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Chapter 1261 Myriad Transformation Swordsmanship (Part 2)

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Shin and the Sword Phantom stood a few distances from each other while taking a sword-drawing stance.

They had accumulated their momentum for a few moments before simultaneously stomping onto the ground and sending themselves forward.

Bang! Bang!

They had propelled themselves forward while carrying great momentum during the charge toward one another.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

When they reached the ideal range to attack, they simultaneously unsheathed their swords and swung them forward – one chose to throw a forward stab while the other decided to go for a horizontal slash.

Shing!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Quick Draw (Metal Form): Flash Final'

Shing!

'Quick Draw: (Sword Phantom Version) Moonlight Splitter'

Shin did not use the 'Solar Breathing Technique' to reinforce this attack since he felt that the explosiveness of the fire element did not fit this fast exchange.

From his perspective, the metal element of the 'Golden Immortality Technique' fitted the situation more, especially when he chose the forward stab instead of the slashing attack.

He did not modify the original technique and stuck with its original form while relying on the penetrative nature of the metal element.

Sword Phantom, on the other hand, felt that Shin had a stronger momentum for this exchange. It instinctively sensed that it would not make it in time.

After a quick calculation, the Sword Phantom quickly realized that its attack would not be able to reach Shin before the tip of the [Yamato] pierced through its head.

Being decisive, the Sword Phantom quickly changed the trajectory of its attack and decided to hit the incoming sword of its opponent and redirect its original course.

Clang!

The two brushed past each other as they continued to move forward after the brief exchange.

But they quickly halted their advance upon passing each other and quickly turned around before charging at each other once again.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Clang!

Yet another brief collision occurred as they repeated the earlier exchange. But instead of pausing, the two continued and repeated these exchanges multiple times.

Clang! Clang! Clang! Clang!

The two transformed into a streak of lights that danced around the whole Trial Ground and kept on clashing against each other. They continued these exchanges and produced a rhythmical sound for every collision of their swords.

They only stopped at the center of the Trail Ground with a powerful clash.

The ground beneath their feet shattered upon the collision which was immediately followed by huge web-like cracks that spread in every direction.

The two took a step back to create enough space for them to sheath their swords back.

There was a slight pause in their movements before they exchanged a series of sword-drawing strikes that produced loud explosions for each collision of swords.

Clang! Clang!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Boom!

They were continuously sheathing, unsheathing, and swinging their swords during the exchange while also moving in circles at the same time.

They paired their actions and movements with skillful footwork to gain perfect positioning during the exchanges.

These intense clashes continued until the Elemental Clone, which was thrown far away earlier, regained itself and re-joined the battle.

Taking a glance at it, Shin knew that the Elemental Clone had also absorbed some of the residual energies of the Doppel Phantom and Eclipse Clone given the overwhelming aura that was covering its body.

Seeing that the Elemental Clone charged at him from behind, Shin quickly shifted his positioning and adjusted his stance.

He wanted to face them together and test the limit of his current strength.

Swoosh!

The Sword Phantom instantly recognized the slight advantage that they had. It took this opportunity to press Shin with a more aggressive series of attacks.

Coordinating with it, the Elemental Clone adjusted its route before accelerating its charge.

Shin understood their intention and quickly adjusted his breathing.

This time, he would be using the three breathing techniques simultaneously and reinforcing his battle capabilities with their respective strengthening effects.

The 'Golden Immortality' and 'Great Dominator' Techniques enhanced the strength of his body. His already strong battle physique had become much stronger due to the physical reinforcements that these two techniques could provide.

His skin, muscle, and overall body toughness reached another level while the density of his bones greatly increased the explosive strength that he could release.

With this current physique, he could also move his body much faster. Even though he still lacked a certain level of flexibility, the mobility that he could showcase with this current physique was already more than enough for what he could ask.

In the meantime, the 'Solar Breathing Technique' had purified the energy circulating within his body. It also cleansed the mana pathways that they were taking, making them flow much smoother and faster.

The mana within him had also become much purer and denser due to the power of the 'Solar Breathing Technique,' which directly affected the skills that he could use. Their overall effects would be much stronger compared to before.

He kept an eye on the Elemental Clone while exchanging blows with the Sword Phantom.

And when he saw the small gap in their coordination, he quickly pounced and seized it like a ferocious beast.

Swoosh!

He suddenly kicked the ground and strode forward, engaging with the Sword Phantom at a very close distance.

He tightly held the sheath with his left hand and pressed it on the arm of the Sword Phantom, preventing the latter from pulling its sword from its scabbard and putting a stop to the sword-draw attack that it was able to throw at him.

It was the weakness of the sword-drawing style that Faker had repeatedly told him before. So long as someone was able to prevent him from pulling out his sword from its sheath, then they would not be able to do anything.

He could not find any opportunity earlier since the Sword Phantom seemed to be very of this move earlier.

Well, he was also doing the same, which was why he was constantly moving his feet earlier and keeping a decent space between him and the opposing side. With neither far nor near space between them, he could freely attack or retreat depending on the situation that he was facing.

When the Elemental Clone tried to join the battle, Shin showed some signs of retreating, baiting Sword Phantom to chase after him and press with its attacks.

This created the gap that he was looking for and stepped forward, erasing the gap between him and the Sword Phantom within an instant.

Aside from preventing the Sword Phantom from doing anything, the Elemental Clone was also forced to circle them for a better angle for attack.

The Elemental Clone felt a little uncomfortable attacking Shin from behind when he and the Sword Phantom were locked in such a close position. It was afraid that the Sword Phantom would be caught in its attack by accident.

The Sword Phantom naturally wanted to disengage from Shin. It was forced to retreat and create a distance between them.

But when it was moving away, Shin took the initiative to push the Sword Phantom with a strong force, making it lose its footing and stumble back.

With Shin's current physical strength, which was reinforced by the three breathing techniques, that simple-looking push was strong enough to throw such a strong clone off balance and fall on its butt.

Seizing the opportunity, Shin raised the [Yamato] in the air and enfolded it with the three elemental mana under his control.

Bang!

The Elemental Clone quickly took that opportunity to charge ahead. It could be seen that the Sword Phantom would suffer greatly from this attack even if Shin could not finish it off.

The sword on its right hand seemed to have disappeared during this charge. Or to be more precise, the sword seemed to have merged with the greatsword on its left hand before holding it with both hands.

Swoosh!

A sonic boom could be heard when the Elemental Clone made its move.

Shin saw it and could not help but slightly frown. But he still did not stop his actions and swung the sword down while it was being reinforced by three elements fire, earth, and metal.

He ignored the Elemental Clone who was dragging its greatsword with both of its hands while also reinforcing it with the same elements.

Shing!

Swoosh!

Both sides seemed to be on the same speed on the surface, but the Elemental Clone knew that Shin still had plenty of time to escape after killing the Sword Phantom with this attack. At most, he would suffer a series of damage during the process, but he was confident that he would survive.

Making a quick calculation inside its head, the Elemental Clone changed its approach and chose to stop the sword descending toward the Sword Phantom.

Swoosh!

Boom!

The explosion upon the collision between the two swords was so strong that the wind current sent in every direction cleared everything in its path.

Bang!

There was a brief pause before the ground sank due to the strong force and created a deep and huge crater on the white floor of the Trial Ground.

The Sword Phantom, which was still trying to recover itself from the previous fall, was forced to lie on the ground due to the residual force that the sword of the Elemental Clone had failed to nullify.

"Tsk!"

Shin could not help but click his tongue due to the failure to finish off the Sword Phantom. It was such a perfect opportunity, but the Elemental Clone decisiveness and right decision prevented him from the desirable outcome.

He also blamed himself for using such a sword technique that he was not familiar with earlier.

That previous downward slash was strong due to the unification of the three elements. But it was just made during the spur of the moment because of the overwhelming elements that he controlled through the three special breathing methods.

It was not done with a proper technique, but he felt that it was the best that he could do at that moment.

The effects could be seen in the aftermath of the collision.

But despite his disappointment, Shin quickly regained his composure. There was no need to cry over spilled milk.

He quickly pulled the sword back while retreating with a couple of steps backward.

He then spun around while sheathing the [Yamato] with a very smooth motion. When the sword was put back in its sheath, he was already assuming another sword-drawing stance, ready to strike with another attack.

The Elemental Clone quickly responded and positioned itself in front of the Sword Phantom, which was still lying on the ground.

Click!

The subtle sound of the sword being pushed out from its sheath could be heard.

Then the surrounding air seemed to have solidified and contracted after the sound rang throughout the Trial Ground.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Then a series of sword flashes could be seen intervening with one another and forming a crisscrossing net that enfolded surroundings within the five-meter radius around Shin.

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Quick Draw (Metal Form) – Flash Firmament'

Shin used the penetrative force that the metal element had instead of the explosiveness of the fire element or the heavy properties of the earth element.

Moreover, he could move much smoother and faster, which fitted for the current situation.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

The Elemental Clone used the greatsword on its hands to block the sword slashes by swinging it or by using the surface of its broad blade.

When the storm-like assault ended, the Elemental Clone decisively took a step forward while raising the greatsword with both of its hands.

A moment later, the sword was suddenly separated into multiple swords in different types and forms. Each form was also covered with different elements, clearly indicating that this move would be a big one.

"D*mn! This one is going to be dangerous," mumbled Shin when he saw the elemental swords surrounding the Elemental Clone.

"But I don't have the time to experience it right now. I will deal with you later," he added as he unsheathed the [Yamato] once again and swung it horizontally, sending a blazing crescent wave forward.

Shing!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Quick Draw (Fire Form): Solar Flare'

Swoosh!

Boom!

lightsNovel.com The blazing sword wave flew forward and hit the Elemental Clone, which was in the middle of casting an ultimate move.

Since Shin prioritized the speed of the attack, he could not put too much strength into this attack. But he used the explosive fire element to send the Elemental Clone flying during the explosion.

It was more than enough since his current target was the Sword Phantom, which he found as a more troublesome opponent later if it was left for the last.

Bang!

Stomping on the ground, Shin sent a strong ripple of energy under his feet and activated one of the self-created skills under his arsenal.

'Self-Created Skill: Solaris Pillar'

The ground within the thirty-meter range away from him suddenly glowed with fiery light. Then it exploded as a blazing pillar suddenly shot toward the sky, extending up to ten meters.

Being within the range of the skill, the Sword Phantom was caught in it and was thrown in the air due to the strong pressure of the blazing pillar.

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The skill did not deal much damage since Shin had yet to covert it into a martial skill or mentalism technique through 'Reality Manifestation.' Because he did not have any proper skills or techniques from the real world similar to it.

But at the very least, this skill was more than enough for the current situation. His main goal was to prevent the Sword Phantom from escaping and restrict its moments.

It could never be more perfect when he saw the Sword Phantom being thrown in the air by the blazing pillar, making it very vulnerable to any attacks.

With another sword-drawing stance, Shin suddenly strode forward and positioned himself a couple of meters away from where the Sword Phantom was about to fall.

He did not wait that long as the Sword Phantom was already falling toward the ground along with the residing pillar of flame.

Click!

It was at that moment when Shin unsheathed the sword and threw a series of slashes that seemed to have been thrown at the same time.

Shing!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Aside from Shin's movements and the sound of his surroundings cutting through the air, nothing seemed to have happened.

It wasn't until he sheathed the [Yamato] back along with the locking sound of the sword that something occurred.

Click!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Quick Draw (Metal Form) – Flash Requiem'

Shing!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A delayed series of sword flashes assaulted the Sword Phantom, who seemed to have been suspended in the air.

The body of the Sword Phantom was sliced and diced by those attacks, killing it in the process. It then turned into a thick fog of energy that headed to the Elemental Clone in the distance.

When Shin looked over, he was still wearing a calm and relaxed look on his face.

"One to go," he mumbled while getting ready for the final round.

But the expression on his face suddenly turned stiff when he saw what was happening to the Elemental Clone.

A twisted and constipated look seemed to have surfaced on his face as he cursed himself. "F*ck me! I think I just committed a grave mistake."

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Swoosh! Swoosh!

The gust of wind was gradually getting stronger as the surrounding mana was gathered around the body of the Elemental Clone.

Due to how strong the flow of mana was, Shin could see their movements through the naked eye. He saw them spiraling around the Elemental Clone as it continuously absorbed everything.

The current Elemental Clone was like a greedy monster that was devouring everything.

Shin could already tell that what was going to happen next would be much more troublesome than what it was supposed to be, especially when he saw that the Elemental Clone was transforming along with its rapidly increasing power.

