

Destiny 1131

Chapter 1131 Revealing The True Intentions

Inside the laboratory room where the Professor was, he was at the final stages of the experiment and was about to be done with the final test.

It was at that moment when the door of the room suddenly opened. Then someone entered with calm steps.

The Professor did not need to turn around to know who it was and said without turning his head. "What are you doing here, Butcher? Aren't you supposedly keeping an eye on the Dragon King? What are you going to do if he suddenly breaks free from the power of the sealed inheritance and attacks us?"

Butcher, who suddenly entered, leaned on the wall and crossed his arms. "Relaxed, Dragon King Nathan will not be able to move for the time being and it will be enough for us to escape."

He paused and looked at what the Professor was doing and asked. "How is your progress?"

"Almost there. I just need to finish this up and I can turn him into the vessel of the sealed inheritance. And what is left after that is gathering more information about the failed subjects to see if we can achieve what we are really looking for," answered the Professor, still not turning his head.

"Is that so? Then it is good," Butcher raised his brows before asking. "How is the information gathering so far?"

This time, the Professor briefly glanced at the monitor near him and said. "It is almost complete. We only lacked the rest of the data from Shaun."

"As for this one, I've already synchronized everything with the system. As long as he fights, the data will be directly sent to us," he added before continuing his work.

"I see. That is good. Hurry up, so we can leave as soon as possible," said Butcher as he slightly turned his head left and right, producing a series of cracking sounds.

"Have you cleaned up everything?" asked the Professor all of a sudden as he remembered something.

There was a dangerous glint in Butcher's eyes as he answered. "There is no need to worry. Those pests that we can't use earlier are actually lending us a hand at destroying everything."

"As for the rest, I have already cleaned them up and deleted all the data that they can use. If they are capable enough to retrieve a few things, what they will get are only unusable scraps that we left behind."

He then paused for a moment and stared the Professor's back before continuing. "There are still a few pieces of trash that need to be disposed of. But they can wait until everything is over."

The Professor just finished everything at this point. He was about to put down the surgical tools that he was holding when he noticed that there was something wrong. He paused for a moment and thought about it before realizing that it was the words that Butcher had said.

A sudden thought flashed through his mind and quickly threw everything to the side and picked up the scalpel that was near him. He then turned around and quickly threw it toward Butcher.

Unfortunately for him, Butcher moved much faster than him. "You are quite fast to pick up. But unfortunately, not fast enough."

Butcher's figure suddenly flickered before appearing right in front of the Professor and letting the scalpel hit his shoulder.

In the meantime, his left hand grabbed the back of the Professor's neck while his other hand stabbed a syringe into the neck of the latter. And after injecting its contents, he let go of the Professor before stepping back.

"Y-You-...!" the Professor staggered back while pointing at Butcher, knocking the table behind him where the surgical and experimental tools were placed.

"W-What is the meaning of this?" he asked as he stumbled on the ground while pulling the syringe that was still on the side of his neck.

Butcher stared at the Professor before sneering. "Is there needed to ask? You should know better than anyone how the organization works. We dispose of anything that we find useless."

"What is more, we need something that can buy us enough time to escape. As you know, I still can't face the Dragon King head-on, so it is better to find someone that will help us hold the fort while we run," he added, seemingly unashamed to admit that he was running away from a fight.

"B-But... But I've been doing pretty well recently! And I am loyal to the organization! How can you do this to me?" said the Professor, unable to believe what is happening.

There was a 'pitying' gaze from Butcher as he looked at the current appearance of the Professor. He then gave the latter a look full of 'gratitude' before saying. "Of course, we are thankful for your contributions. Even the 'Heads' are full of gratification for it." I think you should take a look at

"Unfortunately, you are lacking results recently. And our 'Boss' become very impatient, so there is nothing we can do," he added while shaking his head.

Hearing that, the eyes of the Professor suddenly contracted as he said. "But I've contributed a lot to the organization! I've been doing anything that they ask me to! And I am about to produce the vessel for the sealed inheritance! How can they just throw me away like this!?"

"Ah!" there seemed to be a sudden realization in Butcher's eyes when he heard that before pointing at the body of Old Man Roger lying on the experimental table beside him. "Are you talking about this thing? It is just a container to them, nothing else."

"It is just a sample that can help them realize the ideals of our 'Boss'. It is not that important, actually."

"As for the sealed inheritance that you are talking about. It is just a bonus for the main project. If we get our hands on it, then it will be for the best. But if not, then so be it."

"As simple as that," he emphasized, making the face of the Professor turn pale.

"How... can this be? How can they do this to me?" there was a full of disbelief in the eyes of the Professor as he started to become hysterical. The blow of the truth that dealt to him was too overwhelming.

Butcher took out a hard drive from the inner pocket of his coat before transferring all the data from the computer. He also did the system synchronization that the Professor was talking about earlier. And when he was done, he put the drive in his pocket once again before picking up the unconscious subject from the experimental table.

He slowly walked toward the door, ignoring the Professor that was about to get crazy. His foot was about to set out of the door when he suddenly remembered something. "Ah!"

He slowly turned and looked at the Professor before saying. "There is another reason that made the Boss dispose of you."

He paused for a moment and made sure that he had gotten the attention of the Professor before continuing. "It seems like you have done something secretly for the Boss before. I don't know what it is, and I don't dare to pry since I don't want to end up just like you. But it seems to be quite important."

He then paused and made a serious look before continuing. "This is the last words that the Boss wants to say to you – 'You have planted the seed very well, so I will be rewarding you with it. Die for the sake of it.'"

After that, Butcher turned around and walked out of the room, leaving the Professor.

In the meantime, the Professor finally came to a realization when he heard those words. He smiled bitterly before muttering to himself. "I see. So, he wants to keep that a secret from everyone."

"Snake Head, oh Snake Head. It seems like your ambition is endless. You want to become the real 'Head', huh?"

His words slowly faded in the darkness of the room as his body started to mutate. The veins on the part of his neck where the syringe stabbed him bulged out before turning green. It then spread out and crawled on his body.

His body structure started to change. The muscles on his arms, legs, and torso ballooned greatly while the size of his body grew exponentially. His small head seemed to be buried by his growing muscles, which seemed to be unwilling to stop from increasing.

Now long after, a deafening roar reverberated in the whole room before spreading even further. It even shook the entire lab before reaching the ground and made the mountain range tremble.

Everyone sensed it, making them pause what they were doing.

Even Nathan and the apparition of the Thunder Lord that was fighting him could not help but stop fighting when that roar was released.

Nathan frowned deeply as he scanned the entire mountain range with 'Divine Sense'. Unfortunately, he still could not pinpoint the exact location where that roar was coming from, making his frown grow deeper.

He was having a bad feeling about this, which also gave him an intense sense of urgency, especially when he could sense the deep hatred and rage coming from that roar.

"I want to hide my real strength from those prying eyes, but I guess I don't have a choice now."

Chapter 1132 Desperate Predicament (Part 1)

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Crackle!

Boom!

There was a thunderous boom that resounded in the sky as Nathan suddenly changed his strategy. The golden dragon that was fighting the apparition of the sealed inheritance of the Thunder Lord suddenly charged forward and wrapped itself around the latter.

The apparition tried to struggle and remove the golden dragon coiling on its body, but all its efforts were futile. The golden dragon stubbornly attached itself to the apparition and even bit the neck of the latter, sinking its sharp teeth into it.

Even if the apparition bombarded the golden dragon with continuous lighting strikes, the golden dragon remained stubborn.

At the same time, Nathan suddenly floated higher in the sky before raising his hand. He opened his palm and released an overwhelming amount of Natural Force from it, which quickly gathered above him and suddenly turned into a sphere of golden flame with a massive size.

Looking from another angle, it seemed like he was holding a miniature sun in the air. This golden sun illuminated the entire sky above the mountain range as the temperature rose dramatically.

But miraculously, none of the threes nor the ones fighting in every corner of the mountain range were burned despite how high that temperature was, which was enough to turn the whole place into blazing land.

Not long after, Nathan threw the miniature sun below, which descended and headed straight to the unmoving apparition.

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In the meantime, in the place where David and the others were fighting the mutated subjects, the four could not help but pause a little due to the sudden change.

The failed experimental subjects that were attacking them aggressively earlier suddenly halted their assaults after the loud roar earlier. All those subjects seemed to be frozen in their places while turning in a certain direction.

The group confusedly looked at the subjects. They thought for a moment before deciding not to think much about it.

It was a perfect opportunity to strike!

But before they could even make their moves, the sky suddenly shone brightly, which attracted their attention. At the same time, the surrounding temperature was turning hotter with every passing second.

A moment later, they realized that it was Nathan who did that phenomenon.

They quickly regained their senses after a moment. They were about to resume the attack when they saw that all the failed experimental subjects started running away and headed in a certain direction.

"What?"

"What is happening?"

The group was stunned for a moment and stared blankly at the sight in front of them. Then they looked at each other and asked confusedly.

"Did they sense danger from the Martial Skill that Sir Dragon King is using?" muttered David as he was also quite shocked at the sudden turn of events.

"They are running away and planning to hide?" said Jerimiah with an expression full of surprise and disbelief.

Vincent remained silent and calmly watched the failed subjects running away. He observed their actions carefully before turning to Laurent. "They look like they are answering a summon."

