

Destiny 1041

Chapter 1041 Enrage (Part 2)

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"What do you think are you doing?"

Right after those cold words reverberated in the whole place, a sudden chill ran through Ghost Chopper's spine, making him unable to move for a brief moment.

Then he quickly let go of Cloe and swiftly retracted his arm because of the sharp sensation that he felt in the air. It was trying to cut his extended arm.

Swoosh!

He also jumped away right after his actions. At the same, he was spreading his Spiritual Sense in every direction, trying to find the other person. He always kept his Spiritual Sense active, so he should be able to feel if someone entered his perception range. But given that he did not sense anyone invading his range of perception, it was clear that the other party was better than him or had a stealth technique that was much stronger than his Spiritual Sense.

The chill that he just felt earlier was further intensified when he looked over the place where he was located earlier. There, he saw a young man facing his back toward him while catching Cloe's falling body.

"Since when?!" his mind turned blank when he saw that young man. Not only his Spiritual Sense had been breached, but he also could not feel the presence of this particular young man.

"You're late," said Cloe weakly as he stared at Shin's face.

Shin smiled apologetically before replying. "Sorry, I am late."

He then disappeared from his current position and reappeared in another place while carrying Cloe. In that place, Alice, Lorraine, and the female guard were currently gathered, unknowingly. He then gently put Cloe down beside the three before doing a series of hand gestures while releasing his mental energy.

A gentle flame suddenly fell on the girls' bodies right after his Mental Energy touched them. But instead of burning them alive, a warm and comforting feeling enveloped them as their wounds and injuries started to heal at an astonishing rate.

"Stay here for now. I'll take care of the rest," said Shin gently as he slowly stood up.

"I trust you," said Cloe softly which was immediately followed by Lorraine. "Hey! Give him an extra beating for me as well."

Shin slightly nodded his head before turning around to face Ghost Chopper, who was standing in the distance. He started walking forward with calm yet aggressive steps. At the same time, his left hand was currently resting on the hilt of his sheathed swords that he just took from their villa nearby.

He could promise that he could win given that the opposing party was currently exhausted. But was not sure about the extra beating since he could not suppress the rage that he was currently feeling.

Ghost Chopper did not know why, but his entire body was getting tensed with every step Shin took toward him. He could feel the heavy pressure coming from the young man that he was supposed to feel from top-rank experts.

"This kid-... He is not that simple. The information that we received about him is definitely not accurate," muttered Ghost Chopper as he prepared himself for the battle.

But the moment he stared at Shin, he found that he could not feel anything from the young man despite utilizing his Spiritual Sense to its maximum potential. Aside from the powerful pressure that he was feeling, it seemed like he was staring at an empty space. It was as if Shin had become a part of nature himself.

"This!?" Ghost Chopper could not help but become shocked at the current situation. This kind of technique could only be found in the family of ancient assassins or from the experts who became an integral part of nature. Either way, both of those cases were not something that he could face in his current state.

This was one of the Mentalism Techniques that Shin had learned from David. It was a trick to erase his presence with the help of his Mental Energy. He could not use it in his previous battle due to his injured state at that time. But now that he had fully recovered, he could not use it without from problem.

Moreover, he could also use this particular technique alongside the other Mentalism Techniques under the Four Symbol Scripture. For example, he would be able to produce a surprising technique that could fool the senses of his opponent.

Bang!

Shin released the suppressed energies within his body while also removing the Mental Energy that shrouded his presence. This resulted in everything charging toward his opponent.

And since Ghost Chopper was using his Spiritual Sense to the limit, Shin's actions created an illusion. From his perspective, Shin suddenly kicked the ground and charged at him at an insane speed while releasing his killing intent.

Ghost Chopper could not help but panic a little because of the suffocation from the heavy pressure pressing on him and the killing intent that was coming from his incoming opponent. His back was drenched with sweat while his forehead was sweating bullets.

Following his instincts, he quickly took a couple of steps backward, creating more space between him and his opponent. He then poured out his remaining Mental Energy toward his daggers before swinging them toward his incoming opponent.

His actions were swift, sharp, and decisive. Despite the initial panic, he was still able to properly respond to the current situation and even counterattacked before his opponent could even respond. His arms moved and turned into blurs as he cut Shin into multiple pieces.

He was taken aback at first as he could not believe that he had 'killed' his opponent within an instant. He then became overjoyed and mocked Shin for his foolish actions. Though, he had to admit that he was almost fooled by the young man.

Ghost Chopper laughed and relaxed. He just expended quite a lot of Mental Energy from that 'exchange', so he barely had anything left in his tank.

Fortunately, the girls were severely injured earlier, so he should still be able to take care of them. He did not believe that Shin could heal their wounds and injuries with his 'lousy' Mentalism.

Satisfied, he raised his head and looked in front of him, planning to see the current state of his targets. But the moment he did that, his eyes suddenly contracted as a blank look washed over his face.

In the same spot as earlier, he saw the young man that he just killed – completely fine and did not have any injury.

Confusion was the first thing that entered Ghost Chopper's mind, then it was immediately replaced by a sudden realization as he immediately understood what just happened. He was a Mentalist as well, so he was naturally able to realize that he had been tricked by an illusion.

How could Shin waste such a perfect opportunity to strike? This was the very reason why he used that technique just now, so he naturally took advantage of his opponent's confusion to make his move.

Bang!

This time, he kicked the ground for real and propelled himself toward his opponent. His speed and timing were much better compared to the attack that Ghost Chopper saw in the illusion earlier.

The mercenary saw Shin zoomed in from his vision and arrived right in front of him almost in an instant. He wanted to dodge but his body refused to move no matter how hard he urged it with his command. It seemed like his legs were rooted on the ground.

"F*ck!" he could only curse out loud as he watched his opponent briefly pause in front of him with a ducking motion. He also saw the latter pulling out the white katana from its sheath with swift and precise movements.

In that desperate moment, his only saving grace was to put up the sturdiest wall made of Mental Energy as fast as he could. He also crossed his daggers in front of him, hoping that it was enough to save his life.

Unfortunately, he already spent most of his remaining Mental Energy when taking down the 'Shin' that he saw earlier – which was a total waste of energy. At the same time, his body was already been exhausted from fighting the girls earlier, so it could no longer be able to keep up with the speed of his opponent.

Click!

First, he heard a subtle clicking sound of the sword when its guard was separated from its sheath. Then it was quickly followed by the grinding sound of the metal when the blade was being pulled out by the sheath.

Shing!

While swinging the sword at his opponent, Shin suddenly stomped on the ground and accelerated forward, leaving a flash of light as he brushed past the mercenary.

When he stopped a few meters away, he flipped his wrist to turn the katana before putting it gently on its sheath. And when the sheath and the guard were about to join together, he paused for a moment before pushing them against each other.

Click!

When that sound reverberated, multiple lines suddenly appeared on Ghost Chopper's body. Those thin lines turned darker for a moment before blood started squirting out from them. It was at that moment when the mercenary fell on the ground and landed in his pool of blood.

Not long after that, his body was suddenly lit ablaze by a raging fire which burned his body alongside his blood.

The famous mercenary died in an anticlimactic manner but Shin did not even bother to look at Ghost Chopper's corpse. He knew that this was far from over, so he turned his attention toward the black dome in the distance as he could feel powerful auras continuously clashing inside it.

He knew that a more powerful opponent was currently in there, fighting the powerful guards that were tasked to protect this area.

He walked toward it before stopping when he reached a certain distance. He then closed his eyes and gathered his Mental Energy while taking a sword-drawing stance. At the same time, he spread his Spiritual Sense and focused it on the auras within the black dome, trying to feel their movements.

He maintained that posture and waited for the perfect opportunity to strike. He only had a single chance and he would not waste it when the opportunity arrived.

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Shin stayed still on his spot, maintaining his stance and waiting for the right opportunity to strike. His eyes were closed as he focused his senses on feeling the movements of everyone fighting within the black dome.

The people on the other side seemed to have sensed his presence too as they started moving accordingly. The opponent was doing his best at avoiding the places that were dangerous for him while the four Void Manifestation Stage guards worked together to lock him down in place.

Communication between the people inside and outside of the black dome was supposedly impossible. This was why Mad Dog was originally confident with it. Aside from him, no one was supposed to sense what was happening outside.

But through unknown means, the person from the other side of the dome was able to communicate with the four experts that he was currently facing and started giving him some pressure.

At the same time, Mad Dog quickly realized that Ghost Chopper failed in his attempt of abducting their target and might even die during the process. With that, he knew that he could no longer stay in this

place and had to escape as soon as possible. Dragging this fight would only lead to his demise since more powerful experts could arrive at any time.

But he could not carelessly turn around and reveal his back to his opponents. It was a foolish thing to do since it will be no different from asking to die. In this kind of situation, revealing his back to his opponent was obviously a suicide attempt.

He had to think of a way to break away from the formation of the four Void Manifestation Stage Experts and escape this particular predicament.

While fighting, he also noticed that the four experts seemed to be leading to a corner and were planning to do something. And when he realized that, he quickly had an ominous feeling. And the culprit behind it was the person standing outside the black dome.

He was confident about this special technique that he had created, especially when it was enhanced after his breakthrough. But for some unknown reason, he got a feeling that whoever was on the outside of the black dome seemed to have found a way to destroy it.

This black dome was the one that gave the four guard captains inside a lot of trouble. It was not only giving Mad Dog a seemingly endless supply of energy, but it was also enhancing his strength while weakening theirs.

As a Mentalist with special ocular technique, Shin was able to decipher some of the mysteries of this black dome. And from what he could see, the dome itself was a special manifestation of Mad Dog's superpowers.

