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Chapter 1471: The Demon who Roams the Battlefield (Part 1)

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Flame Drake was one of the most skilled Titled Rankers of the game who was aspiring to become one of the Godlike Players. The upcoming United Cup would be his chance to take that spot and earn himself a Godlike Title of his own.

Even at least the spot of being a Godlike Player was more than enough even if he could not get a title, especially when many rivals were participating in this major competition.

To acknowledge his efforts, he did everything he could in this current war between the major factions of the game. He had chosen the side of the Demonic Churches since they gave immediate boosts in stats once they converted their races into a Demon or at least into a Demonic Hybrid.

Flame Drake was once a Dire Naga Warrior, which was one of the newly unlocked races during the appearance of the Sky Island.

The race itself was powerful, especially with its enhanced regeneration of their racial abilities. But it also had a fatal flaw as they were weak against the Wingmen Tribe due to some sort of racial oppression.

Regardless, he still climbed the ladder of the Rankers and thoroughly solidified his standing as one of the top Titled Rankers of the game, who could contend against some Godlike Players.

This became the source of his confidence.

When the Faction War was released and the players started choosing their sides, he realized that the Dire Nagas were complementary to the Demon Race, which was why he had chosen their side.

The moment when he got baptized by the Demonic Churches, he unlocked a Demonic Hybrid Race called Demon Naga, which not only erased the weakness of his race but also enhanced his overall abilities.

With this newly found power, he joined the war and climbed in the ranks until he reached his current position – a Squad Captain of a Special Action Squad.

He also earned a few followers along the way, who helped him accumulate more war merits. His squad even became one of the most noticeable groups from the side of the Demonic Churches.

The people from the other side were even avoiding them due to their power.

With his achievements, Flame Drake had become one of the reliable pieces within the Demonic Forces, especially when he started showing his battle prowess that was comparable to some Godlike Players of the game.

His followers also increased due to this, earning him powerful people for his group. He now had at least a dozen of Titled Rankers following him along with a couple of Maverick Gods, who acknowledged him as their leader.

His group had become so powerful that one of the commanders had noticed him. The commander had even given him a special mission where he could earn a lot of merit points and potential rank promotion.

With his newly acquired War Equipment Set, he set out along with his group, accompanying a powerful army of Demonic Monsters.

What made him a little upset was that he was not alone in this mission. Some groups with similar strengths as his group and the same level of reputation were also included in this operation.

That was when he learned that this was not going to be an easy competition, especially when he could see troublesome people leading the other groups, who were no weaker than him.

But at the same time, he also realized that this said operation would be a very crucial one, especially when such people with great merits were gathered in a single place.

Looking at the entire army composed of top elite players, powerful experts from different organizations, and the forces of the Demonic Monsters, Flame Drake knew that they were about to get involved in a huge war.

This made him curious about which front they would be sent. Given the combat prowess of this army, he was sure that they were about to be sent to one of the important fronts of the war.

"It is about time for us to get in real action," he mumbled as he could not help but get excited.

This might be an intense competition, but it could also be an opportunity where he could further solidify his standing within the Demonic Army.

The other leaders with similar strength and authority as him were also thinking at the same time as they organized their troops during the march.

At the very center of their army, the general who would be leading this operation was currently mounted on an undead horse, which was constantly emitting a ghostly flame from its head and hooves.

This general, who had sacrificed everything in exchange for power, was emitting a suffocating aura that covered the entire army. He looked like a death knight with unrivaled powers.

"One day, I will become like that too," mumbled Flame Drake as he looked at the basic information of the general and saw that the latter was a Level 175 NPC.

This NPC should be as strong as an Overlord Class Monster on the same level. But since he was currently reinforced by his demonic powers, this General should be at least as strong as King Class Monster and slightly behind Emperor Class Monster in terms of raw power.

Leveling up had become much harder after being promoted to Tier 3 Class – the Master Class – so most of the players were only averaging between levels 151 to 155 while those with insane leveling speed were at least 156 to 158.

This only proved that those NPCs and Monsters with higher levels than them would be troublesome to deal with.

Based on the current statistics, the Rankers could fight Chieftain Rank Monsters or Captain Rank NPCs five to ten levels higher than them.

The Titled Rankers and Maverick Rankers were at least on par with Lord Rank Monsters to Major Rank NPCs while regular Godlike Players and Maverick Gods could rival the might of Overlord Rank Monsters and General Rank NPCs – with also five to ten level difference.

Those top Gods and apex Mavericks, on the other hand, could not be measured by regular means as they could vary depending on the situation or the matchups.

But with the list that was released by the Mystery Pavilion – a mysterious information organization that had been running since the era of virtual games rivaling the Assassin Union, but mainly focused on the rankings of the players – these top gods were able to contend against King Class Monsters or Commander Rank NPCs alone so long as the gap between levels did not exceed between ten to twenty levels.

Some of them could even face an Emperor Class Monster by themselves.

Basically, they could be considered as a one-man army!

This data alone was more than enough to tell everyone how absurd the gaps between regular gods and those standing at the peak of the game.

Everyone wanted to reach that level and this war was one of the opportunities that could lead them to that direction, which was why a lot of experts gathered in this place and joined the Faction War to gain more experience and nurture their strengths.

As Flame Drake was currently organizing his thoughts and making a thorough plan inside his head where he could take advantage of the situation in the most effective way possible, he suddenly sensed something and swiftly raised his head.

Not only him but the rest of the top players and leading NPCs as well.

Even the Demonic General situated at the center of their ranks could also not help but raise his head as he sensed an immense pressure coming from above the army.

Swoosh!

That was when they saw a silhouette of a person rapidly falling from the top of the cliff.

Bang!

Before any could even react in time, that person landed in the middle of the army and blasted all the soldiers, players, and Demonic Monsters gathered in that spot with a powerful shockwave.

"Who is this stupid guy who dares to provoke an entire army?" mumbled Flame Drake as he quickly raised his head.

If this person was not as stupid as it seemed, then there was a high chance that there were other people who would come after him. It was also possible that there might be marksmen or mages waiting on the cliffside and getting ready to cast their skills and spells.

This was most likely an ambush laying in wait for them.

The other leaders also did the same as they raised their heads, looking for the signs of their enemies. But despite how hard they tried to look, they could not find any signs of an army waiting for them. Not even a single soul was present at the edge of the cliff, much less in the area ahead of them.

"What the heck? Don't tell me this guy just accidentally fell while trying to scout us?" shouted one of the leaders within the army.

Not long after, the dust settled down and revealed a figure of a person wearing a dark cloak that seemed to be stained by blood for a very long time.

This cloak seemed to be soaked in the pool of blood for a very long time due to how deep the blood color that it had, which also gave the people around the impression that he was not someone that they could not mess with.

The people around him did not dare to approach him as they were too afraid of the aura that he was emitting.

Swoosh!

A gentle breeze bounced from the cliffside and flew the cloak of this person, revealing the crimson set of armor that he was wearing.

It was a light armor meant to be used by swordsmen but with a much domineering design. The somewhat sharp edges on the joints along with the golden runes tracing along the partitions of the parts were giving of an ancient feeling that indicated that it was no ordinary armor.

When the hood slightly fluttered along with the breeze, those who were paying attention to his person saw that he was wearing a sleek yet eerie demon ghost mask. The combination of the colors red, black, gold, and white complimented each other and matched the entirety of the armor, indicating that it was also part of the set.

While everyone was observing this person, they suddenly heard him say. "I know that there are still people who will try to march toward the Stormy Mountain Range and attempt to attack the Storm Fortress."

"I guess it is only right to choose this place as a testing ground," he paused for a moment and swept his gaze at the surroundings before continuing. "There are quite a few decent test subjects to practice my newly improved style."

From the tone that he had, it seemed like he was talking to himself rather than the people around him. It even looked like he was not putting these people in his eyes as he saw them as nothing but a bunch of training dummies.

Seemingly understanding the meaning behind his words, those hot-headed players around him could not help but explode in anger and charge at him.

"Just who is this idiot to stand in our path!? He is just one person! Get rid of him!" the man standing the nearest even took the lead to charge, brandishing his weapon along with his strongest skill.

Seeing that, the others also responded and pulled out their respective weapons, pouncing at him while also activating their skills.

Witnessing that scene, Flame Drake, who was standing on a boulder a little further away, shook his head and commented. "Such a bunch of idiots! Can't they see the difference in strength by the aura of the other party alone?"

"What do you expect from a bunch of nobodies?" said another leader standing not far from him.

Uno, who was at the center of everything, slightly shook his head. "A bunch of trash."

He then calmly reached out inside the cloak, grabbing the two shortswords hanging at the back of his waist.

Shudder!

Everyone standing within the hundred-meter radius away from Uno felt a cold shiver that ran through their spines right after his hands gripped the hilt of those words.

He had yet to pull his weapons out, yet everyone had already sensed the intense bloodlust coming from him.

Moreover, it was just a hint of what he truly possessed.

'Yin-Yang Cultivation Arts: Yin Form – Snowstorm Sword'

Swoosh!

There seemed to be an invisible circle that was drawn within the hundred-meter radius before a transparent dome of energy was formed.

Then a cold breeze swept through everyone before the people who were charging at him fell on the ground one after another.

No blood flowed out from their corpses. Aside from the countless cuts that were visible from the different parts of everyone and the cold vapor coming from those 'wounds', nothing else could be found from them.

They all died in an instant!

Seeing that scene, Flame Drake and the other experts who were on the same level as him realized something.

"A Godlike Player. This is an Apex God's strength! An absolute being who stood at the very peak of the game!"

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Tak!

Everything happened a little too fast and those from the Dark Cloud Kingdom army could not respond to what just transpired in front of them.

The shortswords of Uno were barely able to leave their sheaths when everything happened before putting them back again in a cool manner.

Those experts along with Flame Drake had come to a tacit conclusion that they had to take down this person no matter what. They had to set aside the competition and must work together if they wanted to survive this disaster.

Getting killed was a big problem for them since the penalty of being banned from playing the game for an entire day would make them lag behind the others.

Setting aside that they could not be able to progress in anything once they died, particularly in grinding levels and such, they would also lose a lot of their advantages over the others when it came to farming the military merit points during the time that they would be absent.

Their absence would greatly impact their progress in the Faction War, which could even lead to their demotion.

This was why they had to do their best to survive this disaster to the best of their abilities, and they could only do that by working together.

Sacrificing the others for their safety would also be out of the question since it would greatly decrease the rate of their survival, which was already at the sliver chance possible.

Even a single one of them would be a great help for them as they understood that their skills were at most in a similar level and even that were barely able to give them the guarantee of their survival.

Fortunately, the army was behind them, and the Demonic General would at least give them some safety.

However, they were not sure when that NPC would make his move.

Getting ready for the battle, they simultaneously raised their weapons and got ready for the battle. But they still needed to take the initiative to attack Uno as they were fully aware of the huge gap in strength and skills.

Uno swept his gaze at the surroundings, marking those who could give him decent entertainment. Then he turned at the Demonic General before pointing at the latter, seemingly marking this NPC as a target.

Provoked, the Demonic General raised his hand before waving it forward, signaling for the army to attack.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Roar!

"Ahh!"