Laurent also found it odd and seemed to realize something. "Yeah. Their pause earlier is when we heard that world-shaking roar. It seems like that roar has summoned them."

David thought about it and nodded his head. "Now that I think about it. It seems like the case."

He then started sprinting and chased after the running failed subjects. "Quick! Let's follow them. We might be able to find the main entrance of the base of the opposing side!"

The other three nodded his head and quickly followed him.

It was at that moment that David heard John's voice coming from the communicator. "We found it! We found it! It looks like Shin is able to successfully infiltrate their ranks! He even sends us the signal!"

"Did you find the entrance?" asked David instantly.

"Wait, I will forward the coordinates that he has sent to us," replied John as his hands were busily typing on the keyboard.

Not long after, David received the coordinates. He looked at his advanced watch and linked it with the virtual map that he currently had. And immediately after that, he saw the exact location of the entrance that they were looking for.

Looking closely into it, he discovered that they were actually heading in the same direction as the failed subjects. "Our guess is right! These mutated human monsters are heading to the entrance of the hidden base."

He then pressed the communication device attached to his ear and said. "Tell all of our forces to quickly head in that direction! It seems like something happened within the base, which was why all of these mutated creatures are being summoned."

"You can also ask them to outrun the mutated creatures if possible and block the entrance if they can. We have to prevent them from entering the base and besiege our people inside," he added full of urgency. I think you should take a look at

"I'm on it right now. I've just sent the message to all the units," replied John from the other side of the line.

After that, David put down his hand and turned to the other three. "We are picking up the pace. Let's overtake these guys and head straight to the entrance ahead of them. It seems like something serious happened."

With that, he suddenly increased his speed while executing an advanced mentalism movement technique while also activating a haste rune at the same time. His figure turned into a streak of light that flew forward and instantly outrun the running failed subjects.

Whoosh!

At the same time, the other three also executed their respective movement techniques.

Jerimiah leaned his body slightly forward as his feet suddenly sank to the ground. His actions produced a series of cracking sounds before it was followed by a loud explosion.

Boom!

Swoosh!

Dirt and rock fragments flew in the air as his figure suddenly disappeared. A sonic boom also followed him as he trailed a path ahead while instantly catching up to David.

Vincent did not do anything fancy. He just accelerated and caught the two in a casual manner while also leaving a series of afterimages behind.

Laurent was slightly behind them as he could be the slowest among the group. Regardless, he was still able to keep up with the three while utilizing all the movement techniques that he knew from his arsenal. It was not his, especially after all.

In the meantime, Shin and the others finally regrouped with the rest of the students after sending out the signals and messages outside. They also collected a few data from the computers that they had restored. The data that they had gathered might be incomplete, but it was better than nothing.

Julietta and Tir quickly organized everyone and assigned different roles while getting ready to move. They already got the entire blueprint of the underground laboratory, so they already got an idea of how to escape.

Some of the students help the injured while also carrying the others who could not fight while the others were protecting them. The rest would take the lead with Tir spearheading their formation.

Moving with such a huge group would be hard. But since all of them were very experienced, they could at least keep up with the formation while moving.

Roar!

Rumble!

They were about to move out when a deafening roar suddenly made them pause for a moment. Then it was quickly followed by the intense shaking of the entire laboratory.

The group struggled to regain their footing due to the shaking, especially the ones that were carrying and helping the injured students. There were also others who started falling on the ground while holding their ears due to the loud roar.

The outside could not sense it, but the ones who were inside the laboratory could clearly hear and feel the might that came from that roar.

It was not an ordinary roar as it carried a mental attack that could affect the ones with weaker minds. The elite students who did not major in mental tempering started kneeling on the ground due to the sudden mental attack that they just suffered.

Shin frowned deeply when he realized what was going on. Fortunately, he possessed monstrous willpower, so he did not get affected.

At the same time, he seemed to have an idea of what had just happened. Though, it was slightly off the mark.

He was thinking that the Professor had successfully finished his experiment and created the 'vessel'. Little did he know that it was the Professor himself who turned into a monster due to the sudden betrayal of Butcher.

"This doesn't look good," he muttered with a serious tone.

At the same time, Julieta was helping the others who failed to resist the mental attack while muttering to herself. "What was that?"

Tir, who was fully on guard and currently looking out for everyone, was currently wearing a solemn expression. Out of everyone, he was the one who could clearly sense how strong the owner of that roar was. And from what he could tell, it seemed to be someone that was much stronger than everyone of them combined.

"This is serious," he muttered solemnly.

Rumble!

Not long after, everyone heard the rumbling sounds of rapid and chaotic footsteps coming from the distance.

The expression of everyone suddenly turned serious and looked in the direction where those footsteps were coming from.

"Go to your respective positions and get ready for the battle!" shouted Tir as he quickly took the pair of axes hanging on his back and wielded them.

Chapter 1133 Desperate Predicament (Part 2)

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Shin stood in the middle of the group as everyone got in formation. They stared in the direction where the chaotic and rapid footsteps were coming from while getting ready for the battle.

Not long after they finally saw a large number of silhouettes that were charging at them at a rapid pace. And when they got a clear look at what those silhouettes were, they could not help but have a much solemn expression on their faces.

"What are those?"

"They are neither humans nor monsters."

"Mutated beings?"

"From the auras that they are emitting, they seem to be very strong."

These members were the elite clubs that were quite experienced as they already took a number of missions from the academy and even accepted some commissions from certain sources, this was not their first time encountering such a situation.

Moreover, when those mutated humans got closer to them, they quickly spotted that these ones had a lot of similarities with Shaun, who underwent a mutated transformation earlier. They quickly realized that these monsters were most likely the same.

Tir, the leader of his club, was currently standing fearlessly at the forefront of the formation. He tightly gripped the axes in his hands while shouting. "They are coming, ready yourselves!"

Hearing his words, the rest of the group quickly held their respective weapons tightly while glaring at the incoming group of mutated humans.

Bang!

Swoosh!

Then, suddenly, Tir kicked the ground and lunged forward with great momentum. He crossed his arms in front of him during his charge. And when he was about to reach the mutated humans, he suddenly stomped on the ground before swinging the two axes horizontally.

Bang!

Boom!

A shockwave was produced right after his stomp, making the mutated humans lose their balance and stumble a little. Then a strong gust of wind quickly followed and pushed the opposing side back, making them unable to advance further.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Right after that, a series of swooshing sounds quickly followed as the elite students followed his charge. All of them were covered by their respective energies as they brushed past Tir and brandished their weapons at these mutated humans.

A chaotic fighting quickly broke out!

The members of the Warrior College and the Martial and Mentalism Union were the ones who were leading the charge. These two rivals and opposing clubs that always fought against each other within the academy every time they met were now fighting side-by-side.

They showcased their strong might and overwhelming fighting spirit as they advanced forward. They were not going to let these monsters advance and harm those injured students behind them.

And if there were a few that managed to bypass them, the members of the Student Assistant Association quickly took care of them.

The three elite clubs worked together with Julieta and Tir taking the lead. Even Lester, who was quite heavily injured was giving out orders one after another.

This chaotic battle continued with their side having a huge advantage. But not long after, everyone realized a serious problem. These mutated monster humans were not as simple as it seems. The ones that they thought that had already been taken care of were standing one after another with their bodies constantly recovering at a visible rate.

Even the ones with blasted heads and huge holes where their hearts were located were standing up and recovering their injuries.

They looked like undying zombies that could not be killed. And it was in a much worse sense!

Tir and Julieta were wearing dark expressions when they saw that. They realized that their situation was getting worse with every passing second.

Lester, who was at the rear along with the injured students, had a clear vision of what was happening. And when he realized what was going on, he quickly informed the others. "There must be a core in their bodies. It is impossible for them to be undying creatures! They must be like those Demonic and Evil Practitioners that had a core to regenerate themselves continuously!"

The rest quickly figured this out and started looking for those cores. But at the same time, something unexpected happened.

The mutated monster humans seemed to have understood his words and started fighting cautiously while crazily trying to advance. It seemed like they would do everything to advance further.

With this swamp of enemies that was continuously charging at them in a crazy manner, the pressure that the elite students were getting was increasing as the battle progressed. Especially when they heard more footsteps rushing in their direction.

They all knew that they would be in complete danger if they could not eliminate this first batch of mutated monster humans before the next group arrived. I think you should take a look at

Shin, who was fighting among the members of the Student Assistant Associations in the middle of the formation, had a clearer look at the battlefield compared to the rest. Especially when his Spiritual Sense was covering this somewhat narrow corridor.

Through his perception range, he could 'see' more clearly after focusing on a certain direction. He observed the battlefield with a calm gaze while closely looking at a few mutated monster humans through his 'True Sight' ocular skills.

He was peering through their bodies and observing the movements of their energies as he tried to look for the core.

But to his surprise, he could not find the thing that he was looking for. This mutated monster humans seemed to not have any core, nor a place where their energies were centered.

"Strange," he muttered as he instead discovered something odd.

First were the clothes that these mutated monster humans were wearing. From their initial assessment, they suspected at these mutated monster humans were the failed experimental subjects of the organization.

But after looking at their overwhelming number, he discovered that it was much larger than the number of rooms that he saw in the prison area where the captives were located.

