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Chapter 1711: Another Member of the Pandemonium Troupe

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Shin had drawn a rough map based on the reports that Hanzo and Grimrace had given him. He had also added Blackie's report, which further detailed the surroundings of the ruins.

He had also put some marks on the places that he needed to take note of, particularly those places that were heavily guarded by powerful monsters or NPCs.

He had also marked the places where Blackie had spotted the other players, who had managed to find the ruins and were waiting for the forces of the Righteous Factions to arrive and make a distraction for them to sneak in.

"There are not many of them than I have expected," mumbled Shin as he scanned through the spots where the third parties were located. "But based on what Blackie had reported, it seems like those guys were from elite troupes of top forces."

He turned to Blackie once again before asking. "What are the patterns of their emblems that you have seen they are wearing?"

Blackie thought for a moment before replying. "Some of them wear that serpent head emblem that is formed by multiple heads of smaller serpents. The others had a rising sun emblem while another group had a capital M on their emblems."

"There are still a few scattered units, but they are not as threatening as those guys aside from two more groups, who are stationed a little further."

She paused for a moment, trying to recall the emblems that those guys were wearing before continuing. "One of the groups is wearing a rising fist emblem while the other has an emblem of a dragon's head on their chest."

Shin thought for a moment as he named each of the noticeable groups that she had mentioned. "Hydra Guild, Golden Dawn, and Mythical Guild – they are our old 'acquaintances' while the other two, on the other hand, are most likely from Titan Guild and Dragon Pavilion."

"I am thinking why those guys watching us from the battlefield earlier have not made their moves during that time, but it turns out they immediately headed to this place after seeing that there is no point joining the raid against the Plague Behemoth."

"And the Titan Guild and Dragon Pavilion are most like after them," he added before proceeding to name the other smaller units. "The rest are most likely from those smaller yet elite groups such as the adventurer teams and mercenary groups that I have encountered earlier while the scattered ones are smaller teams formed by highly skilled independent players."

Cloe was also studying the map before asking. "Since they are waiting for the forces of the Righteous Churches to arrive, they will have to wait for quite a while before making their move. Are we going ahead of them?"

"That is obviously our only choice. Getting involved with them beforehand will be even more troublesome," nodded Shin before adding with an evil grin. "But I will also 'make' an arrangement for them so that they have no choice but to make a move ahead of time."

He then turned to Hanzo as he asked. "You said that there is only one group that we have to take care of once we enter the place?"

Hanzo nodded. "Yes. Sneaking inside shouldn't be that hard given our abilities. Bypassing the formations protecting the place is also a piece of cake if me and these two work together," while pointing at Blackie and Grimrace.

"The only issue is the group guarding the entrance to the main tomb," he paused for a moment as he tried to recall the strength of those individuals. "Their overall strength is not a problem as they are way below your current standard. The problem is each of them seems to be carrying a special disk that can form a battle formation."

"They may not be a battle unit, but they can combine their respective powers and transfer them to the individual who will act as the center of the formation, who is also quite tricky to deal with as that person seems to be much stronger than those guys that you have fought earlier."

Shin knitted his brows as he heard the latter part of those words before mumbling to himself. "Stronger than those guys, who are top-notch godly experts? Then they are at least a top-ranked gods of the game."

"It is indeed going to be a little troublesome if they are as strong as those guys from the top ten of the Godly Ranking List."

While Shin was deep in his thoughts, Hanzo seemed to have remembered something before saying it. "Hmm... I also can sense that their demonic powers far surpassed the other guys that we have encountered so far."

"They seem to be on the same level as those demonic people of your kind (means players)," he added as he tried to recall the closest example. "Their demonic energy is as potent as those guys who keep calling themselves 'Devils' or something."

"Devils? The Seven Devils of the Pandemonium Descendants? No, they should be a member of the Pandemonium Troupes, the most elite group of that organization, and also their higher-ups," asked Shin.

Shin thought for a moment before asking. "Is he one of the ones that we have encountered before?"

Hanzo tried to recall the appearance and aura of the said person before shaking his head. "I don't think so. They seem to be a different member."

Shin raised his brows when heard that. "Not from the Seven Devils?"

He tried to recall the information that Diablo had provided them before saying. "Then they can either be one of the Thirteen Archdemons or the Evil Princes and Princesses."

Diablo could not disclose too much of the information about the Pandemonium Descendants and the Troupe Members due to the system contract that he had signed when he left the organization, but he could at least tell the others about the 'common' information that was leaked to the public due to Zero's investigation before.

Shin had quite detailed information about the Seven Devils as he and the Empyrean Talons had already fought against them before aside from their mysterious leader, who was also known as the Pride Devil, the True Devil, and the Supreme Commander of the Troupe – Lucifer, the Great Leader of the Pandemonium.

Shin had quite an impression of this guy as he was one of the guys who had followed him when he cleared his Tier 3 Class Promotion Quest and became the First Tier 3 Class Player.

This guy was also said to be as strong as those from the peak of the Godly Ranking List, rivaling Ashura, Sigfried, and Zero.

Adding that he was also a leader of such a powerful organization, his might should be on a similar level as; Yuan, the Pavilion Master of the Dragon Pavilion; Serpent, the Guild Leader of the Hydra Guild; Chipper, the First Order of the Central Order; and Zeus and Odin, the Throne Masters of the Titan Guild.

As for the dark guilds and forces, he was on par with the mysterious Ring Master of the Blood Carnival or the Palace Master of the Castle of Sin – two of the biggest dark organizations within the virtual world, which also had the longest history.

"This does not change our plans even if they are from the Pandemonium Troupe, but we still have to be careful when facing them. After all, those guys do have some tricks under their sleeves," said Shin as he recalled each of his encounters with the Seven Devils of the Pandemonium Troupe.

The thought of meeting another member of their group, who did not belong to the previous opponents he had met, excited him a little. He was curious which of the other members they would be facing and what kind of strange ability they would show him.

"Based on what we knew, each member of the Pandemonium Troupe possessed powerful units under their command, which are composed of the most elite members of the organization's forces."

"They had unique styles, which complemented the powers and abilities of their leader. If I am not wrong; that group is one of those elite units, and their leader is one of the high-ranking members of the Troupe."

Shin frowned as he recalled another piece of information. "Diablo said that there are quite a few unique existences within the organization such as himself, when he is still one of the main commanders and the leader of the Sweepers."

"There is Azazel, who is quite a powerful player that rivals Diablo's battle prowess and possesses a unique ability that is on a similar level as that guy's 'Demon's Eye'."

"That guy Mephistopheles, who I have fought previously, is also one of them. That guy is indeed a troublesome opponent along with that strange flame under his control, which is further enhanced by his unique Mana Manipulation Method."

"I wonder if the ones we will be facing are one of those unique 'existences'," he mumbled, seemingly feeling a little excited.

Pak!

Cloe suddenly hit him on the back of his head after seeing that he was getting distracted. "Focus on our situation first before you start fantasizing about your 'romance'."

"We have to start moving now as I heard that the forces of the Righteous Churches have already finished resting and begun to march to this place," she added with a serious tone.

Shin rubbed the back of his head before nodding. "Is that so? Then let's start moving."

"We will follow the initial plan. I will first infiltrate alongside Hanzo while you will follow me once we have cleared the route," he paused for a moment before pointing at the other two Elementals. "Blackie and Grimrace will help you sneak inside with their powers."

Seeing her nod, Shin turned to Hanzo and instructed. "Let's go! Bring me inside through Dimension Walk!"

Swoosh!

Hanzo did not hesitate as he suddenly grabbed Shin before tossing him toward a dimensional rift that appeared in front of them.

The old spirit did not wait for any reaction as he jumped into the rift and disappeared alongside it immediately.

Cloe stared at the spot where the dimension rift disappeared before sighing. "Like Master, like his servants."

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Shin followed the route that he had created earlier based on the report that Hanzo and Grimrace had given him. They were able to easily infiltrate the ruins without getting noticed by anyone, especially with the help of Hanzo's special abilities that could isolate them from the physical world.

This ability was quite mysterious and powerful, but Hanzo warned Shin not to use this technique too much as it would be dangerous for him.

Staying in the void for too long was too dangerous for those who did not belong to the void. It was fine for him as he was an Ancient Void Spirit, who was born from the void and grew up in it.

Shin, on the other hand, did not belong to that place, which was why it was dangerous for him to stay in that place as long as the void could devour him, and he would never be able to escape from it forever.

When you looked at the void, the void would also look back.

This was the reason why Shin and Hanzo could not rely on this ability that much. But since they were able to sneak through the senses of the Lord Rank Plague Monsters patrolling the perimeter of the ruins

as well as the senses of the strong NPCs sent by the Evil Factions, they were able to solve their hardest obstacle.

Their stealth techniques were more than enough to help them reach their destination so long as they followed the infiltration route that they had planned out earlier.

It did not take that long before Shin reached the corridor leading toward the main tomb of this huge ruin.

Observing the place, Shin could not help but shook his head bitterly. "They sure know how to create a trap for those who would dare to infiltrate this place. There is only a single route that leads to the tomb hall, which is why there is only one entrance and exit."

"This can only mean that it was impossible to sneak inside that easily, especially when it was easier to guard a single corridor rather than those complicated ones with multiple channels."

