

## **Destiny 1761**

### Chapter 1761: Black Operation

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Due to this win of the Emphyrean Talons, they were automatically advancing to the play-off rounds as the number one seed among the top 8 teams.

There was no question about this since winning with a perfect score of points in the last two matches that they had was more than enough to place them in that position.

They would no longer have any matches later as they were not waiting for the other seven teams to be determined.

Moreover, there was an additional break before the play-off rounds, which would last for an entire week. It was meant for the top 8 teams to thoroughly prepare for the playoffs, giving them enough time to study their opponents.

They could do anything they could to prepare for these rounds. Whether they wanted to train and do some scrimmage with some teams or continue what they were doing within the game, the decision was all left for them to decide.

The members of the Emphyrean Talons did not immediately disperse the moment when their match had ended. Shin and Cloe had arranged for a meeting, planning to assess their performances and review the entirety of the battle.

Shin had also instructed the other members who did not join the previous matches to thoroughly prepare as he was planning to send them out in the playoff rounds, making sure that everyone would be able to showcase their respective strengths and talents.

"Alright, you guys better be prepared. There is a high chance that you will be sent to the battlefield in the next round."

Hearing those words, the others could not help but feel a little anxious, particularly Daulla, Samael, and Huahua, who were still not used to the competitive stage of the Professional Leagues.

Archimedes remained silent as usual, but there was a hidden glint in his eyes that signified his mixed feelings. He was feeling excited and nervous at the same time.

Shin then turned to Alucard and grinned. "You also have to be ready to reveal all your cards. Hiding your 'identity' is going to be harder when facing our next opponents."

The next matches would most likely be more difficult than the previous ones, especially when they managed to reach the playoff rounds. There was a high chance that they would be facing a much stronger team than Hien Workshop, which had a solid foundation and long history.

"You don't have to tell me that. I am fully prepared," responded Alucard as he turned around while carrying his sniper rifle that was resting on his shoulder.

"I will be out of contact within the game for a while. There is a quest from the Vampire Families that I have to take care of. My guess it will require me to enter an isolated dungeon, so any form of communication will most likely be blocked," he added as he disappeared, logging into the game.

After making some more arrangements, Shin then went back to the game, planning to clean up the special dungeon today before facing the Evil Being tomorrow.

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In the meantime, while the players were focused more on the virtual world, huge waves started to move in the real world.

Real World, Soaring Continent

Central Region, Capital City

Nathan was currently reviewing the reports sent to him while staying in his office. He focused more on the updates of their spies about the movements of their enemies, particularly the ones from the side of the Black Serpent Mafia.

The entire information network of the Springfield Family, especially from Military Forces, was focused on investigating the movements of the identified allies of the Black Serpent Mafia and looking for the traces of this notorious organization from the underworld.

The Seven Seas Group was one of their main targets, but this huge corporation seemed to have smelled something and started lying low quite some time ago.

They had reduced their movements, further hiding their plans from the eyes of their enemies and rivals.

The forces that the Springfields had sent into the Dark Continent were also constantly updating their status in that place, particularly their ongoing war with the Black Serpent Mafia.

The Dark Continent was said to be the hope of all the underworld organizations. It was huge and could host such huge numbers of notorious organizations, which also made it very chaotic.

Wars were quite normal in this place, which was why the war between the Springfield Family and the Black Serpent Mafia did not attract too much attention.

So long as the two sides did not launch their war machinery and send their Domain Realm Experts to the place near their territories, these organizations let the two fight it out until they wipe out each other.

Aside from these two matters, Nathan was also paying attention to the Mercenary Circles and the Black Market. He was sure that those lowlifes would surely do some secret transactions given the current breakthrough in their research projects.

While he was going through the reports, a call suddenly interrupted his thoughts.

Frowning deeply, he saw that the name of the caller was Professor Henry, who was busy with matters in the World Research Center.

"It has been a while, Sir," Nathan immediately greeted the old professor right after the call was connected, already having some ideas where the latter had contacted him.

Professor Henry smiled and nodded after hearing the greeting before going straight to the point. "We have already forced Coffin Maker to talk. But due to some restrictions, he is unable to disclose that much information."

"I'm all ears, Sir," nodded Nathan, expecting that this was an important piece of information since the old professor had personally contacted him.

Professor Henry was silent for a moment before continuing. "There will be a huge transaction between the Black Serpent Mafia and one of their main clients in the Deep Blue Continent. It seems to concern the main project, particularly those Artificial Mutants that they are making, and something concerning a core vessel."

"But due to their 'failure' of the most recent operation, they seem to be planning to reduce the rate of transactions. It is most likely to prevent you and or your intelligence network from picking up their movements."

"At the same time, they also seem to be planning to set up a diversion to attract your main forces, which will make it hard for you and your people to move."

Nathan continued to listen until the old professor finished everything he wanted to say before asking. "Is the academy planning to send its forces as well?"

Professor Herny was silent once again when he heard that, seemingly trying to consider how to respond before sighing. "Nathan, you should know our current situation. We can't send that many people in this operation."

"But that is only for our main forces," he paused for a moment, continuing. "And we are planning to launch a joint operation with the Top Military School with this. We will send an elite group of students under the guise of an academic exchange with the Marine Corps Academy."

"Both of us will be sending a Peak Domain Realm Instructor each to lead the operation," he added, seemingly trying to reassure Nathan.

But Nathan could also read between the lines, understanding that the two schools were requiring his cooperation with something. "What do the schools want us to do?"

"We both know that all the organizations have their eyes on us due to the most recent incidents – both those on the surface and the underworld," started the old professor before continuing. "The Top Military Schools and Magic Ace Academy will most likely have limited options during the operations because of this."

"Your Military Forces also required you to focus on your operations, so you guys will have more restrictions than us. You also have to direct most of your powers at warding off the forces of the Black Serpent Mafia, so it will be even harder for your people to divert their attention."

Nathan could already guess what Professor Henry was planning to imply. "So, the two schools want us to build a special unit that can avoid the eyes of those organizations and infiltrate the surveillance of the Deep Blue Forces."

Nathan knew that this was going to be a little tricky since all forces were too alert at the moment due to the recent incidents, particularly the one concerning the appearance of the King of Thieves' Tomb.

All eyes were focused on them, making it harder to do any special operations.

Seeing that Nathan had already caught on, Professor Henry had suddenly suggested. "I have already discussed something with the Elder's Council, and they seem to have come up with a plan."

Nathan raised his brows when he heard, somewhat having a bad feeling about this. "Let's hear it out, Sir."

Professor Henry cleared his throat a little before continuing. "Going in with another disguise will be the most effective move, so the Elder's Council and the Faculty of our schools are planning to send those kids."

Nathan further raised his brows when he heard, as he realized what those old foxes were planning. "You want the little ones to get involved in this operation? Isn't it too big for them?"

"That is why we are planning to have them break through in their current attainments as soon as possible. After all, those fledglings are quite talented – they are all on the verge of breaking through already. Only a little push is required," said Professor Henry immediately after.

"But-..." Nathan was planning to reject the idea, but the old professor had already prepared an excuse.

"There are the only ones with the most perfect disguise for this operation," started Professor Henry before adding. "That lass from the Stuart Clan is already a celebrity throughout the world. Her idol image is already the perfect disguise that we need."

"Just telling everyone that she will be having a concert in the Deep Blue Continent is more than enough for an excuse to infiltrate the place."

"Of course, we also have to plan this thoroughly, making it look like she will be having a world tour or something similar."

"As for the rest of the kids, they have already made a Club with one another. It is a Music Club, which we can also use in the process. It can also be a concept for her world tour."

Seeing that the old geezer had already planned this out, Nathan could only suppress the twitching of his mouth before sighing. "I understand. Let me discuss it with the kids first before deciding. After all, they are the ones who will be doing it."

Professor Henry nodded in satisfaction when he heard that, before almost immediately ending the call. After all, he still had some important matters that he needed to attend.

Nathan almost cursed after seeing the blackened screen before suppressing the urge. He then took a deep breath to calm himself.

"Tsk! This is going to be a little tricky. Evangeline will most likely throw a fit after learning about this dangerous operation. " He could already see the incoming headache regarding this matter.

In the end, he could only sigh helplessly and resign to fate completely as he could not do anything about it.

He could only feel a little thankful that Adam was not around.

Chapter 1762: Friends From Afar

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Real World

Soaring Continent, Eastern Sea Region.

On the docks of Corner Stone City, a huge commercial ship suddenly docked itself, allowing its passengers to disembark from it.

As the flow of people was disembarking from this ship, a certain group had suddenly attracted the attention of everyone.

"Eh!? Who are those people?"

"Look at their savage appearance! Are they barbarians?"

"Tsk! Tsk! What a bulgar and illiterate group of people!"

"Don't get near them! They look dangerous."

Contrary to the fancy clothes that most of the disembarking people were wearing, this certain group indeed looked like savages. Their physique was so muscular that they even outshone the professional bodybuilders.

Their somewhat revealing clothes also highlight their properly trained muscles, making them look more intimidating. Their heights were also much taller than most of the people, reaching two to two and a half meters tall.