The number of these mutated monster humans was supposedly limited but from the looked of it, they seemed to be much more than what he had estimated.

Given that, Shin quickly swept his gaze at the others and discovered something more concerning. Upon closer inspection, he discovered that the clothes were wearing were much similar to the guards of the laboratory.

He recognized it quickly despite them being in a ragged state because Leonard was currently wearing one.

"Guards? The guards also underwent a mutated transformation?" muttered Shin with a solemn tone as he realized this. And because of that, their situation became even more dangerous.

"If that is the case, then the next batch of mutated monsters will lead to our demise," he muttered as he quickly recognized the seriousness of their current predicament.

The moment Shin recognized this fact, the three club presidents, Lester, Julieta, and Tir also realized this fact. This made them wear a much solemn expression on their faces as they think for a solution as fast as they could.

At the same time, Shin also discovered something more.

It was the strange behavior of the mutated monster humans.

From what he could see, it seemed like these guys were not trying to engage in a battle with them purposely. But they were instead forced to fight them as they struggled to advance.

At first, they thought that it was because these mutated monster humans were targeting the injured members that were stationed at the furthest part of their formation. But upon closer inspection, Shin quickly realized that it seemed to be not the case.

From what he could see, these guys were trying to advance and were forced to fight them because they wanted to reach the deeper parts of the laboratory.

Thinking about this, Shin suddenly remembered the deafening and eerie roar that shook the entire place earlier. And when he observed the actions of the mutated monster humans even further, he could help but think that it was most likely the case.

"Are they being summoned?" he thought to himself before quickly coming to a realization.

He swiftly turned to Lester and shouted. "Senior, break the walls on your side and lead the injured seniors inside!"

The others who heard him could not help but glance in his direction as they listened to his next words.

"It seems like these monsters are not targeting us. It seems like they are being summoned by the roar earlier, so they are heading toward that direction!"

Everyone was confused at first but upon thinking about it and observing the movements of the mutated monster humans much closer, seeing the crazy behaviors that they were showing, the students could not help but agree with Shin.

Realizing this, the three club presidents quickly got into action.

Lester ordered the guys to proceed. "Quick! Tear down those walls and lead the injured inside!"

Julietta also gave out her orders. "Protect them! Do let anyone of these filthy creatures reach them!"

Tir suddenly roared. "Boys, on me! We are going to stop these ugly bastards until our brothers are safe!"

Everyone quickly sprung into action and swiftly executed the orders to the best of their abilities.

Everything was going smoothly as the entire group worked together. They were about to succeed until, at some point, something unexpected suddenly happened and caught everyone completely off-guard!

Chapter 1134 Meeting Up

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Bang! Bang!

The group surrounding Lester quickly attacked the walls on both sides of the corridor and tore them down. And without any hesitation, they quickly entered inside and scouted whether it was safe for the others to follow. Not long after, they started moving the injured as fast as they could and led them inside.

Lester oversaw everything while Julieta and Tir increased the pace of their attack to stop the mutated humans from advancing. They did that while slowly retreating before quickly ordering everyone to jump into the rooms behind those broken walls.

Roar! Roar!

Swoosh!

The mutated humans became more aggressive at that point and went beyond crazy. They charged ahead with an even greater momentum catching a few of the retreating students during their retreat.

Tir, Julieta, Shin, and Leonard quickly pulled those injured students and threw them toward the rooms on both sides of the corridors, saving them time.

The four of them jumped in and saved themselves after making sure that they did not miss anyone.

Inside those rooms, everyone watched the mutated humans continue charging forward and headed toward the inner part of the laboratory. Those human-turned-monsters were indeed being summoned as they did not care about anyone and continued running, brushing past the place where the group was hiding.

"What exactly is that thing that summoned them?" muttered Leonard beside Shin as he watched the silhouettes of the mutated humans brushing past their hiding place one after another.

"Whatever it is, something like that is not good news for us," answered Shin with a heavy tone. He turned to those passing silhouettes and continued. "Since they can summon these monsters, then there is a high chance that they can also control these guys. And when they finally gathered, then their force is not something that we can face."

"If they tried to break out of this place and charged outside, I'm afraid that the consequences at that time will definitely be huge."

"With such a force, they can at least tear down a city before spreading chaos everywhere they go," he added as his tone was getting heavier.

Just thinking about what these monsters could do sent shivers down his spine. With such a force of mutated humans, which also possessed a great fighting power, even the military would have to think twice before facing them head-on.

"Let's just hope that the military had already secured the perimeter and put everything under control," nodded Leonard as he could also see the outcome if these mutated humans were left unchecked.

Not long after, the rumbling sounds finally stopped as all of the mutated humans already disappeared.

Tir and Julieta were the ones to first walked out of the rooms and scouted the surroundings before signaling everyone to follow them as they continued to scout ahead.

As the group moved, they cautiously advanced while constantly surveying their surroundings. They knew that the mutated humans were most likely to be in the inner part of the laboratory, but it could never hurt to be careful. After all, they still did not know what actually happened.

Not long after, the group heard a series of swooshing sounds coming from ahead of them, making all of them pause their steps and halt their advance. They cautiously looked ahead upfront while wielding their weapons at the same time.

They were pretty tense as they could not hear any footsteps coming from the distance despite the rushing sounds coming toward them at unimaginable speed.

Not long after, they saw four silhouettes coming from the distance, making their nerves even tenser.

"Prepare for battle!" signaled Tir, who fearlessly stood at the forefront of the formation, while getting ready for the fight.

But not long after, he could not help but frown his brows as the four silhouettes rapidly approached and slowly revealed themselves. It was because he found one of those four rather familiar.

Due to the darkness, he could not have a clear look at that person. But as they got nearer, he immediately recognized the other party.

"Laurent?" he muttered with a little bit of uncertainty.

Hearing his words, Laurent, who was running slightly behind the other three in his group, raised his head and saw the other group standing in the distance and readied their battle formation.

His eyes quickly widened and shouted. "Tir! It looks like you are still alive!"

Hearing his voice, the other students finally recognized him and started talking to themselves.

"Isn't that Laurent Reinhart?"

"Laurent from the Heavenly Taste Restaurant?"

"That crazy Spear Bearer?"

"I heard that he is as strong as the top four most elite students within the academy."

"What is he doing here? Is he here to save us?"

"That is most likely the case." I think you should take a look at

As they talk with each other, the elite students could not help but become overjoyed. It was because this signified that the reinforcements that the academy had finally arrived. They could at least lower their guard a little and feel safe.

Since these four were inside, it was not hard to figure out that the rest of the reinforcements were inside the laboratory.

At the same time, Shin and Leonard also saw the trio of David, Vincent, and Jerimiah from the distance. They could not help but release a sigh of relief as this signified that their mission was almost over.

On the other hand, the four quickly hasten their steps and quickly arrived in front of everyone.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

"It looks like you are not that late," said Tir as he looked at Laurent. From the looked of it, it seemed like these two were pretty close to each other.

He then turned to the other three companions that were with Laurent and asked. "And these three were?"

Laurent laughed when he heard that as he could tell that Tir could sense the power level of the three despite them fully restraining their auras and not letting a single drop leak out. Such high control signified that the three of them were very strong.

And given Tir's personality of always wanting to challenge strong opponents, Laurent could tell what this musclehead was thinking.

He could not help but shake his head as he knew that this guy was picking the wrong opponent this time. These three were clearly much stronger than any other person that they could meet inside the academy. And if not because of these three being a monster, and them putting pressure on him, then he would most likely be slacking off on his training and focusing on the management of his family business instead.

"You better don't think of challenging them if you want to embarrass yourself. These guys are crazily strong," he secretly said through a voice transmission technique.

"Oh? Now you are making me more curious about their strengths," replied Tir through the same method.

"Idiot! These three are not weaker than our top four – Silver, Donna, Mariel, and Shiella – any of them can face those four on an equal footing, without losing any edge," reprimanded Laurent.

"Eh? That strong? Just who are they?" blurted out Tir in shock.

Laurent shook his head and sighed. He then pointed at the three and simply said. "These two are the exchanged students from the Lost Soul Continent while this guy is our 'transfer student'. The three of them belonged to the special program that the academy is conducting."

When he said those words, everyone could not help but look at him with strange gazes. Even the corner of the mouths of the three could not help but twitch uncontrollably.

"You are calling that an introduction?" said Julieta as she stepped forward alongside Lester.

Laurent quickly raised his head and looked at everyone before awkwardly saying. "It is a joke, alright? A joke. I just want to ease up the atmosphere a little."

After that, he gave out a much simpler introduction by saying the names of the three. "These exchange students were Vincent Valentine and Jerimiah Smithson while the transfer student is David Solomon."

Hearing his words, everyone stared blankly at him once again. But this time, it was because of a completely different reason. They were stunned because they knew what those names signified.

As elite students of the Magic Ace Academy, one of the best schools in the world, they naturally knew what those names implied.

"Vincent Valentine and Jerimiah Smithson? Aren't they the Young Ghosts of Lost Soul Continent?"

"David Solomon? That Wanderer?"

"Ghost of Death Vincent Valentine of the House of Valentine? That absolute genius of assassination in the entire history of the Lost Soul Continent?"

"F*ck! Jerimiah Smithson? That dude with the title of Brutal Wraith? The bearing of Killing Star?"

