

Bloodline 1271

Chapter 1271 Let's Hope The Earthling Survives

Captain Strum was slower than Gustav but due to his six arms, he managed to keep up with Gustav's strike, dealing an almost equal amount of destructive force with each of his strikes as well.

Bang! Boom! Boom! Boom!

All the spectators could see were thousands of blurry fists all moving forward at the same time and causing the icicle rocks in the vicinity to quake intensely as some of them crumbled from the impact.

"I have gone toe to toe with the strongest being here... you are nothing!" Gustav stated with a powerful tone as his fists suddenly began to increase in strength and speed while he pushed forward.

'What is this? Why is he getting stronger?' Captain Strum did his best to maintain a prideful expression but soon found himself getting pushed back.

Sshhhsshhh~

His figure began sliding across the icy ground as Gustav moved pushed forward.

At this moment, his encour appeared behind Gustav and conjured another massive blueish spear.

Thrrroohhh!

It stabbed the spear downwards with intensity at Gustav's tiny figure.

Gustav's felt his body contract a little as his speed decreased with spear closing in on him.

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Thrraazzhhhh~

His figure turned into a streak of lightning that reappeared on the a massive two thousand feet icicle which was on the far right.

Bang!

The massive blueish glowing spear missed, stabbing into the ground before Captain Strum.

A wide raduis of the ground turned into light particles and disintegrated upon contact.

Captain Strum figured that Gustav's evasion would give him a bit of time to gather himself when a loud blast suddenly rang out. It had come from Gustav's direction.

Screeeevv~

Gustav had leapt down the giant icicle and swung his claws towards its base. The two thousand feet large icicle was uprooted from its base and Gustav could be spotted holding it up.

Before Captain Strum could understand what was going on, Gustav's figure spun across the air with immense speed while the massive icicle was in his grasp.

"Don't be a bother," His voice rang out and in the next instant the massive icicle shot forward the moment he released it.

Twwhoosshhhh!

The speed at which this massive icicle traveled across the air left the spectators with shocked expressions especially due to its size.

Captain Strum had his Encour conjure another spear in the last moment which it swung forward to parry the incoming icicle projectile.

Boom!

Upon collision the two thousand feet long icicle split into two halves and then crumbled into multiple large icy chunks that slowly began to disintegrate in mid air.

However, some of the large ice chunks slammed into Captain Strum's encour before they vanished like stones that had been catapulted.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The massive encour staggered backwards as it took damage, meanwhile Gustav's figure had moved the moment he turned the two thousand feet icicle into a projectile.

He arrived before Captain Strum once more while sending forth a flurry of attacks.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

They clashed repeatedly once more, stirring up destructive ripples that spread across the entire battle stage.

Krrrychhhh! Krrrychhhh!

Despite not making direct contact with the barriers covering the stage, cracks and fissures had already appeared all over them.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

"You have the power of time but guess what..." Gustav's cold voice penetrated the ears Captain Strum as he continuously pushed him backwards with more powerful barrages.

"Hnnghh!" Captain Strum's face scrunched up as he tried to keep up with his six arms.

"I'm faster!" Gustav stated before taking up his speed by another notch.

Captain Strum's eyes only noticed a bunch of blurs before a couple of Gustav's fist tore past his arms which were also swinging forward in defense.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

It was like four fists had hit Captain Strum at the same time as he suddenly felt heavy force slam into his face, neck, chest and abdominal region.

"Clurrrkkk!" Captain Strum's entire body was sent flying across the air as he puked out blood while his back caved out.

Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!

He slammed through a plethora of giant icy rocks, breaking right through them as his body continuously traveled further across the air from the attacks.

"Also, I'm stronger in this state..." Gustav's voice rang out right beside his ears as one of his eyes suddenly spotted a figure above him.

Bang!

Another powerful fist slammed into Captain Strum's face before he could react, sending him tumbling downwards heavily.

Booom!

His body created a crater the moment it collided with the icy ground, causing cracks to spread across the entire vicinity.

Fwwwwhiiii!

Gustav didn't stop for a moment as his figure streaked downwards, leaving afterimages across the air.

Booom!

He landed on Captain Strum's figure, causing the Dracon to further burrow into the icy ground from collision.

Gustav proceeded to grab his head immediately and spun around with intense speed before flinging him forward.

At this point Captain Strum eyes were starting to turn blurry as his figure crashed into an icy palace hanging thousands of feet away from the ground.

The spectators were in awe at how incredibly violent and intense Gustav was being. They compared this battle to the one with the Captain of the Klaxosapes and realised Gustav had taken things up a notch.

It was almost like he was more powerful and more intentful with his attacks which were well calculated. All in all, it was different...

Was Gustav just stronger when he was fueled by hatred? Or had learnt from his last intense battle and used that to improve himself?

'Ghhrrhh! This damned earthling! I can't keep letting him humiliate me like this,' Captain Strum thought as he reached out to grab Gustav's hands again to stop him from striking.

Bam! Bam! Bam!

He managed to catch one of Gustav's hands and tried to block a couple of blows from the other one but ended up missing one of them.

Bang!

Another fist to the face sent Captain Strum crashing towards the T shaped icy rock on the other end of the barrier.

Fwwwihiii~

Gustav's figure ascended and streaked across the air once more while brandishing his claws.

However, before he could arrived at Captain Strum's position, the Dracon made a hand gesture.

Captain Strum's encour suddenly appeared behind him and scooped him up.

Screeeevv~

The massive T shaped icy mountain lost its head as silvery energy from Gustav's claws tore across its entirety.

Captain Strum who was above leapt to the head of his one hundred and twenty feet tall Encour.

The shadowy encour's entire frame lit up at this moment.

A thorny looking glowing halo could be spotted floating above its head and over twelve eyeballs arranged in a circular format appeared on the halo.

It looked like the encour was clad in a robe like an it emitted a bright blue glow but its head lacked a face.

A powerful pressure descended upon the environment as the encour stood before Gustav like a deity.

- "Strum has activated the full power of his encour,"

- "Things are about to get even more intense,"

- "Let's hope the earthling survives,"

- "The earth Captain has proven to be tough but this is the end for him,"

In the Dracons spectators area, they had looks of relief as they stared at the battle with Captain Strum's encour emitting a blinding glow.

They were initially worried seeing how the battle had been going with Gustav's speed being greater than anyone had expected but now, their confidence had returned.

On the battle stage, Captain Steum raised one of his arms and an intensifying glow appeared around his palm.

"I didn't get to show you my full strength the last time... feast your sight upon my powe..." Before Captain Strum could complete his sentence a silver streak cut across the air.

"Shut up!" Gustav's palm crashed into Captain Strum's face in the next instant.

Pah!

The loud crispy slap reverberated across the entire arena causing the jaws of spectators to hang loosely as the prideful captain got catapulted off the head of his encour.

Fwwhii!

"This darned earthling! I will destroy you!" Captain Strum yelled as a great wave of humiliation washed over him.

Gustav was about to charge at Captain Strum once more since he was starting to stabilise his body in mid air.

However at this instant the eyes surrounding the massive glowing halo turned to stare at him.

Thrrriihhhh~

Gustav suddenly felt a strange sensation permeate his entire body as he froze for an instant.

'That's new...' He said internally with an expression of confoundment.

("Uh oh... this is not good,") The system suddenly voiced.

'What? What is not good?'

At this same moment, the encour joined its habds together and a bright glow bursted forth from its being.

It was like a harmless surge of energy that spread forth across the entire battle stage, covering Gustav and everything else within.

"What the..." As Gustav raised his hand he noticed mirages forming due to his movement, making his arm look like it was more than ten in number.

Fwwhiiihhh~

At this instant, Captain Strum suddenly charged at Gustav, his speed multiplying by ten times its original.

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Fwwhiiihhh~

"This is the end for you!" He voiced as he raised all six of his arms the moment he arrived before Gustav.

Zing! Zing! Zing! Zing! Zing!

His palms emitted blueish glows as he thrust at Gustav who tried to move swiftly.

However, mirages of Gustav appeared across the air in the next moment, lining up sideways as they displayed his exact movements before he even made them.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Following Gustav's current pattern prediction, Captain Strum thrust his palms in the direction Gustav was evading to hitting him square on.

Before Gustav's body got blasted back, mirages had already appeared behind him, displaying the distance at which his body would travel after this hit.

It seemed like time had come to a stand still at this moment as Captain Strum's figure vanished and appeared where Gustav would be before thrusting repeatedly once more.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Gustav spat out blood as his figure got blasted forward again with immense force from Captain Strum's multiple attacks.