He naturally wanted to stop all of this, but it would be impossible because of the raging storm of energy surrounding the Elemental Clone.

All he could do was watch from the sideline and wait for the final transformation to finish.

While staring at the transforming Elemental Clone, Shin could not help but recall his first promotion quest before this one.

When he did his first promotion quest to become a 'Slayer' and covert his race into a 'Nephilim,' he encountered that strange statue inside the game. He had suffered greatly at the hands of that statue, especially when he repeatedly died during the entire process.

But at the very least, there were still some positive results. He had become much stronger and more familiar with his avatar within the game.

And because of this 'Death' experiences that came along with that trial, his senses had become much sharper.

During his Tier 2 Promotion Quest, he was sent to the independent world where Vladimir, his clansmen, and the citizens of his fallen nation had been sealed for countless years.

He had fought a series of blood creatures during his time there and encountered a powerful Blood Demon called Crimson Doppelganger as the final boss if he excluded Vladimir himself, who was the original owner and ruler of that realm.

In that battle, Shin had honed his battle capabilities and even had a deeper understanding of the game. He discovered that this virtual world was not as simple as it seemed to be.

Then when he reached over a hundred level, he took the Awakening Quest, which was similar to the promotion quest.

During that time, he had fought against Mondy's and Regan's clones and experienced a portion of powers.

He had struggled during that battle, but he had also gained quite a lot throughout the entire process. He had gotten a much deeper understanding of the two skills.

He had also polished his sword drawing further during that time. It was also the time when he had become more familiar with his Class Fighting Style, making his battle prowess more mature. He even created a couple of new skills at that time.

Even though he had favored Mond's Style more and neglected Regan's Method in future battles, he could still feel the depth of the two legacy skills was quite on the same level.

It was until recently that he realized that he could do more complicated skills and techniques when he had combined the two.

And last but not least, was the progress that he had made when trying to clear this Tier 3 Promotion Quest.

Not only he had gotten a more mature fighting style, but he had gained a much deeper understanding of his skills, techniques, and other battle capabilities.

He had also polished the ever-changing fighting style that he had been using. With this complicated style, which concerned a series of sword styles and different types of swords during the battle, he was able to find the path that he needed to take for his mentalism swordsmanship.

During his battle against these four clones, he had already discovered that his swordsmanship should centered around the sword-drawing style while the rest of the sword styles would be the supporting ones.

He could shift between the two main styles depending on the situation. So long as a style would fit a certain situation, he would not hesitate to switch and use that style.

Staring at the Elemental Clone, Shin understood that the next part of the promotion quest would test everything that he had understood and gained during the previous battles.

If it was compared to academics and other school activities, then the next part of the quest would be the final exam that would test everything that he had learned from the entire semester.

"Alright, let's see how good I have become," mumbled Shin as stood straight and relaxed his body while waiting.

He would adjust his mindset and mood to prepare for the upcoming battle. He knew that the next part of the promotion quest would be much more intense than everything that he had experienced up until now.

A couple of moments later, a series of system notifications rang in his ears.

Ding

System: The second and final part of the Promotion Quest is commencing!

System: The Final Clone was undergoing a metamorphosis!

lightsNovel.com System: Searching for a suitable model for the 'Noble Phantasm!'

Ding

System: A perfect model has been found!

System: Converting the Final Clone to a 'Noble Phantasm!'

Ding

System: 'Noble Phantasm: The Fallen' has been released!

Ding

System: Adjusting the quest difficulty.

System: Sealing off the majority of the strength of the Fallen.

Ding

System: The second part of the Promotion Quest is now starting!

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When the final notification sounded, Shin slowly opened his eyes as if taking it as a cue.

He then directed his gaze toward the figure floating in the air in the distance.

It was then he saw a humanoid creature wearing pitch-black armor with golden runes outlining the segments that it had. The deep and dark color of the armor looked like an abyss while the golden runes on the edges were like stars in the dark sky.

Shin also saw a dark cloak worn over that armor. This cloak seemed to have the ability to conceal the presence of the person wearing it. There was also a thin fog that was being emitted by the cloak, shrouding the figure of the humanoid creature.

Focusing his gaze on the face of this creature, Shin found that the latter seemed to have a handsome feature. Despite the ruthlessness and cruelty hidden under the crimson eyes of this creature, it was still hard not to recognize its handsome face.

The hood hanging over its head was fluttering along with the wind, giving Shin a glimpse of the pair of horns underneath.

If not for the golden halo shining brightly over the head of this creature, then Shin would suspect that it was a demon.

On the back of the humanoid creature, Shin saw three pairs of wings. Half of them were angelic and carrying a holy aura while the other half was demonic which was filled with wicked and murderous aura.

Shin could sense a heavy pressure just by staring at them.

This humanoid creature was holding a strange sword that seemed to be a Zweihänder. Its blade seemed to have two segments, forming a diamond shape in between the segments.

It had a cross handle with strange patterns that had fan-shaped edges. Below this handle was another cross-shaped guard, which was twice as large as the previous one. At the very bottom of it was another cross, but much smaller compared to the two.

The blade of this sword was enfolded with alternating golden and crimson flames.

Behind this creature was a huge rune formation that looked like the emblem engraved on the back of Shin's hand. It was a sun emblem with a crescent moon at the center and twelve rays surrounding it.

And as if it was not enough, Shin could also see eight swords of different varieties rotating behind this creature like the hands of a clock.

Looking at its imposing figure, Shin could sense an immense threat that he had never felt before. It might be inferior to the most powerful beings that he had encountered inside the game, but it was giving him a strange feeling that it was not weaker when compared to them.

Using his 'True Sight' skill, Shin tried to see its basic details.

[Monster/NPC Name]: Lucy, the Fallen (Clone)

[Title]: Betrayer of Heaven, Ruler of Hell

[Rank]: King Class (Adjusted)

Race: Angel and Demon, ???

Life Rating: Holy and Corrupted, ???

Level: Invalid

HP: Default

Details: ???

The corner of Shin's mouth suddenly twitched when he saw the information panel. He did not know how to react to it and just stared blankly in the air.

Not long after, he could not help but curse the developers of the game. "What the heck is this? Do those developers have grown sh*t in their heads? What kind of difficulty is this? They want me to solo a King Class Monster for real?"

"Not only it is a Named Monster, but it also has three different titles! For f*ck's sake! I am not a masochist, alright!?"

"Don't tell me they are sabotaging me or something so that I can't clear this quest," he added as he warily looked at the Fallen.

Little did he know, no one wanted him to clear this promotion quest more than those developers. The current progress of the game would drastically change and get back on the right track if he cleared this quest.

The original flow of the game storyline would be on track once again if he had cleared this Promotion Quest, indirectly helping them from their current predicament.

He had no idea that what he was doing right now was currently being broadcasted in different departments of the World Gaming Organization, watching his progress.

The Research and Development Department, the Monitoring Department, and the Design and Quest Department were the ones who were praying greatly for his success.

He had unknowingly become the current main attraction within the headquarters of the World Gaming Organization.

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Taking a stance, Shin got ready for the battle.

Seemingly taking his actions as a cue, Lucy, the Fallen had suddenly made his move. He raised his sword in the air before swinging it down in a seemingly casual manner.

But that simple-looking movements made Shin continuously curse the game developers once more.

What he saw was a huge crescent wave falling from the sky and heading toward him at extreme speed. It was being covered by rolling flames that seemed to be full of rage and resentment.

Wail!

He could hear the cries of pain, grief, anger, and resentment of ghostly creatures coming from that descending giant wave.

Shin knew that there was no point in running since this crescent wave was covering all the escape routes and retreat paths that he could take from every direction.

All he could do was to face the incoming attack head-on!

With a powerful stomp on the ground, Shin fearlessly took his signature sword-drawing stance while circulating the mana within him to the fullest.

He moved them according to the three secret breathing techniques while forcefully fusing them into one and channeling their combined forces into the sword.

In this predicament, there was only a single skill that he could think of to stop this descending giant wave.

It had been a while since he used this Class Fighting Style. He even had forgotten when he had last used it.

Bang!

The accumulated powers had instantly reached its peak, making the surrounding air explode.

His feet firmly planted on the ground and sank on it for half an inch before a series of cracks spread in every direction.

He was converting this in-game skill into a real-life sword technique with the help of the three secret breathing techniques and the 'Jade Kirin Scripture.'

Click!

His thumb pushed the [Yamato] as he pulled the sword out from its sheath and swung it in the air.

Shing!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Quick Draw (Tri-Elemental Form): Purgatory Stance'

Swoosh!

The first swing was not performed that fast due to the three elements infused in the move, but it was executed with great perfection.

Swoosh!

The crescent wave that he had released was inferior compared to the descending sword wave, but it carried the unification of the three elements: the heaviness and steadiness of earth, the sharpness and toughness of metal, and the explosiveness and fieriness of fire!

Boom!

The first collision seemed to have not affected the descent of the giant sword despite how powerful the explosion was, but that was just the start.

Shing! Shing! Shing!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Shin did not pause his movements as he continuously sheathed and unsheathed the [Yamato] in a steady manner and extreme precision.

The first few movements were rather slow and awkward, but he was able to quickly adjust himself. His actions had gradually become smooth and natural.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

He had also picked up the speed after a couple of seconds and bombarded the descending sword wave with his own. Each sword wave that he had released was stronger than the previous ones, showing the real strength of this skill.

That giant sword had lost its momentum after being bombarded by a series of sword waves and slowed down.

It was at that moment when Shin unsheathed the sword one last time and released the final and strongest sword wave.

Shing!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Quickly Draw (Tri-Elemental Form) – Purgatory Stance – Final Crescent'

Swoosh!

A much larger crescent wave was released from the [Yamato] and flew straight to the sky, rivaling the descending sword wave sent by the Fallen.

BOOM!

Shin maintained his final posture as he released a long breath. He stared at the Fallen floating in the sky and looked back at him in a haughty manner.

The curtain of the falling embers of fire from the previous explosion blocked their vision from time to time, but they refused to retrack their gazes, refusing to back down from the staredown.

And when the final embers fell on the ground and dissipated, as if taking it as a cue, the two of them simultaneously disappeared from their respective spots before reappearing in the air while maintaining a few meters away from each other and getting ready to strike each other down.

Lucy had swung his sword at Shin in an imposing manner while the latter swiftly pulled out the [Yamato] from its sheath and strongly swung it at his opponent.

Swoosh!

Shing!

Boom!

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BOOM!

The clash between Shin and Lucy had produced a strong shockwave that spread in every direction, clearing everything in their surroundings.

Pa! Pa!

Shin then suddenly used the two charges of 'Mondi's Jump' legacy skill to circle Lucy in an instant, dodging the following attack that the latter had thrown.

The earlier exchange was more than enough for Shin to understand the great difference in strength. He could not afford to fight this monster in direct combat.

If he wanted to survive and win this battle, then he had to rely on his mobility. But before that, he also had to confirm that Lucy did not have the same level of mobility that he had.

Swoosh!

Boom!

With yet another casual swing with his sword, Lucy had sent a powerful sword wave that shot toward the ground and exploded.

Briefly glancing at the point of impact, Shin a deep and huge sword mark left on the spot where that attack had landed.

He could not help but gulped nervously when he saw that. He then felt like complimenting himself for decisively choosing not to face that attack head-on.

Swoosh!

But before he could even feel more pleased with himself and prepare for an attack, he suddenly heard a sharp and crispy sound of the air being torn apart by something.

Without any hesitation, he swiftly kicked the air for another time and propelled himself up to a higher altitude.

At the same time, he had also twisted his body midair, performing a spinning diagonal flip.

Swoosh!

It was at that moment when a sword brushed passed his body with a very small margin. If he was any slower, then he would most likely be cleaved in halves by now. He could even feel the heat from the flames covering the blade of the sword of his opponent.

Lucy had suddenly turned around and threw that attack from an expected angle, linking it to his previous actions.

Then by putting more strength on his arm, he forcefully halted the movements of his sword before swinging it down once again.

"Tsk! Tsk!"

Shin clicked his tongue and summoned the 'Nephilim's Wings' in an instant before transforming his body into a streak of light that dashed to the side.

'Slayer Skill: Moonlight Steps'

Swoosh!

Dodging yet another attack, Shin was preparing to attack when he saw that the trajectory of his opponent's sword changed once again and changed after him.

He was barely able to stabilize himself in the air when he saw the blazing sword of his opponent rapidly approaching his face.

Without showing any hint of hesitation, he used another movement skill from his arsenal!

A void gate appeared in an instant before swallowing him up and transporting him to a different location.