"The Wanderer David Solomon? The peerless mentalism genius of this generation?"

Everyone immediately burst into discussion when they realized the background of the three. They could not believe that these geniuses that they could not be compared to them were actually standing in front of them their eyes.

David shook his head and wore a bitter smile before clapping his hands and producing a sound that instantly calmed everyone down. And the moment he made sure that everyone's attention was focused on him, he immediately said. "Let's save the introduction later. We are still in the middle of a mission."

He then turned to three club presidents and asked. "Can you tell us the overall situation while we are making our way out of this place? We need to understand the current situation and report it to our superiors."

Even though he still had another purpose in coming here, he still had to hide it from everyone. After all, he was having a bad premonition when he looked at them. It was as if someone was looking at him like a vulture and observing every action that he made.

For now, he had to divert their attention by telling them about their 'mission'. After all, it was always better to be careful and prevent any unforeseen accidents from happening.

Hearing that, the three club presidents nodded their heads before wearing a solemn look on their faces as they explained everything that happened.

Chapter 1135 Artificial Mutants

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Right after the group met with David and the other three, everyone quickly reorganized themselves and started moving. They were heading to the exit as fast as possible since they all knew that this base would be swarming with more mutated humans that were coming from the outside.

David and his group just rushed here since they have to rescue these guys before the whole base was filled by those mutated experimental subjects. After all, it was going to be very troublesome once they were stuck here due to those.

During their travel, David asked the others about the situation within the base to understand the overall situation. He also had to inform John about their discoveries while the latter reported to the higher-ups.

His mission was different from the rest of the guys after all. But from the looked of it, he was a little too late for it. But at the very least, he was able to save Shin and Leonard. At the same time, he also secured the sealed inheritance of the Thunder Lord, which was saved for Leonard.

Based on what the Head Priestess had said, the destined host of that inheritance was a descendant of the War God, who was also from the Asad Tribe. And from all the people he knew, Leonard was the only person who fitted the bill.

He knew the background of Leonard since the time he first met the guy. Though, he was not sure about it at that time. But after observing the guy as well as his sister for quite some time, he confirmed his suspicion.

But he was also quite surprised about it.

He did not expect that the children of the guest elder of his clan were actually left on this continent without their parents.

It had been a long time since he had seen that uncle. From what he had remembered, Elder Fireheart left their village within Forbidden Valley alongside his wife, the princess of the Asad Tribe, to look for a cure to a certain curse.

He did not hear any news about them since then. Even his master and her husband did not know where the two went, nor hear anything from them.

He did not expect that he would meet their children here alongside his junior brother. And from his observation, Leonard inherited the bloodline and the battle prowess of their mother while his younger sister, Laura, inherited the talent of their father in terms of Mentalism.

Though, he was also quite confused why these siblings were left behind by their parents.

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In the meantime, the three club presidents were chatting with Laurent as they rushed toward the existence of the laboratory.

"So, it is because of Laurent that you have been captured?" asked Laurent before wearing a mocking look. "You three lost against such a weakling? Tsk! Tsk! What a disgrace."

The three glared at him as Laurent refuted. "I can't beat that guy black and blue if it is just him! Even when he transformed into a mutated monster, I still can beat him! He even runs away from me during our last encounter!"

"And you almost lose an arm during the process," countered Laurent.

Before things could turn into an ugly argument, Julieta quickly injected. "It is Butcher, who captured us. We are powerless in front of such an expert."

"Now that I think about it, we never saw that guy as well as Coffin Maker the entire time," muttered Tir from the side before continuing. "The whole base has been torn down and all, but they are still not willing to show themselves."

David, who was listening with them, could not help but wear a deep frown. He also found it strange that those two were not making any appearances. This was giving him quite a headache, he could not figure out what those two experts were plotting in the dark.

Moreover, he was also thinking about the information that Shin had provided. It seemed like all of the personnel and guards of the laboratory were turned into mutated humans just like the failed experimental subjects.

This clearly implied that the other party was not planning to spare everyone within the base. They were all disposable people from the very start.

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Their huge group steadily advanced toward the exit. They encountered quite a lot of mutated subjects along the way, and those guys were much stronger than before. It seemed like they were gradually getting stronger the more time passed. This concerned David even more.

Fortunately, their group was quite strong too. With David and the other three people from his group, slaughtering their way out of the base was just a breeze.

Not long after, everyone finally met with the reinforcements that the academy and the military forces sent.

The injured were quickly sent back while the rest, who were willing to fight and help, were left behind. After all, with their addition, their forces were only going to get stronger.

Most of the members of the Student Assistant Association were also set back since the information that they had gathered needed to be sent back to the academy for further studies.

The forces were camped outside, not daring to enter the base within the orders of the higher-ups. After all, there was a powerful monster and its large army of mutated humans inside. Charging in without having any plan would only risk their lives.

Not long after, David informed his small group that he had to bring Shin and Leonard, who were still in their disguise. The three quite realized that it must be for the task that the Head Priestess had entrusted to them.

The destined host must be one of those two – they thought.

The three fell in thought for a moment before exchanging glances with one another. Then they asked David to bring them along.

David did not refuse them. After all, these guys were also tasked by that priestess. And knew that they were curious about the said inheritance, which was one of the wonders of the world, and the opportunities left by the previous era.

These three must have some access to the information about the real purpose of the game, so there was no point hiding this from them. I think you should take a look at

After informing John and discussing it with the leader of the military and academy forces, their group quickly left.

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They were rushing toward the place where they last met the Head Priestess. But during their travel, the four quickly noticed that something was wrong in their surroundings. It felt like they were being observed by something.

David exchanged glances with Vincent before they nodded their heads. Then the latter suddenly disappeared as he headed to scout the surroundings.

On the other hand, Jerimiah wore a serious look on his face while Laurent adjusted his grip over his spear.

Sensing the sudden change in the atmosphere, Shin and Leonard also prepared themselves for the battle.

And not long after, an explosion suddenly erupted ahead of them.

Boom!

The group quickly increased their pace and reached that place within a short time. Then they saw Vincent skidding back while holding his daggers in front of him.

Looking ahead, Shin and the rest saw a mutated human blocking their path.

Shin's eyes contracted a little when he saw that mutated human as he could recognize who it was. It was Shaun, who underwent a mutated transformation earlier and escaped after fighting with Lester.

But compared to earlier, there were some clear changes in this guy. It was easy to tell that its body was much tougher and stronger than before. It seemed like it finished its mutation and reached its perfect state.

David observed the mutated Shaun with his Enlightened Eyes and said. "This is going to be a little troublesome."

"That guy is hosting overwhelming energy within him. And that energy is strange. It is the first I've seen such a potent yet violent energy," he added with a solemn tone.

"It is neither an Internal Qi nor a Mental Energy. It is not an Evil Qi, nor a Demonic Qi either. Just what kind of energy is it?" commented Laurent as he also discovered the same thing as David.

The mutated Shaun, who now had a much taller and bulkier body, as well as purple skin on his arms, stared at the group while holding a pair of short spears. Compared to the rest of the mutated subjects, there seemed to be some intelligence in his eyes, albeit him not showing any signs of being conscious.

"He is giving a feeling of being a mechanical puppet or something," muttered Shin while knitting his brow.

Clank! Clank!

While they were staring at this mutated monster, they heard the clanging sounds of chains coming from the depth of the woods. They could also hear that something was dragging those chains while making its way toward them.

Not long after, they saw another mutated human with a similar body size and structure as Shaun. But this time, instead of its arm being purple, it was its torso and neck which had different shades of that color.

There was also a metal frame attached to its jaws, covering the lower part of its mouth. Its eyes were completely white, but Shin and the rest could tell that it was staring straight at them.

One of its hands was holding a huge scimitar while the other was holding a long chain that wrapped around its arms.

There was a small, rectangular, metal plate attached on its chest, which had the words 'Prototype I' engraved on it.

"It looks like one of the most 'successful' subjects that they have?" commented Jeremiah as he clicked his tongue.

But that was not the end, since another one arrived.

It was another mutated human wearing an old robe slightly in tatters. It also had a similar build to the other two, but it had a pair of horns sticking out on its forehead. Its eyes were closed as it showed some signs of being sewn by metal wires.

It was sitting on its feet on a tree branch while 'looking' at the group. Its arms were resting on its knees, giving off an aura that seemed to be the most intelligent among the three.

There was also a similar-looking metal plate imbued on its arms with a label of 'Subject 007' engraved on it.

Based on the pair of broad swords hanging on its back, it was pretty obvious that it was a sword wielder.

David wore a solemn look on his face as he could tell that each of these mutated subjects was much stronger than any of them in terms of overall features. Even the overwhelming energies within them were much larger than any of them.

Moreover, he also could sense that there was another one, which was similar to these mutant subjects hiding in the depths of the woods.

He turned to Shin and Leonard before saying. "You two continue ahead. Leave these guys to us."

"You will only be a burden," he added as he signaled to others to prepare for battle.

Chapter 1136 Artificial Mutants (Part 2)

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"You will only be a burden."

When Shin heard those words, he could not help but feel a little uncomfortable. But he knew that what David was saying was true. He and Leonard would only be a burden if they got involved in this battle.

He might be able to fight Shaun earlier despite him having a lower realm, but that was only because of the latter going easy on him during their battle. He took advantage of the carelessness of his opponent during the battle.