All Gustav could see at this moment was that Captain Strum was everywhere at the same time. He would get hit before he could even process the attack that came before.

If his body was blasted from behind, he would be hit the moment he veered forward a bit from up ahead, only for him to be hit again by another Captain Strum before he could realise what was going on.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

While Gustav was repeatedly taking these attacks due to being unable to avoid them, his silver scales were disappearing. Any part of his body where Captain Strum made contact with, some of features of that body part would vanish.

'Hnghh... he turned the battle ring into a time domain... This is beyond foresight he can predict my movements... practically seeing into the future... Time is slowed down for me but quick for him so it's like he pauses time after every movement which makes it seem like he is everywhere...' Gustav analysed as he repeatedly waved arms around to block attacks, all to no avail.

Despite Gustav's speed in the state of Ultimate Combination, he was literally in a stand still motion before Captain Strum.

Captain Strum was bending time to his will around the entire vicinity, leaving Gustav no chance to evade or counter his attacks.

Soon the blue glow that encapsulated the battle stage began to spread beyond.

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

The arena turned noiser as panic spread across. No one was interested in getting affected by Captain Strum's time related power especially after seeing how Gustav was affected.

"Redirect the spread of the energy right now," Handler One swiftly gave command to a group of Handlers who quickly swooped forward to take care of the situation.

'Everytime a battle includes Earth's captain, extra precautions need to be taken,' Handler One had a worrisome look as he peered forward.

The current predicament seemed perilous for Gustav but he was working on a way to get out of it despite having sustained lots of damage.

Thrrriihhh~

His entire frame got covered in layers of Iro silk as he also made use of Atomic Manipulation.

The iro silk soon became covered in milky colored energy as well.

"Pointless! My power of time reverses all!" Captain Strum's voice rang loudly in Gustav's ears as he began furiously attacking the barrier Gustav had surrounded him with.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The repeated sound of collision rang out and from the spectators area, it looked like a rocky structure was zipping across the battle stage at fast pace due to Captain Strum's furious barrages.

For now, Gustav was free from taking damage from Captain Strum's attack, however, anyone could tell that this wouldn't last.

The strong power of Atomic Disintegration was no match for time as it slowly vanished with every strike along with the iro silk barrier.

'Time is a power that cannot be battled against... even the strongest beings in this universe cannot battle certain aspects of time... I need to make time dysfunctional to escape this...' Gustav's mind was running at a very quick pace.

Millions of thoughts appeared in his mind as the barrier whittled away

'If I use that... it won't have much effect unless I stack them and he doesn't see it coming... but he sees everything coming...' Gustav was having a hard time figuring out what to do but soon he decided on something.

Captain Strum zipped backwards suddenly as mirages of red ripples spread across the place.

In the next instant, the real ripples of crimson energy blasted forth across the entire vicinity.

Captain Strum had gotten away in time to avoid the blast due to his prediction ability in full swing.

However, the moment the blast whittled down, Captain Strum felt an unfathomable pull from up ahead.

His eyes widened slightly as a sphere shaped ball of energy oozing with dark matter appeared before him.

What the..." He tried to escape but the pull was too great and he found himself unable to move for a couple of moments.

Thirrrhhh~

A mirrage of a human figure appeared behind him bearing a fist while he was trying to escape the unprecedented pull from the dark sphere ahead which was had a ring swirling around it.

"Absolute...." Before Captain Strum could complete his sentence Gustav's bloody figure appeared behind him.

His arm which was arched back, shot forward with extreme speed, parting the air in the surroundings and causing powerful waves to spread sideways in its wake

Bang!

it was like all of Gustav's pent up frustration was stacked into this punch as it crashed into Captain Strum's back, sending him blasting forward with destructive rippes shooting across the battle stage.

Krraanckkk!

The first layer of barrier surrounding the stage shattered as Captain Strum's back caved in while he spat out a mouthful of white blood.

The spherical shaped dark sphere ahead pulled Captain Strum to its surface, causing his entire figure to twitch in slow motion as it seemed like he had been incapacitated.

Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~

Gustav raised both his arms causing small swirling balls of darkness to appear around him. These balls were each the size of a fist but they emitted a powerful suction force.

Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~

Blue Spherical shaped balls of energy that were ten times the size of the dark balls appeared in place as well and proceeded to absorb the dark balls.

The blue spherical shaped balls turned blackish after absorbing the palm sized swirling dark balls of energy. However, this wasn't the end as Gustav made more of the dark balls appeared.

Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~

The three large spheres that were initially blue turned even darker as they absorbed more of these balls.

The suction force became so great that everything within the battle stage started getting pulled towards them.

Gustav clasped his palms together and the spherical shaped dark balls of energy swept forward, each positioning themselves on the south, east and western sides of Captain Strum who seemed to be struggling to set himself free.

The suction force from all four of these spherical balls, pulled Captain Strum from every corner, threatening to rip him to shreds.

Every physical object in the vicinity was crumbling to atoms and being swallowed by the four spherical dark balls of energy.

The icicles...

The massive ice rocks...

The massive ice palaces...

The place sized chains holding them...

The battle stage...

The layers of barriers...

The spectators watched in awe as everything was getting consumed very quickly, light included.

Ghhrrrhhh! Ghhrrrhhh~

The entire arena that spanned for hundreds of thousands of feet began quaking despite the fact that not every layer of barrier had been destroyed.

What Gustav had done was, activate a mini blackhole after using energy dispersal as a feint to get Captain Strum to evade.

While Captain Strum was powerful and could twist the laws of time, he wouldn't take such an attack head on especially when it covered such a range.

That split moment was enough for Gustav to activate mini black hole and conjured as many as he could within a second time frame before letting one of his spherical energy absorbers consume it.

Theoretically the Spherical energy that Gustav used for absorbing the mini black holes should have been consumed but because Gustav was currently making use of combination, he was able to combine them efficiently.

With the spheres absorbing multiple mini blackholes, they began even powerful blackholes which he used against Captain Strum. Strum couldn't see this despite his prediction ability since Gustav was capable of making his spheres invisible.

He only noticed it after the suction force had began pulling him to consume his entire existence.

Gustav knew that blackholes had effect on time. Despite not being able to stop time completely, the time dilation effects of a blackhole was what he counted on to at least trap Captain Strum for a few.

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He conjured more to be on the safe side due to Captain Strum time related abilities but now it was looking like he had overdone it.

The ninth layer of the barrier surrounding the battle stage crumbled to atoms as well and got consumed by the blackholes.

Captain Strum's Encour was surprisingly powerful enough to withstand the force of the blackholes in its current state and stared at Gustav with four of its eyes.

Gustav was well aware that it was about to activate an attack but it was currently moving slowly due to blackholes around.

Captain Strum limbs were slowly ripping apart as he did his best to withstand the force of all four but what Gustav didn't realise was Captain Strum was struggling to utter a word.

He didn't take notice of this because he had already flown towards the Encour ready to pierce it with powerful attacks.

The handlers were running helter-skelter trying to contain the spread of the destructiveness from Gustav and Captain Strum's battle stage which was spreading further, disrupting other battles as well as spectators.

Some of the powerful spectators joined hands to help despite their astonished expressions.

The battle stage was void of physical objects as everything had been swallowed up and the ninth barrier got blasted to pieces as well.

Down below, the damage had eaten deep into the battle ground that it had created a hole through this part of the ninth disk.

The solar system could be spotted with an expanse of darkness spreading as far as the eyes could see.

"Strum... break out of it, don't disappoint me," In the Dracons spectators area, Brons Midely clenched his fist tightly with a tensed expression as she stared at the battle field.

"Who knew the earth was capable of using the power of blackholes," Another Dracon by the side who had widened eyes voiced out.

Many of the Dracons were currently on their feet with tensed and troubled expression as they stared at the state of the entire arena.

Gustav's usage of abilities had surpassed their expectations and taken them by surprise. In this state, Strum was supposed to be unstoppable but Gustav had proven to be truly beyond phenomenal.

- "Come on Strum,"

- "He still hasn't used that..."

Despite the destruction the entire arena was undergoing which was disrupting the battles on other stages, a lot of spectators were at the edge of their seats watching with keen eyes.

"Ab..."

"A....b..."

It still seemed like Captain Strum was uttering something, albeit very slowly. His limbs were already ripping from his body as the blackholes suction force caused space around them to tear and mend continuously.

Gustav had arrived before his encour but any attack he sent at the Encour would just reverse and completely vanish.

The Encour was incapable of attacking Gustav at the moment but reverse was also the case. Gustav seeing as his attacks were getting reversed, turned towards Captain Strum.