The shouts of the demonic soldiers shook the entire place along with the roars of the Demonic Monsters. They charged at Uno aggressively and ferociously as if they had lost their minds.

The demonic players did not immediately move as they planned to use these NPCs and Monsters as cannon fodders to hinder Uno while also looking for the right opportunity to attack.

Flame Drake and the other unit captains also gave a series of orders to their people, preparing to join the battle anytime.

Uno smiled behind his ghost demon mask as he watched everything. Then he took a step forward, walking in a calm and collected manner, seemingly welcoming the incoming horde of monsters and NPCs.

Everything seemed to slow down from Uno's perspective as he advanced. All the movements surrounding were reflected in his eyes as they moved in the slowest motion.

This technique was a combination of his understanding of Focal Points and utilization of the False Territory that Shin had learned from Old Plum. Adding his master over his special thinking ability and making use of his 'Thinking Reed' combat talent, he was able to create something that was an inferior version of a real domain.

'Yin-Yang Cultivation Arts: Inferior Domain – A God in the Void'

Then his arms seemed to have trembled as flashes of light kept on appearing and disappearing around him, cutting through the bodies of anyone he passed by.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

When he reached a couple of meters away from the battle formation of the demonic players had set up, he suddenly paused his steps before time flowed back to its usual pace.

In the eyes of other people, Uno seemed to have suddenly appeared in front of them while those demonic monsters and NPC soldiers behind him halted in their tracks.

Thud! Thud! Thud!

Then they fell one after another. The players watching from the side could not help but step back subconsciously as they saw that the bodies of those who had collapsed were cleanly cut by something so shard that it did not even leave a mark behind until the diced bodies scattered on the ground.

Silence enveloped the entire battlefield before Flame Drake snapped out of his daze and shouted. "Use everything you have and do not hold back!"

He then took the initiative to use his Berserk Skills one after another along with all the buffs that he could use under his arsenal. He even used his demonification skill to turn into a demon and showcased the unique features of his Demonic Naga Race.

The others were also wakened up by his call and did the same.

Roars and shouts enveloped the place once again as they picked up their courage and launched themselves at Uno in a coordinated manner.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Uno did not even bother to unsheathe his weapons this time as he felt that they were not worthy of them anymore. Aside from those few who had behind hiding their real strength and using the chaos as cover to avoid getting targeted first, these guys were nothing but ants in his eyes.

He casually turned his left shoulder back to dodge an incoming strike from a certain player before tripping them with his foot as they brushed past each other.

Before that player could fall to the ground, Uno suddenly extended his right hand to the side and grabbed the wrist of another player before tugging the latter with a strong pull backward.

This second player flew toward the guy who was about to fall to the ground. Unable to stop the momentum due to the sudden pull, his sword pierced through the head of that player, killing them in the process.

Then he suddenly felt a pain on top of his head before his vision slowly turned dark, indicating that he had already died.

Uno had caught an enhanced arrow that was flying toward him and planted it in the head of this poor player, insta-killing them.

He then spun around, dodging yet another attack from another player. He also leaned backward right after his spin, barely avoiding an axe that was planning to cleave him in half.

Due to his action, that axe landed on the back of the neck of the other player, cutting off their heads.

The player with the axe was surprised as he used his strongest single-target skill for this strike, which was why that person died in an instant. But before he could fully process what just happened inside his head, he felt a strong push that sent flying him backward.

"Urgh!" with a pained groan, he felt a sharp pain in his back. When he lowered his head to look at his chest, he saw a glowing spear piercing through his body, accurately hitting his heart.

Uno did not even bother to look at that person as he was already dealing with another series of coordinated attacks.

The next player that was attempting to attack him saw a blur in front of him before realizing that his attack missed his target. Due to his strong momentum, the trajectory of his arm continued as his dagger drew a beautiful arc in the air.

But while it was in the middle of the swing, he suddenly felt something hitting the side of his hand – or more accurately the bottom of the hilt of his dagger – making his hand fly toward his neck along with the dagger that was now pointing its tip toward him.

Puchi!

The dagger pierced through his throat as he stared blankly in the air.

Such scenes continued to transpire in front of the leaders while they were giving accurate yet desperate orders.

The scene of their people dying in the hands of other players around them or their respective weapons constantly occurred as Uno breezed through everyone as if he was just taking a casual walk in the park.

Those marksmen and mages were even having a hard time doing anything despite having a clear firing lane where they could target Uno. No matter how much they tried or how good their accuracy was, they could not land a single hit on their target as if their arrows, bullets, and spells were purposely avoiding Uno as he wreaked havoc on the battlefield.

The priests and other healers were the ones who had the strangest time in this battle as they did not know what to do. Their job was supposedly assisting those at the frontlines by healing them, but even that 'simple' job was deemed impossible as everyone was dying left and right with a single strike.

Their buffs were not helping either as Uno was constantly killing everyone with ease.

The leaders were frustrated as they did not know what to do. What was even more humiliating about this was their opponent did not even use his weapon a single time. He was just 'borrowing' the others to kill one another or steal their weapons to execute the others.

Sometimes, Uno would be using his fists and legs to throw a powerful punch or kick to finish off those lucky ones who managed to escape instant death by using their special skills.

The battlefield was thrown into even more chaos when the other demonic monsters and NPC soldiers caught up and joined the battle.

Yet, even with all of these, they were still unable to touch their opponent, much less land a clean hit on him.

He was completely untouched as he continued his killing spree.

"Just who is the real demon here?" one of the leaders subconsciously said out loud as he watched the 'raid boss' slaughter their army.

Those who had heard him could not help but agree with his words as they were also in awe while watching everything.

"Is this the gap between Titled Rankers and those top Godlike Players?" mumbled Flame Drake as he watched Uno slaughter everyone.

Tightly gripping his spear, he gritted his teeth did not accept the reality yet. "No! We can also reach that so long as we have this power."

His demonic powers seemed to grow stronger as if they were responding to his call.

Feeling the overwhelming powers flowing within his body, Flame Drake suddenly leaped in the air and flew toward Uno.

Seeing the incoming opponent, Uno grinned as he mumbled. "Finally! Someone decent stop being a coward."

"Let's see if you can entertain me enough," he mumbled as turned at the descending Flame Drake.

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Bang! Bang! Bang!

With Flame Drake taking the lead, the other Titled Rankers or Maverick Rankers found their courage and joined the battle. But even with their combined strength and relentless effort, they were still unable to force Uno to draw his weapons, much less force him to take them seriously.

Moreover, they could also tell that Uno was just using them as training dummies to test a few of his skills and techniques.

They needed to be more to be a warmup for Uno for the main event later.

What upset them the most was despite them doing their best to try to take him down, they were unable to pose any threat to him. He was not even using a single in-game skill or an advanced technique to deal with them.

Aside from basic combat techniques and unbelievable maneuvers, he was not displaying any techniques under his arsenal.

He did not even unsheathe his shortswords in battle, giving them a huge handicap.

After his initial experiment at the battle's start, Uno knew that his techniques were too powerful for these people, so he stopped using them and focused on mastering his 'Inferior Domain' instead.

Swoosh!

Bang! Bang!

The intense battle continued as the leaders of each unit started to build better coordination with one another. On top of this, they were also commanding their people to launch a series of coordinated attacks while working with the other squads and units.

Of course, they were only able to achieve this as Uno did not kill them purposely. He avoided killing the leaders to let them grow a little so that he could hone his current style.

Aside from killing those useless soldiers and demonic monsters, he spared the lives of these leaders until he was able to gain a full understanding and deep mastery over his 'Inferior Domain'.

Even if he had created this advanced technique, he knew that he would still take some time to fully master it.

After dozens of minutes of fighting, the people fighting Uno started to feel scared and disheartened.

They were getting stared after seeing Uno fighting all of them and killing most of their members for a long time yet still carrying the same momentum. Moreover, he was even starting to get stronger the more he fought them, which made the morale of everyone drop sharply.

Even those peerless NPCs constantly charging at him earlier were now showing some signs of fear in their eyes.

The Demonic Monsters were the same as even them, who were driven by their instincts and started to feel how fearsome this supposed prey was in front of them.

No matter how many of their army charged at him, they would always end up with two outcomes – either they died under Uno's hands or got killed by their comrades after Uno 'borrowed' them.

Even after the Demonic General sent stronger people under his command, Uno remained stable and even fought more aggressively.

After realizing that there was no point to continue sending his army to their death, the Demonic General finally decided to make his move.

They had been delayed by a single person for quite a long time already, and even lost a lot of his people in the process, making their fighting force greatly decline.

If he did not take care of this person sooner, then they would lose more people, and they would not be able to offer any help to the sieging force of the Dark Cloud Kingdom waiting for them at the Stormy Mountain Range.

By slightly hitting his mount with his foot, he urged it to move forward, heading toward where the battle was taking place.

Despite paying attention to his surroundings while fighting everyone around him, Uno noticed the actions of the Demonic General from his peripheral vision.

This signaled him to finally get rid of these training dummies surrounding him.

Shudder!

Everyone who was charging at Uno suddenly felt an intense shiver running down their spine. This sudden feeling gave them an idea that something ominous was about to befall them.

That was when they saw Uno reach inside his cloak, particularly behind his waist. It was at this moment when everyone realized that they were screwed.

Those who were fast enough to respond did not even hesitate to use their respective escape tools or movement skills to get away from that place as soon as possible.

Some of the players used their instantaneous teleportation scrolls to send themselves to the nearest safe point, leaving the battlefield.

This could lead them to be deserters of the army, but they did not have a choice as it would be a little better than getting killed. They were not like those Titled Rankers or Maverick Rankers who could still catch up to others even if they missed a day or two of progress.

Moreover, they were now on the side of the Evil Faction, where treachery, schemes, and betrayal were a common thing, so they felt that it would not matter much.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

As those fast enough to respond were retreating one after another, the rest found themselves unable to move as if their bodies were frozen by something.

Most of them were NPC soldiers and Demonic Monsters, who found their blood running cold by an immense bloodlust that was filling the entire surroundings.

'Yin-Yang Cultivation Arts: Yin Form – A Thousand Years of Snow'

Click! Click!

A subtle sound of the two swords leaving their sheaths reverberated in the entire battlefield before a strong gust of wind suddenly swept through everyone within dozens of meters away from Uno.

There was also an imaginary scene of a blizzard sweeping through the bodies of everyone flashing in their eyes before their cracks appeared on the surface of their skins. Not long after, their bodies started crumbling like shattered sculptures, killing them in the process.

Tak! Taka-tak! Taka-tak! Taka-tak!

Then a series of galloping sounds could be heard as the Demonic General rushed toward Uno while riding his mount.

Swoosh!

Leaping into the air along with his mount, the Demonic General flew straight to Uno, flying over the heads of everyone.

Midair, the Demonic General raised his glaive as a violent demonic power enveloped it. He then swung it down along with the unstoppable momentum of his earlier charge.

Swoosh!

"Going straight for a powerful strike from the very beginning, huh? But I don't dislike it either!" Uno did not underestimate this Demonic General despite him being confident in his abilities.

He did not believe that he would use it, but that did not mean that he would be letting his guard down just like that. The difference in stats was still overwhelming despite Uno absorbing a lot of souls of those he had killed.