But this time, he knew that Shaun would no longer be foolish now that he had become a mutated monster.

A single look at these mutated humans was more than enough for Shin to tell that they had a certain degree of intelligence. But at the same time, he could also see that they were not conscious enough to be called alive.

As he observed the three mutated humans in front of them, he suddenly heard David's voice coming through voice transmission. "Just continue following the path that I have told you and you will find the simple hut in the distance. Walk toward it alongside Leonard and you will find the Head Priestess. She will then do the rest."

Shin nodded his head heavily while wearing a solemn look.

"We will create a path for you two, so make sure to be ready and take that opportunity to break through to the best of your abilities. We will not be able to take care of you once these guys went on a rampage," said David, informing Shin and Leonard to be ready while also signaling the others that they could start.

But surprisingly enough, the three mutated monsters seemed to have understood their conversation and quickly went into action.

Bang! Bang!

Swoosh!

Shaun, who was now a mindless mutated human, lunged forward while thrusting his short spears forward.

"Leave this guy to me. I have some grudge with him that I have yet to settle when he is still in his conscious self," said Laurent as he suddenly appeared in front of Shaun, intercepting the latter.

At the same time, he also thrust his spear forward, challenging Shaun head-on. And when the latter saw that, he quickly halted his advance and swung his short spears at Laurent instead.

The spear that Laurent was using was longer in length, so it was natural for him to have a farther reach compared to the short spears that Shaun had.

Clang!

The loud sound of clashing metals reverberated in the whole area, signifying the strength behind the collision of the two spears despite their seemingly casual movements.

Shaun quickly retreated as he saw that Laurent quickly borrowed the force from the collision and twirled his sword around him to generate more momentum. And right after he switched the spear from his right hand to his left hand, he suddenly thrust it forward.

Clang!

Shaun was barely able to swing his short spears up and redirected the trajectory of his opponent's spear up, saving him from being stabbed by it.

But at the same time, he was thrown into an awkward spot as he lost his footing during his retreat.

Bang!

Right at that moment, Laurent suddenly took a large step forward before planting his foot firmly on the ground with a powerful stomp. His foot sank to the ground, throwing dirt and rock fragments in the air.

He then strengthened his hips and channeled his strength on his spear as he swung it down. He even borrowed the momentum of his movements to generate more force during the swing while also infusing his Natural Force on the spear.

Swoosh!

Shaun sensed the danger coming from the technique that Laurent just used. Despite his not having any memory of the latter, he could sense the deep hatred coming from the person.

Even though he did not have his consciousness right now, his body could still remember the martial arts that he had learned throughout his life, so his body acted according to instincts.

If it was before, his body would not be able to keep up with his thoughts, making him unable to respond to this move of his opponent, especially with that smooth series of movements.

But now that his body underwent a mutation, his reaction speed reached a much higher degree, which gave him the ability to respond.

Bang!

He suddenly spread his feet wide and squatted down while crossing his spears above his head. At the same time, purple energy gathered on both of his spears while also releasing some hint of black hue.

Bang!

It was at that moment when Laurent's spear fell and landed on the crossed short spears.

Shaun's feet sank to the ground due to the strong impact. But aside from that, there were no noticeable injuries on his body.

Seeing that, Laurent could not help but wear a deep frown as he knew how much strength he had put on that attack just now. He must admit that the current Shaun was way different from before, not just his appearance.

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During the time when Laurent was dealing with Shaun, who underwent a mutated transformation, Vincent and Jerimiah clashed against the other two mutated subjects.

Jerimiah positioned himself in front of 'Prototype I' as it swung its fist down, releasing a series of clanking sounds coming from the chains wrapped around it.

Despite the huge difference in body size, Jerimiah did not show any sign of fear. He courageously advanced forward as he covered his entire body with his Natural Force.

Crimson energy enveloped him as he stared at the descending fist of the mutated subject. He waited for the right moment before stomping on the ground with a forward step as he threw his fist up, planning to fight strength with strength.

Ha!

Bang!

With a roar, Jerimiah sent that upward punch to the descending fist of his opponent. And despite the huge difference in their weight classes, he managed to outpower the latter, forcing Prototype I to take a couple of steps back to nullify the force from the impact.

Jerimiah did not immediately follow up his attack as he maintained his posture while staring at the mutated subject with his cold eyes.

From the perspective of the latter, it seemed like Jerimiah was staring at it as if it was some sort of prey. Despite not having its consciousness and intelligence, Prototype I felt a sudden shiver on its entire body after being stared upon by Jerimiah that way.

Its instincts were telling it that this was someone that it could not afford to provoke!

Roar!

But since it was now nothing but a mindless creature that was moving according to its slaughtering nature, Prototype I did not back down and instead release a deafening roar that shook its surroundings, shaking off the 'fear' that it was feeling.

After that, it ferociously charged forward before brandishing its huge scimitar at Jerimiah.

Jerimiah smirked before welcoming the incoming attack with his fist. He threw a powerful punch while channeling a large amount of Natural Force on his attacking fist.

Boom!

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Clank!

Clang! Clang!

At the same time, when that clash was happening, Vincent was exchanging blows against the mutated subject that had the label of 'Subject 007'.

It wielded its pair of swords while brandishing them at Vincent with raw strength and speed. Just by relying on the overwhelming advantage of its massive body, this mutated subject swung its swords without restraint.

And despite it being 'blind', it was still able to sense the position of its opponent without a problem and continued its attack.

Vincent, on the other hand, nimbly dodged the attacks of the mutated subject with ease. He circled around the latter while looking for the right opportunity to strike. He was like a venomous snake that was patiently waiting before revealing its fangs.

From time to time, some of the attacks of Subject 007 were covering a large area, which forced Vincent to either block or deflect them.

But he did not dare to engage in more exchange since he knew that he was on the weaker side when it came to body statistics. If he tried to face this opponent head-on, then he would only be putting himself in a disadvantageous position that would lead to his demise.

Instead, he relied on the only advantage that he had, which was his speed and mobility. He continued to avoid any frontal confrontation before ending this battle with one absolute strike.

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Shin and Leonard observed the battles while waiting for the signal to move.

David, on the other hand, squinted his eyes as he stared at the three mutated humans with extreme focus. 'The strength and power of these three are definitely exceeding their previous abilities. It was as if all the stats that they used to have increased by a large margin while also enhancing the weaknesses that they previously have.'

By relying on his Enlighted Eyes, David could see the previous states that the three mutants originally had and deduce their original strengths.

'Artificial Mutants – this is clearly similar to the secret project that the Hextech Laboratory was conducting while using the 'Project Genius' as a front. From what I've heard, it is an immoral and illegal experiment that is concerning the creation of an army made of super soldiers that possessed peak talents and superhuman strengths.'

David was having an uneasy feeling as he closely observed the three mutants fighting his comrades.

He then paused for a moment and turned to the side, staring at the deeper parts of the woods nearby. His eyes seemed to be able to bypass the obstruction of the trees and bushes as he stared at a particular figure observing them from the dark.

'And there is another one that seemed to be in a much perfect state compared to these three. Just what are those guys planning to achieve?' thought David to himself before having a helpless sigh.

'First, let's find out how much progress these guys have achieved before I report it to master. Tsk! Why is it I am always dealing with this troublesome job?' he added as he got ready to fight.

Chapter 1137 Artificial Mutants (Part 3)

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As Shin and Leonard watched the battle while keeping a close watch of their surroundings, they suddenly felt that the back of their necks were being grabbed by someone. And before they could even make their moves, their vision turned into a blur as they could feel that they were traveling at an extreme speed.

David, who was originally not moving, finally acted. He dragged the two without giving them the chance to resist before charging through the three battlefields.

Right after his foot touched the ground, he suddenly threw Shin and Leonard forward while saying. "Go! Finish it as soon as possible!"

Shin and Leonard, who were in midflight, quickly adjusted their bodies in the air before flipping and rolling in midair before they landed steadily on the ground. And right after they landed, they quickly sprinted forward without looking back.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Whoosh!

At the same time, when they acted, some movements could be heard coming from the depths of the mountain forest. Something was moving at an extreme speed while trying to catch up to the two.

But while it was in the middle of its run, David, who was keeping a close eye on it since earlier suddenly extended his hand forward before doing a gentle waving motion. He waved down his hand, such simple actions did not contain any power, nor a strong technique, yet the thing that was moving within the mountain forest sensed immense danger.

Bang!

It was about to make its move when, all of a sudden, a huge and heavy pressure fell from the sky and suppressed its movements.

David, who now had a pair of eyes that was releasing a blazing golden glow, stared coldly at the forest. He then made a grabbing motion in the air before strongly pulling his hand back.

Swoosh!

Alongside it, a silhouette suddenly came out from the depths of the mountain forest before being thrown on the ground.

Bang!

It was at that moment that David got a clear look at this hidden enemy.

Unlike the previous three artificial mutants, this one had a more 'human' appearance. Aside from its arms that had different shades of purple color and the thick veins that were almost bulging out of them, the rest of its body was no different from different people.

David was not in a hurry to attack it as he could sense that the moment he did, this particular mutant would undoubtedly explode with the power to retaliate.

He wanted to observe it for a few more moments and discover its real strength.

"Heh!"