They looked like a bunch of giants due to their bulky build and tall height.

Moreover, this group was also carrying a bunch of weapons on their backs or waists, seemingly flaunting to everyone that they were barbarians from an isolated island.

"Tsk! This bunch of weaklings. Barbarians? Are they comparing us to those monkeys from the north?" said one of the giants.

"You can't blame them either. They live in the age of peace a little too much and become ignorant of our kind," said another.

"Should we try giving them a 'warm greeting' then?" said the guy walking beside them.

As these guys were chatting with one another, the person who seemed to be the leader of the group gave them a sharp glare. "Don't fool around. We are here for a formal business. Don't cause any trouble for the Matriarch."

Hearing his words, the bunch of savages immediately shut their mouths and suddenly changed their expressions.

Little did they know that these actions would make the people around them further distance themselves from the group.

They not only made themselves harder to approach, but had also attracted the attention of the authorities within the vicinity.

"Halt!" shouted a police officer, who was patrolling the area.

Behind him, an elite police unit prepared themselves for a bloody battle, holding their guns.

"Tsk!" the leader of the savages could not help but click his tongue when he saw this, especially after sensing that the other party was showing their hostility.

The group behind him had also squinted their eyes, seemingly assessing the strength of the police officer and the unit behind him.

"Weaklings," commented one of the brutes.

"Do they think they can threaten us with those toys?" smirked another as he caressed the handle of the axes hanging on each side of his waist.

Seeing that this group of intimidating people was showing some signs of violence, the police officer suddenly raised his pistol as he continued to question. "Drop your weapons and identify yourselves!"

The leader of the group could not help but raise his brows as he started to get impatient. It was not because of the police officers, but it was directed to the person who was supposed to receive them.

Rumble!

Not long after, organized steps suddenly rang in the distance, attracting the attention of everyone.

Casting their gaze at the source of the sound, everyone saw a battalion of soldiers marching toward the coast.

"Eh!? Are they elite soldiers from the military?"

"Is there going to be a war?"

"Hurry! Let's leave this place!"

As the people were showing panic, a pair of individuals suddenly walked out of the military vehicle that was leading the soldiers.

Seeing these people, the police officer almost jumped out of joy, seemingly finding his savior.

"Commander Nathan, Sir Joaquin!" The officer swiftly ran toward the pair as if he were seeking his guardians.

Nathan slightly nodded his head when he saw the officer and explained. "Sorry for the commotion, but these people are guests of the Springfield Family."

He then waved his hand, signaling to his assistant. "These are the official papers that granted their entry."

"If you have any other questions, you can talk to my assistant," he said coolly before walking toward the group of savages.

He smiled at the leader of the group as he greeted them. "I apologize for my little delay. Some guys don't welcome your entry, so I have to give them some 'explanation' before coming here."

"On behalf of Soaring Continent, we welcome you, warriors of the Asad Tribe, to our country," he added as he extended his right hand.

The leader of the other party also smiled when he saw Nathan before accepting the handshake. "We, from the Asad Tribe, have also heard the fame of the Dragon King. It is an honor to meet you."

"You can just call me, Scar," he added as he assessed the other party. "The Matriarch is right about you being a great warrior equal to your tribe's heroes."

Nathan just smiled despite knowing that the other party was trying to measure his powers. He then gave the latter an inviting gesture as he continued. "I know that you and your people have journeyed here for quite a long time."

"Do you want to head to your living place first before discussing your official business?" he asked.

Scar swept his gaze in the surroundings before smiling. "You are right. It is better to leave here first since this is not a good place for discussion."

It was also at this moment that he realized the existence of another powerful being alongside Nathan.

Scar could not help but halt his tracks for a moment as he could feel the unified spirits of thousands of beasts coming from this person.

There was only a single person he could think of when he saw those bestial spirits 'living' in harmony in a single body – Thousand Beast Joaquin Giovanni.

He chuckled a little as he said. "To think that we will also see the legend of the great mountains of the west – Sir Joaquin."

At the same time, there was also a savage light flashing in his eyes, somewhat showing his intent to for battle.

Warriors and beasts were always at each other's throats in their place.

But he did his best to suppress it as this was not the right place to test the strength of this legendary expert.

Joaquin could understand what the other party was feeling as he was having the same urges. He smirked as he spoke. "We can look for a place to test our strengths later. But for now, we have to leave this place before those old geezers of the Federal Army throw a fit."

Massaging the back of his neck, Joaquin suddenly turned around and immediately returned to the military vehicle after the brief greeting.

Nathan then led the warriors of the Asad Tribe as he walked alongside Scar. "I know what you have come here, but you better not show any suspicious movements that will attract the unnecessary curiosity of the other forces."

"We are in a very fickle situation right now, so we have to be careful," he warned with full seriousness.

"Don't worry, Sir Nathan. The Matriarch has repeatedly warned us about the importance of this matter," said Scar almost immediately before adding. "We will not disturb the kids' lives and only act according to the plan you have presented."

Nathan nodded in satisfaction as he assured the other party as well. "We will make all the arrangements, so there is no need for you and your group to do anything complicated. Just act as per the agreement, and things will go smoothly."

If he was going to be honest, Nathan had to admit that he was worried that this group of brutes, with their hot-tempered and straightforward personalities, would mess up the plan.

He did not want to experience the same thing when he had met Joaquin for the first time.

Just thinking about it gave him quite a headache.

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In the meantime, while Nathan was entertaining the guests that came from the Asad Tribe, the news quickly spread in the circle and attracted a lot of attention, just like what they had expected.

The representative of different organizations, corporations, and aristocratic families that were left in the Soaring Continent to observe the situation here quickly got wind of the news and reported it to their superiors almost immediately.

This aroused the interest of different factions, especially since they all knew that the Springfield Family was currently at war with the Black Serpent Mafia and its allies.

"Is the Springfield Family showing some weakness and asking for some assistance?"

"Since when have those Dragons of Ancient Times been afraid of something? They must be plotting something."

"Keep an eye on their movements. I want everything about their actions to be closely monitored."

"Be wary of those 'barbarians,' those guys are not easy to deal with."

Different circles had different thoughts about this matter. But there was a single thing that they all shared – never provoke those people from the Asad Tribe since they were a bunch of crazy people, much crazier than the Springfield Family.

Chapter 1763: Final Raid of the Trial

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Atlas World

Special Dungeon

Shin took quite a long time before he could clear all the Drakon Monsters within the solo dungeon. He was only able to make sure that he had cleared all the nests and individual monsters scattered within the dungeon when the Brilliant Flames had 'told' him about it.

After clearing the Drakons, the Brilliant Flames had become less tainted with the corrupted powers, making it quite noticeable.

The dark and eerie powers that were corrupting the dungeon were still present, but it was less effective compared to before due to the lack of monsters residing within the dungeon.

These Drakons were living within the chaotic environment of the dungeon, where the Brilliant Flame and the Corrupted Powers were constantly fighting each other. Because of this, they had evolved and mutated repeatedly, matching the environment that they were in.

In response, they had also started contributing to the cycle of powers within the dungeon, which was why the balance between the two powers collapsed right after Shin wiped them out.

This was the main reason why the balance of powers started to tilt towards the Brilliant Flame's favor.

Given his current connection with the Powers of the Brilliant Sun filling the dungeon, Shin could tell that it was starting to overwhelm the opposing powers, suppressing them to a certain extent.

Shin did not stay idle either as he swiftly sprinted toward the direction that the Brilliant Flames were pointing him, heading straight to the place where the Evil Being was located.

It did not take that long for him to reach his destination, which seemed to be the center and the heart of the entire dungeon.

Right after he arrived, he was immediately greeted by a sight that made him slightly furrow his brows.

Before him was a huge cage made of Brilliant Flames with a humanoid figure suspended at its center.

Shin could sense an overwhelming power coming from this individual, which was even affecting him to a certain degree. He even felt that the powers within him were boiling in rage due to the presence of this individual.

He felt that he would be crushed by the pressure coming from the opposing party if not for the unified powers within his body protecting him.

Fortunately, due to the limbs of that individual being wrapped in golden chains, which were restraining its movements and sealing its powers, the pressure that he was getting was barely at the level where his body and powers could withstand.

There was also a thick dark miasma that was being emitted by that individual's body, which was constantly fighting against the Brilliant Flames around it.

There was no need to guess as Shin could tell that it must be the evil being that was being sealed in this dungeon.

Using his eyes to have a closer look at the so-called evil being, Shin could see that it was a creature that had features similar to a humanoid dragon.

The other party shared a lot of similarities with a Dragonkin. The only difference that Shin could see from this individual was the dense, dark, and eerie energy that it was constantly emitting.

If there was something that Shin found a little different from Arthur, a Dragonkin he knew, and this individual, then it must be the noticeable features of a draconic human had such as the thick scales that covered almost every part of their bodies and the pair of antlers-like horns sticking out from their head.

Shin found that this evil being was oddly similar to Arthur when he entered a fusion state with his elemental dragons.