If it was before he fought Flame, the guy who had the Fire Elemental Superpowers, which he somehow absorbed after the battle, then he would not be able to notice anything.

But now that the Fire Elemental Superpowers fused with him – particularly his mentalism powers – he became more sensitive when it came to the flow of energy that these superpowers had. And through it, he was able to unveil some of the abilities that the black dome had.

He did not know all of the abilities that it had yet, but he could see some of them. And from his shallow understanding, it seemed like the black dome was impossible to break from the outside due to its unique ability to absorb any type of energy that would try to destroy it.

If he carelessly attacked, then he would only reinforce the defensive capabilities of the black dome.

Destroying it from the inside was somewhat similar. But instead of reinforcing the black dome, the energy sent into it would be converted and strengthen Mad Dog instead.

The trick behind this special technique was Mad Dog needed to continuously circulate his energy and superpowers together so that he could keep the black dome active. The black dome resonates with the circulation which was completely unseen from the people who were caught inside it.

If something disrupted the circulation and break the resonance between Mad Dog and the black dome, then the latter would quickly crumble. And due to that, the people inside and outside of the black dome needed to work together to achieve that feat.

Shin relayed his intention to the four experts fighting inside through the special communication technique of the Four Symbol Scripture, a higher form of telepathy. But since it had to go through the black dome, Mad Dog somehow sensed it and realized that he was in deep trouble.

The mercenary knew that he would not be able to leave this place unless he took the risk. He had to gamble with his life if he wanted to create an opening and escape this predicament.

Left without a choice, he chose to stay in a single spot before pouring out everything he had to defend himself while preparing a powerful martial skill that he had. It was one of his most powerful trump cards.

It might be powerful but it came with a huge price. It could pose a huge threat to his opponents, but it would also harm him seriously once he used it.

"It is just an arm. I can always head to the Dark Continent and look for those fugitives of the Sun-Moon Kingdom to make me a mechanical arm to replace it," he thought to himself while decisively hastening the accumulation of energy toward his left hand.

The four experts realized what he was planning to do, so they quickly jumped into action. They did not hesitate and used the strongest attack that they could possibly use.

This was also the moment that Shin was waiting for, so he quickly unsheathed the black katana and unleashed all of the accumulated energy that he had gathered up until now.

He was still a little unfamiliar with the sword-drawing techniques that the Jade Kirin Scripture had in the real world, but his experiences inside the game gave him enough understanding to unleash a strong attack.

But despite that being the case, he also knew that this attack was still way weaker to put serious harm to a Void Manifestation Stage Expert such as Mad Dog, especially with this sturdy barrier blocking his way.

If his goal was to defeat the mercenary with this attack, then he would fail without a doubt. Fortunately, it was not his goal. What he wanted to do with this attack was to disrupt the energy flow of the black dome.

At the same time, it would also greatly weaken the power that Mad Dog possessed, giving them the chance to take him down.

Shing!

Bang!

Right after Shin swung the katana, a blazing energy wave was released from it and slammed against the black dome in front of him. This sword-drawing technique was inspired by one of his self-created skills within the game. He combined the quick draw techniques of the Jade Kirin Scripture and the newly acquired power that he just got while also utilizing the Celestial Vermillion Bird Method.

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Quick Draw – Solar Flare'

Normally, it would be hard to recreate such a skill from the scratch. But since he had a lot of experience in using that skill inside the game, doing it in the real world would not be that hard.

The flame quickly spread on the surface of the black dome right after the explosion. And since it was also not an ordinary flame, it quickly clashed against the black aura that the dome had, especially when it came from a similar source of power.

With it, Shin was able to achieve his goal and disrupt the flow of energy that the black dome had. What was left now was for the four experts fighting Mad Dog to do their part.

Fortunately, they did not disappoint him. Right after they saw Mad Dog abandon the offensive stance, they quickly prepared their strongest move and simultaneously threw their attacks at the mercenary in a coordinated manner.

Boom!

Their attacks landed almost at the same time, creating a powerful explosion that disrupted the energy flow within the black dome. Then it quickly resulted in the collapse of the 'cage' since the balance that was maintained disappeared.

But before the four experts could even rejoice, they quickly noticed a strange phenomenon happening ahead of them. And when they looked closely at the spot where they threw their attacks, they saw a spiraling energy revolving around Mad Dog.

They quickly had a bad premonition about what it was and quickly warned each other.

"Something is coming!"

"Watch out!"

"Take cover!"

"Careful!"

Those words resounded throughout the whole place as they quickly used their remaining strengths to summon their best defensive skill to save themselves.

On the other hand, Shin quickly noticed the strange phenomenon through his Spiritual Sense. He might not be able to hear their warnings, but based on what he could see from the chaotic flow of energy gathering in a single location, he knew that it would be something terrible.

He quickly moved his feet and appeared on the spot where the girls were currently located and recuperating from their injuries. He then pulled out the two katana from their sheath and stabbed them on the ground before clasping his hands together.

He summoned all of his Mental Energy and summoned a barrier around them before making a series of hand seals while also chanting out some mystical mantras.

Not long after, the appearance of the barrier that he had summoned turned into the shell of a turtle with hexagonal patterns. There were also glowing runes at the center of each hexagon, reinforcing its defensive capabilities greatly.

'Four Symbol Scripture: Heavenly Black Tortoise – Aegis of the Ocean Deity'

And right after the formation of that barrier, a powerful explosion quickly erupted, centering the black dome in the distance.

Boom!

Chapter 1043 Unforgiven One Against Son Of Heaven (Part 1)

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Boom!

The explosion shook the entire place. It could not be contained by the isolation barrier anyone and alarmed the other people living in the neighborhood. The guards also went into action as soon as possible, heading toward the epicenter of the explosion.

Shin was still standing strong as he blocked the shockwave that came from the explosion. The strong wind and raging flame of the explosion swept through everything in its path, causing huge destruction.

He poured every bit of Mental Energy into the barrier, supporting it with everything. Cracks started to appear on the surface of the barrier and spread out at an alarming speed. Fortunately, the explosion exhausted its strength before the barrier could even collapse.

But despite that being the case, Shin did not dare to lower his guard. He did not even bother to look at the aftermath of the explosion as he quickly cast his gaze toward the center of it. He also spread out his Spiritual Sense in every direction, looking for the traces of the opponent who caused such a powerful explosion.

It did not take long for him to find Mad Dog's location. Focusing his gaze on it, he saw a one-armed man standing at the center of a deep crater.

Mad Dog's current appearance could not be described aside from being terrible. His clothes were charred black and currently in tatters. His other hand was pressing strongly on his shoulder where he lost his arm. Aside from that, he seemed to be standing strong despite being at the epicenter of the explosion.

Compared to him, the Void Manifestation Expert guards that were caught by the explosion inside the black dome were currently in a bad state. They did not lose a limb or anything but their current condition was unknown. They were lying unconscious in different directions – a few distances away from Mad Dog – and completely defenseless.

But despite that being the case, he did not bother to look at them nor have a plan to finish them off. Aside from not having the strength to get the job done, he was also not in a position to care about them since the surrounding people were already been alarmed by the previous explosion.

He just turned his gaze at the young standing behind a cracked barrier before giving the latter a meaningful glance. He had to admit that he did not expect that this young man was strong enough to withstand that powerful technique. His black dome might have lessened the power of the explosion but it should still be strong enough to kill anyone who was on a lower realm than him.

Aside from the fact that Shin managed to see through their real intention and arrive here in time on top of finishing Ghost Chopper off, he still had the ability to withstand such a powerful explosion. Mad Dog had to admit that he truly underestimated this young man.

That – or the information that they had about him was greatly inaccurate.

Either way, this young man was the main reason why their operation failed on both sides. The people that they sent failed to eliminate him and he was also the reason why they did not able to abduct their target.

"Shin Kinghad. I will remember you," muttered Mad Dog before disappearing from his current position.

Shin wanted to give chase but he decided to go against it since he had to protect Cloe and the others from hidden threats. He was not sure if there were still enemies hiding in the dark, so it would be safer if he stayed.

It was only at that moment that he had the opportunity to have a good look at the surroundings. The whole place was completely devastated. The surrounding villas were completely destroyed including their own. Fortunately, the other villas were still not occupied, or else, civilians would have been caught in that explosion.

Regardless, the damage that the explosion caused was pretty huge. Aside from Shin and the others losing their villas, everything else within the radius of the explosion turned into a pile of rubble.

He could already imagine the pained expression of the real estate companies managing the area. He could only sympathize with them for their losses.

Turning his head in the distance, he finally saw the guards and other personnel who were responsible in the area. He shook his head and muttered. "Why are people like them always arrive when everything is over?"

As the situation on Shin's side finally settled, the operation that David and Shiella were doing was only starting to take off.

David, who was fighting two people close to his age, currently had the upper hand.

One of his opponents was an old rival from the Dark Continent, Marion Halls. This guy was one of the leading figures of the younger generation in that continent. At least, until David dominated everyone with his powerful might.

He suffered a crushing defeat against David in front of countless people during a local yet big competition. And that humiliating defeat haunted him for a few years until he met someone from the Hextech Laboratory who helped him build up his confidence once again.

He also gained new abilities that make him confident in himself once again. He became convinced that he would be able to defeat David when they met once again.

Unfortunately, the reality was too cruel for him. When he thought that he became one of the rare geniuses that could only be born after hundreds of years, he bumped against the 'wall' that obstructed his path once again.

His confidence was crushed for another time and in a much cruel way. Not only he stood a chance against David, but he also became a burden to the person working with him.

If not for Darren Silverstone, an Unforgiven One, then he most likely had lost his life multiple times already.

Realizing the situation and acknowledging his weakness, Marion had no choice but to distance himself from the two, disengaging from the battle. He also suffered quite a serious injury after trying to face one of David's attacks earlier, so he had to recuperate in the distance, not wanting to be a burden to Darren anymore.