It was time to end this from the source. Gustav conjured another attack and was about to charge at Captain Strum when the bright blue glow emitting from the Encour suddenly became more vibrant.

At this moment, Gustav was left with an expression of regret as he turned to stare at the Encour he had failed to damage.

"Absolute Zero!" Captain Strum's loud voice rang across the entire arena.

Thrrriunnhhhhhh~

The vibrancy of the light emitted from the Encour phased past the barrier surrounding the stage...

Thrrriunnhhhhhh~

It proceeded to encapsulate the entirety of the arena and then spread past the arena at very quick pace.

From the space watchtower of Planet Ozious, their mouths widened as the glow spread across the entire nine disks and covered them as well in a flash.

In just a few moments, the glow had spread across galaxies, causing every single being bathed in its glow to pause their movements.

Everything, came to a standstill...

Spectators...

Participants...

Humans...

Extraterrestrial lifeforms...

Circulation of Orbital bodies...

Everything that existed came to standstill including the most powerful people present as spectators in IYSOP.

'Huh? Did he pause time?' Gustav's eyeballs shifted as his figure paused in mid air with his arms extended.

("He did... he manipulated time on a universal scale this time... even your blackholes are affected,") The system confirmed.

'Then, how come I am still conscious and aware...' Gustav questioned internally.

("You're a Cosmic Superior Being... you're one of the few people in the entire universe who is not completely affected by the power of time. In other words, you are immune in some aspects but not entirely,") The system explained.

'Am i the only one in IYSOP who is currently conscious of this?' Gustav noticed that no one else was moving.

("You are not... the others here are just choosing not to interfere or cannot interfere even if they are aware but yes... Everyone else is affected,")

At the same moment the system finished explaining this, time began to reverse.

Fwwhiiii~

Gustav could feel his body affected by the bending laws of time as his figure reversed along with the atoms of objects in the vicinity turning back to physical matter, rescinding from the blackholes.

("Uh oh...")

'Well damn... he didn't just pause time... he's rewinding it,' Gustav came to this realisation as Captain Strum's limbs which had been ripped from his body, reattached.

("This is completely different from the spear attacks he had been using... this is time reversal on a universal scale...")

Miss Aimee sat in place staring at the vicinity around her. She could clearly see that time was being manipulated on a large scale at this moment and just like her, a few other powerful entities were aware.

The few powerful entities like her that could break out of its hold would still be aware of everything that had happened even when time had been reversed to the point that Strum was aiming for.

'Now how are you gonna handle this, kid?' Miss Aimee was no doubt worried about the current predicament since Gustav had never faced anyone on this level before but she didn't want to interfere. It was his fight.

Her figure slowly floated upwards. While everyone within the bubble of light were reversing, she watched from above with an expression of intrigue.

Specks of sands were reversing and turning into solid objects, merging with the area they were currently situated within. The attacks from Gustav's figure had reversed back into his body and he floated around the stage while time slowly reversed.

The cracks on the barriers were mending and returning back to their original look as the layers slowly returned as well.

Mist moved in reversal and transformed into massive icicles that merged to the ground across multiple spots on the battle stage.

("He is going to reverse the whole battle to a point where he was winning and prevent everything that happened from happening again,") The system announced.

'I can see that... I don't think he is aware that I am conscio...'

"Gustav Crimson! You're finished," Captain Strum's voice rang out from up ahead as he sped towards him.

("Regardless of whether you're conscious or not, the time reversal affects your body too so you have to completely break out of this if you want to prevent the same events from playing out again,") Just as the system finished saying this Captain Strum appeared before Gustav and sent a punch at his face.

Plaakmmm!

An illusionary representation of Gustav phased out of his body the moment the fist slammed into him, spiralling across the air as blood oozed out of his nose.

The illusionary figure, turned completely physical in the next moment causing there to be two of Gustav existing in the same place.

The first Gustav was still being affected by the reversal of time as his body obeyed the Manipulation Strum had commanded.

The other Gustav paused in place as it seemed to be outside of the time reversal effect but was also incapable of moving a muscle.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Captain Strum unleashed a barrages of attack on the other Gustav beating him to a pulp as he remained unable to fight back while time continued to flow in reverse.

("More problems... he plans to inflict damage on you so when time finally reverses to the point of his satisfaction, you would have sustained a high amount of damage that will leave you incapacitated. Regeneration cannot work right now since time isn't flowing in order so...")

'That should be impossible... any damage he inflicts on me right now should also reverse...' Gustav's body was in pain but he battled to keep his mind active.

("Yeah it should be impossible but that is practically what he is doing... he ability to manipulate time is much irregular than I expected,") The system stated.

At this point, Gustav bones made loud cracking noises and blood oozed out of his orifices while Captain Strum continously landed heavy blows on him.

'I need to break out of this...'

("There's only one way to achieve full immunity against Strum's Manipulation of time,")

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'Hmm... it should be fine since everyone else is affected right now...' Gustav knew exactly what the system was referring to.

His main self closed his eyes and focused on the center of his being, tapping into the power that lay within...

Fwwhii~

Captain Strum dashed towards Gustav's figure in mid air and was about to land another punch when his eyes suddenly emitted a bright glow.

Tiiinnnggg~

A wave of unfathomable energy spread forth from Gustav's figure as his irises turned reddish pink and a cross shaped golden glow appeared in his eyes.

Zhrrriihhhh~

Gustav's second figure pulled backwards suddenly and merged with his first, causing Captain Strum's punch to miss.

"Huh? How...?" Captain Strum's face lit up with an expression of confoundment as he swiftly spun around.

He spotted Gustav's figure starting to glow up as an unknown amount of pressure descended upon the vicinity.

The pinkish with a mixture of gold aura circulating Gustav's being sent forth a divine wave across the battlestage that made Captain Strum feel like he was in the presence of god.

A feeling of complete submission welled up from within as he stared at Gustav with an expression of reverence. Every fibre of his being was wanted to bow down in the face of Gustav's wake.

Pah!

Captain Strum slapped himself as he noticed he was subconsciously succumbing to Gustav.

"Is this... Is he... Could it be...?" Captain Strum couldn't believe his eyes as he watched Gustav free himself from the shackles of time reversal.

Gustav stared raised his right arm, staring at his glowing figure with a straight face as he clenched his fist.

'I haven't activated Cosmic Superiority in full scale in a long time... Even without doing anything, its already taking effect on the environment,' Gustav said internally while raising his face to stare at Captain Strum up ahead.

"You are... It doesn't matter! I won't let you defeat me!" Captain Strum yelled and charged at Gustav in the next instant.

Fwwhooosshhh~

Gustav peered at his incoming figure with an unbothered expression before making an utterance.

"Stop!"

Thrrriiih~

His words rippled with absolute command and unfathomable power that immediately spread across the vicinity.

Captain Strum's figure instantly paused in place with his multiple limbs outstretched.

'What in the world? He is truly a Cosmic Superior Being! A Cosmic Superior Being participating in IYSOP! This must be a joke! My mind must be playing tricks on me!' Captain Strum yelled internally as his body paused in place.

"Fall!"

Gustav's voice rang out again and Captain Strum's figure descended from the air with speed.

"Faster!"

An unfathomable pressure descended upon Captain Strum's figure causing him to fall faster.

Bang!

He slammed into the ground in the next instant, forming a new crater as his knees stamped to the cracked battle stage.

Fwwhiii!

Gustav landed before him with an expression devoid of emotions as he stared directly into Captain Strum's eyes.

"That prideful look... do you... hnnghh... think you're better... than me?" Captain Strum struggled to speak as shot an hateful glare at Gustav.

"Hmm since you can still speak it means I'm being too lenient..." Gustav was surprised that Captain Strum managed to even speak with his Cosmic Superior energy active but he wasn't done.

"Down!" His voice rang out authoritatively causing Captain Strum's figure to push against the ground ten times harder than before.

"Hghnnn!" Captain Strum tried his best to fight the pressure while trying to regain control of his body but the more he tried to define, the stronger the pressure became.

Every fibre of his being defiled his command, overwriting his will and following that of Gustav's as his body descended even further.

Bam!

He fell face flat in the next instant, bowing completely before Gustav.

Captain Strum had never felt so humiliated before his life as he tried to roar out in defiance but even his voice chose not to obey his will at this point.

Despite the fact that spectators couldn't witness this moment due to the current state of time, he still felt immensely humiliated. He never expected the battle would go this way. He didn't think he'd be fighting with a Cosmic Superior Being.

Step! Step! Step! Step!

He could hear Gustav's foot step echoing as he made his way across the cracked icy mirror like ground.