But when he put more thought into it, he also found it reasonable since this evil being was supposed to be born from the remains of the Fallen Dark Dragon and the powers of a divine apostle.

Activating his True Sight Skill, Shin tried to look for the details of the other party.

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[Monster Name]: Fallen Dark Dragon 'Kardama' (Incarnation Avatar)

[Monster Title]: The Conqueror of all Poisons and Venoms

[Monster Type]: Humanoid Creature (Fallen Draconic Family)

[Monster Rank]: Lord Rank (Sealed State)

[Life Rating]: Hybrid Dragon (Evil Being)

[Monster Level]: 160

Health Points: 20 Million

Historical Background:

-An Evil Being that was born from the unification of the soul of the original Fallen Dark Dragon and a fragment of a Divine Apostle.

It had been suppressed within the isolated dimensional pocket created by the Fifth Envoy of the Church of the Sun and Moon, Altus.

But because of the great vitality that it had inherited from its Draconic Roots, it still managed to live up until this point and remained strong.

However, due to it being suppressed for a very long time, its powers were greatly weakened, which was further lessened due to it separating its core to create its Evil Fragments.

Because the Evil Fragments had also been destroyed before they could collect them, their great powers were further weakened, making them lose most of their abilities and hereditary powers.

Note 1: This vessel carried a very powerful soul.

Note 2: Due to this creature being born from a Dragon, there was a high chance that it would leave a Mutated Draconic Core (Dragon Heart) once it was killed.

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Shin slightly raised his brows after skimming through the basic information of the monster. He also could not help but curse a little after seeing the rank of the monster.

A Chieftain-Rank Monster of the Awakened Continent was his current limit. This included those with special bloodlines.

Facing a Lord Rank Monster Boss alone made it a little tricky to deal with even after he used his Racial Berserk Skill: Metamorphosis, especially when it was a creature from a direct Draconic Bloodline.

A True Dragon was far from his current abilities; what more if it possessed the hybrid abilities that came from a Divine Apostle?

Fortunately, he could sense that the Brilliant Flames filling the entire dungeon were telling him that they would give him some assistance in battle.

"Tsk! It is a pity that I have not triggered a Quest Scenario that can boost my stats," he could only click his tongue as he thought about this.

What was even trickier was that he was unable to use any other form of Elemental Spirit Possession at this moment, which had not happened earlier.

Aside from the Divine Constellation that Solus provided, the rest of the possessions were sealed.

He knew that this would make the battle even trickier as he would not be able to utilize the full extent of his Racial Berserk Skill to the fullest this way.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Seemingly understanding his concerns, the Brilliant Flames surrounding him moved, seemingly trying to comfort and assure him about it.

Raising his brows, Shin smiled as he spoke. "I guess I have to rely on 'you' on this one."

After that, he swiftly initiated the Elemental Spirit Possession, allowing Solus to fuse with the [Yamato] and activating the Divine Constellation Possession.

Boom!

Right after the possession process was completed, Shin immediately sensed that his connection with the surrounding flames was further enhanced.

If he had only been able to sense and communicate with them earlier, then he could feel that these Brilliant Flames were now worshipping him as if he were their master.

To make it even more effective, the Mark of Eclipse that was engraved on the back of his right hand also showed some reaction, further enhancing his abilities to control all the fire-type powers around him.

With the help of his Eternal Flame and the surrounding Brilliant Flames, Shin felt a slight confidence in fighting the Evil Being before him to a certain extent.

But at the same time, he also could tell that it was far from being enough to defeat the other party, so he had to rely on his techniques and skills to fill that gap.

Boom!

Seemingly sensing his presence, Evil Being Kardama slowly opened its eyes, revealing its crimson pupils and vertical irises.

The pressure that he was also emitting rose exponentially, seemingly trying to crush Shin with it.

Swoosh!

But in response to the surrounding Brilliant Flames quickly gathered and created a barrier that protected Shin, causing a massive explosion.

Boom!

The collision between the two powers shook the entire dungeon, making the ground and space tremble intensely.

Clank! Clank!

At the same time, Shin saw that the golden chains that were binding Kardama snapped one after another, freeing himself from the restrictions.

But in exchange for freely moving his body, Kardama also sacrificed a huge portion of his powers, causing his overwhelming health bar to drop sharply and only stopping when it reached the 10-million mark.

The damage was supposed to be painful, especially with such a huge decrease in health. But this evil being acted as if it were nothing, seemingly telling Shin that it could not feel any pain.

Slightly raising his brows, Shin could not help but click his tongue for another before getting ready for battle.

He fully understood that this raid would not be easy, so he had to be fully focused and maintain his perfect state.

Chapter 1764: Final Raid of the Trial (Part 2)

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As Shin was walking forward, Kardama's figure suddenly flickered for a moment, making the young swordsman sense danger.

Within an instant, Kardama was already before Shin and in the middle of throwing its fist that was covered with obsidian scales.

"Fast!" Shin's pupils contracted as he saw the dark fist rapidly magnifying before his eyes.

Swoosh!

Fortunately, his speed was on par with the other party, letting the fist hit nothing but the afterimages of his upper body as he was already ducking diagonally forward and assuming his sword-drawing stance.

Click!

As the thumb of his left hand rang as it pushed the lid connecting the sword and its sheath, the familiar sound rang in the air, seemingly making the time to pause for an instant.

Shing!

Shin then pulled the [Yamato] out of its sheath and swung it horizontally, drawing a beautiful arc in the air as it tried to cut his opponent.

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Quick Draw (Blazing): Flash Horizon'

Swoosh!

But before the blazing blade of his sword could even cut his opponent, Kardama had already moved and appeared behind Shin like a ghost.

He held his fist in the air as he accumulated a huge amount of dark energy around it. He then suddenly swung that fist down, smashing it at Shin's back, which was fully exposed before him.

Swoosh!

Shin seemed to have already foreseen that action as he borrowed the momentum of his previous action to continue moving his sword and maintaining its trajectory while spinning his body.

Clang!

The blazing sword then hit the descending fist, charging in its direction and letting it hand on the ground beside Shin.

Bang!

Shin then turned swiftly and stepped to the side as he continued slashing down with his sword, using the 'Solar Cut' and 'Destructive Slash' skills as a model to execute a powerful strike.

'Four Symbol Scripture: Celestial Vermilion Bird – Solar Strike'

Shing!

This strike carried a series of Sword Principles such as the heavy sword, the swift sword, and others to activate an advanced principle of Destructive Sword.

Swoosh!

Bang!

But before the [Yamato] could even touch the other party, a formless and transparent barrier suddenly blocked its approach, preventing it from advancing further.

Roar!

At the same time, Kardama suddenly released a deafening roar that messed with Shin's senses along with an intense headache that made his movements a little dull.

Taking advantage of this situation, the Humanoid Dragon had suddenly swung its fist from the side, sending a powerful hook punch that targeted Shin's waist.

Sensing the danger, Shin swiftly flipped the sheath in his left hand, transforming it into a rapier.

'Legacy Skill: Mondî's Style – Conviction Form'

Taking advantage of the unique passive of this form, Shin freed himself from the negative statuses that he had gotten and quickly turned his body to the side while crossing the swords before him and blocking the incoming strike.

He had even reinforced his defense with a transparent barrier that was created by using his 'Demonic Telekinesis'.

Boom!

Unfortunately, the barrier was barely able to stop the incoming fist, collapsing in almost an instant.

Then the fist proceeded to clash against the crossed swords before it before sending Shin flying toward the opposing direction.

Bang!

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Shin adjusted his position in the air with a great difficulty, flipping and rolling in the process while also relieving his muscles from the stress that he had taken from that strike.

He also could not help but curse a little after suffering such serious damage from a single strike despite blocking the attack properly. It had cost him such a large chunk of his Health Bar, forcing him to immediately use a healing light to restore his lost Health Points.

Swoosh!

In the next instant, Shin saw Kardama casing after him at a rate that far surpassed its earlier speed. The latter caught at him almost immediately while continuing to swing its powerful fists forward.

Seeing that, Shin suddenly released the 'Conviction Form' and quickly sheathed the [Yamato] with one swift motion.

He then curled his body midair a little, leaning forward and positioning his feet behind him.

Assuming the familiar stance, Shin then kicked the air behind him, propelling himself forward.

Pa!

'Legacy Skill: Mondî's Jump'

Swoosh!

Immediately after, his entire body turned into a streak of light midair and flew straight to his opponent.

Then he suddenly unsheathed the [Yamato] and swung it forward almost instantly, sending a powerful thrust forward.

Shing!

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

Swoosh!

Boom!

The tip of his sword and the energy covering the fist of his opponent clashed against one another, sensing a series of violent ripples in the air before creating a massive explosion.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

But it did not stop there as Shin and Kardama's figure suddenly disappeared almost at the same time before transforming into a series of flashes that repeatedly clashed against one another while flying across the dungeon.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The two exchanged a series of moves, creating explosions and sending shockwaves in every collision, signifying how powerful the strikes that they were throwing at one another were.