Not long after, Shin and Hanzo could see the huge ancient doors at the end of the corridor. Even from a distance, Shin could see the deep patterns engraved on the doors as well as the runes that were constantly pulsing with deep lights.

He was observing the patterns of the doors along with his True Sight Skill as he moved forward. He could also visibly see the dense Plague Energy that was rushing inside the doors as if something beyond them was absorbing the energy at an insane rate.

This sight confused Shin a little as it was the opposite of what he was expecting. This place was supposed to be the source of the Plague Energy that was corrupting the surrounding region but seemed to be the direct opposite of that.

It was only when he observed the flow of the energy that he noticed that this Plague Energy was different from what was filling the Plague Lands.

"They are carrying a dense Life Force that is robbed from the surrounding areas, particularly from the living creatures that had fallen victim to the plague corruption," he mumbled as he observed the mana flow in the air a little closer before adding. "I guess I will understand everything once I go beyond those doors."

Not long after, Shin noticed the group of people standing right before the giant ancient doors, seemingly guarding it.

Shin squinted his eyes as he looked at them, observing them from the distance. The other party could not see him and Hanzo due to the latter's abilities that manipulated the surrounding space to create a veil that hid them.

From Shin's initial observation, he could see that each member of the group was emitting a dense demonic energy, signifying that each of them was a strong demonic player.

They were lined up in an organized manner right before the ancient doors, standing like highly trained and disciplined troops of the military.

They were standing silently and unmoving like a group of stone statues.

They all were wearing a set of black cloaks that Shin was very familiar with as those cloaks carried the patterns and designs unique to the members of the Pandemonium Descendants. The only difference that he noticed was the strange emblem that they were wearing other than the emblem meant for their organization.

This smaller emblem seemed to indicate the unit that they represented.

After observing each of those demonic players and gauging their strength, Shin proceeded to the person sitting on a stone chair that seemed to be created from earth elemental mana.

This person was emitting a much denser demonic energy compared to the rest of the group and also rivaling those powerful demonic players that Shin had encountered before.

It coincided with what Hanzo had reported to him earlier, which signified that this person was the leader of this group.

The other party was wearing a sleeveless war robe along with a set of dark armor, which were amplifying the denseness of his demonic energy.

A hood was also hanging over his head, covering his face with the shade created by it. But there was also a noticeable pair of horns sticking out from the edges of the hood, signifying that this person was no ordinary demonic player.

Their race was most likely comparable to Hoawin, the God of Carnage, who Shin had defeated before – a True Demon.

This guy was leaning forward while sitting. Each of his elbows was resting on his knee with his fingers interlocking with one another.

A stone spear with an exquisite yet domineering design was also resting before him, leaning on his shoulder.

Staring at this person gave Shin the impression of a huge and oppressive mountain. A heavy pressure was passively being emitted from his body.

Based on the current appearance of this person, Shin tried to figure out their identity according to the information that he had gotten from Diablo before.

"Morax, one of the Thirteen Archdemons and the 'Wise Demon'," mumbled Shin as he fitted this person with the information he had inside his head.

"This is going to be a little tricky. Based on what Diablo has said, this guy is one of those with the strongest combat capabilities among the entire Troupe. Moreover, he is said that this guy is quite smart as well," clicked his tongue not knowing whether they were lucky or unlucky to bump into such a tough opponent.

Regardless, he would not be backing out from a fight, especially when fit against such a decent opponent.

He then glanced at the message box, waiting for the update from Cloe's side. But the update that arrived seemed to be a little different from what he was expecting.

Arielle: Shin, I think there is some issue here. I bumped into a troublesome individual. She seems to be one of the players with a decent standing within the Corrupted Cult.

Arielle: She is hot on my heels.

Shin raised his brows a little as he was confident that Blackie and Grimrace would be more than enough to help her sneak inside given their respective abilities and elements, which greatly helped when it came to stealth missions.

"What happened?"

While he was thinking about where it went wrong, Cloe sent her another message.

Arielle: I don't know how they have noticed me, but it seems like they are using a special device that can detect any sacred or holy type of energy from the surroundings.

This answered all the doubts that Shin was having just earlier. "Tsk! I have not considered that possibility. I have forgotten that these guys are the natural enemy of the Church of Light completely. Of course, they have a special means to detect their opposition."

Sickarius: Can you shake her off?

Arielle: I don't think it is possible. This girl is locked on me completely.

Sickarius: Where are you?

Arielle: I am not far from your location. I am almost in the corridor.

Shin thought for a moment after seeing her reply. He then sighed as he knew that they needed to adjust their plans. "I guess we have to go with Plan C this time."

He then raised his head, looking at Morax and his subordinates in the distance.

"Hey, Old Man. Can you isolate this place and prevent anyone from entering the place once Cloe arrives?" he asked.

Hanzo frowned for a moment, seemingly displeased by what Shin had said, but still replied. "That shouldn't be a problem. But you should be aware that I can't do that much with my current state given that you are still too weak."

"For how long can you hold out?" Shin asked.

"A dozen minutes at most. But if there are any Lord Rank Monsters on their side, then it can be less than that. However, I can still make it at six to seven minutes," replied Hanzo instantly.

Shin nodded his head. "That should be more than enough to break through these guys and enter the tomb hall."

"Get ready," he said while instructing the old elemental to remove him from the 'invisibility' skill.

Swoosh!

Right after he appeared in the corridor, Morax, who was sitting silently on his stone chair, immediately sensed the disturbance in the air and felt the foreign presence approaching them.

Raising his head, he saw a silhouette of a hooded individual walking toward them. He squinted his eyes a little, making his pupils turn gold. The other party's appearance was clearly reflected in his eyes through this.

He then started grinning after recognizing the other party. He took his stone spear leaning on him with his right hand as he stood up. "I have been waiting."

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"Waiting? It seems like you have been expecting me to arrive," said Shin as he continued to walk forward.

"Paimon mentioned that the greatest variable may appear in this place. After all, you always appear whenever there is a big event concerning the Evil Faction and Righteous Churches," replied Morax as he slightly stretched his body.

Shin squinted his eyes as he heard the name 'Paimon' as he recalled that it was one of the strategists of the Pandemonium Descendants alongside 'Belial'.

Morax might not be able to see the expression that Shin was making due to the hood of the cloak and the mask that the latter was wearing. But he could still tell what the other side was thinking based on the small movements that they were making.

"It looks like you know quite a lot about us. I guess Diablo do have found a way around to bypass the system contract he has signed with the organization when he has left," he said before quickly adding. "Well, that is not the big deal since what you know about us is most likely the general information that anyone can get due to the Sword God's infiltration at that time."

"Our operations and other plans are something that can't be shared with others anyway," he added before raising his stone spear and resting it on his shoulder. "Let's start this already. I am sure that the guy inside is about to finish his job there."

"Or you can also stay there and not do anything as I am too lazy to fight right now. I still have better things to do after this operation, let's not waste our time and energy with each other," he continued.

Shin tilted his head to the side as he felt that this guy was quite interesting compared to the other members of the Pandemonium Descendants that he had met so far, particularly those from the Seven Sin Devils of the Pandemonium Troupe.

"Too bad, I'm quite excited to fight someone from the Pandemonium Troupe who is not a Sin Devil," he said.

Morax slightly curved his lips into a grin as he asked. "But aren't you quite in a hurry? And I also don't think you have the time to deal with me when your partner is being cased by that crazy woman."

Shin raised his head a little when he heard those words, suspecting that these guys from the Demonic Churches and Corrupted Cult were somewhat 'getting' along with each other when they were supposed to be battling heads from what he had learned about them.

Setting that thought aside, Shin shrugged his shoulder. "I trust her abilities, so there is no need to worry about her."

Sensing that Shin was getting ready to fight, Morax unexpectedly said something that caught the other party off guard. "I don't like doing something troublesome as I find it a waste of energy. But I also can't let you disturb our plans once again. How about making a deal with me?"

Shin could not help but pause a little while looking at the other party with a strange expression under his mask. He was confused at first but later realized as he recalled what type of person he was facing according to the information that they had.

– "That guy is a strange one. He likes to make a deal with everyone whenever he is doing something. But don't let your guard down when you encounter him as he is still one of the guys with the strongest battle capabilities among the members of the troupe aside." –

Recalling the comment that Diablo had given about Morax, Shin stared at the other party before gesturing. "Let's hear it out."

Seeing that Shin wanted to hear what he wanted to say, Morax became even sure that Diablo had indeed disclosed some information about the organization, particularly the members that they had to be wary of.

But it was not a big deal as Zero and some people had launched an attack on one of their main bases, where they had gotten similar information about the Pandemonium Descendants and disclosed it to the special portal meant for the top-ranking gods of the game.

Morax thought for a moment before speaking. "It is a simple deal. Let's just bet whether I will let pass these doors without obstruction if I win or you will stop meddling with this affair if I lose."

"Sir! But that's-..." one of his men behind tried to say something, but Morax just raised his hand to reject their words. "It is fine. I will take responsibility for whatever happens. Moreover, this is not our main mission anyway. It is just a side job that I have taken out of boredom."

"As for Azazel-... Well, my contract with him only mentioned to delay anyone who tries to enter the tomb hall until he finishes his business inside."

"He said that it would not take that long as he is only planning to pick up something inside. But given that he still has not come out up until now, something unexpected must have happened inside," he added as he waved to his subordinates to reassure them that it was not a big deal.