The moment the sound stopped, Captain Strum knew Gustav was right in front of him. In the next instant, his feeling of humiliation multiplied.

Gustav raised his right foot and placed it on Captain Strum's head.

Stomp!

His foot buried Strum's head deeper into the ice as he placed his right elbow on his knee and remained in place, daunting a relaxing expression for a bit.

Captain Strum couldn't even writhe in dissatisfaction since his body had completely succumbed to Gustav's will but his mind was reeling in wrath.

'I'll kill you I swear Gustav Crimson!'

'I'll end you!'

'I'll destroy you!'

No matter how much he yelled in his mind Gustav left his foot resting on Captain Strum's head regardless. He knew how prideful Captain Strum was and his major aim right now was to complete squash that pride.

"Do you remember how you harmed my subordinate?" Gustav voiced while twisting his leg to rub the sole of his boot on Captain Strum's head thoroughly.

"Yeah... you caused major problems to someone i care about," Gustav voiced while continuing rubbing foot across Captain Strum's head.

"This will teach you to watch who you mess with," Gustav proceeded to take his foot off.

Captain Strum's pride was bruised but he thought it was at least over now.

"Turn over,"

Captain Strum's body flipped over with his face up and his back kissing the icy ground.

Stomp!

Gustav stomped his face in the next instant, rubbing the sole of his boot throughly on it.

'I'LL KILL HIM IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO,' Captain Strum became even more infuriated as Gustav foot abused his face repeatedly.

"Up," Captain Strum's body floated upwards a bit before Gustav.

"Speak," Gustav gave Strum free will over his speech.

"I will kill you! I will make you beg for mercy! I will gouge out your eyeballs and eat them!" Captain Strum yelled out with a deep tone of fury and hatred.

Pah!

Gustav slapped his cheek, causing a loud sound of collision to ring out as Captain Strum's neck instantly twisted.

Krrrychhh~

His head turned 180° degrees and blood flew out of his mouth.

"Arrrgghhh!" Captain Strum screamed in pain as his face became rooted to the back.

This of course was not enough to kill him but it inflicted an indescribable pain.

"Ouuu sorry my bad. You were talking trash so I had to slap it out of your mouth," Gustav voiced with a tone of pity while grabbing Captain Strum's head and twisting it back to place.

"I'll Kill you! If its the last thing I do! I don't care about IYSOP anymore! You're dead! You're dead! You're dea..."

Pah! Krrrychhhh!

Another loud slap reverberated across the vicinity, accompanied with the sound of bone cracking as Captain Strum's neck twisted once more.

"Ghharrghhhh!"

"My bad... I should have let you finish speaking first," Gustav twisted Captain Strum's neck back to its original angle.

"Aaarrghhhhh!" Captain Strum's face was plagued with an expression of pain and hate as he began screaming profanities again.

Pah! Krrrychhh~

"Aagghhhhh!"

Pah! Krrrychhh~

"Aagghhhhh!"

Pah! Krrrychhhh~

"Ghaarrhhhh!"

The same scenario played out repeatedly with Captain Strum being on the receiving end of Gustav's brutal assault.

Eventually Captain Strum voice turned hoarse from screaming and he lost the will to threaten Gustav.

His expression soon turned from unwillingness to tiredness as his voice started to lack the liveliness it had at the start.

Captain Strum's Encour was incapacitated at the far end of the Battle Stage barrier. Gustav hadn't inflicted any damage on it in a while but he guessed it was incapacitated due to the scale at which Captain Strum was manipulating time.

Time was Still being reversed even at this point and Gustav could tell that this would continue to be the case until Captain Strum stopped it, ran out of energy or passed out.

"Alright, It's about time we ended this charade," Gustav voiced as he let go of the Dracon who was no longer voicing out profanities.

"Up!"

Fwwhiiii~ Bang!

"Down!"

Fwwwheiii~ Bang!

"Left!"

Fwwwheiii~ Bang!

"Right!"

Fwwwheiii~ Bang!

Captain Strum's figure catapulted across the entire battle stage at fast pace, slamming into different areas as he continuously ricocheted off the ground and the icy structures in mid air.

Gustav's command was absolute and couldn't be battled against. It was like whatever he voiced would become reality.

"Blast!"

Booom!

A loud explosion rang out, sending Captain Strum flying as his figure immediately became scalded.

"Blast!"

Boom!

Another explosion rang out, sending Captain Strum shooting forward this time.

Gustav floated in the direction Strum's figure was headed and in the next instant he sent forth a fist.

Bang!

His fist slammed into Captain Strum's abdominal region causing the Dracon to spit out a jet of blood as his body caved in.

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Captain Strum felt like he was hit by a moving Orbital body as two of his arms uprooted from his body after receiving the fist from Gustav

Blood jetted out like a fountain as he slammed into the far end of the barrier, breaking straight through all the layers and continuously shooting out into space.

Fwwwheiii~

Gustav figure vanished and he reappeared in space hundreds of feet before Captain Strum's body which was still shooting forward.

He gathered energy in his right arm as he arched it backwards while clenching his fist tightly. His fist was coated in a golden and pinkish glow as he drove it forward at Captain Strum's approaching body.

Boooooom!

Space parted as Gustav's fist sent ripples across the endless expanse of darkness the moment it collided with Captain Strum.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Three stars in the distance got snuffed out from the destructive wave of energy that spread forth from Gustav's fist as Captain Strum shot downwards like a dying star.

Thrrroooooohhhhh~

His body shot across the solar system as it descended towards the ninth disk.

All of his limbs uprooted from his body as he fell unconscious even before he hit the battle stage.

Boooooom!

The battle stage got blasted to smithereens the moment Captain Strum came into contact with it, sending another wave of destructive ripples across the vicinity.

Fwwhii!

Gustav reappeared in the stage at this moment as time came to a standstill again. He deactivated Cosmic Superiority at this point to make sure it wouldn't be active when time went back to normal.

The glow emitted from Encour slowly whited as its figure began to disintegrate. Time stopped reversing and everything that seemed to be in an illusionary state started solidifying.

Strum had reversed time to the point where he just activated the full power of his Encour and was tossing Gustav around like a dirt bag.

As Time went back to normal functionality, the scene that the spectators would be witnessing was Gustav getting beat up.

However, the moment time resumed, the entire stage suddenly appeared destroyed and the scene the spectators were initially witnessing glitched like a video game playback.

The spectators were completely astonished as they stared at the desecrated stage. One unconscious figure was completely laid on the ground with missing limbs while another was standing before the unconscious one with an unbothered expression.

- "What the hell just happened?"

- "Captain Crimson was taking a beating and all of a sudden... Captain Strum is defeated?"

- "He looks bloodied and battered too..."

- "His encour is gone too? This doesn't make any sense,"

- "How did this happen?"

The spectators were in an utter state of confusion not recalling the events that played out after this point of the battle.

Only a few spectators like the Council Lords and Miss stared at the stage with looks of understanding but they still remained astonished.

"The kid has truly grown more powerful than I realised..." Miss Aimee muttered.

"Hm? Young miss i sense time Manipulation on a higher scale... What did we miss?" Grand Commander questioned from the side.

"You didn't see it?" Miss Aimee asked with a slightly surprised tone.

Grand Commander Shion was an Alpha so she had expected that even if he couldn't be completely immune to time related abilities, he would at least be able to perceive the events ongoing during time Manipulation and have memories of the original timeline.

"I can only faintly sense that time has been altered on a large scale but I have no recollection of how things exactly went," Grand Commander Shion responded.

'Maybe this is a good thing... they will remain unaware that Gustav is a Cosmic Superior being,' Miss Aimee was still surprised that someone as young as Strum was able to pull this off with an alpha lacking memories of the original timeline but she decided to use this to Gustav's advantage.

She proceeded to narrate to Grand Commander Shion the events that played out while skipping the mention of Gustav's use of Cosmic Superiority.

She didn't give him any explanation as to how Gustav was immune to Time Manipulation which made the Grand Commander even more confused but Miss Aimee would rather leave him in confusion than let the earth be aware of Gustav's Cosmic Superiority until the kid was ready to reveal it himself.

- "Strum lost? But how?"

- "The earth's Captain seems to have broken out of his time Manipulation,"

- "But how is this even possible?"

The Draconets spectators area was in shambles as well.

Brons Midely clenched her fist so tightly a popping sound rang out, "Even after everything he still lost," She voiced with a chilly tone.

"That kid... the earth's Captain... He is a Cosmic Superior Being. Anyone would have lost," The others prestigious looking fellow beside Brons Midely voiced out.

"Why did you stop me from interfering? No one would have noticed if I did," She turned to stare at the Dracon beside her with a look of anguish.