In terms of raw power, Shin was obviously in a great disadvantage, but he still managed to fill that gap with the quality of his skills and techniques.

Regardless, he was still constantly losing a huge chunk of his HP during the clashes, forcing him to drink Master Rank Potions repeatedly.

Even though he was able to block most of the attacks from his opponent, the residual force or the strong impact that he was getting from every collision was strong enough for him to lose a portion of his Health Bar, which was why he was constantly burning his Healing Potions in the process.

This might be the first time he had used such a huge number of healing potions in all his time within the game.

Fortunately, his supply was always full of auxiliary items, particularly potions, so he was not lacking any of them.

The battle had continuously escalated as more time passed, reaching to the point where Shin and Kardama had to summon their wings, dragging their clashes into the air and turning it into an aerial battle.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The pace and intensity of this battle far surpassed Shin's previous battles, including those battles with NPCs and powerful monsters.

If he had to pick one, then he must say that this battle was on the same level as that of Lucy, The Fallen, from his Tier 3 Promotion Quest if he was talking about an individual battle alone.

The battle might have just started and only lasted for a dozen minutes, but Shin had already experienced an immense burden coming from his mind and body.

The fatigue was accumulating a little too fast while his concentration was burning at such an insane rate.

He even estimated that he would most likely exhaust himself completely if this lasted for a dozen more minutes.

Fortunately, the surrounding Brilliant Flame was helping him to a certain extent. It was providing him an invisible force that reinforced his attacks and recovered a portion of his mental strength, letting him maintain his peak state.

Moreover, it was somewhat restraining Kardama during their battles, making the latter's power somewhat weakened.

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Shin drank yet another bottle of Master Rank Health Potion as he separated himself from his opponent. He then tossed the bottle to the side before casting his gaze forward.

Kardama did not go unscathed with their battle, losing almost three million of his Health Point during the process.

Regardless, Shin was still far from emptying that 10-million-point Health Bar, yet he was already somewhat exhausted.

Aside from that, he also could tell that this monster boss had yet to change its phase, which was why he was not using his 'Racial Berserk Skill: Metamorphosis' even up until this point.

From his estimate, he had to drop the health bar of the latter up to the 5-million-mark before he could reach that point.

Then there would be the Berserk State and such further after, which would be another headache for Shin.

Setting these thoughts aside, Shin fixed his grip before the [Yamato], which was enveloped with the Eternal Flame, while controlling the Brilliant Flames with his other hand.

Relying on his powerful Willpower and with the help of his 'Demonic Telekinesis' elemental skill, Shin controlled the surrounding energy, particularly the Brilliant Flames.

He pulled them toward his body and formed a blazing storm that spun rapidly to protect him.

This was a trick that he just learned after exchanging more blows against Kardama while also commanding the surrounding energies.

He tried to create a set of armor out of them, trying to recreate the Spiritual Armament of his Mentalism Method in the real world into the game. Unfortunately, he was faced with repeated failures, signifying that he was still lacking something.

Regardless, his connection and understanding with the Brilliant Flames reached another level, making them obey him as if he were their true master.

With their help, he was confident that he would be able to survive at least until he forced Kardama into his second phase.

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Bang! Bang! Bang!

After a few more intense clashes against Kardama, Shin finally understood why defeating this monster was an optional and not a main clear condition of the trial.

Looking at the remaining supply of Health Points in his inventory, Shin knew that he would only last a dozen more minutes if he still not force the opposing party to enter his second phase.

"Tsk!" He could only click his tongue as he also sensed that his concentration was also somewhat being burned at an even faster rate.

Fortunately, his control over the surrounding energies, particularly the Brilliant Flames, was also growing stronger. This made it easier to execute a more complicated technique despite how advanced they were. He only needed a small part of his concentration to execute them, lessening the burden provided by the strong consumption of his moves.

He was also getting more familiar with the moves of his opponent, which was becoming a little more predictable and easier to withstand.

"Hu~!"

Taking a deep breath, Shin adjusted his position midair, assuming his familiar stance.

Click!

All of a sudden, he unsheathed the [Yamato] and threw a series of slashes before him, which then turned into a group of intertwining sword flashes that left a stunning scene.

Shing!

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

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The sword flashes cut the massive cluster of dark energy sent by Kardama, making it explode.

Whoosh!

But not long after, the Humanoid Dragon suddenly broke through the cloud of smoke produced by the explosion and flew straight to Shin with a flying kick.

Shin, on the other hand, swung the blazing sword down in a calm and composed manner.

Shing!

This action left a shining vertical cut in the space between him and Kardama, which swiftly turned into a blazing storm that spread in two different directions.

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

Shriek!

A pair of blazing wings was first to appear before a huge bird made of fire suddenly appeared and met the incoming attack from his opponent.

Boom!

Yet another explosion erupted, causing the surrounding energies to ripple violently.

(-295, 821)

This time, Shin had gotten Kardama and landed a good hit, which caused the Health Bar of the latter to finally fall to 5-million-mark.

Roar!

A deafening roar suddenly rang as the blazing storm before Shin burned more violently alongside the rapidly expanding cloud of smoke and fire.

Shin swiftly retreated when he saw this, flapping his wings as hard as he could to create as much distance as possible.

Swoosh!

Boom!

Not long after, Shin saw a colossal silhouette forming behind the huge blazing cloud of smoke.

Shin did not have to guess what it was as he could already tell it at a glance. "Tsk! His second phase is a straight-up transformation into his true form!? This is going to be a little trickier."

As Shin mumbled those words, he swiftly initiated Racial Berserk Skill, activating all the necessary requirements and undergoing his version of transformation.

'Mark of Eclipse: Metamorphosis – Descent of the Fallen God'

Boom!

Roar!

As he completed his transformation, which was slightly different from the previous forms due to the lack of Elemental Spirits forming a circular formation behind him, the colossal body of the Evil Dark Dragon was also finally revealed.

For the 'opening move', the dragon concentrated its mana into its throat while looking so serious.

"F\*ck! Dragon's Breath right from the start? Are you serious!?" cursed Shin as he saw the signs of the skill from a distance.

He could normally prevent that kind of move with such obvious signs, but it would be difficult with the current distance between him and the evil dragon.

Roar!

'Evil Dragon's Breath: Dark Annihilation'

Boom!

Seeing the rapidly approaching dragon's breath, Shin swiftly took his signature sword-drawing stance as his wings were set ablaze by the Brilliant Flames that he had pulled from the surroundings, turning them into a huge pair of blazing wings.

At the same time, the other batch of energies suddenly gathered toward his sheathed sword, accumulating as much flame as possible.

Click!

When the fast-approaching breath of the evil dragon was almost upon him, Shin suddenly unsheathed the blazing [Yamato] and swung it horizontally, releasing all the accumulated energies out and sending it forward.

Shing!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Quick Drawo (Blazing) – Pheonix Wrath'

Shriek!

A loud cry of a phoenix suddenly reverberated in the entire place as an apparition of a flaming bird manifested behind Shin and merged with him and his blazing wings.

It opened its beak and breathed out a blazing beam that collided against the incoming breath of the evil dragon.

Boom!

As a massive explosion was created upon the collision of the two powers, a huge cloud of blazing smoke immediately spread in every direction, which even reached the sky of the dungeon.

Swoosh!

Not long after, a hole was created amid the blazing cloud of smoke, revealing Shin's figure that was flying higher in the sky.

He was flying upwards with all his might, trying to create as much distance as possible from the center of the explosion.

Roar!

Not long after, the evil dragon also broke through the huge blazing cloud of smoke, flapping its pair of gigantic wings as it chased after Shin.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The surrounding smoke was immediately dispersed by the violent gust of wind that the dragon's wings were creating.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

After seeing that Shin was getting further away from it, the evil dragon suddenly opened its huge mouth and started firing a series of beams at Shin.

Shin was then forced to slow down a little, focusing on dodging each beam of light that was flying in his direction.

Those beams might be noticeably weaker than the earlier dragon's breath, but their destructive powers were still enough to kill Shin within an instant.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Doing his best to dodge those energy beams, Shin could not help but slow down greatly, letting the evil dragon catch up to him.

Roar!

Right after it reached Shin, the evil dragon swiftly swung its claws at him, creating a series of shockwaves in the air that indicated how powerful it was.

Boom!

Seeing that, Shin swiftly did a spin-roll in the air, skillfully maneuvering his body to get away from the trajectory of the attack.

He did this multiple times until he got away from the barrage of attacks from the evil dragon, which varied from claw swipes, tail strikes, and dragon bites.

Due to the colossal body of the evil dragon, it became easier to target despite its overwhelming strength and physical power. But this did not mean that dealing damage would be easier. After all, a dragon's body was famous for its toughness and well-rounded defenses. Its scales alone were more than enough to be called the best natural armor of all living beings.

Shin did not waste his time and energy on throwing any random attacks at it unless necessary. He would only be throwing a counterattack to redirect the trajectories of the claws, or when he was targeting the vital points of the dragon, like its eyes, or whenever it opened its mouth.

This way, he could save his energy and lessen the burden on his concentration.