'Elemental Skill (Void): Void Step'

This time, when he appeared in another location, Shin did not even think twice before charging forward. He then transformed into a light that pierced through the air, heading straight to his opponent.

In his half-translucent half-physical form, Shin unsheathed his sword decisively and swung it forward.

Swoosh!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Quick Draw (Metal Form): Moonlight Splitter'

Shing!

A cold light cut through the air and headed toward Lucy, who was already preparing another attack for Shin.

But before he could even turn around, the cold light was already upon him and threatened to cut through his body.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

At that moment, the swords silently rotating behind Lucy seemed to have come to life and moved on their own. They gathered and crossed against each other, forming a protective blockade that blocked Shin's path.

Clang!

An intense light was released by those words and prevented the spiritual form of Shin from passing through them, completely halting his advance.

But at the same time, the swords were forced to retreat and scattered around due to the strong impact of the attack.

Shin did not even pause as his other arm was already proceeding with the next move.

The sheath on his left hand had taken the 'Conviction Form' of 'Mondi's Style' and had become a rapier.

Swoosh!

A tongue of flame surrounded the blade of the rapier and danced on its surface in a spiraling movement as Shin stabbed it forward.

'Four Symbol Scripture: Celestial Vermillion Bird (Metal Reinforced) – Pheonix Talon'

Swoosh!

The rapier tore through the air and formed a straight blazing line as it proceeded to the chest of its target.

Clang!

But before it could even reach its destination, the surface of the Zweihänder Sword on Lucy's hands had accurately blocked the tip of the rapier, creating blazing sparks at the point of collision.

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While his left hand was swiftly pulling the rapier back, his right hand was already horizontally swinging the [Yamato], borrowing the spinning momentum of his body movements.

Swoosh!

'Four Symbol Scripture: Sacred White Tiger (Fire Reinforced) – Savage Strike'

Lucy merely tilted his body and adjusted the position of his Zweihänder Sword to the side to block a follow-up attack with ease.

Bang!

But despite that being the case, Lucy seemed to have not relaxed as he saw Shin continue spinning in the air while dragging a greatsword with his left hand and swinging it down along with his spinning movements.

Shin had unknowingly swapped the 'Mondi's Style' from 'Conviction Form' to 'Judgement Form' and continued his assault.

'Four Symbol Scripture: Divine Yellow Dragon (Metal Reinforced) – Mountain Crusher'

Boom!

The greatsword carrying both the properties of the earth and metal elements had crashed on the Zweihänder Sword in Lucy's hands and pressed with strong and heavy pressure.

Swoosh!

Lucy was forcefully pushed away and thrown back by that strike, cutting through the air.

Shin swiftly released the 'Judgement Form' and put the [Yamato] back to its sheath as he flew down and chased after Lucy.

Swoosh!

He knew that he was not a match if it was a contest of strength, especially when the opposing side possessed stats that greatly surpassed him. But it was this kind of fast-pace and every-changing tempo, then he might stand a chance.

But during the changes, he saw that one of the swords behind Lucy suddenly broke free from the rest and positioned itself in front of its owner. Then it pointed its tip toward Shin while releasing an enormous mana.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Not long after, he had seen a huge number of spiritual swords forming an imposing and majestic formation.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Then Shin saw the hundreds of swords flying toward his direction like a flock of aggressive birds assaulting a respective target in the air.

Swoosh!

Controlling his speed, Shin briefly slowed down before expertly executing a series of aerial maneuvers and skillfully dodging the spiritual swords one after another.

Despite their overwhelming number and how fast they could be, they failed to touch his body as he rolled, spun, flipped, and maneuvered himself in the air.

However, that was not their real purpose. Their goal was to hinder Shin and stop him from chasing after Lucy, and they had severed it well.

They had successfully bought enough time for Lucy to recover.

"Tsk! Tsk!"

Shin found them annoying before pausing in the air for a very brief moment before covering his wings with raging flames.

Then he flapped his wings along with a charge of 'Mondi's Jump' to propel himself ahead.

Swoosh!

He left a long trail of blazing fire behind him during the flight before suddenly rolling in the air. This action resulted in a huge number of blazing tongues of flames flying in every direction, hitting all the spiritual swords that were trying to approach him.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

'Four Symbol Scripture: Celestial Vermillion Bird (Metal Reinforced): Pheonix Feathers'

Clang! Clang! Clang! Clang!

Shin might not be able to use this through normal means since he did not have a skill that could be the model for this technique.

But through 'Metal Synergy' Elemental Skill, he gathered the metal elemental mana in the air and formed a quantity of metal needles. After that, he hid them on his wings before igniting them with the fire elemental mana.

With all of these, he was able to mimic the original skill!

Clang! Clang! Clang! Clang!

With his actions, a gap was formed between the formation of the spiritual swords for a brief period.

Shin had taken that opportunity to use charged forward. He flapped his wings strongly and reinforced it with the 'Mondi's Jump' legacy skill to further strengthen the pushing force when propelling himself forward.

Boom!

This resulted in a sonic boom that resounded in the air entire place as he moved ahead.

The blazing trail behind him drew a straight line in the air, making it a mesmerizing sight.

At that moment, he had already caught up to Lucy. He swiftly unsheathed the [Yamato] and thrust it forward along with the raging flames that were covering the entire blade and concentrated at its tip.

Shing!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Quickly Draw (Fire and Metal Form): Blazing Final'

The timing and execution were perfect, but unfortunately, Lucy had already recovered at that moment and was currently in the middle of swinging his sword at him.

"Tsk!"

Shin had no choice but to redirect the trajectory of his attack targeted a certain part of his opponent's sword. It was the part where the force was flowing, so when he had accurately hit it, most of the force dispersed before it could even reach its peak.

Clang!

The sword of his opponent slowed down and the momentum that it carried weakened. This had given Shin enough time to retreat and restart his assault.

But how come Lucy let him escape that easily?

Before Shin could even fully distance himself, he was immediately blocked by the swords floating behind Lucy.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Shin consecrated when he saw them. His eyes moved left to right and up to down, memorizing their positions and reading their trajectories.

He then skillfully moved his body from side to side, dodging each sword by a hair's breadth while keeping an eye on the movements of his opponent.

Due to Shin halting his retreat, Lucy quickly pounced at him and threw a series of slashes while coordinating with the flying swords that were assaulting Shin.

Shin quickly felt the pressure despite his skillful display. He also felt that the space that he could dodge was gradually getting smaller as time went by.

Even though they were in the air and had plenty of space, Shin was steadily being pushed into a 'corner.'

It was because of the skillful control of his opponent over the battle. Lucy was forcing him to choose to retreat in a certain direction. His choices seemed to have been forcefully limited by the opposing side.

Even if he tried to use his movement skills, Lucy seemed to be able to read his mind. The other side was always predicting where he would be appearing even though he shuffled between the 'Void Steps,' 'Moonlight Steps,' and 'Phantom Steps.'

This clearly showed that techniques were much better than in-game skills at the moment.

Shin could only rely on his senses, experiences, and real-time judgments to dodge. Fortunately, his Battle Genuis Talent and Natural State were not for show. He was also gradually adjusting to the movements of his opponents and responding to the latter's actions perfectly.

But Shin knew that this was only temporality – sooner or later, he would be forced to face Lucy in a contest of strength if he let this continue.

"I have to create an opening and force my way out," mumbled Shin while dodging the advances of his opponent and deflecting the flying swords that were attacking from trick angles.

It was at that moment when he threw the sheath on his left hand forward, sending it straight to the face of his opponent.

Lucy merely tilted his head to the side to avoid getting hit before continuing his assault.

But that brief pause was more than enough.

Shin suddenly thrust the [Yamato] forward, forcing Lucy to block its tip with the surface of his sword.

The flying swords took that opportunity to charge at him from every direction and attacked.

From a spectator's point of view, all the retreat paths were instantly sealed by those words.

A couple of them were also moving at a slightly slower speed, seemingly waiting for Shin to teleport to a different location. So long as there were some fluctuations of mana in the air, they would be able to read where Shin would be appearing next.

Unfortunately, the area that they were covering did not include where the thrown sheath had flown earlier.

With a snap of his fingers, Shin suddenly disappeared before appearing where the sheath was located.

'Elemental Skill (Shadow): Shadow Mark – Teleport'

He then grabbed the sheath as soon as he appeared and swiftly put the [Yamato] in it before sending himself back to his opponent with great ferocity.

But this time, he had taken the initiative to attack. "Alright, my turn again!"

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Clang!

Bang! Bang!

Shin and Lucy, the Fallen, had exchanged multiple blows already. The exchanges that they had up until now could not be compared to the previous battles that Shin had gone through.

It could be said that not only was this battle was most intense one, but also the hardest that he had fought.

It was natural, especially given that this opponent he had could be said the strongest of them all. Moreover, he was fighting solo this time. Even though the opponents that they had fought during the Empire Quest in the Frozen Kingdom were also very strong, Shin went through them along with his friends.

During this battle, Shin fought Lucy both in the sky and on the ground. In those exchanges, he could not help but feel that his strength was gradually getting stronger while his fighting style had greatly matured.

Not only had he become accustomed to this style, but he could also perform without being interrupted between the transitions of the sword styles in the heat of the battle.

During the battle, he was shifting between the sword-drawing style and the sword-swapping style. And whenever he was transitioning between them, he no longer had that awkward pause where he needed to prepare for the next swordplay.

The switching of swords when he was using the 'Mondi's Style' had already become second nature to him. Whenever he needed a sword to fit a situation, it would always appear on his left hand through the forms of the 'Mondi's Style.'

Of course, this was still limited to the three swords – longsword, greatsword, and rapier – for now since those forms were the only ones that fitted his current fighting style and the sword techniques from his Mentalism Method. But Shin could already see the future of this style, which perfectly fitted him.

He even wondered how he would achieve such an ever-changing style in the real world. He had gotten a rough idea, but it had to wait until he reached the Rulers Realm since he could use the weapon materialization in that realm.

Unless he found a way to achieve such a feat in his current realm, then bringing this style into the real world would be impossible.

Bringing multiple swords on him could work too. But he found it rather inconvenient.

The style itself might not be possible, but the principle behind the style was not. He could still apply some of it in the real world even though he was using the pair of katana that he had.

Those thoughts flashed through his mind for a moment before he focused on fighting this opponent.

During the entire battle, Shin discovered that this opponent not only controlled those floating swords behind through mind control.

From his observation, they seemed to have a certain level of consciousness. They would always act and save their owner whenever they faced a difficult predicament and ward off any advance that Shin had attempted.

When doing a melee exchange, Shin felt like he was fighting multiple swordsmen at once while in the middle of them.

Moreover, the swords seemed to have their respective swordsmanship, which baffled Shin completely when he realized it.

He felt a torturous experience fighting against them. But during the entire battle, he still benefited from them as he constantly observed three of the floating swords and their style. They were naturally the longsword, greatsword, and the rapier.

He had adapted their styles and copied their swordsmanship before making it his own.

He might not be as good as Arthur when it came to this kind of thing, but after exchanging multiple times against these swords, he had already observed everything from them and thoroughly studied their styles.

On top of that, he was also using similar styles already, so copying them did not require much effort. All he needed to do was observe them closely and understand the meaning of each of their movements before applying it to his own swordsmanship.

Through this, he was able to build a systematic style that would perfectly suit each form from the 'Mondi's Style' legacy skill.

With everything that he had learned, he was able to further polish his current battle style and reach another level.

But this did not mean that he would be able to defeat Lucy that easily. Instead, he even understood that he would require more effort, wit, and perseverance to do that.

One of the major problems that he encountered during this battle was the 'second phase' of this 'final' boss.

After engaging in an intense melee battle with each other but without gaining any major advantage, Lucy seemed to have taken another approach.

He had shown Shin what were the other abilities of the swords behind him.

Each sword did not only have different forms and wielded their respective swordsmanship, but they also possessed magical abilities that made Shin completely speechless.

lightsNovel.com Each sword controlled different kinds of magics and elemental powers that could rival the powerful mages that Shin could think of.

They might not be as strong as the powerful NPCs that he had encountered within the game, but they were at least much more powerful than any player mages that he had seen.

If Shin put it in simpler terms, each sword was equivalent to a top Godlike Player within the game!

At least that was what he was thinking.

But despite that being the case, Shin did not lose hope altogether. Instead, he had become more excited during the battle.

It was because aside from the swordsmanship of each sword, he could also learn some of their magical capabilities. He would be able to learn from their magic swordsmanship and apply it to his own.