He could recognize the difference in the respective strength with a glance, particularly with that powerful demonic energy circulating within the body of the NPC General.

But at the same time, Uno also felt a little excited as he could not go all-out with his techniques. With his newly improved fighting style, he wanted to test how strong he was within the game without relying much on his innate peak-class talent and the assistance of the Elemental Spirits of Shin.

Flipping the shortswords, Uno took a stance where he put his left foot forward and slightly squatted down while positioning his swords over his right shoulder and parallel with one another.

Swoosh!

Silverly White flames enveloped those swords as he accumulated the Power of the Brilliant Sun and channeled it into them.

If the 'Yin Form' of his martial arts focused on swiftness, sharpness, penetration, and cold energy, then the 'Yang Form' was meant for explosiveness, destruction, power, and blazing force.

Bang!

As the flames turned more violent and burned intensely, the ground underneath his feet sank before cracks spread in every direction along with small rock fragments flying in the air.

'Yin-Yang Cultivation Arts: Yang Form – The Setting of the Twin Suns'

Swoosh!

He suddenly disappeared from his current position before reappearing right in front of the Demonic General while simultaneously swinging his blazing shortswords.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

BOOM!

The collision between the twin shortswords and the demonic glaive produced a powerful explosion upon impact, sending violent ripples in every direction.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Those around them were either blown away from the powerful gust of wind or got crushed by the strong shockwave and turned into a meat paste after not being able to withstand its powers.

After a couple of seconds of maintaining their respective positions, the Demonic General was forcefully pushed backward along with his mount while Uno was sent flying in the air.

There was a deep trail left on the ground as the hooves of the demonic mount of the general skidded back, trying to stop themselves from going further away.

On the other hand, Uno flipped multiple times in the air to offset the force that he had suffered upon impact before continuing to step back repeatedly after landing on the ground.

This showed how large the gap between their stats. But despite being discouraged, Uno started grinning underneath his mask as he looked at the Demonic General.

"Just about right," Uno got excited as he welcomed this challenge. This kind of pressure and adrenaline was what he had been looking for since he took over Shin's body!

He felt that his decision to play this game was the right choice. This would at least relieve some of his boredom and entertain him until Shin woke up.

He twirled his swords for a moment before activating his version of 'Eclipse Wielding', summoning a blazing white flame and a chilling black light on his right and left swords respectively.

Even if this version greatly resembled Shin's signature mana manipulation technique, the people who had seen it would still see the clear difference between the two, especially when Shin had already upgraded his version into the 'Primordial Lightning' just recently.

On the other hand, Uno's version carried distinct features unique to it. His white flames had a subtle black smoke coming out from it while the black light had a constant flow of cold vapor that was dissipating in the air.

There were also black particles resembling ashes and powdered coal falling from the white flame while the black light was releasing white specks of light that looked like snowflakes of winter.

A unique sense of beauty could be seen from this mana manipulation technique, giving the people who had seen it a strange feeling of chaos and tranquility inside their heads.

The Demonic General squinted his eyes as he saw those energies circulating on the swords of the other party, especially when he noticed how skilled Uno was at controlling them by squeezing the opposing energies and suppressing them to the point where there was only a thin layer enveloping his swords.

There were still the unique features of the two elements as the energies flowed through the swords, making a stunning scene.

Uno's control over these energies surpassed almost all his peers with a limited number only matching him.

This level of control was almost at the level of a Swordmaster who mastered his Sword Force, a Martial Artist at Void Manifestation Stage with their Natural Force, or a Rulers Realm Mentalist with their Spiritual Force.

Of course, he was still inferior when compared to those experts in that level of strength, but he was not that far behind either.

The Demonic General started to take Uno seriously as he understood that this was no ordinary person.

At the same time, a certain event suddenly flashed through his mind before the expression on his face turned solemn.

"You! You must be that person who has slaughtered those armies before disappearing without a trace," he said with a glare.

Uno raised his brows behind the mask before shrugging his shoulders. "Maybe."

Bang!

The Demonic General had taken that response as a confirmation, especially when he heard the tone that Uno had.

Releasing his overwhelming aura, he tried to crush Uno with the strong pressure that enveloped the entire battlefield.

Those with a weaker mind and mental strength started collapsing as they could not withstand the pressure. Some of the players were also forced to kneel on the ground with others even lying on it with bubbles in their mouths.

Even the Demonic Monsters started wimping as if they recognized the general as a greater being than them.

But all of this was nothing in front of Uno. Instead of backing down, he was more than happy to welcome the challenge and released his killing intent to the fullest!

Bang!

With his bloodlust spreading in every direction, the Mark of the Evil God had also responded and further enhanced its effects.

This bloodlust was so dense that it even became visible to everyone's eyes and formed a pair of huge wings made of aura behind him.

Urgh!

Argh!

With the two opposing pressures clashing against each other, those people who were barely holding up earlier started to collapse as well, leaving only the most capable ones standing.

Flame Drake and the other leaders who retreated further away could not help but look at Uno with full astonishment.

They had seen multiple Godlike Players in their careers as professional gamers. They even clashed with some of them and escaped with their lives after fighting those standing at the very peak of the virtual world.

But despite all their experience and all of what they had seen from the battle videos online, this was their very first time seeing someone this strong.

It was not strange to witness someone fighting a powerful NPC within the game, but it was rare to find someone who could contend against the strongest NPCs at the current stage of the game.

This Demonic General should be at least as strong as a raid boss that would require even those at top guilds and organizations to send their most elite experts just to take him down, especially with that kind of absurd demonic powers.

Yet, here they were, witnessing a single person standing toe-to-toe against such a monster.

"Is this the gap between us and those who have reached the top?" if earlier, Flame Drake was still confident that he would be able to grab a spot to become a Godlike Player in the upcoming United Cup, then he was now greatly discouraged.

His confidence collapsed in front of Uno, who had shown him how high the sky he was trying to reach.

The others also felt the same as they found that they had become too conceited after just climbing a mountain.

They had found that they had already climbed high enough to stand beside those legends yet were immediately awoken from their dreams after seeing an even colossal mountain in front of them.

Flame Drake stared intently at Uno and could not help but mumble subconsciously. "He is so cool!"

Chapter 1474: The Demon who Roams the Battlefield (Part 4)

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Swoosh! Swoosh!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The unit captains in the army could not take their eyes off the battle unfolding right before them. They knew that the Apex Gods of the game were powerful, but they did not expect that it was this strong.

Moreover, the Demonic General was still being pushed back for some unknown reason. It was unclear on the surface, but that was what they felt when watching the battle between the two monsters before them.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Clang! Clang! Clang!

Bang!

Uno and the Demonic General kept on appearing and disappearing as they repeatedly clashed against one another. They were wreaking havoc on the battlefield, killing some demonic monsters and NPC soldiers who were caught in the crossfire.

The Demonic General was without a doubt much faster than Uno, especially with the demonic mount that he had. But for some reason, Uno was able to repeatedly ward off all the attacks that the demonic general had thrown at him.

One of the reasons might be Uno's better mobility as his movements were not restricted, but the people watching the battle knew that there was something more to it.

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While exchanging more blows against the Demonic General, Uno suddenly halted his steps as the opposing side was suddenly split into multiple shadows before turning into copies of the general that were besieging him from every direction.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Uno swept his gaze at everyone, marking their positions inside his head before inhaling deeply. When he released his breath once again, there was a cold vapor coming out from the gaps of the mask's mouth.

'Yin-Yang Cultivation Arts: Absolute Yin – Glacial Annihilation'

His arms seemed to disappear as he threw multiple slashes in the air as both of his swords were covered with black icy lights.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

In the next moment, thousands of sword flashes filled the surroundings, intertwining within one another and forming a net-like barrier that cut through the bodies of the incoming clones of the Demonic General, which turned not smoke and dissipated into the air.

They then converged at a single point, forming the body of the Demonic General once again.

Seeing the real body, Uno regulated his breathing once again, controlling the energies within him. But this time, instead of a cold vapor coming out from his mouth, a hot steam was released.

'Yin-Yang Cultivation Arts: Extreme Yang – The Brilliant Sun'

The energies covering his shortswords were suddenly switched from the black icy lights into the brilliant white flames.

After that, an explosion suddenly erupted behind him as he kicked the ground and launched himself forward like a rocket.

It only took him an instant to appear in front of the Demonic General standing dozens of meters away from him before swinging his swords forward, parallel with each other.

The swords were already right in front of the Demonic General's face before he could even react. Fortunately, a wall of demonic energy suddenly appeared in front of him to block the incoming strike.

Boom!

But in exchange, he was thrown off from the back of his mount and sent flying in the opposite direction.

Uno did not even bother to chase after the Demonic General as he knew that it would still take him some effort to finish him off. Instead, he turned his attention to the mount.

Pa!

With a slight kick in the air, he was able to stop himself from going further away. This was him using the 'Mondi's Jump' to stop his momentum.

Then he suddenly took another kick in the air to propel himself downward while spinning rapidly along with his shortswords, which were now enveloped by two different energies.

Swoosh!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

His swords rapidly struck the mount, targeting its neck. Powerful shockwaves could be seen as the swords repeatedly clashed against the armor of the mount. Blazing sparks were also produced due to the friction and collisions.

Because of the two elements that he wielded, the thick armor crumbled, especially after experiencing rapid shifts of temperature in each strike of Uno's swords.

Shing!

With a couple more slashes, the neck of the mount was finally severed.

Ta-ta!

Uno, who just landed on the ground after killing the mount, swiftly leaped backward to dodge the incoming strike from the Demonic General.

Boom!

At this moment, the general underwent a huge metamorphosis. His black armor was now filled with crimson demonic runes while occasionally releasing flashes of black flames.

Thick scales could also be seen spreading out from his neck and covering his jaws. After removing his helmet, a pair of savage-looking horns could be seen sticking out from his forehead.

His demonic eyes could send shivers down the spine of anyone who he looked upon. There was also an eerie glow coming from those eyes, making his appearance more ferocious.

Uno stared at the Demonic General for a moment before squinting his eyes, especially when he saw the latter extending his hand toward the fallen mount, seemingly trying to absorb it.

Not long after, the already suffocating aura that the general had become even heavier.

Bang!

Then, in the very next instant, Uno's pupils suddenly shrunk as he lost track of the Demonic General after the explosion of the air.

Swoosh!

Without any hint of hesitation, Uno ducked to the side, barely dodging the blazing glaive that seemed to come out of nowhere, and tried to cleave him in halves.

Swoosh!

His actions did not pause as he quickly retreated, dodging yet another strike from the same glaive after it suddenly changed its course when it briefly brushed past him.

Bang!

The ground instantly collapsed after the glaive landed on it after missing its target.

It was only at that moment when Uno saw the figure of the Demonic General once again. He slightly raised his brows as those attacks came a little too sudden and did not show any signs until the very last second.

If he was not attentive enough and let his guard even for a moment, then he would most likely get cleaved by those strikes.

But despite that being the chase, Uno started grinning even wider underneath his mask as he was getting excited.

Twirling his sword, he adjusted his stance as his aura also became stronger. His natural aura fused with his killing intent, producing yet another pressure on the surroundings.