But what made Shin a little frustrated was that he could not find any opening at all. Even the wings of the dragon, which were mostly one of the weaknesses of some, were as tough as the hardest steel due to the dark energy that was constantly protecting them.

"Tsk! So, this overgrown lizard is not that stupid," mumbled Shin as he realized that Kardama still had sharp battle senses despite being sealed in this place for a long time.

He first thought that due to the union of the soul of the original Kardama and the fragment of the divine apostle, its mind would be a little chaotic, especially when he put the seal into consideration.

But from the look of it, this evil being might have lost its mind and personality but still retained its overwhelming power and sharp senses for battle.

It could be said that it was an innate ability of dragons or any other beings on the same level. It was something called the hereditary lineage.

As his line of thought passed through this topic, Shin could not help but have a sudden enlightenment.

Time seemed to have stopped when he thought about this.

At the same time, a flood of ideas flowed toward his head. One of them was about the trial that the Fifth Envoy of the Church of the Sun and Moon had prepared.

"It is not just for the [Ring of the Brilliant Sun] or the understanding of the Brilliant Flames. This trial must have also been targeted to tell the successors of the church about the real capabilities of the Nephilim Race."

"If that is the case, then this trial is just one of the many that I have to clear along the way."

"No wonder there is a clue about the [Ring of the Abyssal Moon] among the rewards of this solo dungeon," he mumbled as he thought about this.

This also reminded him about what Arthur had mentioned about evolving his Dragonkin Race into a True Dragon despite already being a Transcendent Race.

"This must be the path that will point us beyond the Tier 5 Class and surpass being a Sovereign Being of this plane."

Chapter 1766: Slaying a Dragon

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Shin took a different approach in battle when he resumed fighting the Evil Dark Dragon Kardama.

Instead of finding a way to defeat the evil dragon, he focused more on honing his skills, particularly when controlling the Eternal Flame provided by Solus and Brilliant Flames coming from the surrounding.

He was also looking for another way to understand the innate abilities of his race other than controlling the Powers of the Brilliant Sun and Abyssal Moon.

Since he had basically 'cleared' the Trial by clearing all the Drakons' nests and eliminating the Evil Fragments.

Defeating Kardama was just an 'additional' condition, so his focus right now should be improving himself and his powers.

This was what he had realized after putting more thought into the details of Altus' Trial.

If he followed the patterns left by the clues and putting the pieces together, then it would be easy to guess that he would have to go through a series of tests and trainings meant to awaken the hereditary abilities of his Transcendent Race and hone them into desirable level.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Shin managed to further deepen his understanding of the Brilliant Flames, greatly enhancing his flame-related abilities and elevating his Eternal Flame to a higher level.

Moreover, he started to create a series of tricks and techniques while applying his newly improved understanding of the Brilliant Flames.

At this point, even if he had yet to reach the level of mastery that Altus possessed when he was alive, Shin was confident to say that he was not that far from reaching it.

With these tricks that he had learned and techniques that he had created, he could now at least hurt the evil dragon when applying everything to his actions.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Boom!

Not long after a few more exchanges, Shin finally noticed something. He realized that the more they fought, the weaker the evil dragon got.

When he put more attention into this, he found out that Kardama was also expending a huge amount of energy to fight the seal that Fifth Envoy Altus had left behind in the dungeon.

The evil dragon was slowly getting exhausted by the seal, greatly affecting its abilities.

"So, that's it!" Shin seemed to have figured out something once again when he saw this. "The timing between the weakening of this overgrown lizard and the completion of my understanding over the Brilliant Flames is too coincidental."

"It can't be just a mere coincidence," he mumbled as he stared at the fast-approaching dragon.

"If that is the case, then let's have one final dance!" he added as he twirled the [Yamato] left and right before putting it back to sheath.

He then raised the sheathed sword before him horizontally, stretching both of his hands forward with one holding the sword and maintaining its position while the other was positioned right behind its hilt.

When Kardama was about to reach him, Shin suddenly grabbed the sword and pulled it out from its sheath, revealing its blazing blade.

Shing!

'Four Symbol Scripture: Celestial Vermilion Bird – Cry of the Undying Phoenix'

Shriek!

Immediately after, a huge blazing storm was released from the gap between the sword and its sheath before suddenly extending outwards.

Boom!

Due to the sudden appearance of the blazing storm, the incoming evil dragon had no choice but to crash against it, relying on its powerful physique to withstand the scalding heat and destructive flames.

Roar!

As Kardama broke through the blazing storm, he revealed the burn marks on different parts of his body, signifying the intense heat that was produced by the flames.

He was about to swing his claws at Shin when he saw that the latter was already expecting his breaking through of the storm, assuming a sword-drawing stance.

With the pair of huge blazing wings behind him, Shin suddenly unsheathed the sword before swinging it forward and releasing the powerful beam that rivaled the dragon's breath earlier.

Shing!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Quick Draw (Blazing) – Phoenix Wrath'

Boom!

(-602,233)

The blazing beam hit Kardama straight to the face, dealing significant damage that greatly chunked a huge portion of his health bar.

This was the first clean hit that Shin had landed since the start of this solo raid. But he did not stop there as he continued to proceed with his next move.

Flipping his wrist over, he held the [Yamato] tightly before placing it over his shoulder while also twisting his waist in the process.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A storm of Brilliant Flames then gathered around and revolved around the sword, forming a blazing tornado.

He then waited until the fully enraged evil dragon broke through the blazing cloud produced by the earlier explosion before swinging the sword with all his might, slashing it downward.

'Four Symbol Scripture: Celestial Vermilion Bird – Phoenix Annihilation'

Shriek!

When Kardama saw the gigantic blazing sword descending upon him, he suddenly opened his mouth wide and released a deafening roar that shook the entire dungeon.

Roar!

Boom!

But it barely did anything as the destructive attack still landed on him.

(-202,523)

He might have weakened the might of that slash, but he still suffered decent damage, further dropping his already low health bar.

Roar!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Boom!

Alongside another deafening roar, Kardama started exchanging more blows against Shin, wanting to annihilate the latter.

Unfortunately, the effects of the seal left behind by the Fifth Envoy were already getting stronger, further weakening his prowess.

Kardama could already sense that the remaining lifeforce that he had in his body was slowly weakening, making him even more enrage.

Unfortunately, his berserk state could only do that much as the power of the seal was getting stronger due to Shin's continuous attack.

It did not take that long before he finally slayed the evil dragon, which was immediately followed by a series of system notifications.

\*Ding\*

System: You have leveled up (x2)

\*Ding\*

System: You have killed an Evil Dragon; you will receive a hidden special title – Dragon Slayer.

System: You have received the Evil Dragon Core (Dragon Heart) and a tainted fragment of a Divine Apostle.

\*Ding\*

System: Congratulations! You have completed the trial left behind by Altus, the Fifth Envoy of the Church of the Sun and Moon!

System: Calculating the corresponding rewards!

System: Congratulations! You have reached the 100% clear rate! You will be receiving an extra reward!

\*Ding\*

System: You have leveled up (x2)

\*Ding\*

System: You have received 15 additional Legacy Points and 20 Skill Points.

System: You have received a mysterious letter.

System: You have received an inheritance item (accessory) – [Ring of the Brilliant Sun]

\*Ding\*

System: Congratulations! You have received the 'Teachings of the Original Flame' (Inheritance Knowledge) from the records left behind by the Fifth Envoy Altus.

System: Your understanding and mastery over all light- and fire-related abilities are greatly enhanced.

\*Ding\*

System: As an extra reward, the 'Dragon Heart' and 'Divine Fragment' can be refined, fused, and transformed into a new material.

System: Do you want to proceed with the purification process? YES, or NO?

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Shin was unable to fully process everyone due to the rapid bombardment of the notifications coming from the system.

He was still in the middle of understanding the previous one when another rang in his ears and flashed through his eyes.

Due to this, only the final nonfictions were clearly reflected before his eyes.

"Dragon Heart and Divine Fragment? Ah! It must be the drops left behind by that overgrown lizard," mumbled Shin as he recalled the descriptions about Kardama earlier.

He hesitated for a moment before deciding to accept the 'reward'. After all, this was supposed to be a bonus reward, so there must be a meaning behind it.

Whoosh!

Right after he hit the 'Yes' button, the two items inside his inventory suddenly disappeared before appearing within a special synthesis panel in front of him.

It then released an intense light as it underwent the purification and combination process before presenting a whole new item to Shin.

There was no surprising feature about this new item, which made him frown deeply.

From the image reflected before him, it seemed to be an ordinary ore or crystal that had an unknown rune engraved at its center.

The first impression that he had gotten from it was nothing but a piece of junk.

But when he opened its information panel, he could not help but rub his eyes as he could not believe what he was seeing.

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[Item Name]: Soul Stone (Divine)

[Item Type]: Miscellaneous

[Item Rank]: Divine Material

[Description]:

= A special item that contains a fragment of a divine authority and strong soul power.

= This item can also be used as a container of a soul so long as they do not surpass the Divine Rank.

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Shin could not help but have a double-take with this item as he still could not believe what it was.