"Azazel? One of those unique existences within the Pandemonium Troupe? I guess this is not going to be simple," mumbled Shin as he heard that there was another member of the Troupe, with an even powerful fighting capability beyond that door.

"Anyway, my contract with that guy is about to expire after a few more minutes anyway, so it is not a breach of contract even if I let this guy pass," said Morax as he turned to Shin.

"What are the rules?" asked Shin as he also found it a little convenient, especially when Cloe was still being chased by the members of the Corrupted Cult.

"I don't want to show much of my abilities due to the orders given to us, so let's make this a little simple," started Morax before introducing the conditions of the bet. "Three, let's make this three-bout bet."

"We are going to attack each other at the same time with whatever skills or abilities we have. There is no limit and anything is fine."

"The results can either be a win, a lose, or a draw. The one who has the greatest number of wins after three bouts will be the winner. But if we have an equal number of wins or if our exchanges end up in a draw, then I will admit defeat since I am the one who proposed it."

"How does it sound? Quite favorable to you, don't you think?" he asked as he spread his arms, seemingly inviting Shin to accept.

But contrary to what showed on the surface, Shin could see that it was more complicated than anyone could think.

The rule only indicated that either side only had to win two points for them to win. It was simple enough, yet also somewhat complicated at the same time.

The exchange alone during each round required a lot of psychological warfare. Either side would have to use a skill strong enough to either repel the attack of the opposing party or overwhelm them altogether.

If the skill that the one side had thrown was not powerful enough, then they would be most likely to lose that bout in an instant. This was why going all-out and throwing the strongest skill under their arsenal was the most logical choice to avoid such an accident.

This was no different fighting each other with all they had while setting aside all the unnecessary steps such as gauging the strength of their opponents, reading their habits, setting up the rhythm during the battle, and such.

The trickier part was what came during the exchanges.

If Shin took the first exchange half-heartedly, then he would most likely get killed in that spot. But if he wasted his most powerful skills in the process while his opponent used their strength just barely to negate that power, then he would be in trouble for the next two rounds.

What made it even more difficult was he had no idea what kind of skills or how strong the opposing party truly was.

Without exact information about the opponent, Shin was immediately put in a difficult position, especially when the latter had most likely studied him and his style as they considered him as one of their greatest obstacle and the main target of elimination.

The deal might sound favorable to him. But in truth, it was meant to push him into a corner where he had no choice but to retaliate with all his might.

Given that he could not waste too much of his strength or skills against this opponent, especially after hearing that there was another member of the Pandemonium Troupe right inside the tomb hall, Shin had to approach this matter with full caution.

"No. It is not just that. This so-called deal is already the start of the psychological warfare by itself. Then, did he purposely mention Azazel to affect my mind?" mumbled Shin as he started to realize why Morax was one of the trickiest to deal with within the Pandemonium Troupe. "His title as the Wise Demon doesn't do him justice. The Cunning Demon fits him better."

Just like how the devil tempted its victims with its sugar-coated words, pulling them into a seemingly 'favorable' deal, Morax was hiding his evil intention with his 'reasonable' offer.

Shin scrutinized Morax with his sharp gaze while the latter showed nothing but 'sincerity' when he presented the deal.

"A trap hidden behind such words," Shin raised his brows as he saw Morax in a new light. "Interesting."

"Did you say three bouts? Alright, let's do that," he said, accepting the condition of the other party.

Morax could not help but raise his brows when he heard Shin accepting the deal that easily, especially when he could tell that the latter could see through his façade.

But that did not last that long as he started grinning widely. "You are truly interesting. Then let's start."

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Right after he said those words, a system contract appeared before Shin and Morax, laying out all the conditions and rules of the bet.

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Shin skimmed through the rules and conditions presented by the System, making sure that there was nothing wrong with it and no traps hidden behind those words, before signing it.

Right after signing the system contract, Morax suddenly spoke. "Now that you have already signed it, let's change location as this place is not suitable for us."

Shin was confused at first when he heard those words, but he later saw Morax slamming the bottom of his stone spear on the floor of the corridor, sending a series of overlapping ripples in every direction.

He then sensed the unusual fluctuation of mana filling the air as if they were being manipulated by something. It then later escalated into morphing into space while pulling Shin and Morax into its center.

Shin was taken aback by the sudden development, making him raise his guard to the highest level. At the same time, he was also "A teleportation skill? A summoning skill? No, it also has some features of a domain skill. What is this?"

He was analyzing what was happening with the help of his True Sight Skill and realized that this was not just a simple skill activation.

"Brat!"

"My Liege!"

"Hey! Where are you going!?"

The three elemental spirits that were currently summoned could sense that Shin was forcefully being pulled by something, seemingly dragging him into another dimension.

Due to the restriction on their current abilities, they were unable to fight back. They could only let themselves turn into specks of light that appeared beside Shin, signifying that they had exceeded the maximum range that they could have away from him.

Seeing them being forcefully summoned, Shin could not help but squint his eyes. He could sense that this forceful transportation did not mean any harm and only sent him to another dimension.

He was quite familiar with this sensation, which he had already experienced on multiple occasions. He remained calm and waited for him to arrive at the destination, but he also could not help but be a little worried about Cloe as Blackie and Grimrace were suddenly summoned to his side.

"I hope that she will be fine," he mumbled.

Swoosh!

Not long after, he found himself falling upside down from the air as the suction force that had pulled him earlier had finally disappeared.

Bang!

Adjusting his position in the air, he did a series of aerial maneuvers before letting himself gently and skillfully land on the ground.

He quickly put his guard up right after his foot touched the ground, sweeping his gaze at the surroundings with his sharp eyes.

He later found that he was currently standing in the middle of a barren land that was filled with nothing but blackened rock formations and stone mountains.

The place reminded him of that particular mountain forest filled with similar rock formations, where he had found those three monster bosses of monkey specials and said to be the descendants of the Great Stone Ape.

The only difference was the form of mana filling the air. The stone mountain forest that he had visited before was rich with Earth Elemental Mana while this place was filled with corrupted and demonic energy that contaminated the earth and the rest of the environment.

Looking at the towering stone mountains in the distance that resembled a group of giant stone spears embedded in the ground, Shin could tell that this was not a simple place.

"He has summoned me into an Ancient Battlefield? It is oddly similar to what that Justin guy has used to be before," he mumbled as he scanned the surroundings with his eyes.

"But their methods are a little different. Justin used a special medium and got around a series of conditions to summon me there, but this guy just summoned me into this place with no different from snapping his fingers."

While he was having an internal monologue, the system had finally introduced which Ancient Battlefield he was in.

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System: You have been summoned into the Ancient Battlefield – Demonic Stone Forest.

System: All abilities related to darkness and earth will be amplified by a large margin when you are in this place.

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System: The master of this Ancient Battlefield has restricted the amplified buffs – you will only be able to use half of the bonus effects.

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Raising his brows, Shin could not help but curse Morax a little. "Tsk! Stingy."

At the same time, he also heard Hanzo telling him how they were forcefully summoned into this place. [Brat, you must be careful of this guy. He seems to have taken advantage of the unique environment of the ruin and fused it with multiple domain skills under his arsenal to summon this Ancient Battlefield.]

[He has also used the powers of his Demon Contract on top of everything, which is why he has absolute authority over this place.]

[This Ancient Battlefield is no different from an advanced domain skill that only Enlightened Beings can use, albeit this one is a knockoff version of it.]

Not long after, Solus added. [My Liege, the regular Domain Skills that you and others use are only limited to amplifying your physical capabilities such as speed, physical strength, and raw power – or in reverse, weakening your opponents.]

[In some special cases, some domain skills can strengthen your other abilities like your elemental abilities, martial prowess, and swordsmanship attainments.]

[But all these versions of domain skills will contract and become one once the caster has achieved full enlightenment and reached the stage of an Enlightened Being.]

[All these unique amplifications and boosts that an individual domain skill can provide you will focus on a single point and transform it into a True Domain.]

She paused for a moment before continuing. [This ability of your current opponent is planning to achieve that result. It may still be far from achieving their desired outcome, but the ability itself is still far stronger than any domain skills that the liege has – aside from that Tier 3 Domain Skill that you have yet to use, my liege.]

[But even that skill is still slightly weaker compared to this one,] she added.

Shin raised his brows a little as tried to digest what the two veteran elementals had said before pursing his lips. "It is still better than being powerless against it. I first think that we are doomed because he has some authority over it, but I guess he still can't fully control such a powerful ability."

He still had fallen into the trap the other party had prepared for him, but it was still far better than he had expected. It was far from being in a hopeless situation.

"But still-... I seem to be unable to hide my abilities in this place. I guess I am still forced to show everything I have in the end," Even if he tried to above such a scenario, it seemed like he still had fallen into such an obvious trap in the end.

"Dealing with this guy is indeed tricky," he mumbled as he raised his head, looking at the person, who was standing in the air for quite a while.

"You have such a fancy skill. I guess this cost you quite a lot," said Shin as he stared at Morax, who was standing in the air somewhat haughtily.

"It is nothing," replied Morax somewhat nonchalantly before adding. "It is just a simple trick that I have picked up after the failure of a certain guy who has tried to join us but has gotten plotted by everyone."