From the distance, he watched the two fight and realized what a real genius was – and he was far from being one.

Boom!

A powerful shockwave separated David and Darren from each other after the collision of their respective move. The force behind the impact was much stronger than what they had expected, so they were forced to distance themselves away from each other while stabilizing their footing.

David already released the second meridian lock of his body, giving him enough power to face the experts who were a realm higher than him. As a Mentalist, he now possessed the strength that was comparable to Ruler's Realm Experts.

With such strength, he normally dominated anyone he faced in the same generation. But to his surprise, the opponent that he was facing right now seemed to possess a similar level of strength.

Not only that, Darren's martial skills and techniques in utilizing them were comparable to the top prodigies of different nations such as the Junior Monsters and Young Ghosts of Soaring and Lost Soul Continents.

"Darren Silverstone. He is much stronger than most of the young agents that I've faced from the underground organizations," muttered David to himself as he stared at the young man standing a few meters away from him.

He knew that the Unforgiven Ones were strong but he was not expecting that they were on this level. Moreover, there was another thing that was bothering David. This guy seemed to possess multiple types of combat talents.

As someone who always traveled through the world and constantly challenged the most talented and strongest people in the same generation, David was familiar with most of the combat and special talents that martial artists and mentalists could have.

He was also familiar with special physiques and divine bodies as well as different kinds of disciplines. Whether it was a lost knowledge or a newly founded path, David had an idea of what it was.

And right now, he seemed to be facing someone who possessed talents that he could only find from certain people. But at the same time, those 'talents' seemed to be a little different to what he had seen. The 'forms' were different but the 'principle' was the same.

"What kind of abomination are you?" asked David, blurting out his thoughts unconsciously. He was not seeking answers as he seemed to have an idea of what the Hextech Laboratory had done.

David might not have the intention to ask that question, but Darren already heard it out loud and could not help but looked at him mockingly. "First, you called me an Unforgiven One. Now, you are calling me an abomination? Even though I am being a little tolerant, I don't think I can let this one pass just like that."

After saying those words, an eerie type of 'Natural Force' (Higher Form of Internal Qi) started leaking out from his body. It quickly spread in every direction and started affecting the surroundings. The plants and trees around were also showing signs of withering.

His eyes also suddenly changed. Its white parts turned crimson while his black eyes deepened.

David did not care what the other party felt. He was not planning to take this matter more seriously. He was still in a rush to chase after Shiella and could not afford to waste his time here.

Taking a deep breath, David briefly closed his eyes. And when he opened them once again, his pupils took some chances as they now had a mandala pattern on them. They looked like a pair of blooming lotuses.

At the same time, he pressed his middle fingers on his temples, releasing another meridian block. And right after he did that, a massive wave of mental energy leaked out from his body, creating a visible ripple in the air.

'Limit Break: Phase Three'

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Boom!

The collision of opposing powers produced a series of explosions as they tried to push each other back. The evil aura that was coming from Darren was quite potent but it could not push forward as the wave of mental energy coming from David was in a similar level of strength, if not higher.

But despite having a slight advantage, the look on David's face was not good. Not only he found this opponent powerful, but it could also mean that this fight would be dragged longer than he had expected which was not good news for him.

He could not afford to waste more time here since he still had to chase after Shiella before she put herself at extreme risk. He knew that their opponents were much more powerful than they originally thought given that he bumped into an Unforgiven One who possessed multiple artificial talents. This could only mean that someone more powerful was waiting for them on the other side.

He had already released the third phase of his limit break, but he still could not feel the overwhelming advantage that he was expecting. And to add more to his concerns, his 'Enlightened Eyes' could see how twisted the 'fate' that his opponent had.

It was the result of sacrificing the lives of countless children in order to achieve such an evil power. The souls of the innocents were raging which created a twisted and ghastly power.

This could only mean that Darren was no longer a human. With such a messed up 'fate', it would not be strange for David to call Darren an abomination hiding under human skin.

Aside from facing this opponent and worrying about Shiella, David also had to think about his current condition. With his current strength, his boy could only hold the third phase of his limit break for thirty minutes, at most. And it was in the condition that he would not be doing anything.

But since this was going to be an intense battle, the span that he could hold this state would be much shorter. And if he tried to extend that time, he would suffer serious injuries during the process. At the same time, there was also the risk of his Mental Energy going berserk due to being unlocked for an extended period of time.

'I can't control the overwhelming power of Divinity Grade Mental Energy for long, so I have to somehow end this as soon as possible,' thought David as he tried to gauge the current strength of his opponent.

He knew his limits, so he needed to have a proper understanding of his opponent to draw a clear plan in his mind. He had to formulate a plan where he could end this battle as soon as possible while also minimizing the damage that he was going to suffer.

A few moments later, the raging auras that were clashing earlier finally subdued as David and Darren controlled their respective powers.

Bang!

David did not waste any more time as he quickly kicked the ground and charged forward. At the same time, he took out a bunch of talismans from his spatial bag before throwing them in the air. He did a series of hand seals which made those talismans float around him while revolving in a coordinated manner.

Darren had no idea what David was planning to do, but his instincts were telling him that he could not face the latter head-on.

Following his instincts, he quickly retreated while extending his hand in the air, doing a grabbing motion. Right after his hand clasped in the air, the Evil Qi that he was releasing suddenly formed a black sword, materializing with an exquisite design.

The blade of the aura sword was releasing a showy flame which was creating a blazing trail in the air as he moved the sword.

The quickly halted his steps when the black sword materialized and swiftly swung it in the air multiple times, sending a series of sword waves toward David.

Loud and eerie shrieks could be heard from each of the sword waves, creating a distracting and uncomfortable feeling.

David frowned deeply when he heard the cries of the innocent children. He then extended his hand and grabbed a couple of talismans between his fingers before channeling his Mental Energy on them.

He then flicked his wrist forward and sent the talismans ahead, meeting the incoming sword waves made of ghastly powers.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

A series of explosions quickly followed after the collision of the two sides. The two young men continued throwing their attacks at each other as they continued to move away from their current location.

David was purposely pushing his opponent away, leading the latter toward a certain location. Naturally, Darren was able to see through David's plans and quickly adjusted his movements, being wary of his surroundings.

"This should be enough," David swept his eyes in the surroundings before halting his steps all of a sudden, catching Darren completely off-guard.

David did not wait for his opponent to react as he quickly spread his arms wide, sending the talismans floating around him in every direction.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

With precise control, the talismans stuck themselves in different locations – on the trees, grounds, benches, walls, and gutters – creating a carefully laid formation.

It was already too late for Darren to realize what was going on. He thought that David was pushing him back to find a way to break from him and head over to where Shiella was fighting. He did not expect that the latter was actually looking for a good location to build a Mentalism Formation.

Before he could even respond, David was already doing the final link for the formation.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Lights suddenly shot out from each of the talismans, linking themselves with one another, forming an isolation and sealing formation.

This formation had no drastic effect on Darren, but it gave David an additional strength that could help him control the powerful Mental Energy that was flowing through his body.

After that, he suddenly clasped his palms together before channeling his mental energy on them. And when the accumulation of powers reached its peak, he slowly moved the palms away from each other as golden rods slowly materialized between them.

The materialized rod with a length of a meter and a half floated in front of David as the remaining talismans around him started wrapping themselves around it.

The violent mental energy flowing through his meridians suddenly calmed down when David grabbed the golden rod fully wrapped with special talismans. He kept channeling the excess mental energy on the golden rod while the rod itself continuously absorbed it like a hungry beast.

He then flipped the golden rod with both of his hands and rotated it around his body, trying to accustom himself to it. And after familiarizing himself with it, he quickly sprung back into action, not waiting for the opposing side to adjust themselves.

Swoosh!

Darren did not put a lot of thought into it and just swung his black sword forward when he saw David suddenly appear in front of him and was about to swing the golden rod in his hands.

Bang!

The collision immediately created a strong ripple pushing everything away from them. The ground underneath their feet even sank due to the heavy force behind their attacks.

David felt a little uncomfortable swinging the golden rod as he did not like using this kind of weapon. But since he left his real weapon in their village due to his master's insistence, he had no choice but to become accustomed to different kinds of weapons.

Fortunately, his experiences when roaming around the world and challenging fellow talents in the same generation helped him a lot when handling an unfamiliar weapon.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The two engaged in an intense melee, exchanging powerful attacks one after another. They were not using any advanced moves and only showcasing some basic combat and foot techniques. But each of their movements contained a lot of martial essences that could only be seen by the top experts.

The battle between real experts could not be determined by who had the stronger move but by who was able to create and seize the perfect opportunity to use their powerful moves.

Both sides understood this fact very well which was why they were continuously pushing their opponents to make mistakes and looking out for the right opportunity to strike.

During these exchanges, David noticed how serious it was to face an Unforgiven One. The power behind Darren's attacks was not that strong but the ghastly energy that was accompanying them was a serious concern. Not only they had a corrosive effect that could affect the physical condition of their opponent, but they could also affect the minds of the opposing side.

Each attack that Darren made seemed to contain the resentment and anguish of the poor souls of the innocent children. Moreover, there was also the natural ability that the Evil Practitioners had – the ability to continuously ignore their injuries during the battle, no matter how serious it was.

On top of these, David also started to feel the pressure of the multiple talents that his opponent had.

If he was an ordinary person, then he would most likely be defeated ages ago. Fortunately, he had a lot of experience and was able to continuously respond to every unexpected situation that he encountered.

But, on the other side, his mind was also constantly recording everything through his 'Enlightened Eyes', giving him all of the information that he needed to take down his opponent.