It became much stronger and even intervened with the surrounding mana, creating chaos.

Bang! Bang!

Uno and the Demonic General simultaneously kicked the ground and launched themselves forward. Their figures disappeared for a second before reappearing a couple of meters away from each other.

They then swung their respective weapons at each other, releasing their powers to the maximum output.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Boom!

An explosion quickly erupted right after the collision, sending shockwaves in every direction which also swept through everything on its path.

The ground underneath their feet also sank greatly, spreading cracks everywhere. An instant passed and the ground sank further and created a huge crater, spanning at least a hundred meters away from its center where the two stood.

They briefly maintained their positions before they separated from each other and engaged in an intense melee.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The crater seemed to become their area as they ran around while repeatedly clashing against each other.

This time, Uno was showcasing how powerful his sword techniques were and how solid his foot techniques were during the battle.

Without any kind of enhancement, he was able to confront the transformed Demonic General on an equal footing despite the huge difference in stats.

By taking full advantage of his 'Inferior Domain', he was leading the opposing side by purposely exposing a series of weak points while using the principles of 'Focal Points'.

His dodges were not only meant to avoid the heavy attacks that he could not confront, but also meant to gain a better angle to attack. It was also to throw the stance of his opponent a little off after he gained the superior position.

Due to this, it looked like was trapping the Demonic General. He had even forced the latter into a corner without the general realizing it.

Of course, it would not be that easy to finish off this Demonic General even in a corner. He was still able to explode with a series of explosive combos that warded off the advances from Uno.

This continued for a dozen more minutes until Uno was finally satisfied with his progress. He had already fixed all the flaws that he had seen in his style ready to finally finish this battle.

Swoosh!

Separating himself from the Demonic General, Uno suddenly leaped high up in the air while spreading his arms wide as if they were a pair of wings.

The shortswords were also spread upwards as they blazed violently along with the opposing energies that were covering them. They left a trail of respective energies in the air as Uno turned and flipped right after he reached the apex of his jump.

Bang!

A moment later, a heavy pressure suddenly descended from the sky and pressed on the Demonic General, pressing him down and locking him in his place.

Having a bad feeling about this, the Demonic General adjusted his stance before channeling his demonic energy into the glaive.

A huge demonic figure appeared behind him as the energy covering the glaive grew more violent.

He did not even wait for Uno to descend as he quickly threw a powerful slash in the air, releasing all the accumulated powers that he had gathered.

Boom!

A powerful explosion quickly erupted as a huge demonic creature was formed right after he released all his powers, sending it toward the sky. His feet even sank to the ground further as the shockwave created by his actions was so strong even for himself.

Roar!

On the other hand, up in the air, Uno was suddenly covered with black-and-white energy as he controlled his breathing according to his newly improved Qi Circulation Technique.

Then the two opposing energies merged and formed a unique energy that was strong enough to create tiny fissures in the space surrounding him.

He relaxed his entire body as he hovered in the air for an instant while he was turning toward the ground.

He ignored the incoming demonic face formed by the demonic energy that the general had released and just raised his right-hand sword in the air.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

The energies covering his entire body twirled and spiraled upward, climbing toward the shortsword.

Compared to the ferocious and terrifying demonic energy flying at him, the energy covering his sword looked inferior and fragile. But Uno did not care as he gently swung the shortsword down.

'Yin-Yang Cultivation Arts: Unification Yin and Yang – Noble Phantasm'

Swoosh!

He then disappeared and instantly reappeared on the ground, standing right in front of the Demonic General and maintaining an ending posture of a downward swing.

It looked like nothing had happened as silence enveloped the entire place. The time seemed to have also stopped as the players watching from the distance looked confused.

Snap!

Then a crispy sound of a broken glass could be heard reverberating in every direction.

The players, particularly Flame Drake, who was watching from the distance, could not help but frown deeply as an even more confused look washed over their faces.

Then their eyes suddenly turned wide as they saw a huge spatial fracture formed starting from the place where Uno had swung his sword in the air up to the spot where he stood.

This spatial fracture annihilated everything on its path, passing through the huge demonic energy that was still continuously flying toward the sky before slicing through the body of the Demonic General standing in front of Uno.

Uno did not even bother to look at the outcome as he was already walking away and heading toward the direction of the Stormy Mountain Range.

Click!

Boom!

With a subtle sound of him sheathing his shortswords, an explosion quickly followed along with a destructive force that annihilated all the surviving soldiers of the army along with the Demonic Monsters that were accompanying them.

Those poor players who were standing dumbfoundedly among them were also caught in the explosion, killing them in the process.

When Uno's figure finally disappeared, the bombardment of the energies finally stopped, revealing the devastated place.

Not even a single remain was left behind. The bodies of everyone was either crushed into a meat paste or turned into dust.

Not even a soul survived that final attack, leaving no witness of what just transpired in this place.

Chapter 1475: The Demon who Roams the Battlefield (Part 5): Evil God

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As the war between the Righteous and Evil Factions continued, more and more people started to make their appearance. Those who were relatively unknown before the event started to get some fame one after another.

Rising stars after rising stars appeared on different battlefields, making themselves known to the world.

Some of them defeated a powerful unit by themselves, others defeated some famous groups or experts that made themselves famous overnight, while the rest were able to climb in the ranks within the army of their respective factions.

Most of these players were just unknown up until now, but they started to gather fame after they had gotten in the spotlight. Most of them instantly became a Maverick Ranker in just a couple of battles.

The ones who had gathered more attention were those who were able to fight against top Rankers or Titled Rankers. Some of them were even able to fight some Godlike Players, making them a celebrity after just a single battle, especially those who managed to emerge victorious.

As the flames of the war started burning brighter, more and more famous players started to join as well.

Most of these groups and individuals possessed big names within the virtual world. The majority of them were from the famous adventurer teams or powerful guilds while the independent individuals were famous solo players who possessed decent reputations under their belts.

All these players and groups were taking this opportunity to showcase their powers as the United Cup was drawing near. The groups wanted to at least grab a spot in the tournament as a seeded team while the individuals wanted to get noticed by powerful guilds or teams to get an invitation to join them.

Due to all of this, the competition among these people became more intense, showcasing their battle prowess and slaughtering those who dared to block their path.

But all these people were nothing compared to a certain person who started to gather more attention on different battlefields while roaming the war zones.

This individual did not only kill the players or fight against powerful NPCs or Demonic Monsters but also did something so absurd that the people who had witnessed it trembled in fear.

He was annihilating an army after army of the opposing faction all by himself.

Wherever he went, the demonic army of the Dark Cloud Kingdom was annihilated, not leaving even a single soul to survive.

His appearances on the battlefield would always spell doom for those from the Demonic Army, making them tremble. Even those Demonic Generals leading their respective armies could not stand a chance against him.

Of course, the people who had heard about the news from the official forums did not believe it, telling those who posted the articles or discussions that it was just an exaggerated lie to get attention.

They were saying that it was only hype to bring some people to light since the United Cup was right around the corner.

But all these people could not help but shut themselves up when a series of battle videos started to appear one after another as proof of their claims.

Not long after, the entire community went crazy due to what they had witnessed.

"What the F? Is that guy even human?"

"A monster! That dude is a humanoid monster! Definitely!"

"My God! Look how he slaughters an entire army by himself!"

"The heck!? Why has no one discovered such a monster of a player yet? Look! He is toying with the Demon Generals as if they were grade-schoolers."

"Just who is the real demon here? He is more of a demon compared to those from the Evil Faction! That guy is a real demon!"

After some time, skilled scouts eventually got a closer shot of this person and posted the photos that they had gotten online, gathering more attention.

"Wow! What a sleek armor and mask! Damn, that is so cool!"

"He looks like a demon indeed."

"More like a Demon Lord."

"Kya~! So cool~! I want to have his child!"

"Commenter above, I bet you are a dude."

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Different kinds of nicknames started to spread as more and more people started to notice this so-called Demon who roamed the battlefield. But the most famous ones were Demon Emperor and Evil God.

No one knew who started it, but these two nicknames became well-known in every online platform that could be found on the internet.

This created an even stronger hype that made those powerful experts and large organizations take notice of him.

Some expert analysts also started to dissect and assess his fighting style and strength. But the more they studied this particular player, the more scared they became as they discovered that this person was like an endless abyss that could not be measured.

The depths of his strength were still unclear as even those Demonic Generals, who were comparable to King Class Monsters – bordering Emperor Class Monsters – were nothing but a toy in front of him.

What was even scarier was when some unsatisfied people tried to ambush him while fighting a Demonic General. These individuals were all famous or notorious in their respective classes as they possessed strength comparable to Godlike Players and Maverick Gods.

Despite all their efforts, all of them were slaughtered after just a couple of exchanges against him.

There were also some battle clips where real Godlike Players and Maverick Gods of the Demonic Churches set a trap for him, planning to end his rampage.

Unfortunately, the outcome was terrible – horrifying even.

He had crushed their plans and slaughtered all of them as if they were some bugs instead of being a powerful god within the game.

These battles indicated that he was at least on the same level as those apex gods standing at the very top of the virtual world.

This had proven his strength and gathered him more fame, putting him on the same standing as those famous gods of the game.

This also solidified his nickname of 'Evil God' as he was 'eviler' than those from the Evil Factions. Even the notorious villains in the eyes of the players were nothing compared to him, especially in terms of cruelty.

With him being on the side of the Righteous Faction, the tides of the war tilted against the Evil Faction.

The Righteous Faction was already at the advantage since they had an overwhelming number, surrounding the Dark Cloud Kingdom from all sides.

There was also the Storm Empire whose military might was so strong that the Demonic Churches had to station their most powerful generals and armies on the borders facing the empire.

The community thought that this faction war would be the Righteous Churches' victory given their overwhelming advantages. But they later learned that it was not going to be that easy.

They all realized that this was just a start as the Demonic Churches started revealing their true powers.

The army of demonic monsters filled the gap in numbers. They had even brought out Emperor Class Demons that were more powerful than Emperor Class Monsters. Their absurd power pushed the advancing armies of the Righteous Churches back and put the state of the war in a deadlock once again.

What was even crazier about this was an even more powerful Demonic Generals appeared one after another, matching those Heavenly Generals of the Righteous Churches and even slaying a couple of them during the confrontation.

These incidents made the flames of war even stronger, bringing it to higher heights.

Then there was a certain post from a famous scout online that attracted the attention of everyone.

This person was famous for discovering dungeon entrances, hidden treasures, or all sorts of anomalies within the game. He was also known for being a 'real' adventurer as he did nothing but explore the world he was in whatever game he chose to play.

"A huge, strange portal is within the depths of the Dark Cloud Kingdom" – Scout Aesir.

That was the title of the post, which attracted the attention of more people. But when they read its contents and learned what Aesir had discovered, they could not help but tremble.

They all learned that it was a Demon Portal connecting the Atlas World to another Dimension and given that it was being heavily protected by the Demonic Churches, it was most likely connected to the Demon Realm, also known as 'Hell' – the home of demons.

The famous players who majored in studying the history of the game have also confirmed this and even presented some evidence to prove their claims.

The Atlas World had a long history, and those players who loved studying the background stories of every game that they played discovered quite a lot by staying in the libraries.