He had thought about it when he had seen the greatsword and longsword use magical spells infused with earth and fire elements respectively.

He had also seen the rapier and the whip sword along their group had used the elemental of water, which he could use as a reference for the future.

As for the metal element, all swords were using it and applying it to their respective swordsmanship, so this unknowingly became the most proficient element that Shin had after observing them during the battle.

His proficiency when it came to metal elements had surpassed his control over the fire element without him knowing.

After fighting Lucy long enough, Shin realized one thing – he was still far from defeating such a powerful opponent.

Despite him having a polished fighting style that perfectly suited him and top-notch swordsmanship, and possessing powerful sword techniques under his arsenal, he was still far from being enough to defeat this Monster NPC called the Fallen.

He had even named his current swordsmanship. He had called it the 'Myriad Transformation Swordsmanship' after seeing what he could do with it. But despite everything that he had, he was still not enough to take down Lucy.

He was still short of something. He was still lacking a single piece from achieving the final goal that he wanted to reach.

It was at this point that he felt the fatigue kicked in.

He had unknowingly fought Lucy for such a long time already and the burden of using the 'Reality Manifestation' and keeping the 'Nephilim's Wings' active for an extended period of time was already exhausting his mind.

If he forced himself and let this continue, then he would be defeated sooner or later. His mind was already showing some signs of extreme exhaustion, which would affect his concentration and decision-making if he forced himself to continue.

Continuing this battle would no longer be beneficial to him, so it would be better to stop here for now and take a rest before continuing later.

Fortunately, this Promotion Quest would save his current progress so long as he reached a certain checkpoint.

Now that he had already completed the first part of the quest, he would be directly sent to face the Fallen when he logged back again later.

"I guess that's it for today," he mumbled and prepared to leave.

As if understanding his intentions, Lucy suddenly stopped his tracks and hovered in the air while looking at Shin.

He still had that arrogant and haughty look while staring at Shin, seemingly trying to provoke him, or even mocking him right now.

He seemed to be saying that Shin was still too weak to challenge him at his current level.

Seeing those actions, Shin could not help but shake his head and smile bitterly. Despite him being provoked by an AI, he seemed to be completely unbothered by it and planned to let it go.

These actions of Lucy alone had already given Shin enough understanding of this unreasonably difficult promotion quest.

The main purpose of this quest was still to make the players stronger. Its main target was to make the players understand their strengths and realize their full potential through intense battle.

With a battle of this level, the players would be forced to show their real talents and break through their true mental and physical limits.

It was like the game was squeezing them dry of their potential.

If the players were able to break through this hurdle, then they would reach a height that they could never imagine and become a new version of themselves.

It would also open a new path for them and realize the things that they were looking for throughout their journey to becoming stronger.

But if they failed to break through this wall, then they would be stuck in their current level forever and would never be able to reach a height that they could only imagine.

Shin did not know how difficult the promotion quest of the other players was, but comparing what he had read from the forums, which explained their experiences, to what he had and the rest of the top players, he could at least tell that there were still some differences between their levels.

What Shin could guess, there were still some gaps between the regular players and the rest of the Godlike Players.

There was still a dividing line that separated the ranks of the players.

This line would determine the difficulty of their promotion quest when they tried it. The stronger and more talented a player was, the harder the trials that they needed to face.

This would maintain the balance between the regular players and the rest who were leading the pack.

But all promotion quest would still determine their talents and test their determination to break through the invisible wall in front of them.

"Phew-..." sighing deeply, Shin relaxed his mind and planned to log out and take a rest.

But before he could even extend his finger and press the logout button, he suddenly heard a familiar voice inside his head, completely mocking him.

"Disgusting!"

Shin's fingers suddenly trembled and paused. He then frowned deeply and answered back through his head. "What do you mean by that?"

Uno, who was the one who talked to him, replied. "I said-... YOU. ARE. DISGUSTING."

He emphasized each and every word so that Shin could clearly hear him. He did not even wait for the latter to respond when he continued. "You can't even defeat such a loser and let him mock you that way? D*mn! You are disgusting!"

"You have gone through all the trouble just to polish that lousy swordsmanship of yours, yet you still can't finish this loser off? That makes me want to puke!"

"Then you are letting him get away with that haughty look and mock you? You are such a loser too!"

"And as if that is not enough, you want to leave and run away? You are still as cowardly as before!"

"You have never changed! You are still a loser and a coward! You are disgusting!"

Shin could not help but frown slightly when he heard all those words from Uno. He could not understand why this guy, who wanted to quietly stay inside his consciousness, would suddenly explode like this.

"What do you want? I thought you were too busy doing your own thing, so why are you bothering me now?"

Uno did not immediately reply and went silent. But when Shin was about to continue logging off, he suddenly answered. "Because you frustrate me! Your progress is so slow that it frustrates me!"

Shin frowned even deeper and asked. "What do you mean by that?"

Uno seemed to have a lot of pent-up frustrations inside his head and exploded. "I am saying that you are so slow! Slow as a turtle that wants me to kick your *ss more and more!"

"But what greatly frustrates me is you let such a loser mock us! Goddammit! I will never accept such an imaginary creature to humiliate me like this!"

Shin found it a little amusing before asking out of curiosity. "So, what do you want me to do!"

Uno paused for a moment before sighing. "Lend me this body and I will show you how it is done."

"I will show you the missing piece that you are lacking and make you understand how weak you have become!"

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"What!? What did you just say?"

Shin could not believe what he just heard and could not help but ask.

But before Uno could even answer his question, he suddenly added. "And why the heck do I have to lend you this body? You have never appeared before and you always say that you are too busy to do your thing whenever I want to talk to you!"

"What's with the sudden change of heart?" he repeated as he could not shake off the shock that he was currently feeling.

But Uno did not want to waste his time answering such useless questions and said. "Enough with the useless talk and just lend me this body. It will not take that long; five minutes is more than enough."

Shin was confused at first and hesitated for a moment. But he also could feel something strange within it. There seemed to be an unexplainable trust that he could put on Uno.

"Phew-..."

Sighing, Shin nodded his head and said. "Alright, do whatever you want. I am quite curious about what you can do and how you are going to handle this dude anyway."

He then paused for a moment as he remembered something. "But how are you going to take over? I am not sure what I have to do since I don't remember how to do it."

Uno sounded quite impatient, but he still explained. "It will be a little difficult if we are in the real world. But since this virtual world is very similar to the inner world of one's consciousness, this will not require that much effort."

"Just relax your mind and think as if you are going back to sleep. Just let the abyss take you and I will handle the rest."

Hearing that, Shin felt a little doubtful but still complied.

He then closed his eyes and blanked his head, erasing every thought inside his mind. He did not even need to wait that long before he felt himself being 'dragged' by something toward the depth of the abyss.

Shin felt his body become light before floating into nothingness. It did not take long before he realized that he was no longer in control of his body.

When he 'opened' his eyes, he found himself seeing everything that he usually saw. But this time, he felt rather strange since he could not move his body.

It was very uncomfortable at first. But as if he was already used to it, that uncomfortable feeling suddenly disappeared.

He then subconsciously thought to 'see' everything around him.

And as if responding to his thoughts, his 'point of view' suddenly changed. He seemed to be sent into the center of a special dome where everything around him reflected the outside world.

As if he was at the center of the virtual screen that surrounded him, he saw the clear reflection of the outside world.

Aside from that, he seemed to be seeing 'himself' from the third-person point of view.

Although he could not move away from that body and explore the surroundings freely like a spiritual lifeform, he still could see everything that his body was doing and what it was perceiving.

lightsNovel.com While he was trying to adjust himself, he suddenly heard Uno's voice inside his head.

"Stop being a loser and watch closely. This will be over before you know it."

Casting his gaze at 'himself' beside him, Shin slightly frowned his brows and became a 'spectator.'

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Outside that imaginary space, Uno took over Shin's in-game avatar.

He rolled his shoulders and hopped up and down while shaking his body to loosen his joints and relax his muscles.

It took him a couple of minutes to adjust and get used to this body before pulling out the [Yamato] from its sheath.

He then let that sheath on his waist before activating one of the blessings of the sword, the blessing of the 'Dawn and Dusk.'

The [Yamato] was suddenly split into a pair of katana; one being black while the other being white.

Uno played with the swords, trying to familiarize himself with them. He swung and twirled them diagonally from left to right then back to the other side once again.

After a few more moments, he slightly nodded his head, seemingly fully satisfied.

He then paused his actions and turned to the air. He looked at Lucy, who had not made his move up until now and seemingly looking at him curiously.

The Fallen did not make any moves to bother him as if he was showing his 'patience.'

Uno looked straight to the eyes of Lucy and smirked. "Are you sure that you are going to wait for me to get used to this body?"

"Don't say that I don't warn you as I can guarantee that you will regret this later."

As if not liking the words that Uno had said, the mocking and arrogant look that he had earlier gradually disappeared.

Seeing that, Uno took that opportunity to give the opposing side a mocking smile, clearly provoking the Fallen.

Lucy seemed to have snapped and decided that he finally could not tolerate Uno anymore. He did not like 'meeting' someone who was more arrogant than him.

Along with him lifting his left index finger, the floating swords behind him suddenly rotated and immediately paused when the ceremonial sword was over his head.

He then lowered his index finger and pointed at Uno, who was still arrogantly standing below.

Swoosh!

In the next moment, a huge magic circle suddenly appeared in front of the ceremonial sword before it fired a huge torrent of water toward Uno.

Bang!

The speed of the water torrent was so fast that its head was already right in front of Uno within an instant.

It did not give him any window to respond, much less respond.

Uno was immediately swallowed by that water torrent. It might not have much damage, but the water pressure that it had was so strong that it could shred someone into pieces.

Lucy was arrogantly looking at the spot where the water torrent was pressing on. It was the spot where Uno was standing.

But in the very next moment, Lucy's pupils suddenly contracted as he suddenly sensed something.

Shing!

There was a flash of light at the center of that spot. It only lasted for an instant, but Lucy suddenly retreated when he saw it.

Bang!

Not long after, a shining cross appeared at the spot where the water torrent was pressing before exploding.

Swoosh!

The water torrent was also cut in halves by a shining light. That light continued moving forward until it reached the magic circle and cut it as well.

Under the rain produced by the earlier obliterated spell, Uno stood with full confidence while maintaining a pose from the earlier move.

He was holding the white sword with his left hand and pointing it toward the sky, indicating he just did an upward slash in that last attack.

"Tsk! Quite quick, huh? But that is fine since I am just testing things," mumbled Uno with a slanted head.

Swoosh!

He then disappeared from that position right after those words left his mouth.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

And right after he disappeared, a bunch of swords suddenly flew at that spot and stabbed the ground for completely missing him.

Lucy did not even care whether that attack landed or not as he was already retreating rapidly while contentiously waving his sword and sending a series of sword waves that flew forward.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Uno, on the other hand, was already on the chase. He dashed forward and left a series of afterimages behind along with the consecutive explosions from the sword waves that failed to hit him.

Boom! Boom!

He was holding the swords on each of his sides as they emitted a black and white aura that signified his usage of the 'Eclipse Wielding' to mimic the 'Yin-Yang Swordsmanship' from the real world.

This also signified that he was using the 'Reality Manifestation' right now.

With the black katana covered with the power of the Brilliant Sun and the white katana shrouded with the power of the Abyssal Moon, Uno charged forward leaving a long trail behind him.

He then twirled the swords and shuffled between left and right, making the trail of light that they left behind to intervene with each other and drawing abstract lines as he advanced.

There was a slight pause in his movements as the swords were raised on the side of his right shoulder.

Bang!

Then he suddenly stomped strongly on the ground, making his foot sink into it and sending gravel to fly.

Zong!

After that, he disappeared. He lunged himself forward while being followed by a sonic boom sound during the charge.

In that instance, he appeared right in front of Lucy as he swung the swords forward.

Roar! Roar!

As he swung them, apparitions of a ferocious white tiger and a savage black dragon manifested behind him with their wide open mouths before spinning and merging.

Then they fused with the pair of swords in his hands as he swung them down.

Swoosh!

'Yin-Yang Swordsmanship: Apocalyptic Extinction'

On the receiving end of this attack, Lucy held his sword tightly as he infused his mana into it. The golden black flame enfolding the sword raged more aggressively and grew larger as he swung the sword diagonally to meet the incoming swords of his opponent.

Swoosh!

Boom!

A massive explosion erupted as both sides collided, sending strong waves in every direction. It even made the ground beneath them sink before spreading outward and forming a huge crater.