"It was a battle between the two youngsters. Oldies like us are not meant to interfere. It would be a disgrace to our great planet if we were to interfere in such matters," The Dracon voiced with a dismissive tone.

"Also, we are not the only ones who are aware of what went down," Another male Dracon voiced from the side while staring in the direction of Earth's spectators area.

Brons Midely gnashed her teeth while peering forward with a look of hatred, 'How dare that earthling do this to my son,'

< Gustav Crimson (Planet Earth) Wins >

< 1200 Points Attained >

Amidst the confused gazes of the millions of spectators, Gustav exited the stage and walked towards the earth's participants area.

-"Don't get me wrong, I'm glad Captain Crimson won but what the fuck just happened?"

-"Beats me... I don't understand a thing,"

Even the earth spectators area was full of confused people. Gustav fellow team members were not left out of this confusion.

"Wow what did you do Gus?" E.E questioned the moment Gustav arrived before them.

"Long story... you all just can't remember because of Strum time related abilities," Gustav heaved a sigh of fatigue as he took a seat.

He had expended a lot of energy to win that battle and almost depleted his Yarki in the process. Yarki would have been long depleted if it wasn't mixed with the other ability Gustav unlocked after becoming a parallel being.

"Good job big brother," Endric voiced from the side.

"You saw it?" Gustav questioned but instantly arrived at the answer before Endric responded.

"Time candidate perks?" Gustav voiced.

Endric mouth hung loosely for a bit before he answered, "...Yes,"

"Oh? Endric knows what happened,"

"Endric tell us we're confused,"

"Spit it out man,"

The group quickly clustered around Endric who eventually decided to give them a brief analysis of what happened while leaving a lot of parts out.

The versus battle challenge continued while the spectators still couldn't get Gustav and Strum's battle out of their heads and kept trying to find answers as to what happened.

"Big brother, I noticed something..." Endric approached Gustav.

"Hmm? What is it?" Gustav questioned.

"They witnessed it too," Endric answered.

"By they... do you mean...?" Gustav glanced at Endric with an expression of concern.

Endric nodded in response despite the fact that Gustav didn't complete his question.

"Hmm... they're not supposed to be able to... this might be a problem," Gustav's caressed his chin with a contemplative expression as he muttered.

"Did you uncover anything about them last night?" Gustav asked.

"I... not yet, I'm still looking," Endric stuttered a little before responding.

"You figured something out didn't you?" Gustav's tone instantly turned suspicious.

"I really am still looking into it... I have pieced what I saw together yet and no you can't help me do that. I have to confirm if I'm looking in the right direction first so I don't mince information," Endric answered with a sincere tone.

"Hmm... alright, do let me know when you figured it out," Gustav stated while turning to stare in the direction of Indulus Prime participants.

Indulus Prime participants stood together in place with their pitch black eyes on display as usual. Their expression remained unknown due to the wraps of bandage like clothing covering the entirety of their figures.

"100% confirmed," One of them voiced out.

"It was just as I suspected," Captain Irand voiced with a tone of anticipation.

"We have finally uncovered The Outworldly,"

While they exchanged a few words over there, Endric stood in place with a disturbed expression on his face as his forehead glowed with green light.

'You told me everything was okay! How could this be!?' Endric yelled internally.

'No I told you that going on that mission would increased the chances of averting great calamity in his future which was correct,' Husarius answered.

'Then what the hell did I see last night!?' Endric asked.

'A better future compared to how things would have gone if you didn't act at all,' Husarius replied.

'You are crazy! You are crazy if you think I am going to let that happen,'

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A better future compared to how things would have turned out if you didn't act at all,' Husarius replied.

'You are crazy! You are crazy if you think I am going to let that happen,' Endric face scrunched up in annoyance as he engaged Husarius.

'There's really nothing you can do about it,' Husarius reiterated.

'I won't sit by and let it happen,' Endric stated.

'If you interfere anymore than you already have, things will spiral out of control and everything will turn out much worse. In this case he only loses two but if you try anything he'll lose way more,' Husarius answered with a dismayed tone.

'Are you telling me, I caused the demise of over three million people for nothing?' Endric's gritted his teeth.

'It isn't for nothing... you achieved the best possible result,' Husarius answered internally with a dismissive tone.

'Darn you! You didn't tell me this was how things were going to end up!'

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The day was finally coming to an end as the last batch for the day seemed to be ongoing. The highlights of today's battle challenge happened to be Gustav and Captain Strum's fight, along with Ophiener and Captain Illumo of Planet Xionsi.

Planet Xionsi was above Planet Ruhz on the rankings yet Ophiener won the battle against their captain by achieving a new level of enlightenment during the battle.

While their battle wasn't on the level of destructiveness and power of Gustav and Strum, it had been very hyped due to how Ophiener broke through and became very powerful.

Participants began to compare her strength to that of the other Captains after her win.

Currently, Abestos was in one of the stages battling against a Planet Ozious participant.

Their battle was one of the fights that was most focused on but at the moment Abestos didn't seem to be doing so good.

The redirection of energy from Abestos attack did nothing to help him against his opponent. He could barely successfully connect an attack, unless he took his opponent by surprise.

On other cases, his attacks was acquired and imprinted upon by the Planet Ozious participant which he would in turn manipulate according to his desires.

Eventually...

< Ghorn Daritus Wins (Planet Ozious) >

< 1000 Points Attained >

Gustav had him challenge this Planet Ozious member to analyse some things so they didn't really mind about winning or losing.

"So long as you hit them so fast that they're unable to notice the attack prior, they won't be able to imprint on its energy... speed is the key but for those who don't have the required speed, you'll have to use your wits and take them by surprise. Pull them into a trap or a state where they are unable to counter the attack," Gustav advised his teammates after Abestos returned dejected from the stage.

Gustav knew they wouldn't be meeting Planet Ozious in a versus battle anymore but just incase of the future if they met during another challenge and had to battle it out, his teammates would know what to do.

Few minutes later, all the battles for today had come to an end and it was finally time for Handler One to address the public.

Once more, the arena turned quiet as an air of tension permeated the vicinity.

"As mentioned yesterday, the disqualification period has arrived..." As Handler One began speaking, the IYSOP ranking appeared on the screens, also displaying the number of points planets had acquired so far.

<< Planet Earth - 90,501 Points >>

<< Planet Draconet - 82,900 Points >>

<< Planet Ozis - 75,400 Points >>

<< Planet Indulus Prime - 74,000 Points >>

<< Planet Oxlrk - 71,700 Points >>

<< Planet Tribetes - 71,200 Points >>

<< Planet Diov - 70,000 Points >>

<< Planet Hixto - 69,500 Points >>

<< Planet Osiris - 68,400 Points >>

<< Planet Xillion - 62,000 Points >>

<< Planet Klaxosape - 61,600 Points >>

<< Planet Orion - 60,100 Points >>

<< Planet Ghundabault - 58,000 Points >>

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The spectators took note of the planets at the last three places.

<< Planet Phixiq - 21,300 Points >>

<< Planet Vekuis- 20,600 Points >>

<< Planet Oaertin - 20,100 Points >>

No planet had aquired below twenty thousand points even though they were 531st, 532nd and 533rd respectively.

This made everyone curious as to whether they'd reach the requirements or not. Last time the number of points needed was fifteen thousand and now everyone was way higher than that.

However, it wouldn't make sense for any Planet to not get disqualified.

"The top two hundred planets have successfully made it through the Battle Challenge and will be participating in the next major challenge," Handler One announced.

Yaaahhhh! Cheers~ Cheers~

Loud cheers rang out upon this announcement due to a lot of planets celebrating being amongst the top two hundred. However, the dread seemed to be higher since over three hundred planets were below the top two hundred.

- "I thought there was going to be a number of required points,"

- "I thought so too,"

- "This sucks for a lot of planets,"

- "Planet Ruhz is at number 232,"

- "I guess we won't be seeing more of Opheiner then,"

A lot of spectators didn't understand why this method of disqualification was used instead of the usual.

"Tomorrow is the last day of the battle challenge but the top two hundred planets will not be participating because they have qualified to move onto the next challenge," Handler One continued speaking.

This statement caused a lot of them to beam up in confusion.

'If the top two hundred planets won't be participating, then which planets will be?' This was the question in the minds of many of them.

Handler One went on to explain that the planets that were 201 on the rankings down to 300 would be the ones participating in tomorrow's Battle Challenge.

Planets below three hundred were automatically disqualified.

Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~

Participants from planets below three hundred in the ranking started getting teleported away from the battle arena. Those who had acquired over ten thousand points higher than the last number of points required to progress had their hopes dashed.