Setting aside the Ancient Era and beyond, which records were still unclear, the world was said to have experienced more eras.

One of them was the Warring Era, where different Races fought against either, while the other was the Repelling Era, where all Races bonded together to fight against the invading Demons.

The current timeline of the game was called the New Age Era, where people from another world were summoned to help the world from the remnants that the Demons had left during the previous era.

This was the basic lore of the game, which most people knew as it was presented to everyone in trailers and such before its launch.

But they were not discussed more deeply and left everyone for the players to be discovered.

The so-called 'scholar players' loved to read such lores and they were the ones to prove that the portal that Aesir had discovered was a Demon Portal as it greatly resembled the ones that appeared during the Repelling Era.

Learning about this, the players became even more excited as this could also mean that another huge expansion was right around the corner.

Those players lagging behind the leading players ground even crazier as they all knew that they could not afford to be too low-leveled when the Demons invaded the Atlas World once again.

The apex experts and top guilds, on the other hand, focused more on investigating how to reach the Awakened Continent as they all knew that they could only survive the upcoming expansion after strengthening themselves in that place.

As all of these were happening, Uno was currently sitting on top of a mountain-like corpse of a Demonic Monster that he just hunted while browsing the online forums. He was also reading the post that Aesir had posted and frowned.

"I guess this is the portal that Shin is looking for, huh?" he was considering whether to head there and do something about it or just ignore everything.

He was just playing the game to relieve his boredom from the outside world after all. Moreover, he also did not want to steal the contents of the games that Shin wanted to explore. He wanted to leave those for Shin when he woke up later.

What interested Uno was fighting those powerful individuals and challenging himself against the Demonic Generals or Godlike Players out there.

While he was considering what do to, he suddenly sensed a presence coming toward his direction.

Closing the virtual screen in front of him, he turned toward the entrance of the forest and saw a man donned in black and golden armor walking out from it.

Seeing the appearance of that person, he could not help but grin and ask. "Have you guessed who I am and come to me to seek for answers?"

The other person looked like a knight given his equipment. There was also a round shield on his left hand while holding a spear on the other.

The helmet that he was wearing was designed to look like a dragon head, giving him a cool and majestic appearance.

The crimson cape behind him fluttered along with the wind as he continued forward.

Stopping a few distance away from Uno, this individual raised his head and said. "I'll save it until Shin wakes up. For now, I want to test something."

Uno grinned even wider as observed the other party a little closer and found something that piqued his interest. "You are much different from before."

"I guess it will be more interesting to give it a try here instead of the outside world as you have yet to harness those new powers properly without bringing harm to your body."

He then stood up and patted himself before saying. "Alright, I will be your training partner to test it. But in exchange, do not hold back as I am also curious what a true descendant of an ancient dragon looks like."

From his tone, he seemed to not put the other party in the same category as his family in the outside world.

"Different, huh?" mumbled Arthur as found those words strange yet also agreeable at the same time.

His great-grandfather had also said a similar thing after his Bloodline Ceremony, and it became even more distinct after he had seen that 'flame' during his father's burial.

He then raised his head to look at Uno once again and nodded. "Let's go."

Chapter 1476: An Ancient Dragon and a Void Beast (Part 1)

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Arthur and Uno appeared at the capital of the Storm Empire as they were too lazy to go anywhere. Using the return scroll would always bring them to the nearest safe place or the last city where they last appeared. It could also be the capital of the last Kingdom or the Empire they had last visited.

These two happened to appear in the capital of the Storm Empire when they first visited this place. And since they were too lazy to go to other cities, they just traveled on foot or their mounts when traversing the borders of the Dark Cloud Kingdom and Storm Empire.

Uno just wanted to walk around and feel the atmosphere and environment of the game for a little while as he advanced toward the war while Arthur loved to fly around with his golden dragon, wanting always to flaunt it.

This was already engraved on Arthur's personality, so it would be hard to get rid of it even with the current mood that he had.

When they appeared at the teleportation hall of the capital city, they immediately attracted a lot of attention and even created chaos due to the players being in complete shock.

These two were celebrities of the game, it would be impossible not to recognize them.

Given Arthur's personality of always showing off and being in the spotlight, he would love to show himself in public just like now. He did not even bother to hide his appearance with a cloak and let the people see his basic details.

Seeing the in-game name above his head, the players quickly went crazy and started shouting his name as most of them were his fans while the others were only joining for fun and the hype.

With his reputation and popularity, it would be strange if no one recognized or greeted him.

They were curious why he was in this place. Most of them thought that he was here to join the war, which was not strange, especially when there were a lot of Godlike Players appearing on the battlefield at this point due to the powerful enemies that they could challenge.

But when they turned their heads toward the person walking alongside Arthur, they quickly became stunned and unable to say anything. It was because this was the so-called 'Evil God' who was recently gaining fame and attention.

He was both famous and notorious on the battlefield, making the people admire and fear him at the same time.

Uno did not bother to hide his appearance either as he could not bother about it. He was too lazy to care about trivial things as all he wanted was to explore the game and challenge powerful opponents as much as possible.

But that did not mean he would be letting other people learn that he was the 'Battle God'. The mask that he was wearing was not only a part of the equipment set that he was wearing, nor it was just a decoration to look cool. It also had special features that helped him hide his information from other people.

It was similar to Shin's [Nephilim's Gemini Mask] but with a different set of skills attached to it.

With the presence of these two apex gods in the game, the atmosphere within the teleportation hall immediately turned weird and heavy.

The people who were originally shouting Arthur's name could not help but shut their mouths, especially when they could feel the overwhelming pressure that Uno was passively emitting.

He had yet to release his bloodlust, but the people found it hard to breathe already as if the clutches of death were tightly gripping them and ready to take their lives away.

Neither Arthur nor Uno cared about them, so they just walked forward and did not bother about their surroundings.

As they walked, the crowd that was originally forming slowly parted, creating a path for the two gods.

Everyone went silent until Arthur and Uno disappeared from their sight. That was only when they recovered themselves and broke into an uproar.

"What the F? I thought I was going to die there."

"What's with that guy? He is so scary."

"I bet he is a true killer in the real world. He just has this scary atmosphere around him."

"But what is he doing here with Dragon God Siegfried?"

"The Dragon God and Evil God being together? Don't tell me they are going to fight?"

Realizing this fact, the players quickly ran out of the hall and tried to catch up to the two. They wanted to know where they were heading and see what they were planning to do.

The players who loved to gossip like the reporters from different entertainment companies from the real world were already on the move as they were following the two. They did not bother to hide themselves as it was clear that neither Arthur nor Uno cared about them. These two also did not plan to hide their intention as they walked toward the Divine Colosseum of the city.

When the players saw these two gods entering the Colosseum together, they quickly went crazy as they realized that their guess might turn out to be true.

The reporters did not care about the truth as they were already writing an article about this, wanting to get a scoop.

The players were more straightforward as they started posting on different online platforms and telling the world about this. The official online forums of the game quickly exploded into a series of discussions, creating a trend in an instant.

Arthur and Uno could just fight in the wild straight away when they met earlier. But since they did not want to get disturbed when they were fighting, they decided to go to an arena where they could not be distracted by any outside interference.

Right after entering the Divine Colosseum, they quickly headed toward the highest floor where they could rent the best room possible, where they could showcase their abilities.

They did not care about anything else aside from fighting each other. This was why they did not notice that the room that they had rented was a public duel room where players could spectate their battle.

It was also possible that they knew about it but did not bother themselves.

Due to the fame and battle capabilities of these two, the special event within the Divine Colosseum was immediately triggered. It was a special feature of the place whenever powerful individuals rented a public room for their duels.

It was some sort of publicity or something similar. It was a common event in every Divine Colosseum within the game as there were a lot of apex experts who wanted to showcase their skills to the world.

As the announcement was issued, a lot of players quickly flooded toward the Colosseum to spectate.

Who would refuse to watch such an amazing battle between the gods of the game? None of them of course!

The media and entertainment companies quickly made their moves to cover this battle, hoping that it could increase their ratings.

Unfortunately for these people, the broadcasting rights of any duels of Empyrean Talons' members were exclusive to Miss Bunny, so she quickly received the notice and swiftly prepared for the broadcast.

She dropped everything when she learned that it was Arthur who would be fighting. She then went to her virtual space and connected it to the game while also setting up the live broadcast on the official website of the Empyrean Talons.

She and her team worked in absolute efficiency setting up everything before the battle could even start.

She did not know who the opponent would be exactly and unaware that it was 'Shin' since Uno had already set up everything and turned off the features that would expose his 'real' identity to the others.

Aside from knowing that it was a powerful player comparable to the apex gods of the game, she did not know much about the 'other' party.

Her special guest was David once again, who unknowingly appeared out of nowhere. It was as if he was already expecting this to happen and instantly accepted when Miss Bunny invited him to co-host the broadcast once again.

David was aware of the real identity of the so-called Evil God but did not want to disclose it to the public. He was just here for the fun.

He found that this matchup would be very interesting.

If it was in the real world, then Uno would win without a doubt as this guy was an absolute monster who could even give David a lot of trouble if they fought.

But it would be a different case within the game as Arthur was a master within it. With his experience within the virtual world alongside his newly found powers, he could at least offset some of the advantages that Uno possessed in the real world.

Moreover, Arthur could showcase more powers within the game and perform things that he was unable to do in the real world when he was fighting in the virtual world.

He was also aware of the changes that Arthur had undertaken after Bernard's burial, particularly about the strange energy that he was emitting after encountering the Original Emperor Flame. This made David curious about this kid's battle prowess.

Even his master had told him that it was interesting, which made him want to see what it was.

This would be a great experience for everyone.

"Alright~! Hello to all our friends out there who chose to experience this amazing match that we are about to witness! It is your handsome and smart big brother once again, Khing! At your service!" greeted David right after the broadcast started, making everyone watching become lively.

And to further lighten up the mood, he turned to his side and said. "What do you think about my opening speech, partner?"

Miss Bunny chuckled as she heard that and played along. "Why do I feel that you are trying to steal my show, Mr. Khing?"

"How can I do that to a beauty? I am just the supporting host while you will always be the main character," responded David humorously.

The two chatted a bit to keep the audience interested until they saw Arthur and Uno appearing in the arena.

"It is a pity that this duel came on short notice and did not give us enough time to discuss them," said David 'disappointingly' before 'recovering' his composure. "But we can forget about it since we are all here to watch this battle and nothing else."

Beside him, Miss Bunny chuckled and commented. "Now, I really feel that you are stealing my show."

After that, she turned to the screen before smiling. "Anyways, since all of us are gathered here to watch this duel, how about we jump into and enjoy the show?"

"Let this clash between the Dragon God and the Evil God begin!"

Chapter 1477: An Ancient Dragon and a Void Beast (Part 2)

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Uno and Arthur stood across each other, not saying anything. The latter was trying to focus, entering the absolute state that he could have. He was also looking for the strange feeling he had gotten when he saw the Original Emperor Flame and the new powers within him that appeared after it.

On the other hand, his opponent was not in a hurry to fight yet and waited for Arthur with full patience. He did not move and even closed his eyes, seemingly asleep. If not for his mask, then the people would be shocked at what he was doing.