There was a brief pause in their position while their eyes met each other.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

After that, they separated from one another by pushing the other side before throwing themselves again forward right after their feet touched the ground.

Clang! Clang! Clang! Clang!

Bang! Bang!

A series of intense exchanges immediately exploded as the two sides met.

Sword flashes suddenly flooded in and continuously clashed with one another, creating a scene that would be engraved in the minds of the people watching this battle.

And as if the speed of this already fast and intense exchange was not enough, the two picked up the pace and further increased it.

Realizing that the current 'Shin' was much stronger than he was facing earlier, Lucy suddenly called upon the floating swords behind and let them join the battle.

They rushed toward Uno and started bombarding him with coordinated attacks that came from every direction.

But despite seeing those attacks, Uno remained calm while maintaining his pace.

Instead of doing the same thing that Shin did earlier, where he was continuously moving to dodge the flying swords and constantly switching swords and styles to match their swordsmanship, Uno continued with the pair of katana in his hands and used a single technique.

'Yin-Yang Swordsmanship: Sword Transmigration – Infinity Edge'

Swoosh! Swoosh!

His arms turned into blurs as he picked up the pace one more time. Then his surrounding was suddenly filled with intervening black and white sword flashes, blocking everything.

Clang! Clang! Clang! Clang!

He was able to ward off all the advances of the flying swords along with the attacks thrown by their owner.

None of them were able to approach Uno.

Not even a strand of his hair.

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Watching this scene, Shin finally realized the missing piece that he was lacking.

As it turned out, even if his current battle style and swordsmanship seemed to be perfect for his current self, they were still not in complete unification.

There was nothing wrong with his Battle Genius talent, the Natural State that he had recently mastered, and the Mentalism Method and special breathing techniques that complimented it.

All of these were in perfect shape.

What he was lacking was a certain mastery of the swordsmanship itself.

He had mastered the quick draw and basic sword movements of the 'Jade Kirin Scripture' and even created a swordsmanship that would fit the perfected 'Four Symbol Scripture.'

He had even combined the two styles and created a whole new system and swordsmanship which he had named the 'Myriad Transformation Swordsmanship.' But he lacked the complete mastery over it.

Or to be more precise, his swordsmanship level did not match the level of this advanced style that he had created.

It was very much unlike Uno who had already reached the level of complete unification with the sword. It was the Unification stage of 'being one with the sword.' He was even better than Dylan who was just touching that state.

Compared to Uno, who had reached such a level, Shin's understanding of his swordsmanship and his level of mastery were far behind.

He was completely inferior when it came to this matter.

Chapter 1266 Uno's Swordsmanship (Part 2): Warning

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Shin watched Uno fight Lucy and those flying swords by relying on his swordsmanship alone. With no special skills or any kind of tricks under his sleeves, Uno just straight-up challenged the opposing side without any hint of hesitation and even carried overwhelming confidence.

Standing in front of Lucy and surrounded by the flying swords with their respective swordsmanship, Uno held his ground without losing a bit.

Shin watched Uno fight as a keen spectator. After watching for a while, he quickly understood what Uno was trying to show him. He also realized what he was missing for his current style, and even saw the gap between their swordsmanship.

"Unification? Tsk! His attainment in swordsmanship is already this high? This is the highest compared to all the people of the same generation that I know of," mumbled Shin as he watched Uno.

He was also at the stage of 'being one with the sword,' but he was only at the stage of 'Resonance,' the very first stage. Moreover, he was still in the middle of solidifying his understanding of it since it hadn't been that long since he had attained this stage.

From what he knew, Dylan, that genius swordsman in their class, was only touching the state of 'Unification.' Uno was clearly way ahead of them in this aspect.

Having that in mind, Shin focused his mind and started watching Uno closely, observing each of his moves with full attention.

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On the other hand, Uno continued to exchange blows against Lucy while maintaining his stance.

Clang! Clang! Clang! Clang!

After a couple of exchanges, Lucy seemed to have realized that the current 'Shin' that he was fighting seemed to have turned into a completely different person. This was someone more aggressive and more decisive when taking action, who also had a much more solid foundation and more stable swordsmanship.

Realizing that this current opponent could pose more threat than the previous one, Lucy decisively made a decision.

Bang!

With a powerful strike, Lucy had broken through the cycle of exchanges that he had with Uno. He no longer wanted to get entangled in this exchange since it was clear that the opposing side was gaining more strength, the more they exchanged blows.

Each strike that Uno threw at Lucy and the flying swords was getting stronger as time went by. Every time Uno swung his sword, the power that it had always been much stronger than the previous ones and was still gradually getting stronger.

Lucy could roughly guess that Uno was absorbing the forces that each of his strikes and the power behind the attacks of his flying swords before returning it to them with the doubled value.

Lucy understood that if he kept this up and continued exchanging blows, he would be at a disadvantage sooner or later.

During his retreat, Lucy left his flying swords to continue suppressing Uno. He had to buy enough space and time for him to regain the upper hand.

Seeing that, Uno dropped his initial thought of gathering more momentum from these exchanges and ended everything with a single powerful strike.

He tightened his grip over the swords in his hands before releasing all the accumulated momentum that he had gathered from the previous exchanges with powerful circular swings.

'Yin-Yang Swordsmanship: Sword Transmigration – Final Discharge'

Roar!

The air current produced by his swings seemed to have created a sound similar to the roar of a ferocious tiger. It reverberated in the entire place along with the sounds of the swords clashing against each other.

A vortex of wind was also created around Uno as it pushed the flying swords that were surrounding him.

Bang!

He then stomped on the ground with a strength that could leave a deep footprint before charging forward.

Swoosh!

He flew straight ahead and changed after Lucy, who was currently in a rapid retreat. But before he could even reach the other party, he saw that the flying swords that he just sent away flew back to their master and formed another rotating circle behind the Fallen.

After that, Uno saw that the swords rotated in a strange manner behind his opponent before stopping when the imposing greatsword floated above the latter's head.

He then saw that the greatsword was covered by a blinding light before growing in size which could rival the giants. The towering sword of light pierced through the white ceiling of the Trial Ground before descending with a momentum that seemed to be capable of annihilating the world.

Swoosh!

Uno frowned deeply before calculating inside his head. Based on his estimate, it seemed like the descending sword would crush him before he could even reach his opponent.

Fully understanding his current situation, Uno did not hesitate to halt his advance. He then took a stance with bent legs while holding his swords parallel to each other right beside his waist.

Bang!

Right after he bent his knees and adjusted his center of gravity, the ground seemed to have received a powerful impact and sank greatly.

From where his feet were located, spiderweb cracks spread everywhere.

lightsNovel.com Bang!

A moment later, Uno suddenly jumped toward the air, creating a strong shockwave. The ground shook and fragments of the broken floor flew in the air along with the dust that scattered.

Swoosh!

Sending himself straight to the descending sword of light, Uno suddenly swung the pair of swords in his hands as they were covered with a large amount of mana. The powers of the Brilliant Sun and Abyssal Moon intervene with one another and force harmony as they merge with the swords.

Shing!

'Yin-Yang Swordsmanship: Blade Culling'

Roar! Roar!

The familiar white tiger and black dragon were released from the swords as Uno swung them in the air and sent a powerful sword wave to the descending sword of light.

The two beasts made of energy grew large as they flew toward the sky before merging and turning into a beam of light that pierced toward heaven.

Swoosh!

Boom!

The sword and beam of light clashed against each other and resulted in a huge explosion that shook the entire Trial Ground.

There was also a huge cloud of smoke due to the chaotic energy produced by the collision, which hid Uno in the air.

Swoosh!

But it did not take long for him to reveal himself once again as his figure pierced through a huge hole in that cloud and descended from the air with unstoppable speed.

During his descent, he held the swords on his hands over his head before swinging them down.

Shing!

The swords drew a pair of parallel lines in the air, one black while the other white, as they descended toward Lucy, who was still preparing for his next attack.

'Yin-Yang Swordsmanship: Guillotine Slash'

Lucy did not even think twice as he swung his huge sword at Uno and countered the descending swords with a powerful strike.

Bang!

The impact was so strong that it destroyed the white floor of the Trial Ground once again as Lucy sent the force that he received from the attack toward it.

He then treated once again as the floating swords behind him rotated once again. They only stopped when the ceremonial sword and the whip sword were over his head.

The pair of swords broke from the rotation and floated on each side of Lucy while releasing a powerful surge of mana.

The ceremonial sword formed a crimson magic circle filled with a fiery aura. This magic circle was surrounded by blazing embers as it was instantly activated.

The magic circle summoned a large group of fireballs of different sizes before flying toward Uno in rapid succession.

On the other hand, the whip sword formed an oceanic magic circle that was releasing a dense water elemental mana.

The magic circle rotated a couple of times before countless tentacles made of water appeared from it one after another. With the whip sword taking charge, the water tentacles flew straight to Uno and assaulted him from every direction.

Everything happened a little too fast, not giving Uno the time to respond. His feet just touched the ground when the barrage of fireballs and the swarm of water tentacles almost reached him.

But despite being cornered by those spells, Uno remained calm as he swung the swords in his hands in a very steady manner.

'Yin-Yang Swordsmanship: Sword Transmigration – Infinity Edge'

A series of sword flashes and silhouettes filled the area around him, deflecting the fireballs and cutting the water tentacles.

While doing that, Uno advanced with steady steps as if the pressure of the attacks surrounding him were nothing but a breeze.

Lucy, naturally, was not idle either. He was already making his next move while suppressing Uno with the barrage of spells from the two magical swords on each of his sides.

Swinging his Zweihänder Sword, Lucy released a crescent sword filled with rolling golden flames forward.

Swoosh!

The sword wave covered a huge area while it burned everything in its path during its advance.

Uno took a deep breath as he sensed the incoming sword wave before channeling more mana on his sword.

As he moved his arms along with the swords, he gave off a feeling as if he was doing a series of casual movements.

His speed was neither fast nor slow, but his surroundings seemed to be unable to keep up with him. The flow of time seemed to have slowed down, matching his speed, as a series of overlapping afterimages followed through his movements.

Shing! Shing!

He then drew a cross (+) sign in front of him with those swords, a vertical slash with the black katana in his right hand and a horizontal slash with the white katana held by his left hand.

There was a complete silence in the surroundings when the cross was drawn followed by a blinding flash of light that exploded instantly and disappeared as if nothing had happened.

Time seemed to come to a sudden halt when the flash of light disappeared.

Then the world was suddenly dyed with a black-and-white color, turning everything into a monochrome world.

This lasted for a couple of moments from the people who were inside of the monochrome world. But it only lasted for an instant before the cross suddenly shone with another flash of blinding light and returned the world to its usual color.

'Yin-Yang Swordsmanship: Final Movement – Sword of Reincarnation'

Swoosh!

When the world came back to its usual color, the fireballs and the water tentacles that were assaulting Uno were completely annihilated along with the magic circle created by the ceremonial and whip swords.

At the same time, the huge sword wave filled with rolling flames also exploded before slowly dissipating into the air in small embers.

Lucy, who was standing a few distances away from Uno, felt something and intended to retreat. But when he took a step back, a huge wound suddenly opened on his chest.

The wound resembled the cross that Uno had drawn earlier with his swords.

Splash!

No blood came out from that huge wound but a large amount of mana gushed out from it in the form of a golden smoke.

Lucy was completely caught off guard by the sudden turn of events and showed a rare expression of panic in his eyes.

Uno did not immediately make any move after that. He just calmly walked forward with steady and unhurried steps while staring at Lucy with a cold and icy gaze.

Recognizing the grave danger that he was in, Lucy quickly picked up his Zweihänder Sword and held it high, no longer planning to hold back.

The floating swords behind him also responded and quickly gathered, forming a strange formation.

They formed a circle with their tips joining together as the runic emblem behind Lucy floated behind them.

But before he could even complete his move, Uno's silent steps came to a sudden halt.

With that pause in his movements, the world seemed to have responded to his call and stopped moving once again.

Then Lucy, despite doing his best to move as fast as possible, could only watch himself unable to keep up with what was happening.

He saw Uno making his way toward him with the same unhurried steps, but his body seemed to have refused to respond to his call and became completely paralyzed.

All Lucy could do was watch Uno approach him like a ghost while slowly lifting the black sword and calmly striking it toward his neck.

Swoosh!

'Yin-Yang Swordsmanship: Final Movement – Blade of Transcendence'

A thin glowing light could be seen in the path that the sword had taken before passing through the neck of the Fallen as Uno brushed past his opponent.

Shing!

Standing behind Lucy, Shin found himself in control of his body once again while maintaining the final posture that Uno had.