The first thing that shocked him about it was its rank. No matter how 'simple' the description of this item was, the word 'Divine' was more than enough to tell Shin the importance of this item.

The other thing that made him react this way was about a certain 'quest' that he currently had at pending. The collection of the materials to create his 'True Phantom'.

"It can't be, right?" he could only smile bitterly when he saw that it was indeed one of the items that he was looking for.

But instead of an ordinary Soul Stone, it seemed like he had gotten his hands on something that was at Divine Rank.

Lucky was not enough to describe the words that he was currently feeling.

Chapter 1767: More than Bountiful

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What Shin had gotten was not only limited to the Dragon Heart and the fragment of the Divine Apostle, which now became a Divine Soul Stone. Given that he had slayed an evil dragon, albeit weakened greatly, the materials that could be obtained from the colossal corpse were something that could make everyone crazy.

Hundreds of gallons of draconic blood, a full set of dragon claws, as well as dragon teeth along with the fangs, dragon scales, and fully intact dragon bones – he had harvested quite a lot of draconic materials from the corpse of Evil Dark Dragon Kardama.

He was sure that Berlin would love to craft a set of armor and weapons with these materials when he presented them to the Dwarven Saint Blacksmith.

Even Shin felt a little curious about what kind of armor and weapon could be crafted with such high-quality materials.

Unfortunately, he already looking for the Divine Armor that Saint Blacksmith Berlin had promised him, which was also something that could grow alongside him. After all, the said Divine Armors of the Myths and Legends were something mortals and other races used to fight against the Divine Beings during the Era of Gods and Immortals.

But Shin could not waste these materials either, so he had to consider how he would deal with them later.

After securing the loot, Shin then proceeded to assess the rewards that he had gotten upon completing this trial and the dungeon.

He had acquired four levels, which was a great thing for someone like him at the head of the pack. Leveling up in their current tier was not just hard, but quite challenging as well.

Just with these 4 levels, his 'little trip' in this dungeon was already worth it.

At this moment, he was already Level 180, which could already put him at the forefront of the leading players.

He thought about this, Shin could not help but get reminded of Arthur, who was currently training in the Ancestral Lands of the Springfield Family. That guy was still stuck at Level 160+, which would greatly upset him once he learned that Shin was way ahead of him.

As for the next reward, the Inheritance of the Fifth Envoy, Altus, Shin had received the insights and achievements of this predecessor of his when it came to controlling and communicating with the Fire Element.

He did not receive any legacy skill or anything, but what he had learned could be more helpful for him in the long run, especially when one of his main Elements right now was the Eternal Flame.

He might not be following the footsteps of Fifth Envoy Altus when it comes to his mastery over the Powers of the Brilliant Sun, and created the most powerful Brilliant Flames in the history of the Church of the Sun and Moon. But he would at least use the path that Altus had taken as a guide to walk on his chosen path.

Eternal Flame was more suitable for him, so he had chosen this path to further hone himself.

Aside from the insights and enlightenment about the Fire Element, he had also gained some knowledge when it came to the Light Element, which was another element that he majored in.

The Five Elements of fire, water, wood, earth, and metal alongside the dual elements of light and darkness as well as the special element of Void – these were his major elements at the moment, while the elements of Blood and Shadow (Psychic) acted as secondary and supporting elements.

It was still somewhat complicated, but he had already gotten a decent plan on how he would proceed, such as using the Element of 'Crimson Blood' to reinforce his body while the 'Psychic Shadow' would enhance his mind.

The other reward was another special title. But given the color and rank of this particular title, Shin could tell that it was on the same level as the other special titles that he possessed, such as Storm Rider, Champion of the Seven Seas, and others.

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Title: Dragon Slayer

Rank: Master (Can be Evolved)

Classification: Transcendent

Description: A Title bestowed upon the great warriors who had managed to slay a dragon, gaining the power to slay more dragons.

Bonus Stats:

+10% Physical Defense and Magic Resistance

+15% Magic and Elemental Affinity

+20% Mana Sensitivity

Extra Ability:

Dragon Slayer:

- (Passive): When fighting any dragon or draconic species, your damage would greatly increase and gain extra resistance against any draconic spells, abilities, and skills.

- (Active): Upon activation, gain a massive boost in stats while granting your weapons and armors a special blessing that could give them a special power that countered the dragons.

+100% Stats

Note: These special abilities could only be used when you are against dragons or draconic species.

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"Eh? This title seems to work well with the legendary sword [Balmung]. I guess I have to find a way to collect them later," he mumbled after skimming through the details of the Dragon Slayer Title.

He then paused for a moment as he thought of something before wearing his familiar devious smile. "Effective against Dragons and Draconic Species? I wonder if it can also work against players."

He could not wait to test the effectiveness of the title, itching to look for a perfect test subject, after this thought crossed his mind.

He then proceeded to look at his other rewards. The importance of the Legacy and Skill Points was already a given, so he did not have to think too much about them.

Instead, he turned his attention to the other two items that came along with the other rewards.

Taking a look at the item that he came for when clearing this dungeon, Shin swiftly took out the ring and put it in his inventory while looking at its details.

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[Item Name]: Ring of the Brilliant Sun

[Classification]: Inheritance Item

[Item Type]: Accessory (Ring)

[Item Rank]: Special (Exclusive to the Envoys of the Church of the Sun and Moon)

Historical Note:

This ring had accompanied the Fifth Envoy Altus in his journey to reach divinity.

He had forged this ring with special materials that contained and possessed a rich affinity with the Element of Flame and Light. It was his greatest masterpiece, which also became his symbol when he was fighting and roaming around the Atlas World and different dimensions.

Along with this ring, he was able to make his name resound in all the places that he had visited, particularly during wars that he had participated in.

Stats:

+100% to all Major and Minor Stats

+75% to all Special Stats

+200% Affinity with Fire and Light Elements

+250% Resistance against Fire and Light Elements

+20% Mana Affinity and Sensitivity

+10% Mana Control

+50% Magic Power

Additional Skills:

Domain of Brilliant Flames (Active): Summon a domain made by the Powers of the Brilliant Sun that extended up to a hundred meters.

Anyone who was inside the domain would be suppressed by the Brilliant Flames, lowering their overall stats depending on the gap between their powers.

Those who were weaker than you would receive as much as a 75% decrease in stats, while those with equal powers would experience a 30-50% decrease in their overall strength.

Meanwhile, those that were stronger than you would only experience a 10-25% weakening.

Cooldown: 6 hours

Mastery of the Original Flame (Passive): Greatly increased your mastery over the fire and light elements.

+150% Mastery Points in every skill, abilities, or techniques that were related to fire and light elements.  
(This could be further improved depending on your level, tier, and mastery.)

The Black Sun (Active): This skill could control the opposing powers of the Brilliant Sun, which could grant you the ability to seal all the skills, abilities, and techniques of a specific target for a certain period.

Duration: 24 Hours

Cooldown: 1 week

Note 1: This Skill could not be removed, resisted, or cleansed by any other skills or abilities that were weaker than its rank. (Current Rank: Sovereign)

Note 2: The stronger the wielder was, the greater the level of this skill.

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Note: The true powers of this item were currently in a dormant state. You must reach the corresponding Tier to unlock their powers.

This item was bound to player 'Sickarius'.

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Broken!

That was the only word that entered Shin's mind after seeing the stats and abilities of the [Ring of the Brilliant Sun].

He could ignore the first two skills since he already possessed a variety of domain skills and abilities. The passive ability was quite decent as well, but it was not that rare.

However, when his eyes landed on the third ability, he could not help but curse a little. Such a powerful silencing ability was beyond being broken.

It might not be a silencing skill, but a sealing skill instead when he thought more about it.

He was not sure about the ranking system of this ability, but he could at least guess that it must be related to the current tiers that he knew within the game. Sovereign Rank is equivalent to Tier 5 Skills or Spells, which means that this item's ability could silence anyone once it was cast on a certain target.

After all, Sovereign Beings were the current strongest level of this plane.

But what made Shin's head spin a little was the fact that these skills could be further enhanced depending on his strength, which meant that their effects could also grow stronger.

Moreover, the other sealed abilities would most likely be unlocked once he reached a higher tier in his class and race.

This item was, without a doubt, a masterpiece!

"If this item was already this powerful, then I wonder when I also collected the [Ring of the Abyssal Moon] and other inheritance accessories of the church, completing the entire set?" he mumbled, making his imagination run wild a little.

When this thought crossed his mind, he could not help but turn his gaze to the final item among the rewards, the mysterious letter.

"This must be containing the clues about the 'my' other ring," he said in full excitement, unable to wait to open the letter. "Let's see what you have for me!"

Chapter 1768: The Children of the Sun and the Moon (Part 1)

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As Shin opened the mysterious letter, the system immediately informed him of the contents.

\*Ding\*

System: You have received the old letter of the Second Holy Maiden of the Temple of the Moon, which she had sent for Fifth Envoy Altus.

System: The Letter is filled with coded words and runes that you can't decipher. It is the unique language of the Sun and the Moon.