While doing that, he suddenly heard a chuckling sound coming from the mutant. He raised his brows a little while thinking. 'It is sentient. And it can even laugh in this situation!?'

To prove his suspicion, the mutant started laughing as it picked itself from the ground. Its shoulders were shaking violently as it laughed while standing up.

"Not good!" David felt a dangerous feeling coming from the mutant at that very moment. He quickly spread his feet wide and planted them firmly on the ground before crossing his arms in front of him while also summoning a thick mentalism barrier.

Bang!

He suddenly contracted as he could not see the movements of the mutant clearly. It suddenly appeared in front of him while swinging its fist forward.

What surprised him, even more, was that the mentalism barrier that he had set up could not even stand a single hit from the mutant. Then its fist continued to advance further before colliding with his arms.

Bang!

He was then sent skidding backward as he nullified the rest of the force that he got from the impact.
"That simple punch has that much power?"

He looked at the long trail that his feet left on the ground, with a deep frown. Fortunately, he did not immediately attack earlier, or else he would most likely suffer a serious injury during the counterattack.

"At least, I am pretty careful," he muttered before looking at the mutant a few meters away from him. It maintained its previous posture when it attacked him, standing in an awkward position while keeping its head low.

Its long hair was blocking its face, making David unable to see its real appearance. For some unknown reason, he felt that he knew what was this mutant before it turned this way.

Then the mutant suddenly raised its head. David felt that his soul was being stared upon when he saw the bloodshot eyes of the mutant. But he quickly regained his composure as he was able to immediately cast a 'Mind Cleansing Technique' right before he suffered any kind of damage. I think you should take a look at

"Soul attack? It can even send a soul attack?" he muttered as he stared at the mutant in shock.

And at the same time, his eyes turned even wider as he was finally able to identify the mutant. "His hair is a bit different, but his face is clearly of that person!"

"Alexander Leon of the fallen Leon Tribe Household!" he muttered in complete shock.

During the big incident that took place in the main region, the Springfield Family and their military forces clashed against the branch of Shadow Alliance hiding in that area.

At the same time, the Leon Tribe, one of the noble families of the region, was eradicated by Nathan and the members of the Elder's Council due to traitors.

At that time, David clearly remembered that this previous young master of that family, and a previous member of the Young Monsters of the Soaring Continent, died in battle. And Shiella was the one who took him down during that incident.

David also confirmed it. And from what he could remember, the military had disposed of the body of this guy alongside the others, yet he was now standing right in front of a mutant with the same appearance.

There was a possibility that this mutant just happened to have a similar appearance. But with his Enlightened Eyes could see through anything. And since he already saw Alexander Leon before, he remembered the person very well, particularly their aura.

And from what David could tell, this guy was indeed that fallen genius that had fallen after facing the Junior Dragoness of the Soaring Continent, Shiella Springfield.

"This is going to be more troublesome," muttered David as he quickly understood his current situation.

Shaun and the other mutated subjects could already face Vincent, Jerimiah, and Laurent. And based on the information that they had, Shaun was supposed to have an average talent compared to top prodigies of the continents such as the Young Ghost of the Lost Soul Continent and Junior Monsters of the Soaring Continent, and others with a similar level of strength and talent.

Yet that guy with average talent could already face Laurent, who was supposedly on the same level as those top prodigies.

If that was the case, then David could already imagine just how scary the artificial mutant in front of him was. A top prodigy that was turned into a mindless zombie mutant would definitely be a dangerous opponent even for him.

"They took the corpse of Alexander Leon and turned it into a dangerous 'weapon' like this? Those guys sure are crazy!" muttered David as he quickly released the seal of his Limit Break straight to phase three without any hesitation.

At the same time, he took out a stack of talismans from his dimensional bag and threw them in the air before stretching his right hand to the side.

His Spiritual Force immediately gathered in front of his palm before materializing a golden staff.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

At the same time, a suction force was suddenly released from that staff, attracting all the talismans that David had thrown in the air just earlier. They wrapped around the staff, making it much sturdier and more powerful.

He then grabbed the staff and assumed a fighting position. This time, he would not be playing around and instead fight seriously. He had to gather as much information as he could, but it seemed like it would no longer be possible that the situation turned like this.

"The rest is no longer important," muttered David as he stared at the mutated Alexander. "I have to take down this guy and take him with me. I'll bring it to Sir Elias for further study."

Bang!

David decided to take the initiative this time since he was having a bad feeling about this. He knew that he had to finish the fight as soon as possible since this Alexander Leon was known to have the 'Ever-Growing Bloodline'. Even if the latter turned out to be like this, the power of his bloodline should still be present within his body.

The longer the battle lasted the more dangerous it was for David, so he had to defeat this zombie-like mutant before it turned into a much more dangerous monster.

David lunged forward before stopping with a powerful stomp right in front of Alexander. At the same time, he swung the golden staff with as much power as he could muster.

Bang!

The ground shook violently before multiple cracks spread in every direction as Alexander blocked the golden staff with both of his arms.

Bang!

And with a delayed explosion, a meter-deep crater was created underneath the two followed by a massive explosion.

David wore a solemn look when he saw that Alexander only shook a little after forcefully facing his strike. At this point, he knew that this was going to be a very tough battle.

With a deep breath, he stared at the mutant's bloodshot, yet lifeless eyes before saying. "Let me free you from your suffering."

Chapter 1138 Accepting The Inheritance

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While David and his small group were dealing with the Artificial Mutants created by the Black Serpent Mafia, Shin, and Leonard continued to rush over to the coordinates that David had given them.

And not long after, they finally reached their destination.

They stood in front of an ordinary-looking hut situated in the middle of the mountain forest. And after looking around, Shin was able to discern that this place seemed to be the center of the mountain range. He could even see the peaks of the mountains surrounding the place if he elevated himself and stepped on a higher platform.

He then spread his Spiritual Sense in every direction, looking for any traces of life in the area. He was also doing it to see if he could find any traces of any enemy that could possibly stalk them.

But after spending quite some time, he failed to find anything. But despite that being the case, he did not dare to lower his guard as he did not want to have any unforeseen accidents happen.

He then took out a talisman that David had given him earlier. 'From what Senior Brother has said earlier, the expert within that hut is someone very close to Exalted Realm, if they have not reached it yet.'

'He also said that they are using a powerful Mentalism Technique that can affect one's mind. If I am not careful, I will be bewitched by that power and lose my mind,' he added to his thoughts while tightly holding the talisman.

He then turned to Leonard, who seemed to be acting a little weird, and could not help but asked. "Leo, what's the matter? Is there something wrong?"

Leonard turned back to Shin and smiled awkwardly. "Actually, it is not that serious. I just feel that something is calling inside that hut. It is as if... I am being summoned."

Shin slightly raised his brows when he heard those words. He had already heard the situation from David, but he still could not help but become a little confused. After all, there were still a couple of things that were not clear to him.

According to David, Leonard seemed to have become a chosen person to receive a powerful inheritance. And this inheritance seemed to be related to a power expert from the past.

David did not explain much after saying that and refused to disclose anything more. But he at least emphasized that it was an important matter, and very safe on top of that. He clarified that it would only bring Leonard a lot of benefits without paying anything or suffering any kind of harm.

But from what David had said, Shin could not help but remember the strange marble that they had received from the Heavenly Taste Restaurant. He had an inkling that this matter seemed to be somewhat related to the thing that the place wanted to tell them.

"The secret hidden within the game," muttered Shin softly.

He still could not figure out what it was, and his strength was also not strong enough for him to learn about that secret, so he could only patiently wait until he had the qualification to learn it.

He then turned to Leonard and said. "Let's go."

At the same time, he also channeled his Mental Energy on the talisman that he was holding before moving toward the mysterious hut.

Swoosh!

They just took a couple of steps when they felt some distortions in the air. They quickly became vigilant and assumed a battle-ready position as they watched their surrounding suddenly changed in a mysterious way.

The ground seemed to have become the surface of the water while the trees and mountain peaks surrounding them suddenly disappeared. The surroundings seemed to have morphed into a mystical place that Shin and Leonard could only find within the game.

The surroundings became empty, leaving only a boundless, starry sky above.

Shin and Leonard could not help but become overwhelmed by a mystical feeling as they stared at the sky above them as well as their surroundings. They could feel the profoundness of the place even with their limited understanding and realm.

While they were looking around, they suddenly heard a calm and gentle voice talking to them.

"You finally here, Descendant of the War God, Warrior of the great Asad Tribe."

Shin and Leonard finally snapped out of their thoughts before quickly turning toward the source of that mystical voice.

Then they saw a woman sitting on her knees in the air in front of the ordinary-looking hut. She was wearing a set of ceremonial clothes while her body was releasing a gentle yet overwhelming flow of energy.

Her hands were resting on her lap while 'observing' the two despite her eyes being closed.

There was also a group of shrine maidens surrounding her, sitting in a similar position while also forming a circular formation around her.

Shin quickly recognized the maidens as they were wearing similar sets of clothes as those maidens that they had seen before in the Shrine Temple at the foot of the fountain.

"Greetings, Head Priestess," greeted Shin and Leonard while giving her a bow. They could already guess the identity of this mysterious lady based on what they had seen.

At the same time, Leonard could not help but have a conflicting feeling about what he just heard.
'Descendant of the War God? Warrior of the Asad Tribe?'