He was still in the middle of processing what just happened when Uno's voice rang inside his head. "You have to hurry as we don't have much time left."

"If you continue with this pace, then neither of us will be left behind sooner or later."

Shin felt a sudden chill in his heart when he heard the fading voice inside his head.

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"If you continue with this pace, then we will be in deep trouble sooner or later."

If someone else heard what Uno just said, then they might lose their minds as Shin was already advancing at insane speed.

Benedict and David, who were very familiar with Shin's monstrous progress might even beat Uno up when they heard those words.

But for Shin, he suddenly felt an intense sense of urgency. It was as if he had to hurry and reach the peak of the Grandmaster Realm and polish this fighting style that he had created as soon as possible.

He felt something terrible would happen if he failed to meet Uno's expectations.

Thinking about this, Shin was suddenly reminded of his current 'disease,' the 'Seed of Hatred.'

When he thought about this, he immediately remembered that aside from Uno balancing his Sacred Qi and Demonic Qi within him, the latter seemed to be suppressing something within him during their last meeting inside his Sea of Consciousness.

"Is the final seed already getting out of control?" mumbled Shin as he thought about it.

As if responding to his thoughts, his body suddenly shivered while the sense of urgency that he was feeling became much heavier.

But before he could dwell too deeply on this problem, a series of notifications suddenly bombarded his ears.

Ding

System: Congratulations! You have successfully passed the final trial!

System: Congratulations! You have successfully cleared your Tier 3 Promotion Quest!

Ding

System: Accepting the Plane's Blessing!

Ding

System: Congratulations! Your class has been promoted to Tier 3!

System: Please head over to the Church of your respective Religion to receive the corresponding blessings for your race.

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A pillar of light suddenly descended from the sky and enveloped Shin while he was reading the notifications. He was in full alert at first due to its sudden appearance, but he quickly calmed down when he realized what it was for.

This pillar of light was granting him new strength and power. He could feel that his in-game avatar was gradually improving at an insane rate.

Taking a look at his profile, he saw that his stats were rapidly increasing while his Battle Physique was growing stronger.

When the pillar finally exhausted its powers and disappeared, Shin turned to the upper portion of his character profile and saw the changes in his class. The name 'Grim Reaper' did not change but it had become a golden text with a black and white aura surrounding it.

A single look at it was more than enough for Shin to realize how imposing and domineering his class currently was.

He was about to explore more about the changes that he had when another barrage of notifications rang in his ears.

Ding

System: Congratulations! You are the first player to clear their Tier 3 Promotion Quest! You will be receiving a special reward!

Ding

System: Congratulations! You have received a Martial Manual – The Lost Art of the Kings!

Ding

System: For being the first person to reach the Tier 3 Class, you have the right to meet the strongest Mysterious Instructor within the Aurora Continent!

System: Head over to the depths of Saint Heaven Mountain and meet the Head of the Mysterious Instructors staying within the continent and receive his test to see your 'Potential.'

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Reading the next batch of notifications, Shin had gotten a rough idea of what was going on. "So, it turns out that the Mysterious Instructors are waiting for us to complete our Tier 3 Quest before testing our 'Potential' Stat?"

He was mumbling to himself when he suddenly shook his head. "No, that is not right. From what I can see, these Mysterious Instructors are meant to teach the players about the secret methods that fit their respective styles."

"It is one of the hidden requirements to clear these stupidly hard Promotion Quests."

"This Head of the Mysterious Instructors may be serving a different purpose. After all, I happen to 'skip' this hidden requirement and clear the quest without testing my 'Potential'."

The more he thought about it, the more convinced he became about his suspicion.

"I should inform the others about this and let them look for the Mysterious Instructor that fits their respective styles."

He was reminded of Akailu, who said to him that the 'Reality Manifestation' was not for his playing style.

After organizing his thoughts, he finally remembered what just happened and turned behind him.

He then saw that Lucy's body, which was supposedly beheaded by Uno earlier, was already in the middle of turning into a golden smoke. It was a smoke made of pure mana.

Shin was thinking about something when the golden smoke suddenly rushed toward his body and fused with him. When it was done, Shin immediately noticed the changes within his body. his Battle Physique had improved for another time while his mana had taken huge changes.

But what made him frown deeply was the sudden increase of the Power of the Brilliant Sun and Abyssal Moon within his body.

He was not sure if he could control such an abundant mana within him. But before he could even complain about it, he suddenly felt that the [Yamato] on his hands and the [Death's Shadow] cloak wrapped around him had absorbed excess mana that his body failed to digest.

Tick!

While his thoughts were lost in the feeling that he had, he suddenly heard the soft sound of an object falling on the ground.

Turning his gaze toward the source of the sound, he saw a necklace bouncing up and down in front of him.

He bent down and picked it up. Looking closely at it, he saw it as a necklace with golden chains its cord with a crystalline pendant resembling the unification of the sun and moon.

The pendant reminded Shin of the floating runic emblem behind Lucy and the mark of eclipse at the back of his hand.

When he came in contact with this necklace, another notification was sent to him.

Ding

System: You have found one of the inheritances of the Nephilim Race, the 'Proof of Eclipse'!

Ding

System: Your 'Dissonant Wish' is responding to the call of the 'Proof of Eclipse'! Do you want to merge them?

Seeing the notification, Shin could not help but turn to the necklace that he was currently wearing. It was the item that he had gotten during the earlier stages of the game. He could still remember Lawless cursing him for having such a stroke of good luck for getting such an item just by casually browsing in the Market.

Even though this item could grow alongside him, he felt that its effects were no longer as effective as before. The passive increase in his swordsmanship and assassination techniques was still good, but he found it a little lacking due to his current level and realm inside the game.

Turning at the necklace on his hand, he could not help but feel that this item would bring him more benefit in the future.

Moreover, this item was dropped from a powerful NPC Monster such as Lucy, who had at least three different titles. Even though it was just a clone, it was still clear how powerful this NPC Monster was in his real form.

Given that, the item that he would drop would be something good.

Not thinking too much about it, Shin hit the 'Yes' button in front of him.

Swoosh!

Following his actions, the 'Dissonant Wish' necklace that he had was unequipped automatically before appearing right beside the 'Proof of Eclipse'.

The two necklaces floated in front of him and revolved around each other before slowly merging.

They released a blinding light, making Shin squint his eyes as he was in the merging process.

Not long after, the fusion of the two necklaces was finally completed revealing itself to Shin. There seemed to be no noticeable changes on it as he still saw the same skill appearance that the 'Proof of Eclipse' had earlier.

Aside from the much more noticeable aura that it had compared to how he saw it earlier.

Without further ado, Shin quickly equipped it while curiously looking at its details.

[Item Name]: Proof of Eclipse

Classification: Dissonant Wish/ Inheritance

[Item Type]: Accessory (Necklace)

[Item Rank]: Obsidian (Growth Type)

Stats:

+20% to all stats

+50% increase in swordsmanship proficiency

+50% increase in assassination proficiency

+50% increase in magic proficiency

+100% Magical and Elemental Affinity

+50% Mana and Elemental Control

+50% Elemental Resistance (Fire, Light, Ice, Darkness)

+50% Attack Speed

+50% Movement Speed

Skills: (Sealed)

This item was bound to player 'Sickarius'

Shin's mind went blank at first as the stats were way over the top. This was without a doubt a top-class item, and it fitted his current style.

What confused him a little was the skills that were attached to this item seemed to have been sealed.

And the more troublesome part of it was the fact that there was no clue on how to unlock them, nor how he would be able to improve it in the future.

"It seems like another problem that I have to keep an eye on," based on the items that he had received recently, it seemed like most of the items that the top players would get were related to their respective religions and special races.

He could also guess that most of the high-quality items would be bound to the players, especially the most important ones like Sacred Relics, Inheritance Items, and Dissonant Wishes.

Right at this moment, Shin had three of them, the [Yamato], the [Death's Shadow], and this recently acquired [Proof of Eclipse].

If he continued following the path that the system was giving him, the 'Living Armor' that he would receive from Berlin would most likely be another piece of equipment with similar properties and levels of importance.

After taking his eyes off the information panel for the newly acquired accessory, Shin turned his head toward another reward he had gotten – the Martial Manual.

"Another Martial Manual, huh?" he mumbled as he took out a black book from his inventory and looked at it.

"The Lost Art of the Kings," he read the title of the manual before skimming through it. But after reading a few of its chapters, he could not help but frown deeply. "It sounds like a pretty good art. It can be the same level as the most advanced Martial Arts and Mentalism Methods from the real world."

"It contains a variety of Arts from different powerful Heroes and legendary Kings recorded in the lore of the game. This is a perfect manual for top players, who did not have a good background in the real world."

"It may be a single used item. Once the person has chosen the art that they wanted, they can no longer change their choice. But whichever art they choose, it will be a top-class one."

"Too bad, I already have powerful Martial Arts and Mentalism Methods from the real world. I have also created a perfect style for my Mentalism, so I will not need this one," he mumbled as he thought.
"Should I give it to others?"

Thinking about the members of their Adventurer Team, he tried to look for the one who might need this manual. "From what I can see, the ones who don't have any Martial or Mentalism background in the real world are Archimedes, Daulla, and Akailu. The rest seemed to have a very solid background."

"Alright, I will consult the others about it and see if they also have gotten any Martial Manual that will fit the fighting style of those three, so I can decide who to give this."

While thinking about this, he could not help but remember about Diablo. "Now that I think about it. I also have the 'Shadowless Art' and 'Soundless Assassination'. Should I give it a try and lure that guy over to our side?"

"I should try talking to him later," he mumbled before planning to log out. He was pretty much exhausted already, so he needed to rest before proceeding to the next part of his plans.

But before he could even press the logout button, he suddenly paused as he looked at the new notifications that he had gotten.

It was not an ordinary system notification, but a worldwide announcement.

"What the heck?! Why do they have to do this to me!?"

Chapter 1268 Being Sensational Once Again

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Real World

World Gaming Organization Headquarters

Each department of the gaming company was all paying attention to a single thing. All of them were watching a battle between a player taking their Tier 3 Class Promotion Quest and the final boss for that particular quest.

They were all watching a broadcast of Shin doing the final part of his promotion quest as he was the person who was closest to solving the problem that they were currently facing.

The Monitoring Department had emphasized that he was the one who had the highest chance of clearing the promotion quest among all the players taking their respective trials.

Each department had already prepared everything that needed to be done once Shin successfully cleared the promotion quest. Right at the very moment, he cleared the quest, they would do everything they could to put up hype and make sure that all the players would pay more attention to clearing their respective promotion quests instead of doing other things.

The activities of some large organizations within the game and big guilds were deviating from the 'right' path. This resulted in the current state that they were in. And if they continued doing this, then the storyline that the game was supposed to follow would be messed up.

.com The main target was the movements of the Pandemonium Descendants. This organization was messing up with the storyline a little too much. They were actively destroying most of the questlines by initiating secret operations that targeted a specific major event of the game.

If they continued with their current pace, then the next major content of the game would be unlocked way sooner than the scheduled time and would destroy a huge number of questlines that were meant to be cleared before that.

They had done a major update just recently, so they could not afford to make another one this soon.

Since the gaming organization could not interfere with the matters of the game directly, they could only hope for the other top players and groups to deal with this problem.

They could only pray for the players on the side of the Righteous Faction to clash against these people from the Evil Faction and somehow win the war to delay the progress of the opposing side.

At this very moment, the only solution that the Department Heads of the World Gaming Organization to solve their current problem was for someone to clear their Tier 3 Class Promotion Quest so that they could create hype that would attract the rest of the players to it.

This would somehow disrupt the progress of the Evil Faction since they could not afford for the players of the Righteous Faction to monopolize the resources of the new continent.

This would force them to divide their attention and send some of their more capable experts to explore the new content of the game, which would also slow down their progress on their current quest.

Having that in mind, all the departments of the World Gaming Organization were paying attention to Shin's Class Promotion Quest and praying for his success.

They had already celebrated briefly when they saw Shin completing the first part of the quest successfully. Moreover, his performance impressed everyone, giving them more hope for their current dire situation.

They were also amazed when they saw Shin fighting the final boss without conceding any advantage.

He was performing very well and even surpassed their expectations.

Unfortunately, the more observant ones and the veterans of each department immediately realized a problem. Given Shin's current strength and the power of the opposing side, they all understood that Shin could not clear the quest with the current progress.

Shin might be skilled and powerful, but his current self was still far from defeating the Fallen, much less completing the promotion quest.