System: Head to the Church of the Sun and Moon and look for a Cardinal to decipher the message.

\*Ding\*

System: A surprise may be waiting for you.

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Seeing the system messages, Shin could not help but smile bitterly for a moment. He first thought that he would directly gain the clue about the [Ring of the Abyssal Moon], but he was wrong.

It seemed like he needed to look for Cardinal Ronald to help him on this one. Fortunately, his relationship with this old cardinal was quite close, so it would not be hard to ask for help for something like this.

Moreover, Cardinal Ronald was also very trustworthy, so he would not have to worry about anything else.

"It looks like this priestess and the Fifth Envoy of the Church have some special and ambiguous relationship. I wonder what it is," mumbled Shin to himself as he put the mysterious letter back into his inventory bag before suddenly pausing as he thought of something.

He then started laughing out loud immediately. "I hope that it is not an affair or something."

Even though the rules of the Church of the Sun and Moon were quite unique and allowed the paladins, priests, or priestesses, and clerics to have a relationship with one another, there were still some special positions that forbade them from committing such an act.

For these positions, the Holy Maidens of certain Churches and the Envoys or representatives of another were forbidden to have such a relationship with one another.

He was not sure about the exact reason, but he knew that it had something to do with the Divine Commandments that the respective churches were worshipping.

Those Divine Beings seemed to be afraid of another 'Zepthus,' the First Nephilim and the founder of the Church of the Sun and Moon, to appear once again.

"The Second Holy Maiden from the Temple of the Moon Elves and the Fifth Envoy of the Church of the Sun and Moon. Suspicious. This is very suspicious," mumbled Shin as his imagination ran wild for a moment. "Even if there is a good relationship between the two factions due to the Moon Goddess that the Elves worship is somewhat related to the Sun God, there are still rules that are set by these Divine Beings."

"Moreover, there is also the Atlas God, who is the God of Humans. He has also contributed a lot to building the Church of the Sun and Moon, which is why the church's believers are dominated by Humans and Elves."

"I wonder what the relationship between these two Church Representatives is," he mumbled before sighing. "It is useless to guess it right now. I will naturally learn about it after deciphering the contents of the message."

After setting aside this thought for a moment, Shin then looked around and saw the silver-white flames filling the entire dungeon.

"Tsk! It is a pity to leave this place just like this. After all, this is another isolated dimension. I wonder if I can combine it into my Reaper's Realm," he mumbled as he found this matter a little tricky.

When this thought crossed his mind, all the Brilliant Flames filling the entire dungeon suddenly started rushing toward his direction before being sucked by the [Ring of the Brilliant Sun].

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Seeing this happen, Shin could not help but feel a little shock, especially after sensing that the ring was slowly growing stronger.

It might not affect the stats that the ring was providing him, but he could still feel that the power sealed within it was rapidly growing.

This could only mean that he was not strong enough to wield such power, which was very understandable, especially when the seal placed on the [Ring of the Brilliant Sun] only let him use the Tier 3 abilities that also reflected his current tier.

It was quite a while before the ring could absorb all the Brilliant Flames within the dungeon. But once it was done, the patterns that the ring possessed became more noticeable, making the runes engraved into it shine a little brighter.

At the same time, Shin was now emitting a hot aura, which significantly affected the surrounding space and mana.

Fortunately, he could turn that aura off, which was provided by the ring. If it were passively active all the time, then it would be tricky for Shin to sneak in anywhere due to the sudden rise in temperature wherever he went.

Not long after, the entire dungeon turned into a desolate place, where there was nothing but an empty space.

It became something like a void.

At the same time, the seal on the rest of his Elemental Spirits was also released, letting them communicate with Shin once again.

Immediately after, Hanzo's voice suddenly rang into his ears. As an Ancient Void Spirit, this old elemental knew the elements of space and void more compared to anyone else. [Brat, throw the Dimensional Token in the air. We will help you transfer this place to expand our independent realm.]

Shin did not even hesitate as he took out the Realm's Key from his inventory space and threw it in the air.

Swoosh!

Right after the token appeared, it released a multiple colored light, which represented each of the Elemental Spirits that Shin had contracted with.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

He did not have to wait that long before the entire dungeon to be sucked by the token, which then turned into a small black hole.

\*Ding\*

System: You have cleared all the conditions of the trial. You are now being teleported back to the main world.

Right before the space where Shin stood by the dimensional token, the system had informed him of the transfer before he was sent out of the dungeon.

Grabbing the token, Shin then left the void, sending him back to the Atlas World.

Swoosh!

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Shin did not waste that much time right after he returned. He immediately headed to Divinity City and quickly went to the Church of the Sun and Moon, looking for Cardinal Ronal, whom he had not seen for quite a while.

"A rare visitor. What does our youngest envoy need for this old cardinal to be worthy of your visit?" greeted Cardinal Ronald right after Shin entered his study.

Given the tone the old cardinal had, Shin could tell that the latter somewhat foresaw his visit. "It has been a while, Sir Ronald. I indeed need your help about something."

Shin did not waste any time on formality as the old cardinal seemed to be quite in a rush to finish his work.

"Oh~!? Is that so? I just hope that this time, you will not give me a troublesome job as bailing you out of jail," said Cardinal Ronald jokingly.

Hearing that, Shin could not help but suppress the twitching of his mouth. 'Aren't you the one who gives me the more troublesome job of 'interrogating' that Ancient Demon?'

After complaining inside his head, Shin immediately took out the letter that he had gotten from the dungeon before saying. "This letter is something I have gotten from a dungeon. It is written in coded message, so I hope Sir Ronald can help me decipher it."

Cardinal Ronald did not immediately respond as his eyes were locked on the ring on Shin's finger, ignoring the letter completely.

He only gave out a sigh after having a good look at the ring. "So, our youngest envoy indeed found the inheritance of our Fifth Envoy and successfully passed his trial."

Hearing that, Shin could not help but become a little surprised, not expecting that the old cardinal knew about this.

Seemingly understanding what Shin was thinking, Cardinal Ronald chuckled. "There is no need to be surprised. Sir Third Envoy briefly sensed the aura of the Fifth Envoy when you entered and exited the isolated dimension earlier."

"Sir Third Envoy has already informed us about this, so I somehow expected that you would be coming to me for consultation," added the old cardinal before continuing. "But I still do not expect that you will get the final letter of Holy Maiden Qilué of the Moon Elves from that place as well."

He paused for a moment before turning his gaze to Shin. "I can see that you want to know what the relationship between the Second Holy Maiden of the Temple of the Moon and our Fifth Envoy is."

"But can reassure you that it is not something that you are thinking," he added with a chuckle before continuing. "The two of them are siblings."

Shin could not help but raise his brows higher when he heard those words. He then nodded as the expression on his face became a little serious. He knew that it was going to be a long story time with this.

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"Siblings?" asked Shin as he was somewhat curious about this. Aside from him wanting to know about the location of the other inheritance item, the [Ring of the Abyssal Moon], Shin also wanted to know more about this Fifth Envoy of the Church of the Sun and Moon.

Given the inherited knowledge about the powers of the Sun, Flame, and Light that he had gotten from the dungeon, Shin also wanted to know more about his predecessor on this path.

There was a nostalgic feeling present in the eyes of Cardinal Ronald when he recalled the story of this pair of siblings, and he could not help but sigh in the end. "These poor children sure are pitiful."

"They are a victim of the long war between the countries and huge forces during the Warring Era. Their parents have fallen in the countless and chaotic wars during that time."

"Their parents are elven nobles from a certain kingdom. They are fleeing from the far that broke out in their hometown when they get entangled with another war between the Salamander Clan and Dire Tribes, these two huge factions within the Land of Dawn."

"These children have become orphans at a very young age, which also makes them grow much faster compared to their peers."

He then paused for a moment as he reminisced about the past before continuing. "They have then found their way to the main branch of the Church of the Sun and Moon, which is only starting to take shape at that time."

"They are still very young at that time, which is why they are sent to the orphanage built right beside the church."

"They then grow up quite well at that time and mature under the care of the clerics and nuns of the orphanage."

He then sighed as he further added. "Unfortunately, something unexpected happened not long after. The invasion of the Demon Realm has suddenly descended, sweeping through every place and shaking the entire world."

"The originally warring countries and factions during that time then unite to fight against the common enemy, which signaled the start of the Repelling Era."

"Unfortunately, not many have managed to withstand the initial attack of the demons. Among them, one of the places that has been hit hard is the hometown of the two, which is barely able to survive the war of the previous era."

Shin slightly frowned his brows when he heard those, but suppressed the doubts and questions that he had as the old cardinal continued.

"During this era, a lot of powers and talents have emerged one after another. A lot of heavenly talents have also awakened immediately after."

"Among the first few batches of talents, Lady Qilué and Sir Altus become one of the brightest stars."

"But their talents and awakened powers have forced them to separate immediately," said Cardinal Ronald with a sigh. "Sir Altus is among the rare bunch of elves who are blessed by the Sun instead of the Moon or the Worldly Elements, which are supposed to be the common traits of the elves."