"So, he is the experimental subject," said Shin as he could tell who the other party was talking about. After all, only one name popped out in his head. 'Tsk! Such a poor and miserable guy. I also heard that

Big Sister has demanded his family to hand him over due to that incident of attempting to abduct Cloe as well as the assassination attempt for my life.'

Setting that brief thought aside, Shin focused on the main issue, which was the unique ability that Morax had shown him. If he was not wrong, then it would become a unique ability exclusive to the Pandemonium Troupe.

"Using such a powerful skill that is supposed to be for Tier 4 and above classes, these guys are going to be even more troublesome," he mumbled to himself as he could tell that this was going to be a headache in the future.

"Let's save the chatter for later. I want to finish this as soon as possible so that I can return earlier," said Morax after observing Shin for a while. 'He has never lowered his guard even for an instant. He is indeed not easy to deal with.'

After that, he suddenly paused his right hand behind him while holding his stone spear vertically. At the same time, his left hand rose in the air and pointed toward the blackened sky.

"Since I am the one who proposed the deal, then let me take the initiative," he added as a bunch of giant stone spears manifested behind him, forming an array while pointing toward Shin.

"Let me have the first move."

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

'Demonic Stone God Skill (Peak Tier 2): (Modified) Rain of Destruction'

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Seeing the array of giant spears made of stone raining from the sky, Shin knew that his earlier worry indeed had happened.

This Morax guy would truly use a series of powerful skills to force Shin's hands to burn his aces in exchange.

Given that almost all of Shin's Domain Skills were still in cooldown time, which the opposing side most likely knew, Shin was put in a tricky situation.

"Tsk! I guess I do not have a choice. I have to put on an extra effort for this," mumbled Shin as he summoned three of his elemental spirits for a triple possession. "Grimrace, Blackie, and Whitie!"

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The three elementals manifested behind Shin together for a very brief moment before turning into specs of light that fused with his weapon and armor.

The twin tigers twirled around his swords in a spiral manner before merging and possessing the sword.

'Elemental Spirit Companion (Light and Darkness): Chaos Slasher'

Grimrace, on the other hand, melded with the Apocalypse Set and turned it into a set of shadow armor filled with a series of demonic-like runes shining in crimson light.

'Elemental Spirit Possession (Shadow): Soul Eater'

Crackle! Crackle! Crackle!

The Five Elemental Primordial Lighting danced around his body as he stood in his signature sword-drawing stance.

"Let's just save that broken berserk skill for the latter then," he mumbled as he suddenly unsheathed his sword and fully unleashed all the accumulated powers that he had accumulated.

Shing!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Quick Draw (Lightning) – Eclipse Dragon Draw'

Roar!

The giant dragon made of lightning energy was fully released from the tip of his swords before dancing in the air and colliding against the raid of giant stone spears, destroying them in the process.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

But despite his skillful control, he was unable to destroy all the giant stone spears given their overwhelming numbers and sizes.

Additionally, his lightning energy was somewhat restricted by the demonic stone element of his opponent, which was why the energy behind his attack was slowly losing its power the more it clashed against the giant stone spears.

If it was just a skill with regular earth elemental mana, then he would not be having a hard time dealing with such attacks since his Five Elemental Primordial Lightning countered it, especially when the lightning that he controlled itself was formed by combining the five major elements.

But since this earth elemental energy that his opponent was controlling contained a large amount of demonic energy, his elemental powers were somewhat restricted even if the Five Elemental Primordial Lightning was supposed to counter any dark-elemental or evil powers.

This could only mean one thing. His mastery over his elemental powers was far inferior compared to Morax.

Adding the fact that they were currently inside an Ancient Battlefield that amplified almost all the abilities that Morax possessed.

Hu~!

"This is not the end yet," Shin inhaled deeply as he skillfully twirled the [Yamato] in the air before holding it with both of his hands, perfectly linking his movements alongside his previous actions.

He then gathered more of the Five Elemental Primordial Lightning towards the sword before swinging it with all his might, transforming his arms and the sword into blurs due to their insane speed.

He was filling the gap in powers with more skills, fighting 'quality' with 'quantity'.

Swoosh!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Seventh Movement – Thunder Eclipse'

Boom! Boom! Boom!

A huge crescent lighting wave was sent flying toward the sky, cutting through the remaining stone pears and destroying the array that was supporting them.

He might have survived the attack and made the first bout a draw, but it was a bad start for him as he had already spent one of his most powerful attacks.

"Continue!" It was supposed to be his turn, but Shin refused to take the chance due to the 'home' disadvantage. It might sound a little foolish, but he knew that he could not afford to take the risk of having the initiative in these exchanges for the same reason.

Morax raised his brows a little after hearing that, but he quickly smiled immediately after. "If you say so- ... then I will welcome such an invitation."

Taking away his stone spear, he suddenly spread his arms wide while still floating in the air. His face was directed to the dark sky as he closed his eyes. He then started chanting a series of demonic prayers to which the dark sky seemed to have responded.

Rumble!

Shin could feel it. The sky seemed to be shaking violently as if something devastating was about to arrive.

Rumble!

A thunderous sound echoed in the entire sky before the dark clouds were parted by a powerful gust of wind, drilling a hole in it.

"Sh*t!" Shin could not help but curse out loud after seeing what was coming.

Rumble!

A giant meteor as big as a humongous mountain was falling from the sky, seemingly signifying the end of the world.

'Demonic Stone God Skill (Tier 3): Planetary Destruction'

Swoosh!

Seeing the blazing meteor descending from the high heavens, Shin could not help but close his eyes and regulate his breathing.

He took the standard sword stance where he was holding the [Yamato] with both of his hands before him while pointing it forward in a slightly inclined manner.

Hup!

With a sturdy step forward, Shin inhaled deeply as he raised the sword over him with both of his hands.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

At the same time, all the Elemental Spirit Possession that he had was automatically released but still maintained their speck of light form.

Then they joined the other elemental spirits which gathered behind Shin, forming a magic circle that spun rapidly as they poured all their elemental energy into their master's body.

Rumble!

When the giant meteor went past Morax in the air, it was already somewhat reaching the land and even scorching the surrounding region with its intense heat.

The land also somewhat caved in due to the powerful pressure that came alongside the descending meteor. It was pressing into the ground, making the latter sink the closer it got.

Hu~!

Shin's body was glowing with multiple lights that represented each elemental power that his Reapers were providing him.

These multiple elemental powers were protecting him from the heat and pressure coming from the falling meteor as he gathered more energy and focused it on his sword.

Not long after, he had swung the [Yamato] at the incoming meteor with all his might.

Shing!

Time seemed to have stopped right after he swung the sword – nothing else was moving aside from himself.

Snap!

Not long after, the side of a glass splitting could be heard reverberating in the entire place.

Shing!

Then something seemed to have cut through everything on the path before his sword. Even the space was separated with two of its sections sliding toward opposite direction.

'Ultimate Elemental Skill (Combined): Ragnarök'

Boom!

The giant meteor was cut in half right after his sword fell, alongside everything that followed the path of his previous swing, which was also where Morax stood.

But Morax just calmly put his palms together, attempting to control the huge falling chunks of the sliced meteor and planning to use them to crush Shin with them.

Shin was not the only one, who could do a combination skill or linking ability!

However, those two chunks exploded due to the explosion of the residual energies left behind by Shin's previous attack. They had created an afterstorm that swept through everything.

Boom! Boom!

Morax slightly raised his brows when he saw that. But he did not have the time to dwell on it as the world-severing slash passed through his body.

Split!

Fortunately, he had already made a preparation ahead of time.

This body of his suddenly turned into crumbled pieces of stones while another one appeared a dozen meters away.

"Tsk! That's dangerous," he commented, somewhat admiring the earlier move of his opponent. But at the same time, he had also analyzed that previous attack. "It is much different from what I have seen from those documents. Does this skill evolve alongside him? Is it one of those types of skills?"

"Now this is more interesting~! It is worth making a deal with him, or else I will be in trouble if I have been caught off guard by it," he added before turning his attention back to Shin.

Then, he was suddenly taken back by the words of the latter.

"Hey! I won this round, am I right?"

Morax could not help but pause with those words, before shaking his head. "I guess I am one step away from losing this bet."

Given the conditions that he had presented previously, he had already lost the bet. Even if he emerged victorious in the next bout, Shin would still win the bet as mentioned in the contract.

The only way to escape this predicament was to meet the extra conditions that he had hidden in the clauses of the contract.

"Should I go all out as well?" he said while looking at Shin seriously.

Shin was not surprised that the opposing side had not taken the initiative to surrender as he had seen through the tricks that Morax had. He also realized the hidden conditions after reading those clauses earlier, so he was kind of expecting this situation.

After all, he did not believe that Morax would just give up their operation that easily. Forcing Shin to burn all his aces ahead of time was one thing, but losing this bet had never been an option for him either.

He always hid such extra details behind the clauses that he had presented from the contract. It was just he had never lost or found out up until now, which was he was quite confident with his scheme.

A demon would never present a contract unfavorable to itself. They were always scheming with the tempting whispers that they gave to their potential victims.

But from the look of things, it seemed like it had come back biting him when facing a truly capable opponent.

"This will be for the last bout," said Morax as he prepared for his next attack.

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"Come forth and hear my command!"

Morax raised and opened his arms wide open once again as he said those words in demonic language. He took advantage of his little authority with the Ancient Battlefield to command all kinds of energies filling the entire realm.