This lasted for a couple of minutes, making those people watching from the spectator's seats and the audience of the live broadcast frown.

Those impatient people even started spamming the chat, cursing, and calling the battle a fraud.

This gave David and Miss Bunny to discuss a little.

"It seems like Siegfried was trying to enter an absolute battle state," said David after looking at Arthur for a moment.

Miss Bunny shared the thoughts of the views and knitted her brow before asking. "What does it mean, Mr. Khing? Can you explain the way we can understand?"

David thought for a moment before chuckling. "It is hard to explain as it is something quite complicated. But if we put it in simple terms... let's say that Siegfried is trying to enter a battle mentality that perfectly suited himself, particularly his battle style."

Miss Bunny still needed to be clearer about it, but she somewhat got the idea. "Is this something powerful? And will this make him stronger than he already is?"

David nodded with a mystifying style. "Just stronger? That is an understatement. Once he succeeds, he will achieve something that will make him a true god of the virtual world."

David was implying that Arthur was trying to look for the perfect style and state that would complement each other – or in simpler terms, he was trying to awaken a combat state that would seamlessly fit everything; he was trying to find his Natural State.

Arthur was trying to enter a Natural State that would perfectly fit his Martial Arts Prodigy combat talent, his Martial Arts, his Foresight special talent, his bloodline powers, and everything else.

David knew that it would be much more powerful compared to others, especially since Arthur possessed something that other people did not.

He was getting more and more interested in this battle.

"Does this mean his opponent knows about this as well since he is just standing there doing nothing?" asked Miss Bunny keeping the discussion continued.

Hearing that, David could not help but widen his smile. "You can say that."

"Isn't he too confident?" asked Miss Bunny, which was also what the people in the chat were spamming. "His opponent is the Dragon God after all. His reputation is not unfounded."

David chuckled after hearing that comment. "I don't know about other people, but that guy over there has the right to be cocky on everything he does."

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Going back into the arena, Arthur finally found something within him. There was a multicolored ember within his heart, blazing intensely and giving him a warm feeling that filled him with overwhelming power.

With that, he also started to feel that the blood flowing within his veins became hot and violent like a raging magma.

But instead of discomfort, Arthur felt warm and comfortable.

This might be the virtual world and his body was nothing but a mere avatar, but it was still the reflection of reality, especially with those virtual combat states that could give them unimaginable powers.

It was at this moment that Uno opened his eyes and stared at the person standing across from him. Other people might not be able to see it, but he could. There was a sleeping power within Arthur on the brink of awakening, and it was something that made even him interested.

With a satisfied smile, Uno nodded his head and watched Arthur.

Swoosh!

A multicolored flame suddenly covered Arthur's entire body as he subconsciously entered the 'Reality Manifestation'.

Boom!

An overwhelming pressure immediately descended in the entire place, which produced strong air currents that made it visible for everyone watching both from the spectator's stand and the live broadcast.

"What the heck? What is that?"

"What a powerful aura! It is much more powerful than those we see from others!"

"Is it just an aura? Or something else?"

As the people commented on what they were seeing and flooded the chat of the live broadcast with stunned emojis, another change occurred.

Roar!

A deafening roar suddenly resounded from Arthur's body, shaking the entire place. It even broke through the invisible barrier separating them from the live audience, making them tremble in fear.

Bang!

Then everyone saw a huge ancient dragon appear behind Arthur. It was a humongous dragon that was as tall and wide as the tallest and largest mountains in the real world.

It had diamond scales that were as smooth as jade and resembled the most luxurious and most expensive gems. Each of these scales was emitting a multicolored light as if they mirror reflecting the light.

A dragon with a mountain-like body and four muscular limbs stood behind Arthur. Its claws were digging deep into the ground while the gigantic wings on its back covered the sky.

This majestic and domineering dragon seemed to be the pinnacle of everything. It was like an existence that looked from above, acting like a deity.

Once it looked at Uno, who was standing opposite Arthur, an insurmountable pressure suddenly descended from the sky and pressed on the opposing side. It seemed like it was trying to crush Uno with its gaze.

This creature was not just a mere Aura Manifestation, but something that surpassed it by a large margin.

In other terms, it was a complete Battle Spirit, which was the advanced version of the Aura Manifestation.

But instead of taking the humanoid dragon that Arthur was supposed to have, it maintained its dragon form but still surpassed all the other Battle Spirits of those in the same realm.

This did not mean that Arthur had already broken through the Ethereal Opening Stage and stepped on the Ascension Realm. But it was still a sign that he was already a step away from it – or even had his foot stepped between the two realms.

Seeing all of this, Uno, who was standing calmly on the opposite side could not help but become excited. This dragon was different from what he had seen from every member of the Springfield Family after his eyes saw the reflection of their souls.

It was also different from what he had seen from Shenyung, who showed him the current pinnacle of the Springfield Bloodline.

Moreover, it was way more powerful than that Golden Dragon that he had seen when he first entered the isolated dimension where Evangeline was currently staying, which was being protected by the Blessing of the Solar Dragon according to her words.

Trying to suppress his excitement, Uno quickly responded and accepted the contest.

Swoosh!

He quickly released his killing intent to the fullest, not holding anything back. The entire place was immediately shrouded by cold air as the sky was dyed red.

His killing intent was so dense that it became visible to the eyes of those people watching them. They even saw the crimson wings that were formed on his back after the killing intent was condensed.

Roar!

At the same time, darkness enveloped the space behind him. An existence that was no weaker than the dragon standing opposite him was suddenly manifested from that place.

This existence was like a monster shrouded by darkness, or it was even the darkness itself. It seemed to have stepped out from the abyss. It did not have a distinct form, but its size was at least comparable to the colossal dragon opposite to it.

This monster was said to be the 'Void Beast'.

According to the records of the lost history, it was said to be one of the existences that first appeared in the universe. They were creatures that were born with the universe itself, creatures that came from the 'True Origin' itself.

They had been in existence even before the world was created.

If Ancient Dragons were said to be an existence that was birthed from the 'True Origin' itself as they were birthed from nature and could command the purest and densest form of energies, then Void Beast was a fragment of this 'True Origin' and possessed powers that come from it.

This Void Beast standing behind Uno was still far from what those legends and myths had said, but it was still more powerful than any other Battle Spirits out there.

It was the same for Ancient Dragon standing behind Arthur, who was now aggressively and fiercely glaring at the Void Beast opposite it.

Boom!

A powerful collision of auras between the two Battle Spirits resulted in a chaotic storm that disrupted the flow of mana in their surroundings.

They had yet to make their moves, but the battle had already started as their respective Battle Spirits started overwhelming one another.

Chapter 1478: A Showdown Between a Thinking Reed and a Martial Arts Prodigy

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As Uno and Arthur stared at each other, the manifested bloodlust and multicolored flame enveloped their bodies, seemingly accumulating momentum.

Roar! Roar!

At the same time, the Battle Spirits behind them leaped into the air, clashing against each other. These two colossal beings wrestled in the air – biting, hitting, and scratching each other.

These two manifested beings represented the insight, battle style, and talents of the two combatants, so the two beasts represented the martial exchange between the two without movement.

They might not have moved physically since the start of the battle, but they were exchanging multiple times inside their heads already, which was also what the Void Beast and the Ancient Dragon were doing.

This was how the experts at the Ascension Realm tested each other when trying to measure the opposing party's strength.

Uno and Arthur might not have reached the next real yet, but they were infinitely close to it, which was they could do something like this. Moreover, it was similar to how the Aura Manifestation of the lower realm worked when clashing against one another, but a little more intense, which was why they were not having much of a problem doing it.

The collision between the two Battle Spirits represented the moves that the two sides were planning to make. Every little twitch, slight movement, and minuscule gesture of their muscles represented the next move that they were planning to make, which was what the Battle Spirits were trying to execute when clashing against the other.

After what it felt like hundreds of exchanges, neither side had yet to gain the absolute advantage. But this did not make the people watching the battle bored despite them not moving an inch and staying stationary from the very beginning.

However, when the clash between the Battle Spirits lasted for quite a while, their momentum slightly weakened and made their movements slow down a little.

Bang! Bang!

That was when Uno and Arthur simultaneously made their moves.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

They kicked the ground and propelled themselves at each other, launching powerful attacks right from the opening exchange.

'True Nine Dragon Arts: Breaking Through of the Divine Dragon'

Arthur used his favorite opening move as usual. But instead of the regular golden flame that he always used, the multicolored that was surrounding his body replaced it instead.

The flame grew larger and left a blazing trail behind him before manifesting a huge dragon that was charging toward his opponent.

Arthur was spearheading this charge as he was running within the dragon's head while thrusting his spear forward with all his strength.

Roar!

At the same time, Uno's crimson wings grew larger as he flew toward the opposing side, not losing in terms of momentum.

During his flight, he pulled out the shortswords sheathed behind his waist and held them in reverse grip before slashing them forward.

Shing! Shing!

At the same time, the signature energies representing the Powers of the Brilliant Sun and Abyssal Moon formed a thin layer over the blades of the sword, showcasing his absolute control over them.

Roar! Roar!

Shriek!

Along with his actions, a white tiger and a black dragon, representing the elements of Yin and Yang, briefly appeared behind him before merging and forming a hybrid beast that carried both of their features.

After that, the crimson wings behind him, disappeared in merged with this beast, filling its eyes with fierceness and savagery.

This beast swiftly pounced forward and fearlessly clashed against the multicolored dragon charging toward it.

'Yin-Yang Cultivation Arts: Unification of Yin and Yang – Behemoth Beheading'

Roar! Roar!

Boom!

A huge explosion was immediately created right after the two sides clashed against each other. The world seemed to shake after the two beasts clashed against each other, making even those people watching from the audience stand to feel the collision despite being separated by the invisible barrier.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Then everyone saw two figures flying out of the thick cloud of smoke and dust, heading in opposite directions.

It seemed like even Uno and Arthur could not withstand the power of the explosion. They even suffered huge damage from it as a huge chunk of their Health Bars disappeared with just a single exchange.

But that did not stop them from continuing the battle!

It was just the start!

Ta-ta! Ta-ta!

Bang! Bang!

Right after their feet touched the ground, they quickly leaped forward and flew straight at each other with an imaginable speed!

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Right after the other party stepped on his effective range, Arthur quickly thrust his dragon spear forward.

This simple thrust seemed to carry the weight of the mountains as the air collapsed with its advance.

But despite it having such a destructive power, Uno calmly stepped to the side while turning his wrist to twirl the left-hand shortsword on his hand.

Clang!

He used the surface of the sword to skillfully deflect the incoming spear and even absorbed some of the force from that thrust. He then transferred it toward his other hand before swinging the right-hand sword forward.

Shing!

The shortsword carried a speed that could not be seen by the naked eye. The sword seemed to have teleported in front of Arthur's face in an instant, not giving him much time to react.

But Arthur was not to be underestimated either. His eyes shone with a golden light as his pupils turned into vertical slits, resembling those of a dragon's.

'Unique Ocular Technique: Dragon Eyes'

In it was a product of his bloodline powers, special talents, and experience. He had created this technique, which was similar to Shin's True Sight skills but slightly better as it had a more complete form and better factions.