Darren was also starting to feel that there was something wrong. He knew that the longer he dragged his battle, the more advantageous it was for their side. But at the same time, he also could not shake off the feeling that something bad was going to happen if he continued to wait longer.

Torn between the two choices, Darren was no longer sure what to do. He was now feeling the pressure of the person who was known as the Wanderer.

He was starting to understand how it felt to face a person blessed by heaven with natural talent – to understand the might of the man 'David Solomon'.

Chapter 1045 Unforgiven One Against Son Of Heaven (Part 3)

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As the battle progressed, David and Darren started to get a better understanding of each other. They familiarized themselves with the style and strength of their opponent.

After fighting for quite some time, David was finally able to recognize all of the artificial talents that Darren had. Most of those talents were auxiliary ones that could be more helpful in battle such as ocular talents and special body constitution.

The ocular talent that Darren possessed was similar to foresight which could read through the movements of his opponent and predict their next course of action. Aside from that, it also had the ability to see the invisible energy within the air which greatly countered most mentalism techniques.

On the other hand, the body constitution that Darren had was something called the 'Plague Body'. It was a special physique that made the host able to contain all kinds of curses and sickness techniques that could influence his opponent during battles.

If David's mental energy was not in divinity grade, then he would most likely be affected by the 'plague' techniques that Darren mixed in each of his attacks.

Aside from those two, Darren also had a basic talent that focused on combat such as a weaker version of 'Gifted Adepts' and 'Sword Geniuses'. These artificial talents might be inferior compared to their original counterparts when it came to individuality, but when combined together, their overall potential was worse than theirs.

Moreover, Darren seemed to be pretty talented as he was able to reach certain thresholds when utilizing those talents, particularly his sword-related talents. He was able to form his 'Sword Heart' just by relying on his weaker version of 'Sword Genius' Talent.

With his 'Sword Heart', his understanding of sword techniques became much more profound, giving him the ability to bring out their real potential in battle. And by combining this with his specialized Evil Qi, Darren seemed to be able to find a path that perfectly suited him.

Having that thought, David could not help but acknowledge that Darren was one of the most talented Unforgiven One that faced. Though, he rarely encountered an Unforgiven One despite roaming around the world.

This was not the most important discovery that David had found out yet. It was the fact that Darren was only a lower-rank member of the organization despite having this kind of talent. This could only mean a single thing – the Hexech Laboratory did not only gain a lot from the infamous 'Project Genius', but they also produced quite a number of talented individuals during the process.

Moreover, some of those produced talents were at least comparable to the top prodigies of different continents.

David already met someone from the Shadow Alliance, who possessed a talent comparable to him. Yet here he was facing another person of the same generation who was capable of giving him a lot of trouble. He was afraid that when he met the top talent that the laboratory had, he had to use everything he have and rely on the final phase of his 'Limit Break'.

Bang!

Darren was forced to slide away from David after blocking a powerful strike. He skidded back and drew a long trail on it while keeping an eye on his opponent. After exchanging blows with the latter, he knew that he was a little lacking compared to David in every aspect.

He might have multiple talents and possessed such a powerful Qi like the Evil Qi, but he was still inferior when compared to this famous young man of their generation. His Martial Arts were also top-notch as the Hextech Laboratory put a lot of effort into acquiring and improving it. It could even rival the Martial Arts of ancient and prestigious families, but it still fell a little too short in front of the famous Wanderer.

The most troubling part was the fact that he could not use any of his power moves. It was not because he did not want to use them, but the problem was he could not find an opportunity where he could use those advanced martial skills. If he was forced to use such moves, then there was a high probability that David would quickly counter him right before he completed the preparations.

Fortunately, David was in a similar situation. But it did not mean that they were in a similar situation. In his kind of battle where each side had to rely purely on their techniques and foundation in martial arts, the one who had the most experience would most likely come on top.

This was where their difference came from. David obviously had the advantage in this area. Even though Darren almost had everything, he was still pushed to the losing end since he was fighting a more experienced fighter.

The two continued to exchange blows and Darren was slowly being pushed back the more the battle progressed. He knew that he could not let his continue and had to somehow find a way to escape this predicament.

The most obvious choice was to ask some assistance from Marion Halls, who was stupidly watching from the sidelines. It was not he did not want to help Darren, but he just could not find the right opportunity to strike.

Right now, he was nothing but useless baggage.

'Since there is no use of him, it was better to turn him into cannon fodder,' thought Darren as his crimson eyes suddenly turned ruthless. 'We can still turn him into a decent test subject as long as he did not die.'

Right after that thought flashed through his mind, Darren carefully angled his body while trying to block the incoming strike from David. He skillfully positioned himself to make sure that he could borrow the force from the attack to retreat to where Marion was located.

Bang!

He properly blocked the attack but purposely let himself get pushed by the attack, taking advantage of that situation to retreat strategically.

David naturally was able to notice the strange movements of his opponent. After fighting Darren for quite some time, he should have enough understanding of the latter. And based on their previous exchanges, this kind of response shouldn't be how Darren fights.

But despite being confused for a moment, David still continued to press on. He was already preparing for a big move, so such a small change would not be able to affect his advance. After carefully laying the traps, he was confident that he would be able to end this fight.

Swoosh!

Marion panicked a little when he saw Darren was sent toward his location. But after seeing the latter wearing a confident look, he quickly regained his composure and prepared to give assistance.

"Buy me some time. A few seconds is more than enough," said Darren without carrying any emotion before quickly retreating behind Marion.

Marion was confused at first but quickly sprung into action. He gathered all of his remaining energy before fearlessly charging toward David.

He knew that he was no match for the latter, but since Darren had his back, there was nothing to be afraid of. He believed that the latter would assist him when the situation turned too ugly for his side.

In the meantime, Darren quickly halted his steps and immediately took a stance. He held his black sword with both hands in front of him while channeling his Evil Qi into it. The shadowy flame that the black sword had quickly turned violent.

Darren raised the sword over his head, pointing it toward the sky. The raging flame covering it quickly turned even more violent before shooting upward. It stood tall as if it was a blazing pillar.

David, who was facing them, quickly noticed the move that Darren was preparing. He also understood that the latter was planning to use Marion as a sacrificial pawn just to buy enough time for this advanced technique.

He could only smile bitterly as he watched his old rival who was charging at him. The previously known as one of the young geniuses of the Dark Continent was now being used as a cannon fodder.

Throwing those useless thoughts at the back of his head, David quickly adjusted his speed and suddenly adjusted his body. He pressed his right foot in front of him, making him slide forward. At the same time, he repeatedly flipped his golden staff while moving it around him with both of his hands, building up a decent momentum.

When he thought that it was enough, he suddenly strode forward. He then followed the movements of his golden staff and borrowed its momentum to throw a sweeping strike toward Marion.

Bang!

Marion used his strongest defensive skill to face the incoming strike head-on. He suddenly stomped on the ground and firmly planted his feet on it. He was clearly planning to use his body to block his particular strike.

He could already sense the slowly building up energy behind which clearly indicated that Darren was preparing a pretty powerful skill. If he could buy even a few extra seconds, then Marion was more than willing to use his body to delay David.

"Idiot!" muttered David as his golden staff finally came in contact with Marion's body. He was mocking the latter for being naïve. Marion had no idea that he was only being used as a sacrificial pawn at this very moment.

Through his Enlightened Eyes, David knew that Darren would not hesitate to kill Marion if the situation called for it. Of course, he did not care about that. All he wanted was to push the foolish guy away from his path so that he could have a clear view of Darren.

Bang!

Marion was quickly sent flying by David's golden staff. He even felt that he had broken quite a few bones in the process. But despite that being the case, he still felt satisfied as he knew that he already accomplished his goal.

"Tsk!" David clicked his tongue when he saw that Darren already finished preparing his move. He was already a step too late. He could neither stop his opponent nor prepare a similarly strong technique for a counterattack.

Left without a choice, he could only play the defensive role.

"Don't be too happy yet. I have more than enough cards hidden under my sleeve," muttered David when he saw the mocking look of his opponent.

Chapter 1046 Unforgiven One Against Son Of Heaven (Part 4)

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David looked briefly at Darren, who was about to finish preparing his advanced martial skill. He knew that it was already too late to prepare a similarly powerful technique, so he did not force himself on doing so.

But at the same time, it did not mean that he could not buy himself enough time to prepare an advanced technique.

He took a horse stance and squatted his hips before raising the golden staff in front of him. He opened his palm and hung the staff on his thumbs, slightly squeezing it with his palms.

Taking a deep breath, he released his mental energy and created a bell-looking barrier around him. He was also chanting a series of mantras during the process while rune after rune appeared on the surface of the barrier, reinforcing its defensive capabilities.

'Sadhu Temple Technique: The Will of a Bodhisattva'

This was a defensive technique that he had picked when he visited a Buddhist Temple from another country. The monks there were practicing a form of martial arts that piqued his interest.

Those monks were not particularly strong, but their defensive techniques were very powerful. He was barely able to break through their defense despite giving his all. Not only that, their defensive techniques could also be formed within a short span of time, letting them have the initiative in battle.

David wanted to learn their techniques but since he was following a different path and practicing a different discipline, he could not learn their methods entirely.

But due to his stubborn nature, he stayed in the temple for quite some time to learn their teachings. And after spending his time there, he managed to learn the concept of their martial arts and incorporated it with his Mentalism Techniques.

After experimenting with it for a long time, he managed to create his own version of defensive techniques – similar to the ones from the Buddhist Temple. And as gratitude, he named those sets of techniques based on their teachings.

Swoosh!

It was at that moment that Darren finally swung his black sword down. The extended blade made of black flame also fell after it, descending with a powerful suppression aura.

'Codex of the Great Devil: Path of Annihilation'

Bang!