He already heard the situation from David earlier, so he already had an idea of what was going to happen. But what confused them was the words that the Head Priestess had just said. From what he could discern, it seemed like she was aware of his real origins.

He had grown up in the slums along with his little sister. He did not have any recollection of their parents as everything that he could remember was their bitter experiences when living in such an environment. I think you should take a look at

They might have experienced a couple of fortuitous encounters that made their lives much easier. But life was still hard for such a pair of young siblings to survive in a cruel world. And amidst all of these, he could not help but think of their parents that left them behind. He wanted to understand their reason, or at least to know whether they were still alive or not.

He had a lot of questions that he wanted to be answered.

And from the way the Head Priestess had addressed him, it seemed like she was aware of a lot of things. She might be able to answer him and even tell him a couple of things.

Seemingly able to hear his inner thoughts, the Head Priestess suddenly smiled and said. "You don't have to be anxious. All the answers that you are asking for will be revealed at the right time."

"I can't get involved with you too much since it will form relatively large karma once I do. And when it happens, it will cause a violent ripple in your destiny and can affect your life."

She then paused as she sensed something before pointing at the hut behind her. "We are already running out of time. If we delay any longer, the inheritance of the Thunder Lord will fall on the hands of the wrong people."

"They can cause chaos in everywhere and disturb the balance of the world."

"Enter this hut and some of your questions will be answered. It may not be what exactly you are asking for, but it will at least lead you in the right direction."

Leonard hesitated and was not sure what to do. It was at that moment when he felt a slight pat behind him, making him turn his head.

He saw Shin nodding at him and signaling him to continue.

Shin might not be sure what was happening but given that he was aware of the real organization that was causing the disturbance in this place, he knew that they would not stop taking everything until it was over.

As long as there was hope of achieving their goal, then they would do everything they could and continue extending their arms to get it.

Right now, Leonard was the only one that could prevent those guys from achieving what they wanted, so it was better for him to get the so-called inheritance rather than handing it to those wicked bastards.

Seeing the expression that Shin was making, Leonard could only nod his head and walk toward the hut. And once he entered it, he quickly saw the mysterious and ancient-looking runes drawn on the floor as well as the walls and ceiling.

He could sense the overwhelming mysteries containing those words as well as the sacred power that was sealed within them.

After looking around for a moment, Leonard found an empty spot at the center of the hut before setting crossed-legged on it before starting to meditate.

Right after he closed his eyes, the runes started releasing a blinding light before the whole room was filled with golden lightning.

Leonard did not have any idea of what was happening around him as he was already immersed in his deep meditation.

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Outside the hut, Shin sat on the ground a few meters away from the Head Priestess before asking. "It seems like the Head Priestess wanted to tell me something."

Hearing that, the Head Priestess could not help but reveal a smile before saying. "You have a lot of peculiar karmic lines surrounding you, young one. Perhaps, I can help you resolve some of them."

Shin was slightly taken aback before suddenly shaking his head. There was a bitter look on his face as he answered. "There is no need to trouble the Head Priestess about it. I think I have to solve them myself."

This time, there was a hint of surprise on the face of the Head Priestess as she heard those words. "From what you have said. It seems like you can already see those 'lines'!"

See the karmic lines? What a joke!

Those experts that were on the Exalted and Transcendent Realms can see those imaginary lines.

Or perhaps those people, who had a great attainment in terms of reading fate of people through Mentalism Techniques or other strange methods.

For someone like Shin to see those lines? It was completely impossible.

Shin chuckled and said. "I've just deduced it based on what the Head Priestess has said to my friend. And adding a few things that I have personally experienced, I knew that I must solve this myself."

He might not know what exactly the Head Priestess was saying, but he could at least discern a couple of things, especially when he had already met Uno, an alter ego living within him.

The Head Priestess smiled in understanding before saying. "Your friend will take some time to receive the great inheritance. How about we have a little chat while waiting?"

"Perhaps, I can help you resolve some doubts that are bothering you when it comes to Mentalism."

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"I may not be at the peak of everything yet, but I already have a glimpse of that state. Moreover, I am also skilled in terms of fortune telling and in the aspect of seeing through the true heart."

"I dare to say, that only three people can match me in this field. And even they cannot guarantee that they can totally best me in this aspect."

It was rare for someone of her status to boast this kind of thing, but based on what she could see from the karmic lines surrounding Shin, she knew that she had to give him a little help for the little guy to find the right path.

Shin stared at the Head Priestess with a curious look. He could not read what the latter was thinking but he could at least feel that she was treating him well and genuinely wanted to help him.

He was confused and curious at the same time, so he asked. "It seems like the Head Priestess is treating me well. Can I ask why is that the case?"

The Head Priestess gave him a profound smile before replying. "In this world, there are countless stars showing their brilliance in the sky. But some become blinded by their own brilliance while the others feel due to walking down the wrong."

"As someone, who represents the will of high above, it is naturally my job to guide these lost stars back to the right path."

Shin began pondering the words that the Head Priestess had said to him. Those might be simple yet profound words, but he could sense an even deeper meaning behind them. He could tell that she was trying to convey more insights with it.

Regardless, he could not dwell any deeper in her words as given his current realm and mentalism attainments. So, he did not have a choice but forget about them for the time being.

Instead, he proceeded on asking for guidance in the path of Mentalism. "Earlier, the Head Priestess said to guide me in the path of Mentalism? This junior indeed has some problems and encounter some confusion previously. Can I trouble the Head Priestess to answer them?"

Shin was still hesitating about this, but after seeing how genuine the Head Priestess was, he chose to gamble and decided to ask some of his doubts.

The Head Priestess nodded her head and smiled. "Continue."

Shin hesitated once again before finally voicing out his thoughts. "I have a peculiar case when it comes to my Mental Energy..."

He was still in the middle of talking when the Head Priestess suddenly cut in when she saw him hesitating. "It must be about you, being able to wield the power of Divinity Grade Mental Energy despite your weak realm."

Hearing those words, Shin could not help but become stunned. He was staring blankly at the Head Priestess full of disbelief. He did not remember showing the strength of his Mental Energy up until now, so it was impossible for her to figure that out that easily.

The only time he utilized his mental energy was when he was activating the talisman on his hands. But even then, he only used a normal form of energy as a form of cautiousness. He was not planning to reveal the real strength of his Mental Energy unless it was in the middle of a desperate battle just like when he was fighting against Shaun previously.

"Little one, with my expertise, seeing through the secrets of your realm is as simple as breathing," said the Head Priestess with a slight chuckle.

Then Shin continued. "According to my Senior Brother, who is also possessed the same level of Mental Energy since birth, someone has to put some restraint on our strengths before unsealing them step by step until we reach a certain level of attainment."

"Our bodies have to be trained properly too in order to host such an overwhelming power. If not, then we are only harming ourselves if we forcefully control it."

He then paused and raised his hand and summoned his mental energy in a form of a flame. "But it looks like I am completely different compared to them. I can well this Divinity Grade Mental Energy properly despite my lack of realm and attainment in the path of mentalism."

"Though, I also can't utilize its true power and full potential due to the same reason," he added with a sigh.

The Head Priestess maintained her gentle smile before continuing. "It must be because of your bloodline."

Those might be simple words, but they shocked Shin greatly. He knew that he had a special bloodline but according to his masters and his Uncle Nathan, it could only provide him a monstrous and inexhaustible willpower as well as a special physique such as the 'Spiritual Embryo'.

"My Bloodline?" asked Shin full of doubt.

The Head Priestess nodded her head gently. "Yes. It is because of your bloodline."

She paused for a moment before continuing. "It is understandable for the seniors in your home to not be aware of it since this bloodline of yours is somewhat special. And it is also not recorded in the history of Mentalism."

"This is the first time in history to have such a bloodline," she added, emphasizing her point.

"First time in the history?" Shin muttered as he fell into thought. I think you should take a look at

The Head Priestess nodded. "That is right, the first time in history. And from what I can deduce, one of your parents, the one who passes down this bloodline to you, must have awakened the true potential of their bloodline and even nurture it into an unimaginable level."

"They must have reached a realm of their own in the path of Mentalism," she added. Her words could not hide her admiration for that person. As someone who was also walking the same path, she could not help but be amazed by the latter.

After a brief pause, she continued. "This Bloodline of yours may not have any kind of powerful offensive properties, nor the great enhancements that the other type of bloodlines can provide. But it can at least provide you the perfect vessel and overwhelming willpower that can aid you in the path of Mentalism."

"In this path, those two aspects were the most important aside from your comprehension. It also can help you wield the highest form of Mental Energy after your vessel became accustomed to it."

"You may not be able to wield its powers when you are still an infant, thus leading to them sealing a portion of powers. But now that you have enough foundation, releasing it partially will not be a problem."

Shin started contemplating her words little by little before finally focusing on a single point. "My parents."

Up until now, he was still not aware of the identity of his parents. But from his observation, his masters and the elders at home seemed to know about them. But at the same time, they were still hiding it from him for some unknown reason.

There was also the matter that his Senior Brother was hiding. And after putting two and two together, he could at least deduce a couple of things.

But he knew that it was still not the time for it. At least, not until he talked with the alter ego living within him again.