Rumble!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Not long after, the demonic energy filling the air started to move alongside the earth beneath.

Fragments of rocks of a variety of sizes flew in the air alongside the broken parts of the huge meteor that exploded earlier before gathering behind Morax, who was slowly ascending higher into the dark and cloudy sky.

Rumble!

A moment later, all these fragments merged and formed a huge sphere of rock before getting molded by the demonic energy into a huge earth construct in the form of a colossal dragon that almost encompassed the entire sky above Shin.

The already dark sky became even darker due to the appearance of this Earth Dragon Construct as it loomed over Shin and the ground below.

'Demonic Stone God Skill (Tier 3): Ultimate Move – Demon God Construct'

Shin raised his brows a little after seeing the colossal Earth Dragon Construct which was much larger than the massive meteor that fell earlier. "Tsk!"

He could also sense the overwhelming power that this construct possessed, which was pressing on him despite the great distance that they had between them.

Shin could tell that this skill was one of the advanced levels of tiered skills, which was similar to how his Tier 3 Domain Skill was way more powerful compared to the Tier 3 Skills of other players.

He was trying to consider whether to use that Tier 3 Skill or not given the current situation. But while he was in deep thought, something seemed to tug him from another dimension and told him to use them instead.

"Eh!? Isn't this-..." he could not help but pause as he realized who it was. "You've become conscious? This is interesting."

Shin could not hide his surprise as that being acted more like an empty vessel controlled by the AI whenever it was summoned. He first thought that it was because the skill was copied from Immortal, who had summoned a Zombie Dragon during their battle, which was why it was considered an 'ordinary' skill.

But it looked like he was wrong. The dragon hidden from another dimension seemed to be communicating with him this time rather than acting as a regular summon.

"I don't know what changed. But since you want to fight, I'll give you the chance to do it," said Shin as he suddenly sheathed the sword before forming a seal with his right hand.

Focusing his mind on it, a huge magic circle appeared underneath his feet along with a huge summoning array behind him.

"Huh!?" Morax could not help but raise his brows a little after seeing that, especially when he could sense a threatening feeling coming from that summoning array.

"Is he summoning that dragon now?" he mumbled before smirking. "It is useless. Given our assessment of that dragon, its level shouldn't be that high yet. It is still far from matching my Earth Demon Dragon Construct."

Shin could not hear the opposing side as he was too focused on summoning the dragon from another dimension, which he surprisingly found a little harder compared to what he remembered.

Summoning this dragon not only consumed a lot of willpower and concentration but also quite draining for his body as well.

With a deep frown, Shin focused all his willpower on the magic circle under him, which was connected to the summoning array in the air.

"Just come out already!" with a powerful and commanding shout, Shin poured his multi-colored mana into the magic circle, fully activating it.

Boom!

A massive explosion of mana erupted behind Shin, where the summoning array was located. It was then followed by a huge dimensional crack that appeared at the center of the array before spreading vertically.

The dimensional crack resembled the marks of a broken glass as it further widened in the space.

Not long after, the sharp talons of a dragon reached out from the other side of the crack before grabbing its edges and widening the gap.

Roar!

Immediately after, a huge dragon with obsidian scales broke through the dimensional dragon, revealing its colossal body, which was much larger than what Shin remembered.

It was much bigger and more majestic compared to the previous time Shin had summoned it.

At the same time, there was also a familiar halo on the head of this dragon, which was oddly similar to the one that Shin had when he transformed under the special Racial Berserk Skill he had – the Descent of the Fallen God.

This Emblem of the Sun and Moon – more commonly known as the Mark of Eclipse – was also the same as what was engraved on the back of his hand. It was also the emblem used by the Church of the Sun and Moon.

At the same time, Shin could also sense a familiar aura from the dragon, which he first felt during his Tier 3 Class Promotion Quest. It was when he first saw that entity called 'Lucy' during the end of that trial.

The current Eclipse Dragon and that entity were emitting a similar aura yet also somewhat different at the same time.

While Shin was trying to figure out what had changed, the corner of his eyes also saw that the 'copied skill' indicator in this skill changed into 'special skill', which meant that it was now fully part of his skillset unlike before.

'Legacy Skill: Deplicatetor's Eye (Special Skill) – Summon The Eclipse Dragon'

There was also an extra slot for his Duplicated Skills, which now only had the skill that he had copied from Ashura during their previous battle.

Roar!

The current Eclipse Dragon might still be much smaller, despite it already growing bigger, compared to the Earth Dragon Construct in the sky. But the powerful aura that it was emitting was not losing to the latter, indicating that they most likely possessed an equal power.

The pressure that was trying to crush Shin earlier had also disappeared right after the Eclipse Dragon appeared.

Due to this, Shin became even more confident about this final exchange.

Morax, on the other hand, squinted his eyes further when he saw the current Eclipse Dragon, which was completely different compared to what he had seen from the videos provided by the organization.

"Tsk! How come the information of those guys has become this unreliable?" he could not help but complain a little due to this.

But he later shook his head after a brief thought. "No. It is not like that. The problem is this guy. He is growing at insane speed, which makes the information inaccurate."

"I guess I have to warn them to adjust his information a little more," he added before raising his hand and pointing toward Shin. "Go!"

Roar!

Under his command, the colossal Earth Dragon Construct dove toward the ground, where Shin and the Eclipse Dragon stood.

Swoosh!

Its speed was insanely fast, especially when it was taking advantage of its weight and gravity to accelerate further.

At the same time, it had manipulated the surrounding demonic mana to conjure an array of stone spears similar to what Morax had summoned previously in the first bout, but way stronger.

Roar!

With another howl from the Earth Dragon Construct, the stone spears flew down, pouring at Shin and the Eclipse like droplets of rain.

Roar!

In response, the Eclipse Dragon opened its mouth wide while accumulating a huge amount of mana between its jaws.

Zong! Long~! Long~!

'Eclipse Dragon's Breath: Unity Ray'

Swoosh!

Along with the movements of the dragon's head, a huge beam of light flew out of its mouth, sweeping through the rain of stones spears in the sky.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of explosions erupted, creating a thick cloud of smoke and dust in the air that blocked Shin's field of vision.

Boom!

The Eclipse Dragon squatted a little before suddenly leaping into the air and flapping its giant wings to fly.

Roar!

With its wide-opened mouth, the Eclipse Dragon flew straight to the cloud of smoke and dust, where the Earth Dragon Construct suddenly broke through and clashed against it.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Another series of explosions erupted as the two dragons clashed, creating a powerful storm of energy that swept through all directions.

Fortunately, Eclipse Dragon chose to battle the Earth Dragon Construct in the air, saving Shin from the storm of violent energy that their clashes had created.

Shin could tell that even a stray residual of their clashes was more than enough to crush him into pieces. "This is supposedly a single 'bout' based on the bet, but I guess this will take a while given the current situation."

At the same time, he suddenly heard Morax's voice, who suddenly appeared not far from him. "Then how about we change the conditions a little given that you are quite in a hurry."

Shin squinted his eyes as he looked at the latter with full suspicion. He then started shaking his head as he could tell that this demonic player was plotting something again.

He pointed at the sky, where the Eclipse Dragon and the Earth Dragon Construct were fighting, before continuing. "That third 'bout' is still in progress, so I guess you plan to eliminate me before their fight ends."

Given that each round was supposed to end after their respective skills ended, this round would only end once either of the two dragons had fallen.

Thinking about this, Shin could somewhat guess that this was part of the other party's plan.

"That dragon may be a little surprise, but this is still within control," said Morax as he smirked at Shin. "Let's see if you still have more aces under your sleeves."

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Morax did not wait for Shin to respond as he quickly summoned his stone spear before suddenly launching an attack at Shin.

Swoosh!

He dashed forward while thrusting the stone spear in his hands as rock fragments flew around his boy, swirling and twirling in the air during his charge.

As he was approaching Shin, the rock fragments stuck into his body and formed a set of full-body armor. Not only that, but he had also extracted the minerals from the earth, which created a special metal that mixed with his armor and spear.

Adding the demonic runes that appeared from the surface of his armor and the spear, the aura that he was currently emitting intensified, especially with the black miasma that was coming out from his body.

'Demonic Stone God Skill (Tier 2): Demon Stone Armor'

Swoosh!

Shin quickly responded as he saw his opponent charging at him. He swiftly summoned Grimrace to possess his armor as well as Blackie and Whitie, who went for the [Yamato].

'Elemental Spirit Possession (Shadow): Soul Eater'

'Elemental Spirit Possession (Light and Darkness): Chaos Slasher'

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Facing the incoming attack, Shin swiftly swung the [Yamato] at the approaching demonic spear, producing an intense collision in the process.

Bang!

Blazing sparks flew in the air as the two took a step back due to the collision before forcing themselves to regain their footing.

Bang! Bang!

The two left a deep imprint on the ground to stop all the force produced by the collision as well as maintaining their balance.

Morax took a couple more steps back to create an ideal space to use his spear before stabbing it at Shin, leaving a series of afterimages in the air. Each of his stabs was not only fast but they also carried a lot of power, which was heavy enough to crush boulders with each strike.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Shin, on the other hand, bravely took a step forward as he split the [Yamato] into its twin blade form with Blackie and Whitie possessing each sword.

Crackle! Crackle!