The opposing powers collided, clashing greatly. One of them seemed to be an unstoppable force as it continued to press down while the other looked like an immovable object that remained to stand strong.

David's technique might not have any offensive capabilities but it was still strong enough to withstand such a powerful attack of his opponent.

He continued to maintain the barrier by supplying it with his Divinity Grade Mental Energy while preparing his advanced technique.

When both David and Darren could no longer support their respective techniques, they quickly retracted their powers and prepared for their next move.

Since Darren had focused everything on that offensive skill, he was slightly slower than David, who was already waiting for this opening to arrive.

David pulled the golden staff back with his right hand while extending his other hand forward, forming a finger gun gesture with it. He then focused his mental energy on it before firing a series of air bullets toward his opponent.

Bang! Bang!

'Myriad Manifestation Method: Air Pressure Bullets'

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Darren might not be able to see those invisible bullets, but his ears were sharp enough to hear their movements.

Focusing his senses, he read their trajectory before swinging his black sword, blocking and deflecting each of the air bullets while moving backward. He was trying to distance himself away from David, as far as possible, so that he could have enough time to prepare another advanced move.

Unfortunately, David had no intention of letting him do whatever he wanted this time.

Bang!

Stomping on the ground, David propelled his body forward, flying straight to Darren while dragging his golden staff behind.

Tightly gripping the staff with both of his hands, he channeled his mental energy on it while also releasing heavy pressure at the same time.

From Darren's perspective, he could see a silhouette of a monkey-looking apparition behind David. It had a pair of glowing eyes that seemed to be able to see through him. It looked like every move that he was going to take was being read by that apparition.

Moreover, it was mimicking the movements that David was taking. It was holding a golden staff with both of its hands the way David held them and was also about to swing it in a similar manner.

'Myriad Manifestation Method: Monkey King Style – A Strike that Overturns the Heavens'

David swung the golden staff in a horizontal manner. The staff seemed to have extended and grown in size as it swept through everything on its path.

Seeing the incoming attack, Darren could not help but frown deeply. Seeing the range that the sweeping staff covered, he knew that there was no way that he would be able to avoid it.

Left without a choice, he could only face it head-on and rely on a strong constitution to withstand it. He also had to believe in the healing capabilities of his Evil Core which was similar to innate regenerative abilities that Demonic Practitioners had.

Bang!

Stomping one of his feet on the ground, he swung his black sword at the incoming attack while pouring all of his Evil Qi on it. It might not be strong enough to contend against this attack from David, but it could at least weaken the strength behind it and lessen the injuries that he was about to suffer.

Bang!

Darren was sent flying right after the collision. He could feel a couple of broken bones. His right was even dislocated due to the powerful impact. Fortunately, such injuries were nothing to people like him who were a wielder of Evil Powers.

Forcefully twisting his body in the air, Darren did a quick flip as his body was recovering at a visible rate. And when he landed back on the ground, most of the broken bones were already been fixed while his dislocated arm regained its original state.

Swoosh!

He just regained his footing when David suddenly appeared above him and was about to swing the golden staff downward.

With a quick flick of his wrist, a blazing black sword materialized on his right hand once again before quickly swinging it above him.

Bang!

"Ugh!" Darren could feel an intense discomfort due to the collision. The ground where he stood even sank down, filling it with countless cracks that were spreading in every direction.

Shaking off the uncomfortable feeling, he forced his arm to push David away before quickly calming the disoriented energy within his body. That collision just now, shook the energy flow within him, making it hard for him to properly move his body.

David lightly tapped his toes on the ground right after he landed back on it. That simple movement propelled him back toward his opponent, charging ahead like a ferocious beast.

Right after he reached Darren, David swiftly struck with his staff in quick succession. The latter was still not able to calm the disoriented energy within him, so he was a little late to respond.

Upward strike, downward strike, poke, high and low sweep, and cross attack – David continuously struck with these movements, shuffling between them to confuse his opponent. His attacks were also mixed with straightforward and faint movements, giving the opposing party a hard time reading their trajectory.

Darren, who was slowly regaining his footing, was repeatedly struck by such basic movements. He managed to block a couple of them but he could not avoid the ones that were coming from a tricky angle.

While Darren was looking for a way to escape his current predicament, he overlooked one of the attacks that were trying to strike the back of his knee.

Bang!

Darren felt as if his legs were ripped apart after receiving that attack. He quickly lost his balance due to it and was about to fall down.

He was about to force his body to control the angle of his fall, trying to get a more comfortable position to counterattack. He could use his falling motion to throw a spin attack with his sword.

Unfortunately, his face was immediately greeted by one end of the golden staff, striking from below and resembling an uppercut attack.

Bang!

Ugh!

He tried to angle his head to dodge but his chin was caught instead. His head was thrown upward as his body spun around, following the momentum.

That attack shook his head, making him feel a little dizzy. And before he could even regain himself, he suddenly felt that David 'picked' him up. He felt that the staff of his opponent 'supported' his back as it lifted him up.

What happened next was his body being thrown up in the air by David.

Swoosh!

Due to his dizziness, Darren could not tell which was pointing in what direction. And adding the fact that his body was spinning rapidly when David threw him in the air, he totally lost his ability to sense his surroundings.

Bang!

In the meantime, David quickly followed after Darren. He leaped in the air while dragging his golden staff.

Swoosh!

And when he finally caught up to his opponent, he twisted his waist as he held the golden staff with both of his hands.

He did not hesitate as he channeled all of the mental energy that he could gather on the golden staff. And when he twisted his waist back, he struck the staff with everything he had, slamming it on the body of his opponent.

'Myriad Manifestation Method: Monkey King Style – A Strike that Annihilates the World'

If Darren could see David right now, then he could see the apparition of the monkey-looking person behind the latter once again, doing the same set of actions.

Bang!

Darren's body suddenly stopped spinning right after it was struck by the golden staff. His body was bent in an arc midair before being sent straight to the ground.

Swoosh!

Boom!

A huge crater was created upon impact, burying Darren's body in the ground.

David then fell gently. He took a deep breath right after he stood at the edge of the crater. He then quickly turned around and sprinted in a certain direction. He did not even bother to look back as he still had a more important task to do.

He really wanted to capture Darren for interrogation later. For someone who was quite talented and powerful given his age, he should have a decent standing within the organization. He would surely have important information on him that David and the military could use to have a better understanding of the Hextech Laboratory and its plans.

Unfortunately, saving Shiella was more urgent right now. David already wasted a lot of time in this place, so he had to hurry and head over to the direction where he last sensed her presence.

If they were lucky, then they might find Darren still lying under the ground when they got back. But if he was no longer here when that time came, then they could only blame their terrible luck.

"Just hold on a little longer," muttered David as he ran forward with all his might.

Chapter 1047 Risking Everything On The Line (Part 1)

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Shiella, who was chasing after the agents of the Hextech Laboratory, finally met the person, who seemed to be the one leading their current operation.

She was purposely exposing herself in danger to redirect the attention of the organization from the event that her mother was hosting to her. It seemed to be a reckless move, but from her perspective, it was worth it.

This was way better than being the scapegoat of the Hextech Laboratory when they succeed in their operation. Dealing with a single underworld organization was much easier than facing a group of large corporations that were comparable to their Flying Dragon Corporation.

When she saw the man standing in front of her, she knew that he was much stronger than her current self. She knew that this was the end of the line for her, so she did not raise any resistance and let herself be a captive of the opposing side.

Instead of wasting her energy and risking herself to suffer any serious injuries, it was better to save as much strength as possible by not fighting this powerful opponent and following them willingly.

The rest was left for David and Joaquin to deal with. She hoped that they would be able to catch up to her before the opposing side escaped and took her out of the continent.

The guy who was leading this operation had an alias of a Hakuna, which was a special title within the organization. He might not be as strong as the other captains who came for this operation, but his position was way higher than theirs due to his better potential.

Hakuna looked at Shiella calmly as he knew what she was trying to do. Their operation might have been compromised because of her, but if they took her to their main base, then everything would have been worth it. Shiella was not someone who was only talented, but she was one of the greatest talents among geniuses and prodigies.

Not only she possessed unrivaled talents, but she also had the powerful bloodlines of families with a long history.

He had to take her to their headquarters no matter what. They were already in this situation, so it would be better if they secure a 'subject' of her caliber.

As for the other guys who were chasing after them, he was not too concerned about them. The other captains were holding the most threatening guy at the moment, so they still have enough time to escape. They might not know who that person was, but he was confident that the three captains would be able to buy them enough time.

The other agents of the organization were also acting as a decoy. They were scattered everywhere and ran in a random direction, trying to confuse the opposing side. With the number that their side had, it will take a long time for the people of the Flying Dragon Corporation to capture them all.

The only problem that concerned Hakuna right now was the police and military forces that became alerted due to the current situation. Those guys were already on their tail after discovering the sudden disappearance of the talented people of the younger generation. And now that such a big incident was

currently happening, those forces would undoubtedly be able to connect it to them and immediately make their moves.

Hakuna had to take advantage of the chaos that their people were making to escape as soon as possible. Having that in mind, he headed straight to the rendezvous point while leaving a couple of people behind to shake off the people who were possibly tailing them.

Shiella was being carried over the shoulder by a huge and bulky man which was very uncomfortable. The expression on her face was dark due to this reason. If only her strength was not bounded by the sealing handcuffs, then she would have beaten this guy up already.

She endured being carried like that for a few minutes before she was thrown on the ground by the bulky guy.

She glared at the muscle giant as she fell on her butt after being thrown. After that, she swept her gaze at the surroundings and discovered that they were currently on an unnamed port. She was not sure where this place was exactly or when it appeared, but she was confident that such a place shouldn't be here.