No one had expected that the disqualification would go this way. Nevertheless a lot of planets were glad that they ranked in the top two hundreds.

As for the planets who would still have battles tomorrow, Handler One mentioned that only fifty more planets would be given the chance to progress afterwards.

This would mean that another half of the planets had been disqualified at the end of the Battle Challenge.

"Fifty versus fifty should be quite the interesting sight," Aildris voiced from the side.

"Doesn't this mean we have a day off tomorrow?" E.E voiced with a playful expression.

"That's true. We could just come as spectators or we could go on exploration on the other disks. We've not managed to enjoy our stay here," Teemee added from the side.

"I'm going to let Falco join us for the next major challenge," Gustav announced.

"He can join us for the exploration too to ease his mind off things. Let's just have fun for a bit," E.E wrapped his arm around Gustav's neck as he agreed with Teemee's suggestion.

"What about Yuhiko?" Yonda questioned.

"What about her?" Gustav voiced dismissively.

"What do you mean what about her? You can't just shove her off the main team," Yonda stated.

"She is just a substitute and has served her purpose as that," Gustav responded.

"I vote that she remains on the main team. I don't want some unstable dude having my back," Yonda voiced with a strong tone.

Almost everyone stared at him with an expression of frustration as they heard this.

"It's not up for voting," Gustav voiced while turning around.

At this point, Handler One had finished briefing the entire audience about the next set of events and the spectators began trooping out.

"You can't put our fate in the hands of someone unstable. Yuhiko is strong enough to be on the main team," Yonda continued going off.

"Yonda don't..." Even Yuhiko tried to stop him but he cut her off.

"You deserve this spot more than that Falco guy," He said with a smile.

"Stop wasting your time. She won't give you a shot regardless of your charade," Gustav stated casually as he continued stepping forward.

"What? How... You..." Yonda's face displayed an expression of humiliation and anger as he subconsciously lunged forward.

'Huh? What am I...' He realised his error too late as his fist was already headed for the back of Gustav's head.

Fwwhwiiii~

Gustav fluidly moved his neck sideways, causing Yonda's fist to whiz past his face as he turned while stretching his hand out.

All Yonda saw was a giant palm cover his entire face and next thing he knew, his entire body descended with speed.

Bang!

The back of his head slammed into the ground along with his entire body as Gustav held him in place effortlessly.

Chatter~ Chatter~ Chatter~

"Aren't they supposed to be teammates?"

-"Why are they fighting?"

-"Looks like the earth is not as united as we thought,"

Participants from other planets in the vicinity chattered amongst themselves as they witnessed this scene.

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'I couldn't even touch him...' Although Yonda felt regretful about his actions, he couldn't deny the sting of humiliation he felt now which was higher than any physical pain this clash caused him.

"Who is the unstable one now?" Gustav voiced as he let go of Yonda's face. He hadn't used much force so he knew he didn't injured Yonda.

"Tsk short people are always short tempered," E.E shook his head in pity.

"You shouldn't do that Yonda," Fildhor voiced from the side.

"You're gonna make us look bad now," Angy added.

They all berated Yonda and Gustav began walking away again.

"I'd rather have that so called unstable guy watch my back than you," Gustav's voice trailed off as he left.

Yuhiko, Fildhor and Shirama were the only ones who stayed behind to help Yonda up.

"Don't worry about it Yonda kun, I'm glad I was able to help," Yuhiko said with a bright smile plastered across her face after helping him up.

"That bastard... I don't like him," Yonda said with a tone of anguish.

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While Gustav was leaving the arena with the others, Miss Aimee had approached him for a talk and they moved to a secluded area to discuss.

"Something happened with the handlers," Miss Aimee voiced.

"Hmm? I did notice something was off at the start of the battle challenge," Gustav responded with an intrigued expression.

"So what happened?" Gustav asked.

"One of them was murdered on the seventh disk... Handler 302," Miss Aimee revealed.

"That's... quite serious," Gustav facial expression turned surprised as he heard this.

It wasn't that crime never occurred on Planet Ozious, but it happened to be very rare. Compared to Earth where mixedbloods criminals were a handful, Planet Ozious happened to be quite tame.

Murder was something Gustav was aware hadn't happened here in a long time so it was quite the grave occurrence.

"Did they catch the culprit?" Gustav inquired.

"No... whoever did it already fled long before the corpse was found," Miss Aimee responded.

"They are conducting investigations now and since this person killed an Handler, they cannot be weak. We don't know if participants are going to be targeted next so we need you all to be careful," Grand Commander Shion voiced from the side.

"I think we can handle ourselves," Gustav responded with a dismissive tone.

"A token has been prepared just in case of emergencies. It will send out a signal if something happens. Please pass this to the rest of your teammates," Grand Commander Shion stated while a couple of black square shaped cubes the size of buttons, appeared in mid air.

Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~

They were around forty six in number, making up for the substitutes as well. Gustav received them and placed them in his storage device.

His teammates might want to go out alone so it would be nice to have a token on them just in case.

"Miss Aimee, do you know who did it?" Gustav questioned with a slightly suspicious tone.

"I understand why you'd think that but you should be well aware now that I wouldn't bother myself with the affairs of this planet. Crime is normal everywhere so despite my senses being able to cover the entirety of the nine disks, I pay no attention to a lot of ongoing issues since I have no intention of butting in," Miss Aimee answered.

This meant that even if her senses had picked on the death, she didn't register it because if Miss Aimee had to concern herself with every issue on this planet, she'd have to be everywhere and she wasn't here to clean up the mess of an entire planet.

"Only information I gave them was that I sensed dark signatures in the location of the crime," Miss Aimee added.

"Dark signatures? So the homicide was committed by more than one person?" Gustav questioned.

"Could be... but it's none of our business unless they come for one of our own. Let the Ozis handle it themselves," Miss Aimee waved her hand dismissively.

"We have to equip ourselves with enough information or we won't be able to prevent it from happening to one of our own if they do come for us," Gustav responded with a logical tone.

"I guess you're right..." Miss Aimee wasn't really thinking about it from this point of view since Gustav and his friends were the only people she really cared about.

They proceeded to discuss more about the issue for thirty minutes more before Gustav left to head back to the accomodation area.

The moment he arrived, he gathered everyone together to tell them about the information he got from Miss Aimee.

"A Handler was killed? How is that even possible?" Teemee questioned with a shocked expression.

"Weren't they said to be the strongest Ozis?" Ria voiced as well.

"That is why it is assumed that whoever the culprit is, cannot be someone weak that is if it wasn't done by a party," Gustav responded while tapping on his storage device.

Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~ Zing~

The tokens Grand Commander Shion passed to him earlier appeared with a flash of blue light and Gustav proceeded to grab them.

"Grand Commander Shion tasked me with passing these on to the group," Gustav voiced while handing them out.

At this moment, Falco walked in from his room with bags under his eyes.

"Yo Falco, you good?" E.E was the first to ask.

"What's going on?" Falco questioned as he rubbed his eyes.

"A Handler was killed," Aildris revealed.

Falco paused briefly upon hearing that as his face showed a disturbed expression, "Ho... how did that happen?" He questioned.

"We don't really know but we were given these emergency tokens that would alert the higher ups present if any of us were in danger," Gustav answered while passing a token to Falco as well.

Falco reached out with his arm trembling a little and accepted the token from Gustav.

"Are you good?" Gustav asked.

"Yeah yeah, I'm fine," Falco tried to wear a smile as he replied.

"I was thinking of letting you participate in the next major challenge but if you're not up for it I can..." Before Gustav completed his sentence Falco chimed in.

"No," He shook his head.

"Hmm, you're not up for it?" Gustav questioned.

"I don't feel so great... I'll rest it out for a bit. You can use a substitute," He responded while turning around to leave.

"Thank you for dealing with Strum for me,"

Everyone had worrisome looks as they stared at each other while Falco walked away.

"By the way, did they discover who did it?" Falco inquired.

"No, the culprit hasn't been identified or caught," Gustav shook his head.

"Bummer... you guys be safe out there," Falco voiced as he walked into his room and the door behind him closed.

"You see! You should have left Yuhiko in! I said it, that dude isn't stable!" Yonda began yelling the moment Falco was gone.

Everyone ignored him but internally they felt he had a point. Gustav had made a conscious effort to try and place Falco back in but now Falco didn't want in.

"He's unstable! I said it! Yuhiko is the best replacement!" Yonda kept yelling.

"Cut him some slack. If you had gone through what he did at the hands of Strum, you probably wouldn't be alive right now," Matilda had enough of his yapping and voiced out.