Electric sparks danced around Shin and his swords as he swung them forward, clashing with the incoming strikes of his opponent's spear.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

A series of intense collisions quickly erupted as the swords and spears repeatedly clashed against one another, producing intense ripples in the air that swept through everything.

The surrounding boulders were crushed under the strong shockwaves that each of their attacks produced while grinding all those rock fragments into dust.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

After a series of intense collisions, the two were forced to take a step back once again as they needed to relieve the tension in their arms that was caused by their exchanges.

Each of Morax's spear attacks was so heavy that it made Shin's arms numbed after a series of exchanges. At the same time, he had also added a spiral force to enhance each of his attacks by spinning the spear with each of his strikes.

But Shin's sword strikes were not weak either, especially when he could absorb some of the force of his opponent's attack and return them by strengthening his next strikes with it through his 'Infinity Edge' Combat Technique.

Shin had the advantage when it came to a prolonged exchange, especially when he could enhance each of his sword strikes repeatedly by borrowing the force of his opponent in every collision. Each of his attacks gradually became more powerful, which was why Morax was forced to disengage before Shin could accumulate more power that he would be unable to withstand.

But Morax was not simple either. Given the nature of his power, which came from the Earth Elemental Enhancement that was further amplified by his demonic powers, his body toughness and defenses had a high tolerance against any form of attack.

He was able to withstand his opponent's repeated attacks despite the gradual increase in strength.

However, he had to disengage early as he could tell that he would still be at a disadvantage once Shin accumulated enough power that even his defenses could not withstand.

On the offensive side, Morax's spear attacks were not that simple either, especially when he reinforced each of his attacks with spiral force.

The accumulated stress in Shin's arms was getting heavier with every collision he made with his opponent's spear attacks. Even if he could gradually strengthen his attacks, the repeated exposure to the spiral force of his opponent piled up the tension in his arms, affecting his actions.

Shin had to also disengage from his opponent due to this, saving his arms from breaking.

But the two did not stop despite creating space for each other. They quickly followed their attacks with skills or techniques that they could use from a distance.

Swoosh!

Right after retreating, Morax swept his foot on the ground, creating a deep mark on it before the earth burst forth and formed into earth spikes that headed toward Shin's location.

Shin swiftly sheathed his sword while changing his breathing technique to the Solar Breathing Technique. He had also released Blackie and Whitie from posing the [Yamato] before letting Solus take over for her 'Divine Constellation Technique.'

As he breathed out some fire embers from the gaps on the side of his mask, Shin suddenly pulled the [Yamato] from its sheath, revealing its blazing blades, before swinging it horizontally and sending out a blazing crescent forward.

Shing!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Quick Draw (Blazing) – Solar Flare'

Boom!

The blazing sword wave cut through the incoming earth spikes before the explosion and turned the rock fragments into dust.

Swoosh!

As the cloud of dust blocked Shin's field of vision due to the previous explosion, a construct in the form of an earth dragon suddenly broke through and head at him with its wide-opened mouth.

Roar!

Shin seemed to have already expected the attack as he was already twirling the blazing sword in the air as he pulled back a little.

He then suddenly swung the sword down, leaving a beautiful blazing trail in the air. The gorgeous flame then turned into a blazing phoenix that flew forward and clashed against the incoming earth dragon construct.

'Four Symbol Scripture: Celestial Vermillion Bird – Phoenix Slash'

Shriek!

Along with a dragon's roar and a phoenix's cry, the two elemental attacks clashed against one another, producing an even larger explosion that forced the two to retreat in the distance.

Boom!

But the two did not pause as they quickly headed back charging at each other right after the fire of the explosion subdued even a little.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Morax bravely charged through the remaining flame due to his powerful defense while Shin did not care about it as he protected himself from the heat with both the Solar Breathing and Boundless Ocean Techniques.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

They had a series of exchanges, only leaving a series of blurs and silhouettes that were flying throughout the battlefield.

'Demonic Stone God Skill (Tier 2): (Inferior) Demon Dragon Constructs'

After cornering Shin within a basin filled with rock formations, Morax suddenly kept his stone spear behind him while pointing at Shin with his free hand, summoning a group of serpent dragons that surrounded Shin from every direction.

Shin suddenly halted his advance after seeing that before swiftly assuming his signature stance. He then activated the Five Elemental Primordial Lightning by adjusting his breathing before suddenly unsheathing the sword and swinging it around multiple times.

Shing!

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

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A series of sword flashes appeared in the air, forming an impenetrable net around Shin that cut through all the lesser earth dragon constructs that were trying to devour him.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Amid the explosions around him, Shin swiftly sheathed the [Yamato] in one cool motion before suddenly kicking the ground and strongly propelling himself forward.

Boom!

His figure suddenly disappeared as he broke through the air while being accompanied by a loud sonic boom that resembled the sound of a dragon.

'Four Symbol Scripture: Holy Azure Dragon – Soaring through the Nine Clouds'

Roar!

When Shin appeared a couple of meters away from Morax, who was already raising his spear before him, an apparition of a lightning dragon suddenly appeared around as he pulled the sword out of its sheath and stabbed it forward.

Shing!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Quick Draw (Lightning) – Flash Final'

Roar!

Morax had already summoned a thick earthen barrier when Shin appeared before him, blocking the incoming attack.

But just like earlier, his estimation of this sword technique of Shin far surpassed his expectations, especially when Shin had combined a variety of Sword Principles in the process along with the enhanced Five Elemental Primordial Lightning.

Boom!

The barrier was broken into fragments as the tip of Shin's sword, which was filled with lightning currents, was fast approaching Morax.

But right before the sword pierced through his body, the demonic player suddenly transformed into specks of light, which then dissipated in the air.

"Oops! It looks like I truly lost this time," he said in a calm tone while staring straight into Shin's eyes. "That's close, but I guess I still survive this in the end."

"You are truly unpredictable, Battle God. Let's meet again next time," he added as he had completely disappeared before Shin.

Swoosh!

Shin flew past the dissipating specks of light while wearing a deep frown behind his mask. He stayed still for a couple of moments before turning his head to the sky, where he could see the Eclipse Dragon ripping the colossal Earth Dragon Construct into pieces.

Crack! Crack!

At the same time, he could also see the spatial cracks that appeared in every corner of the Ancient Battlefield, signifying that it was about to collapse.

He then turned at the spot where he was about to stab Morax earlier, staring at the crumbling head of another earth dragon looming right behind him at that time.

"I may have won this battle, but I am not sure about the fight," he mumbled as he was slowly transported out of the Ancient Battlefield.

"Pandemonium Troupe, these guys sure are interesting. I am also looking forward to meeting their other members."

Chapter 1718 The Holy Maiden and the Black Witch

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Within the Ruins at the center of the Plague Lands.

While Shin was fighting against Morax within the Ancient Battlefield, Cloe was currently facing a siege against the members of the Corrupted Cult stationed within the ruins.

The people that she was fighting were one of the branches within the evil organization, which longed for the experts of corrupted energy. It was a different faction that Immortal used to belong.

If the faction where Immortal belonged was meant for Corrupted Necromancers and Evil Summoners, then these guys that were chasing after Cloe belonged to the faction of Corrupted Mages and Wicked Sorceress.

At this moment, Cloe was facing a person, who was considered as the pillar of the players within the faction – just like how Immortal was in the other faction.

She was what they called a Messenger of the Cult.

"It has been a while, White Witch of the Eternal Light," greeted a woman, who seemed to be a Wicked Sorceress given the set of clothes that she was wearing.

Based on her appearance, it seemed like she belonged to the branch of Corrupted Race, which was neither an undead nor a human.

She looked like a human on the surface, but her pale skin signified that it was not that simple. Her somewhat glowing skin after reflecting the light looked more like a piece of jade rather than a skin of a person.

There were also some marks on her face, particularly on her left cheek, which signified that she belonged to a certain Clan within the Witch Race.

Her seductive body could not be hidden by the loose robes that she was wearing, making her appearance very tempting, especially after matching with her beauty.

"Oh! You are called the Gentle Goddess right now. I have almost forgotten about it," she added as he walked calmly after seeing Cloe stop running.

Cloe only stopped because Grimrace and Blackie suddenly disappeared while they were leading her. This could only mean that something unexpected happened on Shin's side, forcing them to be summoned.

Even though she fully trusted Shin and his capabilities, she still could not help but feel a little worried due to the sudden disappearance of the two elements.

This caused her to be in a very bad mood, which was why she glared at the other party right after halting her steps. "Now, I am angry."

"Are you prepared for the consequences?" she asked as the gentle aura surrounding her suddenly changed.

"You!" the other party's plump bosom was heaving up and down after hearing those words. This was exactly how she first met Cloe during a certain tournament before.

She wanted to teach the latter a lesson at that time, stating that a support and healer class such as the Priest Class could never match a combat class, particularly a mage class in terms of magic spells.

But when they were matched on the stage, she later realized that the title 'First Holy Mage' was not just for show. She was unable to match Cloe in every aspect of a magical class during that time, much less when healing was added to the list.

She was beaten so badly that Cloe seemed to have never suffered any damage from her destructive spells due to the healing spells of the latter.

However, that stumbling block became a turning point for her, which also made her one of the greatest mages within the virtual world and earned her the title of the 'Black Witch of Misfortune.'

With such an ominous name, it was not hard to guess what kind of reputation she had within the gaming community. She had always been one of the villainesses of every game she joined, particularly joining the side where Cloe belonged.