Casting her gaze on the water, she saw a silhouette of something huge slowly surfacing from underneath. It only took her an instant to realize what it was. 'A submarine? And a very advanced one at that. It is pretty large too'

'No wonder the police and military forces can find them no matter how hard they search within the Easter Sea Region – these guys are actually hiding under the sea!' she came to a realization of how crafty these people were.

"Captain, we still have to wait for a few minutes before the 'Sea Giant' can send the boats. They still have to set up the stealth function of the Sea Giant in the surroundings to hide our tracks from the satellites," reported one of the agents that greeted Hakuna.

Hakuna could not help but frown deeply when he heard that. They were currently in a hurry and needed to get on the giant submarine as soon as possible.

It was one of the greatest inventions of the Hextech Laboratory. It had severable functions that could be used in different kinds of situations. It had a very advanced stealth function and was armed with powerful weapons that could threaten the Domain Realm and Venerable Realm Experts.

There were also sets of defensive equipment installed in Sea Giant that could withstand the consequential attacks of such strong existence, which gave them a sense of security whenever they were within it.

This was where Hakuna's confidence was coming from. As long as they had this great invention of the laboratory on their side, there was nothing to be afraid of. As long as they could get on it, no one could stop them from leaving this place.

The problem was if a lot of Domain and Venerable Realm experts arrived in this place when they were trying to escape. The Sea Giant might be powerful, but they would still be in grave danger if the opposing side caught up to them before they could even reach it.

Thus, making sure that the satellites of the military would not be able to discover them would be extremely necessary.

Each of the agents was carrying a special device that could jam the signal within a certain range of their surroundings. Unless they were using a special communication device that the organization had provided them, no one would be able to contact anyone.

This particular device also had the ability to camouflage them from the satellites, making it hard to locate them.

Shiella already realized this earlier, which was why she gave up on contacting her side through normal means. Instead, she relied on the talisman that David had given her.

The people of the Hextech Laboratory might have advanced equipment that could counter the technology of the military but David refused to believe that they had a Mentalist as strong as his master to notice the extremely faint signal that the talisman was giving out.

Shiella hid the talisman close to her chest so that the people who searched her would not be able to find it. Even though a woman agent searched her body, noticing such a thin piece of paper was almost impossible, especially when they were currently in a hurry.

They could not afford to waste a lot of time just to search her body. As long as they did not find a special tracking device on her, it would be fine. After all, they were also confident with their jamming device, so they were not that concerned about it.

"How many more minutes?" asked Hakuna with a hint of impatience.

The agent that was responsible for monitoring the situation quickly responded. "A little over ten minutes left, Captain."

Hakuna frowned deeply when he heard that. He was having a bad feeling since he heard about the top expert that was holding three of their captain-level experts. He was suspecting that a big figure already caught on their tail.

"What about our agents? How many manage to arrive?" he asked while maintaining the dark expression on his face.

The agent was sweating bullets when he heard the impatience in his captain's voice. He gulped a mouthful of saliva before continuing his report. "Almost all of the first-class agents already returned, Captain. We are only waiting for a couple of units to arrive and we will have everyone with a rank here."

"As for the guys who were acting as decoys, let's not hope for them to come back. They are already being pursued by three forces, so there is no hope of them escaping anymore."

Hakuna continued to frown before asking another. "What about the unit captains?"

"About that-..." the agent paused for a moment as he nervously sneaked a peek at his captain before continuing. "That is where our problems are pretty serious, Captain. It seems like all of the unit captains have been marked by the opposing side. All of them are either been captured or still trying to shake off the people on their tails."

"It looks like they have been targeted from the very start. Even the ones who are only responsible for monitoring the movements of their respective units from afar were discovered by the other party," he added, unsure how it actually happened.

Hakuna fell into deep thought before continuing. "How about the other three, who are facing that unknown expert?"

The agent wiped the sweat on his forehead before answering. "It seems like it is also impossible for them to escape, Captain. Two of them are already been injured while the last one is doing his best to stay alive."

Hakuna could only raise his head and close his eyes. Disaster. This operation ended in a total disaster.

He remained silent for a couple of moments before signaling. "Alright, tell the others to get ready. We are leaving as soon as the boats arrive. We will be leaving anyone who falls behind."

The agent hesitated for a moment before nodding his head and relaying the message to everyone.

Everyone was busily preparing to leave when a loud explosion erupted from their flank, knocking everyone unconscious or injured who were caught into it.

They quickly stopped what they were doing and headed over in a very organized manner. They were thinking that their enemies had already caught up to them, so they were getting ready for a battle.

But they suddenly became surprised and confused when they saw that there was only a single person attacking their people. It was a young man with a fancy yet messed-up set of clothes.

They would normally ignore him and leave the job to their colleagues. But after seeing the raging Mental Energy that was leaking out from the body of the young man and spiraling around his body, they could not help but be wary of him.

The eyes of the young man had mandala patterns which sent an intense shiver on their spines when he swept his gaze at them.

David, who was trying to catch his breath, searched for Shiella with his eyes and Spiritual Sense. And when he found that she was safe and sound, he could not help but sigh in relief before focusing his gaze back on the agents of the opposing party.

He was running nonstop since he put Darren to sleep earlier, so he was pretty much exhausted. But at the same time, he also knew that his job was far from over, so he had no choice but to endure it for a little longer.

Hu~!

"I've finally caught up to you, bastard," He took a deep breath before saying to them.

He then straightened his back and put his hands on his waist as he tried his best to regulate his breathing, gesturing. "Mind if I ask you to come at me together so I can wrap this up a little faster?"

Chapter 1048 Risking Everything On The Line (Part 2)

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David looked at the agents, who were glaring at him because of his words while trying to catch his breath. At the same time, he was also sending telepathic to Shiella, asking if she could escape on herself.

After inquiring about her situation and checking on the opponents that he was going to face, David could not help but shake his head a little. 'This is going to be much more troublesome than I expected.'

'Worst-case scenario, I have to unlock another meridian and risk everything,' he muttered with a helpless sigh.

It was at that moment that the agents finally snapped out of their daze and started charging at David. They were only a little surprised at his sudden appearance and were also taken aback by the raging mental energy revolving around his body. The mental energy was moving in a spiraling manner and flowing upwards – such a sight subconsciously made the agents halt their tracks and stared dumbfoundedly at him.

But their shock only lasted for a few moments. After all, they were agents working under the Hextech Laboratory, so they were quite familiar with these kinds of things. They even saw a much stranger sight and witnessed an even crazier scene.

David swept his gaze at the agents who were swarming at him like a pack of wolves before getting assuming a battle stance.

He first took a step back to avoid the agents who were coming from his side before quickly swinging his leg upward, heading straight to the abdomen of the assaulter.

Bang!

The impact was so strong that it made the agent suspended in the air for a brief moment even if he tried to increase the weight of his body. He even vomited when he fell on the ground before collapsing entirely.

David ignored that person as there were a pair of agents charging at him. One from his front while the other was coming from his body. He quickly stepped forward and threw a flying kick at the first agent, sending the guy flying back to the other agents behind him.

He then leaned forward right after he landed on the ground. And at the same time, one of his legs suddenly whipped upwards, following his movements. His heel accurately hit the chin of the agent, who was coming after his back, and sent him flying in the air.

After that, David quickly adjusted his footing before suddenly twisting his body as he lightly jumped on one foot. A roundhouse kick then landed on the agent's body while he was still in the air.

That agent was also sent flying back to his colleagues, forcing them to catch him.

Swoosh!

Then they saw David extending both of his arms outward, pointing his gun finger in different directions.

The agents suddenly sensed an ominous feeling at that sight and started to respond. They quickly raised their arms in front of them while gathering their Mental Energy and Internal Qi to form a Mentalism Barrier or a Qi Reinforcement on their arms.

It was at that moment when they saw David suddenly spinning around as bullets made of mental energy started flying out from the tip of his fingers.

'Myriad Manifestation Method: Air Pressure Bullets'

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The formless mental energy bullets flew in every direction and hit all of the agents who failed to respond in time. The others, who managed to set up their defenses a little earlier, were not doing well either. They underestimated the strength of those bullets which cost them a heavy price – the mental energy bullets penetrated their defenses and filled their bodies with bloody holes.

Those formless bullets were made from the purest mental energy. Given David's current state, the strength of his mental energy far surpassed his usual strength which was why the bullets had such a strong penetrative power.

Most of the agents collapsed on the ground after enduring the barrage of mental energy bullets. The lucky ones, who were far behind the others, managed to survive since the bullets could not reach them, or their comrades blocked them.

David did not worry about them as he quickly charged through their formation and headed straight to where Shiella was. He also knocked a couple of agents along the way, who were brave enough to block his path.

These agents might be strong compared to most people. The majority of them were Ethereal Opening Stage Experts while the rest managed to step on the Void Manifestation Stage.

There were also Mentalists in their ranks who were in an equivalent realm. Some were at the peak of the Grandmaster Realm with a couple of agents in the Ruler's Realm.

These agents were first-class forces within their organization, so their strength shouldn't be underestimated. But compared to David, who currently unlocked the third phase of his limit break, they were completely nothing.

Unless someone on the same level as Darren appeared, no one would be able to stop David. But he also suspected that Darren was a rare talent within the organization. And even if some of these agents possessed artificial talents, he refused to believe that they were as successful as Darren, who seemed to be the ideal soldier that the Hextech Laboratory was planning to make.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

David forced his way toward Shiella but no one managed to stop him. The agents tried their best to put up a solid blockade to stop him but still failed to halt his advance.

David was about to bend down and free Shiella when he suddenly paused briefly. Then his right-hand fist flashed and hit 'Shiella' who was on the ground.