'It can still wait,' he thought before continuing to ask for guidance. "So, it is because I've attained my current control over my Mental Energy."

He paused before continuing. "Head Priestess, aside from my powerful Mental Energy, there are also the peculiarities of its nature."

"I am usually asked about this by my Mentalism Master, but Old Fatty is currently somewhere and busying himself with whatever mission he has, so I can't ask for some guidance. What an irresponsible master!"

"I am also originally planning some guidance from the experts within our aca-... our place. But this mission suddenly comes up and I don't have the opportunity anymore."

"Since the Head Priestess is already here, please enlighten me."

The Head Priestess giggled as she found Shin amusing. She did not care about how he addressed and reprimanded his master, or how he was still trying to hide the fact that he was actually from the academy despite knowing her capabilities.

She just laughed and continued to listen.

"Recently, I've accidentally awakened the innate attribute of my Mental Energy, but it seems like it is not yet completed," continued Shin before pausing as he summoned his Mental Energy once again before transforming it into a gorgeous flame.

He then looked at the Head Priestess and waited for her answer.

Seeing that, the Head Priestess finally responded. "Awakening the innate attribute of our respective energies is not that easy. But it is also quite simple at the same time."

She paused for a moment and stared at Shin. "It is as simple as the word 'Unification'. It is the unification of your true nature as well as your discipline. Once these two come together and reach a certain level of unification, then you will naturally awaken your 'true' attribute."

"Attributes can be determined from one another. It can be related to the aspect of elements or the other for forms of profound laws and mysteries."

"What you need to do is to wait patiently for that time to happen."

She took another pause as her eyes slightly glowed while looking at Shin. She seemed to be able to see through all the secrets of his body before continuing. "What I am more curious about is the fact that you are unaware of the 'extra' nature of your Mental Energy."

"Extra nature of my Mental Energy?" repeated Shin with a confused tone.

The Head Priestess nodded her head and continued. "Mn. It is a special 'nature' that only those with Divinity Grade Mental Energy innately have."

"In other places and beliefs, they call this 'extra nature' – Gifts. 'Mentalism Gifts' to be exact," she added before staring at Shin with a profound gaze. "As for you – you possessed the most powerful and most mysterious gift, yet also the most dangerous one."

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"Gift of Devouring?" muttered Shin to himself.

The Head Priestess nodded her head and said. "Devour – as its name suggested, it is a gift that can let you devour other people's talent."

Hearing that, Shin's eyes suddenly turned wide.

The Head Priestess smiled and continued. "It is a powerful ability indeed. In fact, it may be the most powerful Mentalism Gift out there. And it is most likely the reason why you have that fire elemental attribute currently."

"You have most likely devoured the talent of the person that you have defeated recently. You may be unconscious when that happened, but it is most likely the case."

Shin nodded his head as he also found that it might be possible. After all, this fire elemental attribute seemed to be the superpower of that mercenary that he had defeated.

"This is the best way to utilize this 'gift' – to strengthen what you already have. Only devours those talents that can only be useful and beneficial to yourself."

"This gift will help you awaken the hidden strength that you have and constantly strengthen it the more it devours other people's talent," said the Head Priestess.

She paused for a moment before continuing. "Of course, there are some limitations to it. After all, there are no such things such as absolute and unparalleled talent."

"It can't devour any type of talent that falls in the same level of category such as the combative talents like Battle Genius, Martial Art Prodigy, Gifted Adept, Prudent Ace, and others. It also can't devour peak class ability talents like Immediate Response, Foresight, Mindreading, and such."

"These kinds of talents were on the same level as the Gift of Devouring, so it was impossible for it to devour them. Instead, it can devour other forms of talent like Elemental Manipulation like Pyrokinesis, Hydrokinesis, Geo-kinesis, Aero-kinesis, Electro-kinesis, or others."

"It is also possible to devour physical talents such as superhuman strength and extreme speed."

"Or to put it in simpler terms – it can devour those superpowers that were born from human obsessions."

"It may be called devouring someone else talents, but what it is actually devouring is the obsessions of other people, which is what it makes so dangerous."

"You can devour the superpowers of other people, but you will also be devouring their obsessions. And if you carelessly use this power, then you will most likely fall into the depth of abyss created by those obsessions."

"You will lose your mind as well as your sanity. And when that happens, this 'gift' will also devour you. It can even turn you into a mindless monster that only knows to devour other people."

"It is a blessing yet also a curse. And if you did not wield it properly, then you will most only be consumed by it despite that monstrous willpower of yours."

"Learn how to control it properly and suppress those obsessions with that bloodline of yours. Maybe you can achieve it, unlike those predecessors that fall in the pit of darkness."

Shin had a solemn look as he listened to her. He could feel how dangerous this gift that he had. He might have the monstrous willpower that was coming from his bloodline, but if he carelessly devoured other superpowers, he might fall into that abyss of obsession, especially when he had the 'Seed of Hatred'.

He then nodded his head and answered solemnly. "I understand, Head Priestess. I will be careful when using this power."

The Head Priestess shook her head and said. "No, you don't understand it at all. As I said earlier, this Mentalism Gift can be a blessing and also a curse at the same time. It can help you strengthen yourself through it, but it can also ruin you at the same time."

"The best way to deal with this kind of power is not to use it at all at your current level. It is fine to use it once or twice, but once you exceed that number, you will surely suffer a miserable end."

"I can tell that you are confident in yourself, but that is not enough. This power is dangerous and possesses an overwhelming allure."

"It may be fine for the others with a similar level of willpower, but it is very dangerous for you," she added before pointing at Shin's chest. "It is because you are entangled with another curse called 'Seed of Hatred'."

"You must be thinking that you have already used the 'Devouring' power once unknowingly, yet there are no lingering effects left behind."

"You may believe that it is because of your monstrous willpower, but in truth, it was because of that 'seed' buried deep within your heart and consciousness." I think you should take a look at

"Everything you use this power of yours, the obsession that the talent that you will devour will be instantly consumed by that 'seed', making it much stronger."

"These obsessions will be the nourishments of your 'Seed of Hatred' every time you use this 'gift' of devouring. And once it reached a certain level, the outcome will be much more serious than you can imagine."

"You may not fall into the depths of the abyss created by those obsessions, but you will surely be consumed by the Demon created by that Seed of Hatred."

She paused and turned to Shin while saying. "Now, do you understand what I am saying? This power of yours is best not to be used unless you fully conquered the demon created by your Seed of Hatred."

Shin could not help but smile bitterly after listening. He now realized why the Head Priestess was telling him about his 'Devour' Gift. It was to warn him about its existence and powers.

He might have a powerful 'weapon', but due to the 'curse' cast upon him since he was born, he could neither use nor wield it.

Seeing the bitter expression that Shin was wearing, the Head Priestess suddenly revealed a mysterious smile. "Actually, it was not impossible for you to not use that power."

Hearing that, Shin suddenly raised his head and looked at the Head Priestess with wide eyes. He was looking at her full of excitement and expectation.

His reaction made the Head Priestess chuckle before saying. "From what I can see, this Devour Gift of yours is awakened much earlier than it is supposed to be."

"Normally, a Mentalist with a Divinity Grade Mental Energy can awaken their unique Mentalism Gifts when they reached the Rulers Realm. That was only the time when they discover such power hidden within them because it is also at that moment when they can wield a portion of such a powerful Mental Energy."

"There may be some factors that affected your Mental Energy and awakened your Mentalism Gift accidentally."

"And in my suspicion, you are able to form that Devour Gift because of the influence of your Seed of Hatred since you are born."

"In short, this 'gift' of yours is most likely the product of the original Mentalism Gift produced by your Divinity Grade Mental Energy and the powers of the Seed of Hatred that you have inherited."

"On top of that, your bloodline is quite special. Not only it gives you three things that are perfect for mentalism, but it also gives you the ability to be able control the Divinity Grade Mental Energy despite your weak realm."

"If my deduction is right, then your bloodline is most likely the key for you to control this heaven-defying Mentalism Gift."

She paused and continued. "Aside from Devouring, this gift also possesses some other abilities like suppression, domination, and other things that even someone like me is not aware of."

"If you want to control this power, then you must first have a greater understanding of your bloodline powers while also exploring the other abilities that 'Devour' has."

She then smiled once again as she said. "I may not be able to help you with this, but I am sure that someone, where you study, will be able to guide you in the right direction."

Shin was confused at first before realizing that the Head Priestess was talking about one of the professors within the academy, which is most likely the Head of the World Reacher Center, Professor Henry.

Given the deductive skills of the Head Priestess, it was impossible for Shin to hide the fact that he was from the Magic Ace Academy. It was most likely she had figured out about it already.

As for Professor Henry – as someone who is conducting a deep study about the unification of Martial Arts and Mentalism – he would most likely be aware of some unusual cases in the field, just like what Shin currently had.

He could also consult the professor about his bloodline since the latter would have most likely seen all kinds of bloodline powers.

Before, he did not know how he was going to consult Professor Henry due to his peculiar case. But now, he at least had a direction that he needed to follow and a more specific question.

'More understanding of my bloodline and control over my Mentalism Gift.' Shin nodded his head and said. "I understand, Head Priestess."

It was the same answer as earlier. But this time, the Head Priestess smiled gently at Shin as she knew that he now understood the consequences of possessing this Gift of Devouring.