stopped.

"Alright Young Mr Stark... the item you're asking for, Koshka shot, is currently unavailable," The Armadillo faced creature stated.

"And frankly, I am unaware of how you came to know of that item in the first place. Not only is it amongst the most difficult to obtain, it is also illegal in most planets under the alliance, including yours," The creature added.

"What is with all this long talk? I thought they said you were the greatest collector In the universe," Stark voiced with a ridiculing tone.

"I am," Axiler looked near offended as he stated.

"No you're not. Since you're not willing to do the needful, I'll find a collector who can," Stark blurted out while standing to his feet.

"Hold on... I didn't say I couldn't get it, i only said it was unavailable right now," Axiler quickly stopped him before he could storm off.

"Then why are you boring me with unnecessary details? Are you going to get it? Or do I need to use a different collector?" Stark questioned while squinting his eyes.

"I will get it... damn you're so uptight compared to how you acted around that other kid and Aimee," Axiler felt like he was speaking to a different person.

"Neither of them must hear of this. It has to be confidential between the two of us," Stark chimed in.

"No problem. I also have to leave here since I already gave wrong information to all of my clients anyways. Things will get messy if they come for me," Axiler voiced in defeat.

Miss Aimee had given him quite the work. He knew he would definitely acquire enemies after this.

"It will take some time to get the item. I most likely won't get back till after IYS... or rather after that crazy occurrence has passed..." Axiler announced.

"Crazy occurrence? What do you mean?" Stark inquired with a look of confusion.

"It doesn't matter. I will contact you once I have acquired it and tell you where to meet because it won't be on this planet," Axiler voiced before walking away.

Stark still had a look of confusion on his face but he soon threw that aside as he stared at the screen within the restaurant that displayed the ongoing versus battle challenge.

"Hmm, Gustav made that new replacement decline another challenge. He must be playing at something," Stark muttered as he turned around.

"I should probably head back to the arena to witness this in person," He added while walking out of the place.

shiiisshh~ shiiisshh~ shiiisshh~

Two figures who were undoubtedly powerful, appeared behind him the moment he stepped out of the structure.

"Family head, how did the negotiations go?"

Chapter 1249 Did I Do Well?

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"Family head, how did the negotiations go?" One of them questioned.

"He'll contact us when he acquires it," Stark responded as they walked away together.

'I can't believe he made me decline another one,' Yuhiko stared at Gustav from the corner of her eyes with annoyance building from within her.

Currently the eight batch was ongoing. Yuhiko had been challenged again by a participant from Planet Orion this time.

Gustav made Yuhiko decline and this made it her second time. This meant that Yuhiko only had a single declining chance left and points would start getting deducted after that.

“Didn't think that dude would challenge someone else in our group after Yuhiko declined,” Teemee voiced from the side.

“And he went after Vera... tsk tsk,” Matilda shook her head in pity.

“He probably thought she was weak...” Ria chimed in.

“Vera is usually silent most of the times and can easily be unnoticeable. It is understandable why he thinks she's weak,” Aildrs stated.

“But she is gonna win... right?” Ria voiced with a slightly worried expression.

Gustav watched the ongoing battle with an observant expression as usual. Her opponent was a being with glowing silver wings and a halo floating above his radish shaped head.

A world of dense forestry surrounded them as the Orion participant sped across the air, swerving repeatedly to dodge thick vines shooting from below with speed.

These vines were each almost as thick as a grown adult with all sorts of prickly thorns surrounding them. It seemed like they could lengthen infinitely and were flexible enough to twist as well as curve in mid air to the manipulator's desire.

These vines snapped at the Orion participant repeatedly, trying swat him down from the air like a fly to no avail.

Sweeeii~ Sweeeii~ Sweeeii~

He managed to evade about four of them as he spun across the air while reaching out to grab the glowing halo floating above his head.

Vera whose body was hidden within the thickness of the forestry below and many vines surrounding her, stretched forth her arm.

The instant she performed this action, four more thick vines shot upwards with immense speed, surrounding the Orion participant in nearly an instant.

Seeing the eight thick vines surrounding him, he flung the halo he was holding onto, causing it to spin furiously as it cut across the air with intense speed.

Thhrrriihhh~

The first two vines swatting at him were instantly cleaved in two before they could make contact with him. Greenish liquid spurted out in a frenzy as the Orion Participant swerved to the side in the next instant, dodging the third vine that had just swerved forward.