That punch was so strong that 'Shiella' was buried under a pile of rubble. And as if it was not enough, he threw a few more punches that were much stronger than the previous one.

He only stopped when he felt satisfied. And the moment he did, the place where he stood was completely different from what it was before. A crater filled with broken rocks and boulders replaced the flat that he was standing earlier.

David combed his hair with his hand when he stood up while saying. "That is a good disguise that can fool everyone. But in front of my 'Enlightened Eyes,' such thing is nothing but trash impersonation."

He then turned his head and looked at the agents who were moving around him. They stood at the end of the crater that he had created, forming an encirclement that was trying to trap him.

He did not put much thought into it as he was actually thinking about another thing. 'Since when did they swap Shiella with this fake? I did not notice anything at all.'

'Is it because my senses slightly become dull due to the extended period of maintaining the third phase of the limit break? Or is it because of something else?' he thought before spreading his Divine Sense once again, trying to look for Shiella's presence.

"Huh?" David could not help but raise his brows as he could no longer sense her presence no matter how hard he tried. "Strange."

While he was lost in his thoughts, the agents finally made their move. They jumped on the crater and started charging at David in an even crazier manner than earlier.

David forcefully broke himself out of his trance when he felt their movements. He kicked the small boulder beside him and sent it toward the incoming agents before chasing after it.

Bang!

The boulder was shattered by one of the agents, who had a muscular physique, as he charged through it. He was beaming with confidence as he ran forward.

But what greeted him was a fist covered with a Divinity Grade Mental Energy, flying straight to his face. He did not even have the time to think what it was as his head was blasted into smithereens.

Bang!

David did not pause his movements as he waved his other hand, releasing his mental energy.

Hu~!

Taking a deep breath, his mental energy turned into invisible threads that wrapped themselves around the flying rocks that were produced by the earlier action of the poor agent.

With a flick of his wrist, David sent the rock pieces raining down at the agents that were coming at him. The power behind those falling rocks was quite negligible due to the realm of everyone, but since David skillfully controlled them to hit the joints of the agents, their movements could not help but become disturbed.

While everyone was in chaos, David jumped in action and started taking down the agents, who were trying to recover their balance.

David's Spiritual Sense was currently on a whole other level. No one standing within its range was able to escape his perception. And due to it, he was able to accurately hit the agents to disturb their balance. And due to it, he was having an easier time dealing with them.

Of course, he could not avoid getting injured. Given the number of his opponents, it was impossible for him to block or dodge all of their attacks. All he could do was to minimize the damage they could deal to him.

On the surface, he looked to be rather calm despite his current situation. But he was actually getting a little anxious as the time went by.

He was starting to feel the drawbacks of maintaining the Limit Break for an extended period of time. And the more he used his mental energy, the heavier the burden his mind and body was suffering.

This was the reason why he was limiting his movements to physical attacks as much as possible. If he used more advanced mentalism techniques, then the outcome might be much more terrible than what he could think of.

As he was trying to limit the expenditure of his mental energy, he suddenly sensed someone charging at him at extreme speed.

That person only steps on the edge of his perception range for a brief moment, but they already reached his side within such a short timeframe.

David hastily turned around and crossed his arm while covering them with his mental energy. And right after he did that, he was suddenly sent skidding backward due to the powerful force behind his opponent's attack.

David shook his arms for a moment as he raised his head and look at the person who just attacked him. Then he saw a bulky giant standing in the distance, looking at him with an enraged face.

"I think that is enough of you beating our people. I will be taking you on," said the other party while cracking his knuckles.

David had a bad feeling about this as he could sense that this person was different from the other agents. At the very least, he seemed to be on a similar strength as Darren, who he just faced earlier.

He did not know when his reinforcements were going to arrive, so he had to put more effort into holding this people in place and prevent them from escaping. He knew that it was a more unlikely job given his current state, but he had to persevere until everything was over.

'I need to save Shiella at the very least,' he thought as he took a stance while the spiraling mental energy around him raged even more.

Chapter 1049 Risking Everything On The Line (Part 3)

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On a particular port on the outskirts of the Eastern Sea Region, David was currently standing in the middle of a huge crater while being surrounded by multiple people. It was the crater that he had created after burying an agent that was pretending to be Shiella earlier.

He stared at the bulky giant guy standing a few meters away from him, trying to gauge the latter's strength. And after a few seconds, he became sure that this guy was at least as strong as Darren who fought against him earlier.

The bulky giant guy was cracking his knuckles while looking at David with a savage expression. He then turned at the other agents surrounding them while saying. "He is now my prey. No one is to interrupt us."

Right after he said those words, the voice of someone suddenly sounded from the distance. "Don't be too cocky, Gamma. He is someone that you can't underestimate."

"Hah! Don't worry, Captain Hakuna. I know very well how strong he is. The fact that he is here can only mean that Darren is already been defeated by him," said the bulky giant, who seemed to have the name Gamma.

David could not help but raise his eyebrows when he heard the conversation between the two, especially when he heard the name 'Hakuna'.

As someone who always clashed against underworld organizations wherever he went, he was pretty familiar with individuals who had special titles in different organizations. And from what he knew, the alias 'Hakuna' stood for someone who was a vessel of special powers, particularly a highly potent 'Seed of Hatred' that was artificially created by the people of the underworld.

He rarely encountered someone who possessed such a title, but there was a significant similarity that he discovered about them. Every person who possessed such an alias were always been a non-combatant official. They were either a commander of multiple units or someone who always worked behind the scenes.

It was not because they were weak in combat, but it was due to the nature of their artificial Seed of Hatred. Those 'seeds' had a certain incubation period that could not be disturbed. They were forbidden to fight a frontal confrontation since it would affect the growth of their 'seeds' when they tried to use their powers.

It was wiser to let them stay on their bases and wait until their 'seeds' sprouted and became a new form of power that was much denser than the Evil Qi of the Unforgiven Ones.

But they could not do that because of another reason. The 'seed' needed constant pressure from life-threatening or high-pressure situations. It was a strange phenomenon that even the researchers of the underworld were unsure of.

This was the reason why people with the alias 'Hakuna' were obligated to do important missions. Fortunately, these people were natural commanders which gave them special standing within their respective organizations.

'Looks like I can no longer afford to let them escape. I need to at least capture that guy with special alias,' thought David to himself as he spread his Spiritual Sense once more, expanding its range as wide as possible.

He would be pushing himself too hard but he did not have a choice since he needed to look for Shiella and the Hakuna.

While he was busy searching for them, Hakuna suddenly said to Gamma. "I will give you five minutes. If you still can't deal with him within that period, given his current state, then the rest will join you."

"That is plenty enough. It is fine if I can't defeat him since my goal is to experience how strong the so-called bane of the younger generation of the underworld is," said Gamma as he started walking toward David.

David, on the other hand, could not help but skeptically look at the bulky giant. 'So much for not underestimating me. Five minutes? Don't you think you are looking down at me already when you set such a timeframe?'

Hu~!

He then regulated his breathing once again while taking his battle stance. It was a pretty standard stance where his left foot and hand were in front and pointing forward while the other foot was at the back with his right hand positioned in front of his belly, facing upward.

When he took that stance, the air around him immediately changed. It looked like he was a part of nature itself as his presence spread in every direction.

The violent mental energy spiraling around his body raged with a much higher intensity as it turned into a giant torrent that shot toward the sky.

At the same time, there seemed to be multiple auras mixed with his own. From the perspective of Gamma and the other agents, there seemed to be a powerful being standing behind David while looking down at them.

This particular figure did not have a distinct form and always changed every second. Sometimes it was a monkey while other times it was a lion. There were also some times when it looked like an unknown hideous beast or a giant whale.

The form of that illusionary being was always changing, not letting anyone see its real form. This was David's Battle Spirit – a higher form of Aura Manifestation that the Martial Artist and Mentalist could only achieve after reaching a certain mastery of their respective discipline. It was mostly seen by the experts of the Ethereal Opening Stage or peak of the Grandmaster Realm.

Gamma could not help but grin widely when he saw the sudden change in David. He excitedly looked at the latter before bumping his fist and releasing his own Battle Spirit.

Swoosh!

The form of his Battle Spirit was similar to a demonic being. It had a monstrous form and hideous appearance – a monster with a muscular body similar to a human but also had the hint of a gorilla's body.

Its figure was shrouded by dark miasma, hiding some of its features but also releasing a dangerous aura.

At the same time, Gamma's body also changed. His already bulky body suddenly became much bulkier as his height increased a little.

His skin also turned pale gray, making him look like a walking corpse. Then a visible aura started leaking out from his body before turning into a black miasma that was similar to the one that his Battle Spirit had.

His eyes turned entirely black with a visible crimson dot on them, signifying his pupils.

His current form was no different from a demon, which was also fitting since it was a title given to him by the organization – a crazy demon.

Bang!

The respective aura of the two created sparks in the air as they clashed against each other.

The two stayed rooted on the ground as they stared at each other's eyes. They seemed to be having an intense staredown from the spectator's perspective, but they were actually having an invisible exchange already.

A slight movement of their bodies and small twitches of their muscles were indicating the move that they were planning to make. The two of them were already having an intense battle inside their heads.

Bang!

Then, all of a sudden, Gamma suddenly kicked the ground and launched himself forward. It only took him an instant to arrive in front of his opponent and swung his right fist forward, throwing a powerful punch.

His attack was a little too sudden and surprised even the agents watching from the edge of the crater. They did not even catch a glimpse of his body when he did everything.

But to their surprise, his target managed to respond in time with a move. David slightly leaned to the side right before Gamma appeared in front of him, moving away from the trajectory of such a fast attack.

At the same time, his left hand was gently pressing on the arm of his opponent, slightly changing the trajectory of the latter's attack.