Some of the department veterans even cursed the Development Department for designing such a disgusting boss. Most of them directed their curses to the head of that department, Troy.

When all the staff of each department saw that Shin suddenly stopped fighting and showed some signs of exiting the trial ground, they could not help but feel disappointed.

Even though they knew that it was pretty much impossible for Shin to clear the entire promotion quest this soon, they still could not help but feel a little hopeful.

They could only shake their heads bitterly and sigh in regret.

But they could still cling to him at the very least. He showed them a very good performance, which gave them more hope.

It was at that moment when the keen-eyed people, who refused to remove their gazes from the virtual screens projected in front of them, noticed something strange.

They saw Shin suddenly pause for a moment before unsheathing his sword all of a sudden. After that, he summoned a pair of swords before gesturing to the Fallen in a provoking manner.

This unexpected change confused some of the department veterans and experts. From what they could see, it was impossible for Shin to clear the quest, so it would be better to log out of the game for a moment and relax before trying again once he came back.

But before they could even come up with an explanation, they saw 'Shin' engage the Fallen once again.

And this time, he was the one who was taking the initiative!

What confused them even more was the current style that Shin was currently using. It was completely different from the one that he was showing in the early stages of the promotion quest.

Some might be unfamiliar with this style, but those people, who had been paying attention to Shin since the earlier stages of the game, were very familiar with this style, particularly those people from the Research, Development, and Monitoring Departments.

This was one of the signature styles that Shin was using since the early stages of the game.

But what surprised Troy and Carlos, who had been paying close attention to Shin since those times, was the strange aura that 'Shin' currently had.

That overwhelming confidence and terrifying calmness during the battle surprised even them, who 'knew' Shin for a very long time.

They could tell that there was something different with this 'Shin' and the one they knew, but they were unsure how to pinpoint the differences.

Regardless, these changes gave everyone a great shock and reignited their hope, especially when 'Shin' started suppressing the Fallen to a certain degree.

Everyone started to cheer when they saw the battle was turning 'in their' favor.

"Yeah! That is right! Beat that that crap!"

"Come on! Come one! You can do it!"

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As everyone was cheering, the change suddenly occurred, they suddenly saw the Fallen start to show a hint of his true power and send a series of consecutive attacks that scared most of them.

Seeing the perfect angle of the fireballs and water tentacles that covered all the possible escape routes along with the huge sword wave wrapped in rolling flames, the people from each department could not help but be at the edge of their respective seats. Some of them even stood as they watched the attacks fly at 'Shin'.

But they suddenly saw something unexpected when they were at the end of their ropes.

When Uno had used the first sword technique that obliterated all the fireballs and water tentacles, as well as the huge sword wave, the members of the World Gaming Organization could not help but feel a sudden chill that ran down their spines.

They even started doubting whether they were watching the same game that they had created.

They were still in the middle of processing what just happened when Uno immediately followed with another sword technique that ended the battle within an instant.

There was an eerie silence within each of the departments of the World Gaming Organization when they saw the Fallen's head flying and spinning in the air before falling to the ground with a soft thud.

It took them quite some time to realize what just happened before they started shouting and cheering!

"Hooray!"

"Yeah! F*cking Awesome!"

"Let's go! That is one hell of an ending!"

"What a finisher!"

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While everyone was crazily erupting in celebration, the heads of the departments responsible for spreading the news and creating the hype moved according to the plan.

"Releasing the news! Make an announcement of it immediately!"

"Post the discussed information to the official website! Show everyone that it is not impossible to clear the Promotion Quests!"

"Drop the clues about the mysterious instructors but don't directly mention them! Just a simple hint is enough!"

"Add the background details and history of the Racial Major Regions! Make sure to attract as much attention as possible!"

"Announce the list for the Hall of Fame list on our official site. And put the players with the highest in-game reputation on the list!"

"Release the information about the Achiever List of the Hall of Fame first and put the Battle God's name on the very top!"

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A series of commands were released to the public. Although most of the instructions were not released inside the game, huge banners were still displayed on the official forums and websites, so they immediately attracted a lot of attention.

People, who were idling online immediately noticed them and started spreading the news to their friends and other colleagues.

It did not even take that long for the news to spread in the gaming community. Then it soon reached the ears of the big guilds and powerhouses within the game, which included the Pandemonium Descendants and the dark guilds under the banner of the Corrupted Cult.

But the biggest sensation still came from inside the game, where the world announcement was released.

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Ding

System World Announcement: Congratulations to Player 'Sickarius' for clearing the Tier 3 Class Promotion Quest! He will be receiving corresponding reputation points and fame achievements!

System World Announcement: Congratulations to Player 'Sickarius' for being the first person to reach Tier 3 of his class. He will be receiving an extra reward for this achievement!

System World Announcement: For being the first player to reach Tier 3, he will be granted the title 'First Master'! He will also be granted a chance to enter the 'Land of Promise.'

Ding

System World Announcement: As the first Tier 3 Player is revealed, the special vehicles for super long-distance transportation are now available!

System World Announcement: Royal and Imperial City grades are now available!

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The announcements were repeated three times each, making the players unable to ignore them, especially when they rang in the ears of everyone.

Each player could not help but pause what they were doing as they stared blankly at the series of notifications.

At first, they did not immediately react to it as they found the news quite unbelievable. But when they realized what the first three notifications were about, they could not help but become crazy!

Everyone went into an uproar and started spamming at the world chat channel.

"What the heck? Has someone already cleared their Tier 3 Class Promotion Quest? That is insane!"

"What the hell? This is amazing!"

"Sickarius? Why does this name sound familiar?"

"Idiot! That is the Battle God! Sickarius is that Godlike Player's name!"

"Seriously!? It is him again? He's been creating sensational events one after another since the first time he joined the game!"

"Being a tyrannical figure in the Saint Heaven Kingdom is not enough? Now he is spreading his fame worldwide?"

"D*mn! I failed my own Promotion Quest because of this announcement!"

"Yeah, keep on dreaming, mate. You are just level 65. We can see you."

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In the meantime, the higher echelons of the respective guilds and organizations put serious thought into this matter.

"Quick! Investigate how he has done it!"

"This must be related to that strange state that he had shown during his battle against the God of Carnage, Hoawin."

"Investigate what special hidden game mechanic he achieves it, and how he has gotten his hands on it!"

"Contact our people who can contact the people under Hoawin. Tell them that we are going to pay whatever price they ask as long as they disclose the information about the secret method that he has used during his battle against Sickarius."

Due to this event, the flow of the game immediately changed just like what the people from the World Gaming Organization had expected.

Chapter 1269 Race to the Awakened Continent (Part 1)

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Shin did not immediately log out of the game just like he originally planned. Since he still had little time on his hands before his usual wake-up schedule, he wanted to check on the information that Akailu had given him. He wanted to investigate the NPC that was giving a series of miscellaneous quests to players despite being on a high-level map.

Due to Uno clearing his Promotion Quest and triggering quite a few contents within the game, he had to make haste and find a way to train the rest of the members of their Adventurer Team as soon as possible.

Given the clues that he had left behind during his past battles, it would not be hard to guess how he had cleared his promotion quest. Sooner or later, those top guilds and powerful organizations within the game would find a way to unlock the secret methods like the 'Reality Manifestation' and 'Hyperactive Immersion'.

Shin did not waste any time as he quickly headed to the coordinates that Akailu had sent. He wanted to see if the NPC that the latter had mentioned was one of the so-called Mysterious Instructors meant to test the 'Potential' Stat of the players, or if they were somehow connected to each other.

After rushing from the Holy City, Shin arrived at a small village in the middle of a high-level map. It seemed to be an ordinary NPC Village with very few residents. The players visiting this place were very few too, so it would not be a surprise for that NPC to be unnoticed.

Shin followed the instructions that Akailu had given and found the NPC that he was looking for.

From a single glance, this NPC seemed to be a regular one, which was no different from the residents of this virtual world. This NPC was neither named nor a special one, so it was not a surprise that no player bothered to initiate a conversation with them.

Walking forward, Shin walked toward the NPC and initiated a conversation. "Good Morning, Sir."

The NPC looked like a simple vendor of apples with a personal stall. The apples that he was selling seemed to be fresh and of good quality, but it was quite strange that no one was buying from him even a fellow NPC.

The man did not even bother to look at Shin and continued to read the stack of papers in his hands, which seemed to be a version of the newspaper in this world.

"Ten silver for each big apple while the smaller ones cost three silver each," said the NPC to Shin.

Shin immediately understood why no one was buying. These apples were very expensive!

But that was not his purpose in coming here. He came here to investigate if this NPC was a Mysterious Instructor or somewhat related to them, so he used his True Sight Skill.

[NPC Name]: Apple Vendor

Profession: Small Merchant

Level: 103

Details: A person who sells apples.

Seeing that simple set of information, Shin could not help but frown deeply. But that quickly disappeared as he asked. "Aren't these apples a little too expensive?"

It was at this moment when the apple vendor glanced at Shin and raised his brow. "Oh~! So, it is an Otherworldly Individual this time."

He then put down the newspaper in his hands and continued. "Why are you people so stingy? From what I have heard, you can earn money easily just by asking for some mission from the Adventurer Guild or accepting commissions from the Mercenary Guild."

After that, he pointed at the apples that he was selling before continuing. "The price that I have for these apples may be a little expensive. But I tell you, they are worth the price."

"Not only they can fill your stomach when you are hungry, but they also have magical effects that can enhance your powers."

Shin was rather suspicious when he heard those words, so he used his 'True Sight' Skill and found that the apples were no different from ordinary apples. They did not have the special properties that this vendor had mentioned. 'Isn't it just a scam?'

Seeing the doubtful look from Shin's eyes, the apple vendor continued. "If you don't believe me, then you can leave. Don't bother with my business."

Shin felt that this was not going according to his plan, so he quickly went straight to the point. "Sir, how about you give me some tasks? I will help you finish them, and you can give me some of these magical apples in return?"

The apple vendor gave Shin an odd look before looking at him from head to toe. After checking on the set of equipment that the latter had and the strange cloak that covered them, the NPC could not help but become a little suspicious. "Given your equipment, I can't say that you are not like those poor adventurers who can't make any money. What is your true purpose?"

Shin smiled bitterly and shook his head. "There is nothing, Sir. I just find it strange that no one is buying anything from your stall despite the good quality of these apples."

The apple vendor snorted. "They are just too blind to recognize the true value of these apples."

He then paused before turning to Shin. "Alright! Since you are insisting, I will give you a task. Finish it and I will give you one of these apples."

Ding

The familiar notification sound rang in Shin's ears when he heard that. He then listened to the instructions of the apple vendor.

"There is a cliff at the southeast corner of the forest. Head over there and you will find a kite entangled on a branch on that cliff."

"My nephew was playing with that kite when the string snapped. He became sad and somewhat depressed due to it."

"I tried to look for the kite and found it there. Unfortunately, I don't have the ability to climb that cliff, so I can't get it."

"Help me retrieve that kite and I will give you an apple just like you want."

Shin nodded his head and agreed to help despite finding the quest quite strange. These kinds of quests were supposed to be found in the Beginner's Village or Low-level maps where new players started.

It was very strange to get such an errand quest from a place like this where powerful monsters could be found.

He now knew why there were no players bothered to converge with this NPC and asked for some quests, the tasks that he was giving were very odd and uninteresting for players of his level.

Regardless, Shin still ran the errand as this was the exact reason why he was here.

lightsNovel.com If he wanted their Adventurer Team to be ahead of the rest, he needed to find a way for the rest of their members to find their respective secret methods.

Arthur quickly sent him some curses when the system dropped the world announcement and informed everyone that he was the first player to clear the tier 3 class promotion quest. The others sent him their congratulations while others were asking how he did it.

But what made him move so urgently was the message that Molton had sent. He heard from the latter that the gaming company had released some information on how to find the Mysterious Instructors. Even though the information was so vague and not very clear, there were still clues, nevertheless.

If the guilds had some decently smart people, they would find those clues and look for these Mysterious Instructors.

This was the main reason why Shin did not immediately head to the Church of the Sun and Moon for the official promotion of his class and receive the corresponding blessings.

Shin took quite some time to reach the quest's location. It was because he had encountered some problems along the way.

Aside from the monsters that kept on appearing from time to time and pouncing at him with certain rhythm and pattern, there were also some traps that blocked his path.

Most of those traps were man-made, but some were natural traps made by nature like sinkholes, swamp quagmire, and such.

He had to be careful when advancing, due to all of these. He also had to move strategically to make sure that he would not fall into those traps and be attacked by the group of monsters while he was immobilized.