SWWHIIII~

He spun to the side while swinging one of his hoove like legs forward.

Bang!

A forceful kick slammed into the side of the third vine, causing it to shoot forward uncontrollably.

The Orion Participant silver wings flapped intensely sending a burst of wind across the vicinity as he swept upwards with speed.

One of the vines was fast enough to follow after his ascending figure, wrapping around his foot first.

As this vine held onto him strongly, his figure uncontrollably halted in the sky. He was about to attack the vine when two others snapped from the east and west, wrapping around his figure very quickly.

“Aaahhhh!” The Orion Participant groaned as his figure got completely entagled within the massive vines that had wrapped around him.

What everyone had thought would be an easy win for the Orion Participant was starting to unexpectedly drag out and it seemed to be in the favour of Vera.

'They have no idea that this battle could be ended instantly if Vera willed it,' Gustav nearly shook his head in pity for the ignorant fools who thought Vera was a mixedblood.

("She is definitely the most dangerous living creature here right now,") The system chipped in.

'I've told her to be cautious of how she uses it so she hasn't implanted in anyone in quite some time... this much is okay so long as he doesn't get close to her,' Gustav said internally as he kept his eyes on the battle.

The glow of the participant silver wings had been completely hidden within the entrapment of the vines as he struggled to free himself.

Thirriihhh~

A loud whirring sound pierced through the air as a glowing spinning circle cut across the sky at high speed.

Cleerrrrggghhh~

The halo cut through the thickness of three vines in the next moment, finding its way to the hand of its owner.

Ddhiinn!

The Orion participant grabbed his halo after getting a little breathing space and quickly swung upwards with speed.

Fwwhii~ Fwwhii~ fwwhii~

His hands moved very quickly as he slashed repeatedly, causing pieces of the vines to rain from the air. The instant he was freed, he swept downwards with speed. I think you should take a look at

Thrrihhhh~ Thrrihhhh~ Thrrihhhh~ Thrrihhhh~ Thrrihhhh~ Thrrihhhh~

Smaller vines shot upwards to deter him once more but his figure spun very quickly slicing every single vine that approached him into multiple pieces.

Bang!

'She is definitely in there,' He thought as he slashed his way forward quickly, ready to deal the winning blow to his opponent who had tormented him for long enough.

Swweeeii~

The glow of the spinning halo encompassed the environment as he flung it at the lasy massive tree like vegetation that stood in his path.

A sharp energy tore through the vicinity as many other trees and vines were cleaved easily without as much as a contact from the glowing halo.

“Hmm?” He exclaimed in confusion after his line of sight had been cleared of vegetation.

There was not a single person in sight like he had expected.

“No one except him is allowed to hurt me,” A soft feminine voice rang out from behind.

Pah!

The Orion participant suddenly felt a soft hand clasp onto his left shoulder causing him to wince as he tried to quickly turn around.

Unfortunately, he felt his sense of self fading as the world around him turned white.

'What is going on...?' These were his last thoughts as he fell to his knees with the hand still positioned on his left shoulder.

Waaahhhh~

The entire spectator area erupted with voices of disbelief and confusion as they stared at the girl with green and white hair standing behind her opponent who she had subjected to his knees.

They couldn't understand what was going on as what happened next was Vera muttering some words that were too low in volume for them to hear.

-“What did she do?”

-“I have to admit, I didn't see that coming,”

-“We had such a participant? How come we never knew her capabilities till now?”

Even in the earth's spectators area, they were greatly shocked. Vera had just performed a feat that put her amongst the strongest.

A few seconds later, the Orion Participant fell face flat onto the ground and passed out. It was unknown what damage had been caused but there was no doubt that Vera had won.

< Vera (Planet Earth) Wins >

< 1100 Points Attained >

This was one of the largest points that had been acquired since the versus battle challenge began. No one had expected Vera to win and even if she had lost, it would have only been a 600 points deduction.

Planet Orion had truly lost more than they had bargained for in this one. Vera began walking back to the earth's participants area with a straight expression while other battles continued.

-“She really won just by touching him?”

-“She definitely has a very dangerous touch,”

-“She is to be avoided in future battles,”

An obsessive smile appeared on Vera's face as she arrived at the earth's participants area.