Given the similarities between their titles during that time, it was not hard to guess the rivalry between these two.

Right at this point, Cloe seemed to have forsaken her previous title and became the 'Gentle Goddess' as she focused more on being a support-type player.

Not many had any knowledge of Cloe being the 'White Witch of the Eternal Light' due to her mysteriousness during that time, which was why almost no one could find her.

But to those who knew about her little background, her name only became even more resounding due to this achievement.

This person before her, on the other hand, continued the reputation that she had already built and made it even more resounding with her feats.

She built up her name not as a powerful Godlike Player, but as a powerful villainess, rivaling the reputation of Immortal and Hoawin as well as the others of the same circle. This earned her the current godly title she possessed, which was related to her previous title – The Black Witch Goddess.

Boom!

An intense pressure was suddenly released from her body, which was immediately followed by a thick miasma that carried the power of corruption. This corrupted mana was also not simple as it was rapidly absorbing the Plague Energy filling the air to enhance itself.

There was also a brief appearance of a hideous monster behind her that breathed out a dense corrupted energy toward her body, seemingly giving her a series of buffs and enchantments.

Seeing that her opponent was preparing to attack, Cloe smirked as she did the same. "You also have never changed, Melania.

Bang!

She tapped the bottom of her holy staff on the ground, which sent a strong ripple in the air that warded off the approaching corrupted mana.

Swoosh!

This was also followed by an intense light that came from her body, illuminating the entire place and purifying the plague energy in the air.

At the same time, an apparition of a Saintly Spirit appeared behind her, seemingly chanting a series of prayers that cast a series of buffs on Cloe's body.

Seeing the powerful collisions of powers between the two Godlike Players, the players from the Corrupted Cult, who were accompanying Melania, could not help but retreat and distance themselves away from the center of the collisions.

This was just their respective powers clashing against each other, yet the destruction that they created had already reached the level of destructive spells.

But this was just the beginning.

As longtime rivals, these two were very familiar with one another, so they did not need to probe the strength of each other and immediately attack one another with a series of combination spells or powerful destructive spells.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Melania was showcasing the battle prowess of a Wicked Sorceress of the Corrupted Cult, firing a series of dark and corrupted spells on one another. She was also taking advantage of the Witch Race, which was perfect for magic-related classes.

This greatly showed her advantages over Cloe, especially when it came to the powers of her spells that were both amplified by her racial traits.

But Cloe was not someone to be trifled with either. Even though she was normally healing support in the teams she had joined before as a solo player, her hidden side had never disappeared.

When the situation had called for it, the White Witch in her would never fail to show her prowess to her opponents and prove that she was not someone who could be provoked easily.

The combat techniques that she was showcasing this time were never the same as when she was fighting alongside Shin and the others.

This time, aside from the healing techniques and auxiliary methods, she was in full-offensive mode, where she never stopped casting her spells and utilizing the best tactics that were supposed to be meant for mages such as multi-casting, over-layering magic, combination spells, and all.

"That's right! This is what I am looking for! It has been a while since I feel this excitement!" Melania was laughing manically she exchanged more spells against her opponent, not only showcasing her excitement but how crazy she was as well.

"More! More! Show me more!" she shouted madly as she waved her hand in the air, gesturing the casting sign of her spells.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Multiple black magic circles appeared behind her. Each circle represented a different spell, signifying how powerful she was to silent-cast multiple spells at once. Moreover, there were a few advanced spells mixed in them, which were acting as the center of the less advanced spells.

Then they later formed a huge magic formation meant for a more advanced spell.

"Try this, Arelle! This is one of my new inventions!" Melania continued as she pointed forward, releasing the power of her spell.

'Dark Symphony: Hall of Destruction'

Boom!

Seeing the incoming attack, Cloe calmly teleported away to create enough distance from the incoming beam of dark energy.

She then slammed the bottom of her staff on the floor, sending an intense ripple in every direction.

Bang!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

At the same time, an array of golden magic circles appeared behind her, forming an even larger magic circle filled with complex patterns composed of mysterious holy runes.

Each magic circle linked with one another and formed a more complex one compared to the previous appearance that they had.

Within an instant, the entire spell was automatically activated and suddenly fired a golden beam of light that transformed into a giant holy spear.

It flew straight to the incoming spell that her opponent had sent earlier, seemingly trying to pierce through it.

'Class Fighting Style: (Enhanced) Spear of Judgement'

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Boom!

The battle between Cloe and Melania escalated to the point that it started to destroy the surroundings. They further razed the already devastated ruins to the ground for each exchange of spells they made.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Given the commotion that they were making, the surrounding Corrupted Monsters and Players were attracted to this place. Each explosion of the spell was huge enough to attract everyone and rush over the direction of the battle.

The Plague Monsters and Players patrolling the area were also attracted by the huge destruction that they were making, gathering at the place where they were fighting.

The entire place was swamped with enemies, making Cloe somewhat nervous. But none of them dared to take part in the battle due to two reasons.

Aside from the scale of the battle being huge enough to kill those with weaker fighting capabilities who would dare to join the battle, Melania had also warned everyone not to partake in the battle fun as she would be the one to kill them first once her fun was ruined.

The Corrupted Players, who came with her, knew the temper of their leader very well. She slaughtered everyone if they dared to join the battle, which was why they could only watch the battle from the distance while preventing the Corrupted Monsters accompanying them from jumping in.

As for the Plague Players, they were in a somewhat awkward position. They did not know Melania, which was why they did not take her words to heart. But their role was to protect the ruins, so they could not just let these two wreak even more havoc.

However, they also could not just recklessly join the battle after seeing that the representatives of the Corrupted Cult were not doing anything.

They were also quite scared of the crazy black witch, who was currently enjoying the battle against the Gentle Goddess.

They could only wait for their superiors – Magnolia and Berdugo – to arrive before making their decision.

Unfortunately, they were all summoned by the two not long after. The forces of the Righteous Church had already reached the vicinity of the ancient ruins, making them forget about this ongoing battle and head over to the battlefield to join their main forces.

They could only 'trust' this place to Melania, who was currently destroying the ancient ruins rather than protecting it.

Some of the Corrupted Players had also come along with them as they were also being summoned by the Elders of the Cult, who seemed to be preparing for the next stage of the war.

They had only left a handful of people, who were from the same unit as Melania, to guard the place and make sure that no more accidents could happen.

Unfortunately, before they could even organize themselves, those apex experts and godly experts hiding in the forest around the ruins had also made their moves.

They were taking advantage of the commotion created by Cloe and Melania's battle to sneak into the ruins and look for the tomb of the fallen king, planning to snatch the greatest achievement in the event by preventing this king from resurrecting.

But these guys had underestimated the forces on the side of the Plague Race.

The people that the Demonic Churches and Corrupted Cult had also started appearing one after another as if expecting these 'guests' to take advantage of the current chaos within the ruins.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Due to this, a series of clashes took place in every part of the ruins, making the situation even more chaotic.

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Boom! Boom! Boom!

The battle between Cloe and Melania continued to escalate to an even higher level, almost reaching the point where they were using a spell with an even larger scale of destruction.

Melania was about to prepare for a very advanced spell when she suddenly a strong fluctuation of mana coming from underneath her feet alongside the intense vibration of the ground.

Without any hesitation, she cast a series of 'Blinks' to distance herself away from that location before turning her sharp gaze to another direction.

"Morax! What is the meaning of this!?" she asked full of madness, planning to slaughter the latter for interrupting her fun.

Morax, on the other hand, remained calm as she pointed in the direction where she was standing earlier. "What are you talking about? Don't I just save your life just now?"

Casting her gaze to the direction he was pointing at, Melania saw Shin, who was currently shrouded in a veil of shadow, holding the [Yamato] that was halfway from being unsheathed completely.

The stone spikes around Shin also exploded as he fully sheathed the sword back while maintaining a sharp glare at Melania.

The latter could not help but freeze due to the chill that she suddenly got from Shin, making her unable to say anything, much less do something about it.

It took her a while to regain herself before suddenly starting to yell at Shin. "Battle God Sickarius! I will slaughter you along with that b*tch!"

Shin was fine at first, but he suddenly tightened his grip over the hilt of his sword when he heard the latter part of her words.

"What did you just say?" his voice was so cold that it halted Melania once again, especially after sensing an overwhelming and suffocating pressure coming from Shin.

From her perspective, she saw huge images of five divine beasts behind Shin while glaring at her. They were emitting a powerful pressure that almost crushed her.

Her knees had also somewhat gone weak, but she still managed to remain standing with the help of her scepter.

Seeing something strange ongoing her, the corrupted players that were watching earlier swiftly arrived on her side, protecting her from every direction.

But right after standing before Shin, they also could not help but grow a little weak due to the pressure coming from the five divine beasts behind the opposing side.

It might just be an illusion created by the pressure being emitted by their opponent, but it felt so real that it drenched their backs with sweat just by standing before him.

They were slowly being suffocated by the heavy pressure, making their vision somewhat blurry or even dark. But when they were about to pass out completely, all the pressure suddenly disappeared. Their vision also came back, throwing them in confusion.

Plop!

It did not take long before they find themselves falling on their butt due to how weak their knees were.

"What!?"

"What just happened!?"

"What was that!?"

"We are alive?"

"Did we just survive?"