Yonda ignored her and kept yelling while Gustav proceeded to head to his room as well. Angy was about following him but figured that he probably needed some time alone to think.

'I'll check on Falco in the meantime,' She decided and walked towards Falco's room.

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("Dark signatures... do you think its them?") The system questioned internally.

"Everything points to them but at the same time, motive is very important. What would prompt them to make such a sloppy move when they've hidden in plain sight so far?" Gustav voiced with a tone of confoundment.

("Well, it might not be so sloppy since they haven't been identified as the culprits,")

"Still, it causes the entire populace on Planet Ozious to be on alert and now there's investigation from different sides which is bound to yield some kind of results sooner or later," Gustav held his chin as he voiced out.

("So you think someone else might be responsible,") The system was starting to understand what Gustav was driving at.

"Who else do we know that uses dark energy," Gustav hinted.

("You really can't be serious,") The system sounded surprised as it realised who Gustav was referring to.

"He was acting weird. 'Did they discover who did it?' He tried to hide the anxiety in his tone when he asked that," Gustav pointed out.

("Aimee mentioned multiple dark signatures... so it had to be more than one person,") The system recalled.

"Falco is more than one person..." Gustav stated.

("How do we know that Darko has returned? Also, he shouldn't be powerful enough to defeat, much more, kill a Handler. Like you also said, motive... what would be his?")

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("How do we know that Darko has returned? Also, he shouldn't be powerful enough to defeat, much more, kill a Handler. Like you also said, motive... what would be his?") The system raised valid points one after the other which Gustav had to admit were making sense.

"You're right... it could either be Indulus Prime or Falco. Either way I'm not ruling out any of them as suspects... I have a feeling Falco knows something even if he might not be directly involved," Gustav voiced with a contemplative tone.

He wanted to approach Falco but he didn't know the best possible way to do that at the moment. He needed more information.

Gustav found this case to be very sensitive compared to anyone else because it might involve Indulus Prime who he had been investigating or Falco who happened to be someone he cared about.

Either ways, this wasn't something he could just let the Ozis take care of themselves. If it involved Falco, he definitely needed to find out before anyone else did so he could come up with the best way of rendering support.

Gustav realised that, despite their technological advanced civilisation, the Ozis were unable to get footage of the incident and didn't discover it till hours after it happened.

This was obviously due to the power of whatever supernatural creature was responsible which meant there were definitely powerful.

"System, how long has it been since Handler 302 met her demise?" Gustav questioned.

("A little over a day now,") The system replied.

"Then we still have time...." Gustav stated.

("You want me to extract its last memory before death like I did for Danzo?") The system immediately realised what Gustav was up to.

"Precisely. This is the best way to figure out the culprit... So long as the brain of the corpse is still intact, there should be no problem with this, right?" Gustav questioned with a tone of confirmation.

("Yes but how are you going to get to the corpse? Not to mention, you also need to make contact with the head without interruption for fifteen minutes to make sure I successfully extract the last memories,") The system pointed out.

"I'll have to infiltrate wherever the corpse is kept then... Its time to make a little research," Gustav said while getting up.

Shhsshhh~

As he arrived before his room door, it slid open and Gustav spotted Angy up ahead approaching.

"Angy?" Gustav mumbled.

"What are we going to do about Falco's situation?" The moment she arrived before him, she asked.

"Give him some time. If he is still unwilling to participate in the next major challenge, I'll have to pick a substitute again," Gustav answered.

"I think he should come exploring with us tomorrow to help him get his mind off things," Angy suggested.

"Is he going to be up for that?" Gustav asked.

"Since its for fun and not battle, of course he will," Angy responded with an affirmative tone.

"Alright then, we'll talk about it tomorrow," Gustav said while stepping forward to head out.

"Tomorrow? Where are you going?" Angy eyebrows furrowed as she turned around.

"I gotta head out. I might not get back till tomorrow morning," Gustav answered as he closed in on the entrance.

"But... why? You've been staying out a lot these days," Angy pouted while folding her arms.

"Sorry, I'll tell you about it later," Gustav waved without turning around before disappearing out the door.

Endric was at the side watching all this time. He stood up and began heading to his room when Angy stopped him, "Do you know what is going on with him?"

"Yes and no. I only have a little knowledge on some areas but I don't know a lot," Endric answered.

Angy's mouth parted to respond but before she could, Endric interrupted her.

"No I can't tell you about it unless he decides to reveal it himself," Endric said with an apologetic expression before turning around to head into his room.

Angy's mouth remained hung open for some time before she finally pursed her lips with an expression of dissatisfaction.

"So secrtrive humph no wonder they're brothers,"

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The night went by very quickly and the next day arrived. Gustav was currently making his way back to the accomodation area with a plan hatching in his mind.

Gustav could see everyone lazing around as he walked in. Some were just waking while some didn't sleep for the entire night. Some were channeling their bloodline and some excitedly chatted with others.

They greeted Gustav and some exchanged a little dialogue with him as he made his way in to freshen up. Today was a free day for every top two hundred planet participant on the ranking.

The disqualification round for the planets in the top three hundred had begun but they could decide whether they wanted to spectate them or spend their day differently.

The earth participants on the other hand had decided they would use this day to have a little fun. It was obvious that they would still have one or two free days after this since the next major challenge would still take some time before decided upon.

Gustav had changed out of his white and blue battlesuit.

As he walked out of his room, he was clad in a red trench jacket and black pants which had the MBO insignia on it.

"So, who has suggestions for interesting exploration locations?" Aildris asked as everyone gathered in the main room.

-"I heard Kanin falls is a good place for exploration for tourists,"

- "I heard about that one too... I'll definitely like to try the beast riding,"

- "What about the Sero golden waterfalls? I heard its the longest in existence,"

- "The Kabuto caves seem like a good exploration option,"

About seven of them gave different or the same exploration options which Aildris took note of.

"Do you have anyone in mind?" Aildris asked Gustav from the side.

"Not really but the Zero Haven Endric mentioned sounds pretty good to me," Gustav answered.

"Let's vote for the locations we want. The location that gets the highest vote is where we'll head to," Teemee suggested.

After the suggestion, the others who didn't mention an exploration area went on to pick from the locations that had been listed.

At the end, Zero Haven got the highest picks. Endric had suggested Zero Haven because some of the fun activities they could engage in for the others were present here as well with other interesting perks.

Gustav caused a kind of domino effect, since Angy, E.E, Teemee, Aildris and some others decided to go along with his decision.

"So we're headed to the seventh disk then," Aildris announced.

Everyone had looks of excitement as they watched a holographic display of Zero Haven which was equivalent to a resort on earth.

It was located on a part of the seventh disk which was secluded from residential areas. It was erected close to the edge of the disk so the Gravitational laws there was weird.

There was a waterfall that extended from it to the eight disk below. This waterfall followed a ring like path and was mostly used for racing.

Besides that there were lots of sights to be seen there and fun activities like beast racing, glide dancing, exotic supernatural beasts zoo and so many other things.

While everyone else was ready to go and have fun due to the many activities one could engage in, Gustav had ulterior motives for picking this location.

This place happened to be located on the seventh disk. He had business on the seventh disk.

Last night when Gustav was out, he spent the entire night on the seventh disk. He had revisited the location where the homicide occurred and from there visited where the corpse was taken.

It turned out that the corpse was still on the seventh disk. Gustav had spent the night discovering the location, understanding its intricacies, shifts and taking note of to properly infiltrate the synogces which had the same function as a mortuary on Earth.

He now had all the information he needed and would be infiltrating the Synogces to extract Handler 302 last memories. The exploration was just a way to kill two birds with one stone for him.

"Falco, are you ready to go?" E.E inquired.

"Yeah..." After Angy's persuasion, Falco agreed to come with them.

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Within an accommodation area, a large ten feet tall being with multiple limbs and blue star shaped patterns all over his body, opened his eyes.

"How long was I out?" He questioned.

"It's been a day, former Captain," One of the people gathered around him voiced.

"Former... captain? What do you mean Uta?" Strum questioned with a condescending look as he tried to sit up from his lying position.

"The Midelies have decided that you are no longer fit to Captain us. Captain Ostril has taken over," Uta responded while turning to stare at the nine foot tall female by the side with pinkish star shaped marks all over her body.

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"Hahahahaha surely you jest! You must be trying to cheer me up Uta but this is quite the expensive joke," Strum tried his best to seat up but his entire body ached so badly, he winced in pain and stopped trying.

Everyone stared at him with serious expressions which caused his face to slowly turn from 'u' to '--' shaped.