After retrieving the kite and giving it to the apple vendor, the NPC seemed to have liked his job and gave him another errand quest.

This time, it was to look for a missing cat that ran in the forest.

For this quest, his tracking skills were put to the test. There was also pursuit and similar skills that required him to use during certain moments.

When he captured the naughty cat and returned it to its owner, he was immediately given a follow-up quest.

Shin continued to run these errand quests without complaint. Most of them were very easy for him, so he barely spent any effort.

Harvesting some rare herbs, mining some unique ores, looking for a special fish, catching a mutated boar, saving a kidnapped child, and such – these errands quest continued to be given to him, making Shin quite exhausted; not physically, but mentally.

The quest looked quite simple on the surface, but Shin found that most of them were targeting a specific skill of the players.

By running these quests repeatedly, Shin found some odd habits that he had not noticed up until now. This made him fix them before they could even become a flaw and weakness in future battles.

At the same time, he also found that the errand quests were helping him improve at a slow but steady pace.

If it were other players, then they would not notice it, but for Shin who was very familiar with himself and an expert, he was able to notice these things.

He had also found out that the errand quests were like exercises that could help the players awaken something within them or let them enter a special state after 'graduating' from all these practices.

It was quite vague for Shin and the progress seemed to be very unnoticeable. But that was because he was already aware of these special states. He even mastered one of them – or to be more specific, he had already mastered a better version of these special states.

"They may be a little inferior to the secret methods and hidden mechanics of the game, but they are still better than nothing, nevertheless," mumbled Shin as he completed another errand quest.

This could really be a key for the players with less talent to enter the special states of battle.

When Shin returned to the spot where the stall of the apple vendor was located, he failed to see the NPC.

The stall had disappeared along with the vendor!

"Eh!?"

Shin was a little surprised because of it, but he did not lose his cool since he somehow expected it to happen. "Do I already have finished all the errands? But this is still not enough to make someone master the secret method. It is far from being enough."

Shin was mumbling to himself when an NPC lady walked out from her house across the street, where the apple stall was previously located.

When she saw Shin, her eyes suddenly brightened and greeted him. "Oh! You are the young hero who helped me find my little prince (the cat from the second errand quest)!"

Shin slightly nodded his head to greet her. Then he saw her walk toward him and took out an envelope from the pocket of her apron.

She handed the letter to Shin as she said. "That apple vendor says he will leave the village and return to his hometown. He wants me to give this letter to you."

"He says that he will not be able to pay you for the tasks that he has given you, but he also said that you can find him if you follow the instructions from this letter."

The lady was about to turn around and leave when she suddenly recalled something. "Ah! He also mentioned that you are already beyond being qualified for the test, so he said that you can recommend someone if you want."

After that, she left and returned to her house, after watering the plants outside.

In the meantime, Shin looked at the letter in his hand and turned it. At the back of the envelope, he saw the words 'Recommendation for Special Instruction.'

With those words, Shin no longer had to guess what this letter was for. It was already clear that it was the thing that he was looking for.

With this, he could now proceed with the next part of their plans.

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Shin quickly informed the rest of the Empyrean Talons about his discovery and asked them to try finding such NPCs and take the series of errand quests that they had.

He knew that it was quite hard to find these NPCs given his experience. It was just a stroke of luck for Akailu to come across one, which led him to this discovery. But it was worth trying, especially when the gaming company had already released some clues related to the Mysterious Instructors, which was also somewhat connected to these NPCs.

Shin sent everyone compiled data that he had just written, which also narrated his experiences when doing the quest along with some tricks on how to identify these secret NPCs.

He believed that these NPCs could be distinguished from the rest. From what he could remember, the stall where that apple vendor was selling had a distinct emblem beside the name of the stall.

Shin overlooked at first since the emblem was very small and quite negligible, but when he tried to recall what the stall looked like and saw the seal on the letter that he had gotten from the lady NPC, he realized that it must be one of the clues.

With this information, Shin informed the rest of the Empyrean Talons and asked them to keep an eye on those places with similar emblems and try their luck.

If they really got a recommendation letter to meet the Mysterious Instructors from such places, then this was going to be big news.

After informing the Empyrean Talons, Shin hesitated for a moment before sending a similar message to Shiella. He wanted her to do the same for the most trusted people that she had in her guild.

And given the size, power, and resources of the Hand of Midas, it would be better to leave such things to her. With that kind of manpower, she would be able to locate such locations and monopolize them when the other guilds were still unaware of such crucial information.

Moreover, the Hand of Midas was one of the allied forces that they could have, which would also support them in a time of need.

Speaking of allies, Shin also sent the information to Lawless so that he could also use it for their group. Their Slayers Adventurer Team was also one of their close allies after all. Aside from that, Lawless, Faker, and Morgan were their friends in the real world.

As for David, Shin also decided to send the information to his senior brother even though he knew that the guy would not need it.

From what he had heard from Lawless and Faker, David seemed to have unlocked something similar to 'Reality Manifestation' on his own after watching their battles and sparring with those two Godlike Players.

Shin also sent the information to Molton and asked him to share it with his sister, so that they would not be too far behind compared to the rest of the group.

It was only after making sure that he did not forget anyone did Shin logged out of the game.

As for the matters concerning his Tier 3 Promotion Quest and meeting the said leader of the Mysterious Instructors, he saved it for the latter when he logged back in the game.

For now, he had to log out and do his morning routine. Then he would get ready to go to school and attend the classes and scheduled training.

As Shin became the first person to clear the Tier 3 Promotion Quest, the attention of the public turned back to completing their respective promotion quest once again.

Due to the difficulty of the Tier 3 Promotion Quests, most of the players became tired of clearing them. They instead tried to look for the other contents of the game and improved their respective strengths.

This was the solution that the top players had thought. The expert players that already reached the current cap of the game, Level 150.

They all knew that their current strengths were not enough to clear the promotion quest, so they had to find a way to increase it by some means.

These top players found the solution to their problem when they saw Shin fight against Haowin. That battle gave everyone the idea that they had missed a crucial piece of information, which was uncovered by the 'Battle God' and 'God of Carnage.'

This suspicion became stronger when they saw the announcement of Shin clearing the Tier 3 Class Promotion Quest and becoming the first person to reach that tier.

Adding the clues that the World Gaming Organization had released on the official website of the game right after the world system announcement, the top experts of the game started making their moves and did their respective preparations.

The top guilds and large organizations of the game also used their resources to prove their suspicions and look for clues on how to unlock these 'special combat states' that they had witnessed from Shin and Haowin.

This changes the flow of the game once again.

Earlier, these large organizations and powerful guilds were focusing on developing their powers and improving their influence in their respective regions.

The one which showed the largest improvement was the Hydra Guild. They had successfully conquered a land, which would also become their personal territory.

Following their lead, the other guilds and organizations started putting their attention to this matter and focused on it to catch up to this number one guild.

This also gave the Evil Faction – the Demonic Churches and Corrupted Cult – to focus on doing the religion and faction quests that they had, which was also starting to disturb the current balance of the game.

The top guilds and organizations were busy building their influence within the game and developing their forces while the people from the evil faction were constantly clearing the main scenario quests that would bring forth the next content of the game ahead of its schedule.

This gave the game developers a serious headache.

But now that someone had proven to everyone that the Tier 3 Class Promotion Quest was not impossible, everyone started turning their attention back to it.

After all, no one would want to be left behind.

Reaching the Tier 3 Class was one of the keys to reaching the second continent, the Awakened Continent. This was the same as getting early access to the resources that that continent could provide.

And being the sole player who could possibly enter it, the players thought that Shin could monopolize everything.

The top guilds and organizations were also put in a difficult position. They all knew that Shin belonged to the Empyrean Talons, which were composed of highly skilled players. If he shared the method on how to clear their respective promotion quests, then their entire group would be able to enter the second continent ahead of everyone.

To make it even worse, the sources of these powerhouses told them that the Empyrean Talons had a close relationship with the 'Slayers Adventurer Team,' which had the 'God Slayer' Lawless and 'God of Death' Faker, a pair of legendary figures.

Aside from this, they also knew that the Empyrean Talons and the Hand of Midas possessed some relationship. This was proven during the recent huge event in the Saint Heaven Kingdom. These powerhouses were not blind to see the relationship between those two.

All of these had given the top guilds and organizations of the game a sudden sense of crisis.

It would be fine if the only person who could reach the second continent ahead of everyone else was Shin alone. But it was a whole different matter if he brought such groups and powerful guilds along with him.

This would not only put the other guilds and organizations in a disadvantageous position, but it would also leave the rest to dust once everything was set in motion.

The top guilds and other organizations would not let this happen, which was why they turned their attention back to clearing the Tier 3 Class Promotion Quests once again, not willing to be left behind.

With such a tide, the rest of the players would be forced to follow. They would be swept by the strong tide that the rest were riding.

Seeing this happen, the developers of the game could finally heave a sigh of relief.

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Due to this event, the forces from the Evil Faction were forced to follow and ride the ride since they would not be left behind by the rest.

One such force was the current most active force of the faction, the Pandemonium Descendants.

The leaders of the Pandemonium Troupe, who were also the highest-ranking and most powerful members of the organization were forced to pause their operations and gathered for an emergency meeting.

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Somewhere in a secret land within the Aurora Continent, a small group of players were currently gathered to deal with the current issue.

They were currently inside a dark cave without any source of light, making the whole place pitch-black.

At the center of this cave was a round stone table with five stone chairs surrounding it. Each chair seated an individual with different distinct features that could not be hidden by the darkness of the game.

Whoosh!

An ember of fire suddenly appeared at the center of the stone table, making the five figures' silhouettes a little clearer.

This also signaled the start of this meeting.

"This is completely unexpected. To think that this newbie will clear the Tier 3 Class Promotion Quest ahead of the rest is quite a surprise," said one of the silhouettes with a complementing tone.

Hearing that, another one slightly nodded his head. "This clearly surpassed our expectations. Moreover, he cleared it way faster than our estimation."

He then paused and turned to his right. "What do you think 'Wrath'? He is supposedly one of your main targets."

The player sitting on his right shrugged his shoulder and said nonchalantly. "We can't do anything about it. Our hands are too full already. Our former friend, Diablo is giving us quite a headache."

He then paused briefly and turned back to that player. "And don't call me 'Wrath.' Call me by my name – Amon."

Even though 'Wrath' was a title that made him known to everyone, he still preferred to be addressed with his real IGN (in-game name).

The first person who talked earlier suddenly chimed in. "Don't try to provoke him right now, Belial. We are currently in the middle of an important matter."

Belial shook his head and clicked his tongue repeatedly when he heard that and refuted it. "Tsk! Tsk! I know what you are thinking, Baal. But you will not be able to trick me."

"Aren't we supposed to point out who is at fault first? This task is to assassinate the targets along with the rest and delay their progress as much as possible. But he refuses to make a move personally, which resulted in our current situation."

"Me and my people are already busy with conquering the neutral regions, I don't have the time to clean up with the other's mess."

He then turned to his left and asked. "What do you think, Paimon? You are doing pretty well at spreading the corruption and clearing the important questlines to open the Dark Portals, but it will be delayed due to the other people, who are slacking off."

That player, named Paimon shook his head and said. "What's done is done. Let's hear it from the leader."

Amon was already doing it at suppressing his anger, so it would be better to end this conversation right now before things could get ugly. Belial and Amon fought, and there would be a huge disturbance, which would give them quite a headache.

And if it even escalated into a more serious situation, then half of their secret base would be destroyed in the process.

Hearing his words, the other three simultaneously turned their attention to the person, who kept silent up until now.

Baal observed their leader for a moment before asking. "What do you think, 'Pride'? How are we going to deal with this situation."

Lucifer, the main founder of the Pandemonium Descendants and the leader of the Pandemonium Troupe, swept his gaze at the four before saying with a commanding tone. "We will move according to plan."

"Divide our forces into two; one will continue with the clearing of the main scenario quest while the other will explore the promotion quest."

"This will slow down our progress greatly, but we don't have a choice since we can't afford to be left behind."

He then paused for a moment before continuing. "And summon Mephisto. Isn't he bored? Tell him that we have a very fitting job to relieve his boredom."

After that, he disappeared, signifying that he no longer had any commands that he had to say. This also indicates the meeting is done.

The four were silent for a moment before turning to each other.

"Tsk! He wants to let that lunatic on loose this early?"

"This is about to get more troublesome."

"I bet no one will want to associate with that battle-crazy demon."

"Amon, you do that job since you are friends with him."