They looked at each other confusedly before finding Melania still standing on her spot, sweating profusely. She was breathing heavily, making her ample bosom heaved up and down.

They were staring blankly in the air for quite a while before blood rushed toward her head, making her throw a pit due to anger. "Ahh!"

She shouted frustratedly after recalling the last moments just now.

Cloe just glanced in her direction before leaving with Shin after they saw Morax, along with his unit, had no intention of letting them touch the members of the Corrupted Cult.

"Arielle! I will make you pay for the humiliation sooner or later," she gritted her teeth before turning to Morax. "What's that about!? Why did you just let them leave just like that!?"

Morax just shrugged his shoulders as he responded. "Is this how you treat someone who just save?"

He paused for a moment, watching Melania prepare a spell, before continuing. "I've just made a deal with them earlier. But I lost, so I can't interfere with their business here in the ruins."

"But it is about saving some people from 'the same' side, then I can at least lend you some hand," he added before turning around. "I am living now since my business here is already 'done'. Take care of yourselves."

Swoosh!

He did not give Melania another as he left the place alongside his unit.

The Black Witch could only grit her teeth as she watched Morax leave. It took her quite a while to regain her composure before turning to her subordinates. "You, useless things! Go and look for the traces of those two! I will not stop until I crush that b*tch with my hands!"

Seeing her about to explode, the group of corrupted players quickly dispersed and swiftly scattered in every direction, planning to find Shin and Cloe's whereabouts.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

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In the meantime, Shin and Cloe were currently standing before the huge ancient doors that Morax and his group were guarding earlier.

"We don't know what's beyond these doors, so we better be prepared for the worst," said Shin as he signaled Cloe to stand behind him.

At the same time, he had summoned Astaroth, ordering the Obsidian Guardian Spirit to open the ancient doors for them.

Astaroth was the most suitable for the role since he was the Elemental Spirit with the strongest defense among all his Reaper's Retainers. It was because if an ambush was waiting for them from the other side, he was the one to catch all the firepower first and protect the two behind.

Clank! Clank!

Engk~!

The huge doors quickly released an eerie sound as Astaroth pushed them and advanced.

Everything was fine at first, but Shin's eyes suddenly contracted in the very next second, shouting at Astaroth before them. "Crap! Metallic Earthen Wall, NOW!"

Swoosh!

Right after his words rang out, an intense head suddenly erupted from inside the tomb hall and swept at them.

BOOM!

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Swoosh!

Astaroth was able to erect a thick wall of metal and earth before him, to take the full brunt of the earlier explosion. Thanks to its powerful toughness and great defensive capabilities, they were able to withstand the initial impact.

But the residual energies were something that they could not underestimate either, so Shin and Cloe had to respond to the situation.

Shin protected Cloe behind him as he summoned a barrier by using the 'Eclipse Pulse' skill along with the amplification of his 'Demonic Telekinesis'. The latter, on the other hand, gave him some buffs while also creating another barrier to coat Shin's barrier with her holy powers, further strengthening it.

They could see tongues of purple flame sticking out the edges of the wall protecting them, which were somewhat dissipating in the air after turning into bluish-white embers.

It took a while before all the heat rushing out of the hall settled down. They were only able to walk inside the hall once all of this ended.

Right after Astaroth removed the wall before him, he led Shin and Cloe inside the tomb hall, using his huge and sturdy body to protect them from the remaining heat wave.

The moment when Shin and Cloe entered the tomb hall, they were immediately greeted by an intense heat that was assaulting them from all directions.

It seemed like the entire hall was set ablaze by a purple flame with bluish-white hues on its surface. The heat that this flame was producing was quite strange and too hard to explain.

It sometimes produced an intense heat that was too hot for anyone to endure, even melting a stone or even a metal. At times, it was pulling all the heat from its surroundings, freezing those who came in contact with it instead.

This flame was different from those Shin had seen before. "I think it can even be ranked on the same level as Solus' Eternal Flame."

Boom!

As they were observing the flames obstructing their field of vision, they saw that a huge portion of it was swept away as a swarm of undead soldiers rushed out of it, charging toward something.

Upon closer inspection, Shin and Cloe saw that these undead soldiers were fighting another group of undead-looking creatures that had the features of humans with heads wrapped with bluish-white flames.

Through his True Sight Skill, Shin could also see that through these special flames, these creatures seemed to be able to control the element of metal, which gave them the ability to produce a variety of weapons such as swords, knives, spears, maces, hammers, axes, and shields.

Wrapped with a set of armor made from special flames and metal, these creatures fight against the opposing army with different battle tactics.

[Be careful, my liege! Those creatures are Frostburns! They are creatures of hell, which represents the forces under the reign of the Empyrean Rectifier.] said Solus.

[It was a powerful Ancient Demon, who is also known as the Sinful Bird during the Ancient Era.] added Hanzo in a solemn tone.

Shin could not help but narrow his eyes even further after hearing those words of the tone, especially the grim tone that they had. This could only mean that the other side was no different opponent.

"If what Morax said is true, then the one controlling those creatures is Azazel from the Pandemonium Troupe," mumbled Shin before turning his attention to the other army fighting the Frostburns.

"That undead army-... why does it feel so familiar?" mumbled Cloe as she squinted her eyes while looking at the ongoing battle.

"It is Immortal's Undying Army," said Shin grimly before suddenly adding. "But they are also much different from before as they not only possess the Power of Corruption but the Demonic Powers of Demons as well."

Boom!

Not long after, an explosion erupted at the center of the hall, attracting the attention of the two.

Looking over, they saw a pair of figures retreating in the air after suffering a powerful impact from their last collision.

Shin could instantly recognize Immortal as he had already seen the latter on multiple occasions. "This guy sure is everywhere."

He then turned toward the other direction where he saw a swordsman, wearing a set of armor that carried some features of Egyptian culture. The sword that this person was holding was also emitting a very evil and impure aura, which also seemed to be the source of the special flame enveloping the entire tomb hall.

"He must be the guy," mumbled Shin as he observed the two.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Ta-ta!

Right after separating from each other, Azazel and Immortal finally had the time to turn their gaze away from each other and look at the newcomers entering the cave.

"Tsk! I guess I have wasted too much time here," complained Immortal after seeing Shin and Cloe.

Azazel, on the other hand, could not help but squint his eyes deeply after seeing the pair stepping into the tomb hall. "What is Morax doing outside? Why did he let others enter the hall when I was still inside?"

He then glanced at the time and could not help but curse a little. "Tsk! That stupid guy and his useless contracts!"

Due to the appearance of the 'unexpected' guests, Azazel and Immortal could not help but pause their battle and warily look at everyone within the tomb hall.

It was also at this moment when Shin saw Axion, who was standing in the distance while warily looking at everyone. Behind him was the tomb, where the Fallen King was about to be resurrected.

"That guy must be the same person who is 'warning' during my fight against those guys – their commander," mumbled Shin as he could feel the familiar aura coming from the other party

Right after his eyes came in contact with Axion's gaze, Shin and Cloe unexpectedly received a special notification from the system.

Ding

System: You have found the Tomb of the Disturbed King. Destroy the tomb and the corpse within it to stop the resurrection process!

Ding

System: A trial is ahead.

Conditions: Purify the corpse of the Fallen King and free him from the curse and guilt plaguing him since the fall of his kingdom.

Ding

System: Right after purifying the body, your title as the Holy Maiden will further evolve and grant you the Divine Mark of the Light.

The first notification was for Shin while the latter ones were meant for Cloe, who was currently following the special chain quest from the Church of Light.

Shin and Cloe stared at the notifications before their eyes for a while before exchanging looks with one another.

Ding

At the same time, Axion had also received a string of notifications of his own with an entirely different continent.

System: It is time to make a choice!

System: Your ray of hope has arrived! Secretly help the Envoy of the Church of the Sun and Moon and the Holy Maiden of the Church of Light to sabotage the resurrection ritual.

You will be able to free yourself from the curse of the Fallen King and regain your freedom

Note: Choosing this choice will put you at a lot of risk, but it can also give you some surprises in the end.

System: This is your time! Seize this opportunity to steal the Mark from the Destined One and become the known King of the Plague.

Note: This choice will give you a lot of power but will also have some hidden risks for the future.

This was the time that he had been waiting for since he had been put in such a situation after his team had discovered the tomb and disturbed the resting king within it.

He was first worried that he would never get an opportunity to escape this predicament after seeing Azazel and Immortal appear at the same time.

He might have powerful stats that could rival a Lord Rank Monster or even an Overlord Rank one if he included his berserk skills. But his confidence was slightly hurt after seeing how powerful Immortal and Azazel were, especially alongside their respective armies.

Moreover, it was clear that these two were still hiding their true strength, saving them from the most unexpected situations.

Aside from that, he could also see that the resurrection process was progressing well, almost reaching its target. It would not take that long before his body would be seized by the spirit of the king due to the special core implanted within his heart when he and his team were cursed by the disturbed king.

Fortunately, Shin and Cloe arrived right before the timer of the resurrection ritual was about to end and be successful.

But before Shin, Cloe, and Axion could make their move, another system notification descended.

This time, it was meant for everyone within the tomb hall.

Ding

System: The special conditions were met due to too many parties being involved.

System: A Special Quest Scenario has been triggered!

Ding

System: Transporting everyone to the settings of the scenario!