After all, this technique was combined with his 'Foresight' Talent, which was also somewhat promoted to the lower stages of 'Pinnacle Omniscience' within the game.

He could read the intention of his opponents and see the trajectory of his opponent's attacks with this technique, seemingly able to see a few seconds into the future.

Swoosh!

Leaning his head backward, Arthur created a little space between his face and the incoming sword, which gave him enough time to avoid it.

He then used the momentum of his spear that Uno had just deflected to turn around while dodging the strike of his opponent completely.

Swoosh!

After that, he spun with great force and swung the spear at Uno from another direction.

"Hoh~! A unique version of Foresight? Not bad~!" commented Uno, giving out a rare compliment.

He then swiftly stamped his front foot on the ground, firmly planting it for a better center of gravity. Then he quickly ducked to the side, dodging the incoming spear and letting it fly past over his head.

Bang!

Right after the spear missed its target, Uno immediately leaped into the air. He twisted his body midair before throwing a powerful diagonal kick toward his opponent.

Arthur had already predicted ahead of time, so he just raised his round shield to block the kick while preparing for a counterattack.

Bang!

But to his surprise, that kick was too heavy even for himself. He was forced to take a couple of steps back, trying to relieve the force that he had received from the impact.

What came next was a series of attacks from Uno.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Uno had just planned to throw Arthur off the rhythm and break the latter's stance so that he could take an advantageous position and get near where he could attack better with his shortswords.

But Arthur was still able to respond in time, raising his shield time and time again, and blocking everything with great accuracy.

Clang! Clang!

Clank!

At the same time, he was taking one step back for each block he made, creating enough space between him and his opponent where he could regain the advantageous distance where he could use his spear properly.

Uno was aware of this, so he pressed forward even harder and intensified his advances. But despite everything, Arthur still regained his footing and started fighting back properly.

Uno's attacks were fast and accurate due to his shortswords being light. It was a pair of weapons perfect for swift and fast attacks.

But Arthur's stance was firm and steady, which made it hard to break through normal means. Moreover, with his 'Dragon Eyes', he was able to form a battle stance that had the perfect balance of offense and defense with his spear and shield.

Uno then swiftly created a series of attacks with irregular patterns and disoriented rhythm while circling Arthur around, who had a perfect frontal defense.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Arthur would be having a hard time keeping up with Uno's speed if it was before. But since the time he had seen that dragon from the Original Emperor Flame, his sixth sense improved by a large margin.

In the outside world, he was able to see the flow of energies filling the air in clearer detail if he used his 'Dragon Eyes' along with his sixth sense.

Inside the game, he was able to do the same, but with a better result since his innate trait was a notch higher compared to the outside world.

With this, he was able to further strengthen his 'Full Guard' advanced combat technique, which he usually used in battle. It was a special technique that let him sense his surroundings clearer, where his situational and environmental awareness was at its peak.

This 'Full Guard' was the same as Shin's 'Sensing Circle', which was territorial skill.

But with the help of 'Dragon Eyes', this combat technique reached another level and became a bona fide Legendary Combat Technique.

Adding the combat state of 'Reality Manifestation', it even transcended the limits of in-game combat techniques.

'Unique Combat Form: Dragon Stance'

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Uno turned into a series of afterimages that was dashing around Arthur while throwing relentless attacks from every direction.

'Yin-Yang Movement Arts: Ghost Evanescence'

It was Shin's regular movement technique, but with a slightly different medication as the afterimages that Uno had left behind were not stationary. They even resembled a real person as they launched a series of attacks along with the real body.

After a few more exchanges, Arthur and Uno changed their forms and styles once again.

Arthur suddenly started flipping, twirling, and spinning the spear on his right hand as it let it dance around his body as if it were alive.

He was not only blocking and deflecting Uno's attacks with his round shield anymore but he was now using his spear to achieve the same result as well.

He was still attacked with the spear in retaliation throwing a series of combination moves such as stab, thrust, poke, hack, swing, slash, snatch, and restrain with a single hand with ease.

These spear movements were usually performed with both hands, but Arthur was executing these moves perfectly with a single hand without any problems.

But that did not mean that his other hand, which was holding the shield, was idle either. It was instead as busy as his other hand as he was not only blocking with that shield he was also performing some offensive maneuvers with it like shield bash, shield strike, shield uppercut, heavy push, seismic slam, and such.

It was as if he was combining two battle styles as one – particularly the styles of a shield warrior and a spearman during a battle.

It was also not the end as he even combined the foot technique of his family's martial arts with his movements, adding more combination attacks which also produced an endless permutation in the process.

This was Arthur's true style which he had created after undergoing the special training overseen by his great-grandfather along with Nathan.

'Springfield Secret Arts: Imperial Tactics – Endless Dragon Dance'

He had turned the movement technique into a complete battle stance.

His movements were elegant, majestic, and domineering at the same, making the people who were watching him perform to be amazed and mesmerized by every move he took.

His weapons seemed to have transformed into a pair of dragons that were dancing in the air while revolving around him.

But he was not the only one performing well as the opposition was also showcasing the same level of technique.

'Yin-Yang Cultivation Arts: Sword Transmigration'

It was a familiar sword technique as it was something Shin had always used, where he could both attack and defend at the same time while also absorbing the force behind the attack of his opponent to reinforce his own.

But this 'Sword Transmigration' was somewhat different from what Shin was using since Uno had modified it to perfectly fit his style.

Unlike Shin, who could only showcase the full potential of this technique when he was stationary, Uno had adjusted some of the sword movements and their trajectory by applying the principle of 'Focal Points'.

Then he added the movement technique version of this sword technique, where someone could accumulate more movement the more, he moved before disgorging everything with the final step – the 'Mystic Movement' technique.

After a few more adjustments and a little bit of modifications, Uno had created a version of 'Sword Transmigration' that he could use while moving around.

Even if it was somewhat inferior to the older version in comparison to overall might, this new form could be used freely while moving and could accumulate more momentum by exchanging more blows with his opponent or by just moving continuously.

Unlike the older version, where the accumulated momentum and force could be endless, this version had its limits as the accumulated powers would die down after a certain amount of time.

But with the immense ceiling of Uno's abilities, particularly in terms of control, such an issue was negligible as he could maintain the peak of the accumulated powers for as long as he could once, he reached it.

Overall, this version of 'Sword Transmigration' was still better than the older one in Uno's hands.

After he had erased some useless visual effects that the sword trails had left whenever he swung them around, no one would be able to tell that it was Shin's signature move.

Bang! Bang!

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Clang! Clang! Clang!

The exchanges between the two continued to intensify the more time passed, making the blood of the people boil as they continued to watch.

These exchanges were so amazing that everyone wanted to go outside and fight someone.

Boom!

After a powerful collision, the two were finally separated from each other, sending each other skidding in opposite directions.

They did not immediately jump back into action and just stood in their respective positions.

Arthur seemed to have entered enlightenment as he finally found the 'Natural State' that he was looking for his 'Martial Arts Prodigy' Combat Talent.

Uno was aware of this, so he did not immediately launch an attack and patiently waited. Instead, he took a deep breath as he mumbled. "I don't want to use this here since it will be no different from bullying other people."

Right after he said those words, his eyes suddenly released a purple glow while his pupils also turned into vertical slits, resembling Arthur's yet also somewhat different.

Then, he continued. "But since those eyes of yours are quite interesting, let me show you what a real 'Foresight' can do."

Chapter 1479: Arthur's Natural State

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As Arthur and Uno were separated from each other and took a brief pause, the people watching the match, who were at the edge of their seats and holding their breaths while watching, finally recovered themselves and burst into an uproar.

"Woah! What an intense battle!"

"That is crazy! More! Give us more!"

"Watching apex experts of the games is always satisfying!"

The audience at the stand shouted with burning passion and excitement as they looked at the battlefield where Uno and Arthur remained standing opposite to each other while 'resting'. The people watching the live broadcast, on the other hand, flooded the chat with their reactions and emojis that expressed how they felt.

Miss Bunny and David took this opportunity to finally have a little in-depth discussion about the earlier exchange.

"What an amazing start! They live up to their reputation. Don't you think, partner?" said Miss Bunny initiating the discussion.

"Well, that is to be expected since these two were top Gods of the game, to begin with," David nodded his head before continuing. "But this is nothing but a warmup. They have only shown us their combat prowess and have yet to reveal the true powers that they were hiding."

"These two Mighty Chosen Ones truly give us a good example of what they can do," he continued with a smile. "But the next bout will absolutely be an even greater show since they will be showing us their more powerful techniques and true skills."

"Mighty Chosen Ones!" Miss Bunny played along. "All people are aware of the Dragon God's talents. Siegfried is already known to be a Martial Arts Prodigy, who also wields the talent of 'Foresight'. This is what made him famous in the earlier days of his gaming career."

David chuckled as he commented. "All of us know that a Martial Arts Prodigy has an unbelievable comprehension ability, which gives them the ability to learn things with a glance. But you will later see how scary they can be once they put that talent into combat."

Miss Bunny was quite curious about what he meant by those words, but she wanted to ask more about the opposing party a little more just like the viewers watching online, so she changed the topic accordingly.

"But what about this mysterious Evil God? And how can you tell that he is also a Mighty Chosen One?" she asked with genuine curiosity.

David put up a mystifying act and replied with his great humor. "Let's just say that it is an expert's eyes discerning things."

Miss Bunny played along and laughed before continuing. "So, what is his secret?"

David did not mind sharing it with others since they would learn about it sooner or later. What's more, with this battle being broadcast to millions of audiences, there would be well-known experts and analysts who would bound to discover it later anyway.

He might as well use this opportunity to become one of those experts. "Well, one of his talents is quite tricky. But not that complicated. It is called a Thinking Reed."

"Thinking Reed?" hearing the unfamiliar words, Miss Bunny could not help but become more curious about this.

"It is a combat talent on the same scale as Martial Arts Prodigy, Sword Genius, Battle Genius, Gifted Adept, and such. But it is not quite well-known since there are very few people who own such a talent," David quickly replied.

"Being a Mighty One is already quite rare. But among them, a Thinking Reed is one of the rarest, which is why not many people are aware of their existence."

"In a sense, they are more like of a Prudent Ace or a Master Potential since their combat talent lies in their brains rather than their physical bodies, unlike the rest."

Miss Bunny became even more interested in the topic and excited. "That is interesting. So, what makes them special?"

David thought for a moment before answering. "If I were to pick a description, then I would say that they are people who use intuition when thinking about something rather than reason. They are also able to think about the necessary answers in all kinds of problems and situations as if it is second nature to them."

Knowing that this is quite a vague description, David gave a much simpler example. "In simple terms, we can say that they are like a Battle Genius. But rather than their bodies gaining experience and improving along with it, it is their brains that evolve after accumulating more knowledge and experience."

"A Battle Genius gains immediate growth the more they battle, but Thinking Reed goes for a long run. The more their bodies experience something, the more their brains grow."

"It is like having a database inside your head, where you can pull out certain answers and solutions after encountering difficult problems and situations that are impossible to escape."

"Along with their special thinking ability, these answers come instantaneously and intuitively," he added.

Hearing this quite lengthy explanation, Miss Bunny, along with their audience in the live broadcast, finally gained a better understanding of this quite unfamiliar combat talent.