She ignored everyone else praising her for a job well done and stood before Gustav.

“Did I do well?” She questioned with puppy eyes.

“You did a great job,” Gustav smiled while rubbing her hair affectionately.

She jumped into his embrace in the next instant giggling like her face didn't just look scary a while ago with the straight expression she initially wore.

“AHM!” Angy grabbed Vera's hair from behind and pulled her from Gustav's embrace.

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“Oh but then, wouldn't it be delusional to think you could win against an opponent that is clearly more powerful than you are?” Wong had an expression of confusion as he questioned.

“If the disparity in strength is immense then yes, but if not, then there is definitely a chance of winning. Loss or win in a battle cannot be decided by strength alone. Uncertain and unexpected factors can lead to a completely turn of events during a battle,” Gustav responded.

“Do you think you can defeat him?” Wong asked.

A smile appeared on Gustav's face after hearing this question, “I guess we'll find out soon enough,”

The group also followed side by side with Gustav as they headed towards their accommodation area.

As the participants witnessing the initial events by the side dispersed, two figure with transparent skin, green eyed and white radish shaped head, glared in the direction of the earth participants leaving.

-“We shall revenge the humiliation they brought upon my brother,”

-“That human must die by our hands,”

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"Hehe, praise me again," Vera was acting like a happy little girl before Gustav.

Some of them weren't surprised since they knew only Gustav could bring out this side of her but the others were genuinely shocked as this was the first time they saw Vera had a proper dialogue with anyone.

"You've really made good progress, I'm proud," Gustav patted her head again while the vicinity remained loud from battles.

Bang! Bang! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Some of the most intense battles were ensuing in about five different stages. The most intensive battles were participants from planets who were top twenty.

The spectators were even more fired up at this moment as participants they had always wanted to see in a fight were finally battling.

"Ghalazer, throw in the towel before i beat you to a pulp,"

"I'm giving you the same offer, Melthu,"

Two figures, one with a large hole in his chest and the other structured like a mechanical bot voiced out before charging towards each other.

On another stage two participants from planet Qivendale and Torin were also facing each other and had laid waste to the surroundings.

Since planets participants had been mostly challenging weaker opponents so as to steal points easily, there had only been a few rare cases where the matchup were two powerful opponents of nearly equal standing.

This time there were five of them, making the versus battle challenge way more entertaining than it had been at the start.

Gustav was sure the Handlers didn't expect this yet since the turn of events so far would have led to weaker planets continuously getting picked on till all of their points were lost. Which would eventually lead to the disqualification of weaker ones.

No doubt this was how things would still unfold but it was surprising that stronger planets had begun challenging one another already.

- "The Phixiq are one of the darkhorses this year,"

- "Yeah by this time in the last IYSOP they were already disqualified,"

- "Not just them, albeit weird, the Diaporonians are still in the game,"

- "Let's not forget Indulus Prime... they were not even close to being this powerful in the last IYSOP,"

Gustav could hear a group of oldies chattering away on the far end of the arena. It turned out Earth wasn't the only planet who had major improvements. What caught his ears was mostly the mention of Planet Indulus Prime.

'Them again... truly getting more suspicious,' Gustav thought.

Other planets high on the ranking currently were usually amongst those who made it to the last stage. Earth always made it to the last stage as well but never won. This was the first time they had ever attained such a high rank.

The planet that had won the last time were also currently the hosts, the Ozis. The Draconets had come second the last time but now things were different.

Planet Ozious was currently in third position. Almost like the places had been reversed. This time more powerful participants had come from different planets. Captain Strum was an anomaly himself and so many other participants who were considered to be amongst the strongest.

Earth was leading now but it was still unknown who would win. Things could take a turn at anytime.

As time went by, the expectation of the Handlers played out. At the twenty seventh batch, up to eighty different planets had already lost the last of their points.

Up to a hundred others were slowly closing in on the brink of disqualification as well. Even if some didn't lose all of their points, they were still very troubled as the number of points needed to remain in IYSOP was still unknown.

Today was the second day and everyone would still have to wait till the third day before the required points would be announced.

In a particular part of the IYSOP participants area, a group with horns on their necks seemed to be engaging in a small dialogue.