Gamma had already expected that to happen, so he quickly retracted his right arm and was about to swing his other fist with a much strong punch. But before he could even complete his movements, he suddenly saw David's right arm flicker for a brief moment.

Bang!

And it was immediately followed by his head being rebounded in the air. The pain on his chin only followed after that, finally registering what just happened.

He was hit by an uppercut right before he could even make his move.

He was trying to regain his balance when his abdomen suddenly started hurting. And when he forcefully lowered his head, he saw David planting his fist on that place, throwing a powerful strike.

Bang!

A delayed shockwave quickly followed as his body was sent flying away.

Swoosh!

Everything happened a little too fast, making Gamma to have a delayed reaction. His brain could not keep up with everything as it registered all of it a little too late.

Bang!

He then increased the weight of his body to force his body to land on the ground. And with a powerful stomp, his giant and bulky body suddenly flew in the opposite direction, heading back to where David was.

Swoosh!

This time, he was a little cautious. He threw a series of punches right after arriving. Each punch was packed with a destructive force that could turn David into a meat paste if ever he got hit by any of them.

In front of such a scary barrage of attacks, David calmly moved his body left and right, dodging every punch with the slightest margin and smallest movements.

His hands were not idle either as they kept on deflecting the punches that he could not dodge entirely. The gentle movements of his hands were constantly redirecting the attacks away from his body.

Such slight pushes made Gamma frustrated, making his attack pause for a moment to give him the time to stomp on the ground.

Bang!

The ground shook violently before collapsing immediately after. Due to the irregular movements of the broken ground, David lost his solid footing.

It might be brief, but it was more than enough for Gamma to throw a powerful strike straight to his opponent's chest.

David quickly gathered his energy toward the core of his body while moving his hands in a circular motion before throwing a strong push forward, facing the incoming fist of his opponent.

Bang!

Gamma's arm rebounded due to the impact while David was pushed skidding backward. His arms were shaking intensely due to the power behind the earlier strike of his opponent.

'I can't afford to face another attack head-on, or else, my body will not be able to take it,' thought David as he solemnly looked at Gamma.

There was a slight pause in his thoughts before saying helplessly saying to himself. "I guess I don't have a choice but to use that, huh?"

Chapter 1050 Adaptive Evolution Plus Mental Suppression

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The battle between David and Gamma already lasted for three minutes. And neither of them got the upper hand. The latter might have the advantage in terms of raw strength and powerful attacks, but the former had a solid foundation and multiple techniques and styles that he could switch to during the battle.

David seemed to be continuously absorbing all of the data that he was getting from his opponent and constantly adapting to it in response. His style and technique applications seemed to be evolving as the progress went on.

This ability from David was not an exceptional talent and was entirely different from Battle Genius Talent that Shin had. It was a systematic process where he studied his opponent thoroughly during the battle before adjusting his style accordingly.

He called it Adaptive Evolution. It was a battle style where he was constantly adjusting and evolving his way of fighting for the sole purpose of defeating his opponents.

He had developed this technique after traveling around the world and challenging multiple talented individuals of the same generation or old veterans who no longer had the ability to break through the Ethereal Opening Stage or peak of the Grandmaster Realm.

Since he was constantly challenging different people with different styles and sets of skills, he would always be facing an opponent that he did not have any knowledge.

Everyone had a unique way of fighting which corresponded to their strengths and talents. But no matter how strong and how powerful they were, there would always be a weakness in their style just like everyone had a weakness.

Strength-based styles which focused on brute force and straightforward attacks were weak against the style which focused on evasive maneuvers and quick movements. They were also weak against people who focused on counterattacks.

Speed-based styles which focused on moving around and confusing the opponent with movement techniques and fast attacks were weak against opponents with high defense and solid guard. They were also weak when facing an opponent who focused on control such as a Mentalist, who was capable of large-scale attacks and controlling techniques, or a Martial Artist majoring in grappling skills and takedowns.

Defense-based styles were weak against opponents who majored in control-type techniques and skills. They would also be in trouble when facing strength-based styles with decent mobility since they were no different from sitting ducks waiting for the opposing side to hit them.

These were just a few examples that the adaptive evolution was targeting. With his knowledge of different styles and his experiences when dealing with them, David was able to constantly find a way to counter his opponents and adjust his style that completely suited every situation.

The adaptive evolution took some time to study his opponent, but after familiarizing himself with the process, it became his second nature whenever he was fighting someone.

And with this, David seemed to have understood the style of his opponent completely and started dominating the battle one-sidedly in the span of three minutes.

But despite that being the case, he was still wearing a solemn look on his face. It was because using adaptive evolution was extremely taxing for his mind.

Observing his opponent, monitoring their movements, then predicting their next moves, then looking for the appropriate counter inside his head – these were the usual process when using adaptive evolution. It was extremely accurate after familiarizing himself with it.

But constantly using it in the battle put a lot of burden on his mental strength which was extremely exhausting.

And if he added the fact that he was constantly suppressing the Divinity Grade Mental Energy from getting out of control for an extended period of time, the mental and physical burden that he was currently suffering far surpassed his current limit.

But he did not have the choice. He had to persevere until everything was over.

He even forgot the consequence of being in the state of Limit Break for a long time. He just focused on the fight and poured everything into dealing with what was in front of him. He could think of what would happen to him later, but for now, he had to take down his giant as soon as possible before looking for Shiella.

During this moment, David's extreme focus was starting to affect the battle. And he unconsciously built up a mental suppression that was unseen by him, by his opponent, and by the agents spectating the fight.

On the other hand, Gamma was starting to feel strange as the battle went on. He was clearly in a better state compared to David, but his brain could not process why he was on the losing end.

David was clearly in an extremely exhausted state while he was in his peak condition when the fight started. He should have the advantage and control the battle phase, especially when the time was against his opponent's favor.

He could not understand how David was able to keep his calm while fighting someone like him. Especially when he was currently surrounded by his enemies from different directions.

Moreover, Gamma was starting to lose the fight as the battle progressed. He could not even land a clean hit on his opponent despite their current state.

Bang!

He was pushed back once again, forcing him to take a couple of steps back to stabilize his footing. He was about to charge back at David when he felt an intense chilling running through his spine.

Raising his head, he saw something that made his body freeze momentarily. He saw David's eyes, which had mandala patterns on them, staring at him with a calm yet cold gaze.

Gamma felt that he was being seen through.

He felt that he could not hide anything from that gaze.

He felt that all of his secrets were being revealed one after another.

He felt naked in front of such a cold gaze.

He felt transparent.

He felt that he could not hide anything in front of David.

He did not know what was happening and could not process how it was happening. His mind was being influenced by the aura that David was emitting. He was being suppressed completely.

As an agent of the Hextech Laboratory, he was extremely confident in himself. Especially when he became one of the successful subjects of their experiments.

He was one of the strongest forces within the organization when facing people on the same level. He already accomplished a lot of things and even defeated a lot of talented individuals from different places.

And this was just one of his accomplishments, especially when he was facing the younger generation of some prestigious families.

Aside from that, he also developed his own martial path that completely compliment his strength. And with the help of his Evil Qi, he would be able to achieve greater things.

But all of it was nothing in front of David.

Every attack, every defense, every evasion – all of these crumbled in front of David. He was mercilessly being crushed one-sidedly.

Gamma could not understand. It was as though every movement David was taking was made to defeat him. Every step, every shift, every swing or thrust, even the slightest and tiniest details on his movements such as twitches were being seen through.

Whatever he did, David would always counter it with the simplest move and response. This was what the people watching the fight were seeing.

But from Gamma's perspective, his flaw, his imperfection, and his weakness were coming to life. It was starting to hunt him as the fight went on.

He felt that David was able to see through his martial art and denied his martial path. Denied his success, accomplishments, and martial art.

His pride was slowly being crushed bit by bit.

His confidence earlier when he first challenge David was crumbling. He started to feel despair.

The true despair!

From Gamma's perspective, David seemed to become the embodiment of his fear.

This phenomenon was not David's intention. It was just the product of his adaptive evolution that countered his opponent and the mental suppression that he was releasing subconsciously during the battle.

Due to Gamma being countered constantly, the effects of the mental suppression took a massive effect on his mentality.

He was starting to lose his will to fight and was slowly giving up.

Bang!

Another attack crashed into Gamma's gut, sending him flying away at tremendous speed. He collided with the edge of the crater, half buried in it.

Thud!

Slowly, his body slipped away from it before falling to the ground.

He still picked up his body and stood up due to his instincts and the influence of his evil qi. But instead of charging back to his opponent and resuming the battle, he just stood on his spot and stared blankly into the air.

He completely lost the will to fight.

He did not care anymore.

He had lost more than just the battle.

He was waiting for David to finish him off so that he could finally escape from this pit of despair. He wanted to end this suffering and horror.

David had no idea what happened to Gamma, but he did not refuse the 'offer'. It was convenient for him, so he quickly charged forward and gathered his mental energy to his fist, planning to launch a powerful attack to end this.

He had to move fast since the opposing party had no intention of retaliating. He had to make it quick before the agents surrounding them and that guy with the alias of Hakuna recovered themselves from the shock and interfered.

Boom!

A spiraling punch packed with powerful force and dense mental energy landed on Gamma, who welcomed it with open arms.

The storm-like mental energy shredded Gamma's body, turning it into a mist of blood. The punch also pushed forward and shattered the evil core that Gamma had, making sure that he would not be able to recover.

Then, silence enveloped the whole area as everyone stared at the scene with absentminded eyes. The agents did not know nor comprehend what happened to Gamma.

They could only stare blankly at David, who was the only one left standing in front of them. Even Hakuna could not understand what happened.

But one thing was for sure.

David had become something that they could not afford to fight.