After recovering herself, Miss Bunny remembered something and asked. "You said that both are Mighty Chosen Ones. Are you saying that this Evil God also possesses a peerless talent like the 'Foresight' of Seigfried?"

"Of course!" he answered confidently but did not say anything about it and live it to their imagination. "But it will not be exciting if I spoil everything for you. It will be better if you and our friends watch online to discover his peerless talent yourselves."

Miss Bunny played along and asked a few more questions before they proceeded to another topic, where they discussed and explained a few details in the battle that the viewers did not see due to the intense pace of the battle.

But David did not disclose anything about the Natural State since people would not know about it that much. Only those with combat talent or peerless talents could experience such things, particularly the ones who possessed both since they were more sensitive about it.

Of course, there were also a few people who were quite talented enough to create a Natural State of their own, but those people were rarer than Mighty Chosen Ones.

After all, the Natural State seemed to be designed by the Heaven for Mighty Chosen Ones or at least individuals with either of the two.

Going back to the match, Arthur had finally completed his enlightenment. The moment when he opened his eyes once again, he entered a special state where things seemed to be beneath him.

Dragons were pride by nature due to their absolute powers and natural control over the energies of the world. And this nature was deeply engraved in them, which made their descendants to be the same.

As someone from the Springfield Family, who were some to be descendants of the Solar Dragon, Arthur also had this pride hidden deep within himself.

Even if he was always fooling around and quite easygoing, this pride was still engraved in his bones. His desire to always be at the center of the spotlight might even come from this as it made him proud and satisfied.

In this state that he was in, he felt very powerful and everything that he saw was nothing of importance. But at the same time, he felt quite lonely.

But within this loneliness, he strangely felt an absolute silence and tranquility. He was so calm that he could see everything much clearer.

'Natural State: Dragon Solace'

Uno, who was standing on the opposite side, knew that Arthur had successfully entered his Natural State, especially when his eyes could see the flow of energy naturally gathering toward Arthur as if they were attracted to him.

His 'Foresight' was slightly different from Arthur's – or should he say that it was in a more perfect state.

Arthur had filled the shortcomings that he could not achieve with his 'Foresight' by creating the 'Dragon Eyes' with the help of his bloodline.

On the other hand, Uno could bring out the full capabilities of his 'Foresight'. He could not only read the intention of his opponents by seeing the tiniest movements of their muscles and see the trajectory of their attacks, but he could also read the movements of the energies filling the air.

This not only gave him the ability to read the movements of the opposing party but also predict what kind of abilities or techniques would they be using.

Moreover, he had also reached the partial evolution of this peerless talent because he was inside the game and turned it into 'Pinnacle Omnipotence' just like Arthur.

From his perspective, the whole world seemed to have become black-and-white while gridlines seemed to have filled everything.

In this world, everything seemed to have moved differently as their movements filled with a series of overlapping afterimages.

The movements that these images were showing were the predictions that he was seeing after his brain processed all the information inside his head.

In this dull and monochrome world, there were specks of lights that were moving with a certain flow. They were the energies of this world – both the elemental and arcane mana.

This special sight was an advanced application of 'Foresight' to complement Uno's abilities and talent.

At the same time, he had entered his Natural State to match Arthur's, who was now releasing overwhelming powers that could put some pressure even on him.

'Natural State: True Equinox'

The moment he entered this state, an overwhelming pressure enveloped the entire surroundings. Adding the immense killing intent that he was already releasing and merging them, the pressure that he now possessed was so strong that it even affected the environment.

The world seemed to have turned crimson from the perspective of other people while a sinister atmosphere was created.

This clashed against the pressure that Arthur was emitting, creating invisible ripples that created yet another Mana Storm.

This also intensified the clash between their Battle Spirits. The Ancient Dragon and Void Beast wrestled in the sky as they simultaneously charged at each other.

Bang! Bang!

Swoosh! Swoosh!

This time, they would be showcasing their true abilities and unleashing all their powers.

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Bang! Bang!

Boom!

More destruction ravaged the arena as Arthur and Uno lunged at themselves against each other once again. It took only a short time for the ground to have multiple pits and craters scattered around whenever they appeared in a certain location.

Each collision of them had created thunderous explosions, signifying how powerful the strength those clashes carried.

They still showcased their signature Combat Techniques and respective Mana Manipulation, but with an even greater intensity due to them entering their Natural States. They both showcased their full mastery over these techniques, amazing all the audience and viewers.

Whenever the two combatants were deadlocked with 'simple' exchanges, David and Miss Bunny would inject some comments and show their insights.

With their help, the people watching the battle were able to get a more in-depth understanding of the battle. Everyone was able to understand the decisions of the two due to David giving them more informative comments.

He was also competent and kind enough to explain things in more detail despite the insane pace of the battle. He even was able to inject some jokes from time to time, making everything a little more entertaining.

Miss Bunny, with her professional experience, was able to keep up with David. This created a more relaxing atmosphere despite the intensity of the battle.

They were unlike those commentators, who could not help but stare blankly at their screens after seeing such a crazy battle.

This gave the people a more positive look at the duo, making the people flood their live broadcast even more. Even those, who were watching at the live stand, chose to open their respective virtual screens to connect to the live broadcast after hearing the news.

They could also hear the voices of the two at the live stand. But due to how lively and noisy that place was, they were unable to properly hear the two, so they listened to them through the broadcast, which was ringing right in their ears.

These people were listening to them while keeping their eyes on the ongoing battle at the arena.

Due to this, the ratings of their broadcast continued to increase, creating a record-breaking viewership.

This was not even an official duel, yet it had already thrown everyone into a storm.

Arthur leaped into the air while adjusting his position for a spear-throwing stance in the air. The surrounding mana quickly gathered to his spear, setting it ablaze with a multicolored flame.

Swoosh!

When the accumulation of power reached its peak, Arthur threw the spear with all his might, sending it toward his opponent.

Swoosh!

During its flight, the spear and the flame that was covering it transformed into a huge dragon that opened its mouth wide, seemingly trying to devour the world with it.

Roar!

'True Nine Dragon Arts: Divine Dragon Devours the World'

Uno, who was standing right beneath this dragon, took a stance of his own. He spread his feet and squatted his hips as the shortswords in his hands were put by in their sheaths.

Bang!

At the same time, the black light containing the coldest energy in the air world shrouded his body and illuminated his entire being.

Shing!

Not long after, his arms turned into blurs as he unsheathed the shortswords once again before swinging them in the air. His actions were so fast that his arms almost disappeared from everyone's eyes before reappearing right after executing his technique.

At the same time, a huge crescent of energy suddenly appeared in the air and flew toward the descending dragon.

This crescent energy contained a coldness that seemed to come from the deepest abyss, making even the space freeze with its presence.

'Yin-Yang Cultivation Arts: Extreme Yin – Breath of the Northern Wind'

Swoosh!

The crescent energy looked somewhat inferior compared to the descending dragon, but when it came in contact with the latter, the dragon made of multicolored flame was split in half before both of them dissipated in the air.

Bang!

Swoosh!

Arthur, who was now falling from the sky, caught the spear in a very skillful manner. Then they followed its momentum to spin midair before continuing his descent.

Spinning rapidly during his descent, Arthur gathered more energy toward his spear before swinging it down as if he were trying to split the world itself.

'True Nine Dragon Arts: Heavenly Cleave of the Divine King'

Swoosh!

Waiting below, Uno flipped his shortswords and changed his grip over them. The moment when he fixed his grip, both swords released a violent flame. These flames danced along the wind while releasing intense heat that started to scorch the ground undeath Uno's feet.

And when the spear of his opponent was about to descend at him, he suddenly swung for of the swords as they carried an immense force that could not be stopped.

'Yin-Yang Cultivation Arts: Absolute Yang – The Rising Sun'

Swoosh!

BOOM!

The immediate exploration quickly followed right after the two powers collided with each other.

The ground sank, producing an even larger crater than what the two had created thus far. The fragments of rocks that were thrown in the air due to the pick were instantly turned into dust due to the impact.

Swoosh!

Arthur quickly bounced in the air as he absorbed some of the force from the collision before adjusting his position in the air.

With a quick spin, he suddenly stabbed his spear at Uno multiple times, turning his weapon into serpent dragons that were trying to take the life of his opponent.

'True Nine Dragon Arts: Dragon Nest'

Uno seemed to have already expected it and took a couple of back to create more distance between him and those dragons.

Ta-ta!

He then swiftly swung his swords multiple times, sending a series of energy waves that cut through the dragons and chopped their heads.

'Yin-Yang Cultivation Arts: Yin Form – Snowstorm Blade'

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Ta-ta!

At this moment, Arthur had landed on the ground once again. He then kicked the ground and charged forward with his shield positioned right in front of him.

Bang!

Given his momentum and the violent flame covering his body, he looked like a huge truck set aflame while charging toward a pedestrian.

'Ultimate Military Arts: Lethal Move – Destruction Charge'

Seeing the incoming 'truck', Uno took a step back while sheathing back the shortswords in a smooth motion.

Bang!

He firmly planted his foot behind him while his arms swiftly spread wide and steadily moved in circles as if he were drawing a Tai Chi diagram in front of him.

With the gesture of his hands, the air seemed to have obeyed his command before gathering in front of him. And when he put the bottom of his palms together and pushed them forward, a powerful shockwave exploded and clashed against the incoming 'truck', greatly weakening its momentum.

'Original Yin-Yang Arts: Combining Gentleness and Hardness'

Bang!

Even if he did not stop Arthur's charge, Uno was still able to weaken the fearsome advance.

He slightly raised his brows when he saw that despite him almost stopping his opponent, his field of vision was now blocked by the round shield in front of him, completely hiding his opponent.

It was an old trick for gamers, who specially played knight classes – blinding their opponents with their shield to hide their intention.

Sensing that something was amiss, Uno quickly used the heel of his front foot to kick the ground and pushed himself away from Arthur.

Swoosh!

Right after skidded backward, Arthur's spear suddenly came out from behind the shield like a venomous snake and tried to catch Uno. Unfortunately, the latter was quick enough to respond and created the distance between them as soon as possible.

Bang!

With impeccable timing, right after Arthur pulled his shield back and threw his spear forward, Uno suddenly lunged forward while unsheathing his swords and swinging them at the opposing party.

The timing was so good that he did not give Arthur to position his shield in front of him once again due to the awkward position.

But right when it happened, Arthur suddenly loosened his grip over the spear and let it fly forward. This action forced Uno to slightly slow down as he had to duck forward to dodge its tip.

Feeling the texture of the metal shaft of his spear, Arthur let the spear fly forward until his hand reached its bottom. Then he suddenly tightened his grip once again, catching the spear and stopping it from going further.

After that, he suddenly pressed downward to make the spear flip before pushing upwards once again and slightly twisting his body to the side to catch the spear with his shoulders.

Clang!

With this action, the shaft of the spear collided with the blades of the pair of shortswords that were trying to cut his waist like huge scissors.

Swoosh!

Arthur absorbed the force of impact and used it to slide backward and reclaim the ideal distance for his spear once again.

"Not bad~," commented David from the virtual space after seeing those simple yet intense moves at the last exchange.