"Captain are you sure we're going to be fine? We only have eleven thousand points left,"

"The information he gave mentioned that only planets with less than ten thousand points would be disqualified so yes we will be fine," *nOvεLuSb.cOM*

"If that is the case then we don't need to worry much but we should try not to lose more points,"

"Indeed, the information is credible but we shouldn't lag behind,"

In another area...

"Captain we have only nine thousand points,"

"We have to make sure we acquire up to ten thousand points before tomorrow,"

"It will be one hell of a problem if we're less than ten thousand points at the end of today,"

In another area...

"Jumin just won her battle,"

"She has acquired six hundred extra points,"

"This means we're in the clear now with ten thousand one hundred points,"

"What a relief,"

These were all different planetary group having different dialogues but one similar aspect was repeatedly emphasized.

< 10,000 points >

These teammates were discussing in very low tones so no one would be able to pick up on what they were talking about. However, even if anyone did manage to pick up on their discussion, it would be difficult to understand what they were talking about unless one was given the full gist of things.

Gustav had heard the mention of ten thousand points and was instantly able to tell what it was all about.

'Axiler wasn't kidding when he mentioned that over eighty planets came to him for information...' He thought internally while fighting the urge to smirk.

("Some of them still have beyond it though so they might not get disqualified based on the number required,") The system voiced.

'I know, but a good number of them have relaxed after reaching ten thousand point, not knowing what is coming. They probably won't give it their all in the coming versus battles till after the disqualification period which they think they will ace,' Gustav was really fighting the urge to break out in maniacal laughter right now.

Seeing the effects of what Stark had suggested and Miss Aimee implemented by scaring Axiler into submission, he was glad he didn't refuse the suggestion. The misinformation would truly cause issues for those who purchased it.

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Time went by very quickly and another ten batches had been concluded.

During this time frame Yuhiko had been challenged a couple more times and Gustav had her decline all of them.

At this point she already looked cranky and gashed her teeth from time to time as her fists remained clenched.

'Now I'm sure he just wants to humiliate me,' Yuhiko thought as she clenched so hard that her fingers sunk into the skin of her palms.

Trrihh! Pat!

Droplets of blood trickled down the gloves of her battle suit. Her body trembled slightly as she tried to hold in her anger.

Pat!

A small pat on the shoulder brought her out of her reverie as a warm masculine voice followed.

"You're bleeding," Endric said while passing her a small piece of handkerchief like clothing.

"Endric tha..." Just as she was about to show appreciation, Endric face closed in on her left ear.

"Trust me, you deserve worse than just simply bleeding," He whispered in her ear coldly, causing shivers to run down her spine.

'I knew it! They truly had it out for me!' Yuhiko froze in place as color left her face.

'They could both easily kill me if they want but didn't... they must want to torture me,'

Endric turned around after the small whisper and began heading forward.

"Where are you going?" Aildris questioned with a slightly confused expression seeing as the batch just ended and the computerised systems were still picking out the next one hundred and fifty participants.

"It's my turn now," Endric replied.

Immediately after he said this...

Thriiihh~

The list of one hundred and fifty participants for the next batch appeared on the screens above and Endric's name as well as his face was included.

"How did you...?" E.E was about to question how in the world Endric was aware that it was his turn but Endric was already far gone.

"How the hell did he know?" E.E stared at Endric then stared in Gustav's direction with a befuddled expression.

Gustav just displayed a clueless smile without responding.

"You two are really something else," E.E had ths urge to scream this out.

They were two monstrous brothers after all...

'I guess that Time Candidate thingy does come in handy for him,' Gustav said internally while staring at Endric enter a stage.

("You have no idea... The way your perception works on detecting things where you can practically see the actions of an enemy a split second before they perform it during a battle, Endric has something similar as a time Candidate. The difference is, he can perceive things before they happen not just in battle but overall in any event or scenario,") The system explained.

Author's Note: Update on characters.

>> Gustav (Most voted and current readers favourite Male Character)

>> Angy (Second most voted and current readers favourite Female Character)

>> Miss Aimee (Third most voted and second readers favourite Female Character)

>> E.E (Fourth place and second readers favourite Male Character)

>> Aildris (Fifth place and third readers favourite Male Character)

>> Falco (Sixth place and fourth readers favourite Male Character)

As for other characters, I haven't added them yet so I apologise if your favourite character is not on the list. Comment the characters you wish to be added. Also remember, more votes decide how fast a character will be illustrated.