"The micelles must have lost their minds!" He yelled out after realising Uta was serious.

"I am the only one who is fit to be captain! Ostril isn't as powerful!" He gritted his teeth as he forcefully pushed himself up.

"Mother would never allow this..."

"Enough," Ostril cut him short.

"You have lost your light," She added.

"What do you mean? It's still..." Strum's face suddenly froze as he sensed something missing within.

"You're now the weakest amongst us all. When you get your light back, you can come for the title of Captain but till then, I am captain," Ostril voiced with a confident tone.

"This cannot be..." Strum had a look of disbelief as he muttered, "No, no no, how?"

"I will succeed where you have failed and find a way to deal with the oppositions that block our path to victory like Captain Crimson..." Captain Ostril turned around at this point and everyone else followed after her, leaving Strum in his state of despair.

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

"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.

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'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.

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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 entangled 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 wae 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.

Thirrrriihhh~

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

Cleerrrrrggghhh~

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.

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!

He landed before a encasement of greenery and all sorts of vegetation growing from the ground.

'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.

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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?"

more powerful than you are?" Wong had an expression of confusion as he questioned.

-"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 had happened 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.

"AHEM!" 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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"Oh its gonna reject her," Someone voiced from the side.

However, the moment Angy touched the head of the bird, it paused and stared into her eyes.

A smile appeared on Angy's face as she rubbed the fur and ruffled the glowing feathers of the creature affectionately.

"Wow, it actually accepted her," This sight took the Ozis by surprise as Angy went on to mount the creature.

In he next moment, it spread its wings and flapped intensely.

Fwwwiiiiii~

They shot into the sky very quickly and began gliding across the air.

The Ozis went on to help the others pick the beasts they wanted to ride on and soon a lot of them were gliding across the air with their desired beasts.

"Weeeeeoooooooouuuhhhhhh! Mama look at me I'm flying!" E.E's loud voice reverberated across the vicinity as he sat on the back of a green bird that looked like a mixture between Eagle and bunny.

Soon everyone except Falco was left. For reasons unknown, the beasts were scared of him and could never let him get even ten feet close to them.

"How about you just ride with me Falco?" One of the Ozis suggested while mounting a creature.

"Are you sure its not going to be a problem?" Falco inquired.

"Not to worry, I and Tisuris go way back," He voiced while rubbing the back of this black bird.

Falco hesitated but decided to give in. The creature made low frightened noises as Falco closed in but the Ozis continued to rub it affectionately.

Soon Falco was on its back as well and it proceeded to lift into the air.

Everyone could be seen after some time gliding across the sky with happy expressions. Even Falco slowly started to cheer up and displayed a look of excitement as the winds blew across his face while they dominated the sky.

The decision to explore seemed to be a wise one as everyone piped down and enjoyed the activity.

While on the beast that Gustav had chosen he began hatching his plans, 'I'll head there in a few,'

("You'd have to be quick since they might notice you're gone after they're done with beast riding,") The system stated.

'Yeah... Its good this place is large enough for me to give excuses if anything comes up,' At this point Gustav was about to steer his beast in the opposite direction.

There were lots of people here so his plan was to mix in and then descend somewhere farther without the others noticing.

"Captain Crimson! How about a friendly race!" A loud voice rang out from behind just as Gustav was about to put his plans into motion.

'Bad timing...' Gustav turned to the side to stare at the person who had just suggested this.

It happened to be Captain Vilax who was standing on a grey pigeon faced bird with a massive thirty feet body and hundred feet wing span. It had spikes all over its back and belly area but Captain Vilax unbotheredly stood there as it flew side by side with Gustav's beast.

Gustav was about to turn the captain down when E.E approached from the east with a jolly expression, "Did I hear a race? I'm in hehe,"

"Me too,"

"Yosh! Let's have it,"

Out of nowhere, Teemee and Fildhor arrived with their beasts as well.

Gustav nearly sighed out loud as more and more of them arrived.

'Why now of all times,' Now he couldn't get out of this unless he ditched them during the race.

"No use of abilities... First person to reach the fourth level and back wins," Captain Vilax stated.

"Oh we're allowed to leave go out of the building and back with the beasts?" Gustav inquired.

"Of course, especially since you're with us," Vice Captain Aiel responded from the left.

"Be careful not to cause any accidents," Captain Vilax cautioned with a nod while everyone prepared.

"Ghinny let's leave these guys in the dust muah muah muah," E.E's voice could be heard from the side as he hugged the body of the creature he was currently seated on and rubbed it affectionately.

"You already named it?"

They shook their heads and began laughing upon hearing E.E's exclamation.

'That's it... I'll ditch them during the race,' Gustav decided as he placed his hands on the dark fur of the beast he was currently riding.

[Mental Manipulation Has Been Activated]

'Listen... I have a reward for you if you move faster than everyone of them. I want the gap to be so wide, they won't be able to sight you in the distance,' Gustav transmitted the meaning behind his words as he spoke internally.

The creature of course was unable to understand English but mental Manipulation did a good job of making it understand and soon the creature was hyped.

[Activating Bloodline Transfer]

'This will make things easier,' Gustav placed his palm on the back of the creature's neck.

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[Bloodline Compatibility: 67%]

[Transferring Blue Jet Bloodline]

Gustav didn't mind parting with a single bloodline since he still had over thirty. In less than a minute he had transferred this bloodline to the creature who instantly began to feel its body swell with energy.

Gustav had always wondered if he could transfer Bloodlines to extraterrestrial beings and now he had his answer.

"GO!" Captain Vilax voice rang out at this moment.

The dark furred beast Gustav was riding on suddenly had blue glowing lines appeared on its vertebrae column area.

The moment it flapped its wings, Gustav and itself streaked forward with immense speed shocking the others.

"Wooo! What the hell!?" E.E yelled from behind as Gustav and his creature pulled forward at incredible speed.

"Is the solarkin supposed to be that fast?" The Ozis were just as shocked as they patted their creatures to give chase.

Swwwwiiihhhh~ Swwwwiiihhhh~ Swwwwiiihhhh~ Swwwwiiihhhh~

They all sped past multiple other people on beasts causing furious winds to stir.

-"Hey watch it!"

Teemee nearly hit another person on a beast as his dove past, missing by only a few inches.

"Sorry!" He yelled loudly but his voice was barely audible since they were flying at very fast speed.

Gustav turned around and activated God Eyes.

His vision zoomed into the distance and he spotted the others trying to catch up. He turned back around in the next instant as they approached an opening at the end of the second level.

Fwwhiiii~

His beast flew through the opening and they arrived on the west side of the second pyramid like structure.

Each pyramid like structure was up to seven thousand feet in length and there happened to be three more to scale through after the second.

The wind blew Gustav's hair upwards as his beast swooped down with immense speed, leaving a blueish arc across the air.

"Good," He muttered as the distance between him and the others increased.

The fog got denser as they further descended. This was due to the fact that they were starting to close in on the mid point of the seventh disk which was like a bridge between the seventh and eight.

By the time his beast reached the fourth level of Zero Haven, Gustav leapt off.

"Here you go," He flung something in the direction of the beast the moment he jumped off.

The beast caught it in between its giant mouth and made happy gurgling noises as it continued diving down based on Gustav's instruction.

Thriihhh~

Dark wings sprouted out of Gustav's back in the next instant as he swerved to the right and sped forward. His figure parted the fog due to the incredible speed at which he was moving but fortunately he was making a turn around the fourth level.

This was to make sure he didn't come into contact with any of them while ascending.

In a couple of seconds, he had arrived back at the first level of Zero Haven. He floated hundreds of feet away from the pyramid like structure while taking a button shaped item from his storage device.

He placed the item on his forehead and tapped its surface. In the next moment he turned invisible.

While in his state of invisibility...

[Shape-shifting Has Been Activated]

"Time to go..." He turned in a particular direction and flew off in the next instant.

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Within a dark vicinity completely void of light, a group of twenty wrapped with black bandage like outfits from head to toe formed a circle.

A pair of eyes formed from mist was situated in their midst. Despite the fact that no mouth was visible, sound still seemed to be traveling across the vicinity from the pair of eyes.

-"You have made confirmation?"

"Yes Prime Ji... He made use of Cosmic Superiority energy in his last battle," Captain Irand reported.

- "Hmm? Just that? He didn't use the other one?"

"No but there is no doubt that it is him. The unique signature was identified," Captain Irand confirmed.

- "Then... the next phase of the plan can commence. Failure is not an option,"

"Yes Prime Ji but what do we do about the offspring?"

- "The Lord is taking care of it himself. Do not engage the offspring,"