"His closeness with the Sun has attracted the attention of our Envoys, inviting him to take on the role of being the fifth envoy, which he has also agreed to."

"Throughout the history of our Church, Sir Altus is the sole envoy that have not turned into a Nephilim. But due to his relationship with 'Sun', despite being an elf, his position in the church is quite special."

"Because of this, he is unable to leave the Church as he needs to undergo a series of intense training under the other Envoys."

With another sigh, Cardinal Ronald continued. "Meanwhile, Lady Qilué has awakened the unique powers of the Night Elves. Her ability to control the Powers of the Moon far surpassed most of the elves, which attracted the attention of the First Holy Maiden of the Temple of the Moon."

"She was then taken back by the elves of the temple to also train to become their Holy Maiden."

"This event causes the pair of siblings to be apart from each other for quite a long time. They have never met for decades as they are busy with their respective training and the fronts of war where they are fighting the Demons of the Demon Realm."

The old cardinal continued to narrate the stories about the lives of this legendary pair along with their achievements.

Not long after, they finally arrived at the part that Shin was waiting for.

"After fighting in the frontlines for quite a long time, Sir Altus decided to investigate the events that took place in their homeland and discovered that it was caused by Kardama, the Fallen Dark Dragon."

"Kardama is one of the Dragons that have a close relationship with the Elves, who are also the protectors of the homeland of Sir Altus and Lady Qilué. But he has fallen victim to the trap of the Demons, which led to corrupting his mind."

"His greed became the main weapon that the demons used to tempt him to join their side."

"Learning that Kardama is the cause of the destruction of that kingdom, Sir Altus is enraged. He then started hunting Kardama, which led to a very intense battle."

"As for the rest of the details, I guess you have already gotten it from the inherited knowledge that Sir Altus has left to you," smiled Cardinal Ronald as he turned to Shin.

The old cardinal waited for Shin to digest while also taking the letter that the latter wanted him to decipher. After reading it for a couple of moments, he then put the letter down and sighed bitterly.

It took him quite a while before telling Shin the contents of the letter. "This letter is what Lady Qilué has sent to Sir Altus to tell him about her success in forging the [Ring of the Abyssal Moon] along with her master."

He paused for a moment as he released another regretful sigh before continuing. "It seems like Sir Altus has discovered something after forging the [Ring of the Brilliant Sun]. He then asked his sister to help him forge another right, which will contain the Power of the Abyssal Moon."

"From my guess, he wants the two rings to be another symbol of the Church of the Sun and Moon along with the other legendary artifacts that we already have, which then become his dying wish."

"Unfortunate. Truly unfortunate. Such poor children," sighed Cardinal Ronald as he could imagine how heartbroken Lady Qilué was after learning of the death of her brother, her sole family. Especially when they seemed to have not met until Fifth Envoy Altus had fallen.

He then passed the letter back to Shin while adding. "You can take this to the Temple of the Moon and look for Lady Qilué. She must have been waiting for the successor of her brother for quite a long time now. I am sure that she will be happy to see you."

"Temple of the Moon?" Shin could not help but frown a little as he thought about this faction.

It was supposed to be one of the main religions within the Elven Race. Its main base of operation was in the Alfheim Kingdom, the kingdom of elves and fairies.

It was another major region and quite far from the Divine Empire. He felt that this 'quest' needed some time before he could proceed to the next stage.

For now, he had to focus on exploration in the Forgotten Sea and the regions around the Divinity City before proceeding to the other regions.

After all, his race was more related to the Human Race rather than the others, so he had to explore more in the Divine Empire before proceeding to the other major regions.

'I seem to remember that Alice will be heading to the Alfheim Kingdom along with Ithilien. Maybe I can ask them later to help me look for the Holy Maiden?' he thought for a moment before shaking his head. 'Nah. It will not work since those two are from the Throne of Elves and Elven Council.'

'I guess I can only go there quickly before going back to the Divine Empire later,' he decided before thanking the old cardinal.

He did not immediately leave after getting what he needed. Instead, he continued to chat with Cardinal Ronald, attempting to fish for more details about the siblings and trying to test his luck if he could get another high-level quest.

Unfortunately, the old cardinal did not give him any instructions or ask him to do any special task.

In the end, he could only leave in disappointment.

The old cardinal even told Shin that he could just look at the mission board displayed in the hall of the church if he wanted to do any job or if he was bored.

"Tsk! I guess it can't be helped. I can't be always lucky when it comes to stumbling into a special quest most of the time," he grumbled as he walked through the corridor of the church.

When he was about to reach the main entrance of the church, he could not help but turn toward the mission hall and saw a group of paladins, clerics, and priests walking around and looking for a suitable mission to take.

Some adventurers were also affiliated with the church, so there were quite a few of them looking around, making the hall quite lively.

He was looking, he suddenly spotted Samael, who seemed to be staring at the top-most part of the mission board.

"Hmm? What is this kid doing here? Is he looking for a mission?" mumbled Shin confusedly as he looked at the young paladin.

Samael already had a special ranking within the church and had become an 'Eclipse Templar' after completing a series of special Chain Quests. His entire equipment and weapons also belong to the church's unique set, which indicates his status.

If he wanted to get a mission from the church, he could just directly apply for it in the Archbishops' Office, and it would be granted immediately after.

Shin scratched the bottom of his chin before walking over. He was quite curious about what attracted this kid to come into this hall.

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Shin steadily walked toward Samael and immediately greeted the latter. "What are you doing here? I seem to remember that you are already an official within the church. Getting any mission you want is not a problem."

Samael broke away from his trance when he heard Shin. He turned at the latter and greeted him somewhat embarrassedly. "Vice Commander."

After that, he turned back at the top-most part of the mission board and said. "It is not like that, Vice Commander. It just I find it odd that the church is offering a commission concerning the Aurora Continent."

Hearing that, Shin slightly frowned his brows and followed the direction of Samael's gaze. Looking over, he could not help but frown deeply as he saw the mission displayed in that spot.

Mission: Help the Storm Empire of the Aurora Continent ward off the forces of the dark.

Mission: Prevent the Demon Spawns from descending to the Atlas World.

The two missions immediately made Shin squint his eyes and mumbled to himself. "Is the situation on that side that serious?"

"For them to ask some assistance from the Awaken Continent, then it can only mean that the situation is much worse than I had thought," he commented before turning to Samael. "Do you want to accept the mission?"

Samael thought for a moment, hesitating, before nodding. "The experts here are too powerful compared to me, so exploring the nearby regions while clashing with them will be hard for me."

"I am lacking in terms of experience when compared to the rest of the team, especially when facing top-notch experts."

"I can only do so much for the team with my current level. Even if I am constantly training with the big brothers within the team alongside my sister, the gap between my skills and theirs is a little too big, making it hard for me to gauge my current strength."

"I am planning to head back to the Aurora Continent and join the ongoing war there, honing my skills and applying what I have learned from you and the others there."

"I feel like it is more beneficial for me to try training against those at my current level before proceeding to the next level."

He paused for a moment, trying to sense if Shin was against it, before proceeding. "Moreover, there are still those top-notch experts training in there, especially those from the huge guilds and other organizations. I can still challenge them there if I want to fight stronger opponents."

"I think it is more appropriate for me to train that stage before going to the bigger one," he added, seemingly trying to persuade Shin.

Shin paused for a moment, considering the words of Samael. Unlike them, who were already at the topmost part of the rankings, Samael was only a newbie within the competitive games.

He was not like Chaotic Luck, who was abnormally lucky and had been fighting alongside Shin and the others for quite a long time.

Even if training beside Shin and the others was good for Samael, he was still unable to fully grasp his strength and familiarize himself with his true abilities if he was being suppressed continuously by them.

Even if it could help Samael get used to the pressure, it could also make him a little 'timid' when facing similarly strong opponents.

There were always two sides when it came to everything. Their training could be both beneficial and detrimental depending on how the receiving end would see it. This was why applying pressure and being a little loose when it came to training was necessary to maintain the balance.

After considering it for a moment, Shin suddenly asked. "What about Huahua?"

Samael paused for a moment before sighing. "Huahua is a support-type player, it will help her grow more if she trains beside Big Sister Arielle. She can learn more that way."

"Applying more pressure in training is more effective for her. Facing her fears will help her conquer them and her timid personality."

"Moreover, she is already big enough to deal with this. I can't always be by her side to protect her. She will grow much faster this way," he added, filled with decisiveness.

Shin smiled behind his mask when he heard this before patting the latter's shoulder. "Then you go and train there. You can leave the rest to us."

He paused for a moment before suddenly adding with a joking tone. "But remember to attend our regular training session in our team's virtual space. You can't skip it."

Hearing that, Samael was somewhat stunned at first because he did not expect Shin to let him go that easily. But the expression on his face suddenly turned bright, and he thanked the latter. "Thank you, Vice Commander!"

Shin chuckled when he saw that before waving his hand. "Go. Just go already and train properly there. As for the others, I will help you tell them about it."

"Yes, Sir!" Samael gave Shin a salute unique to the Church of the Sun and Moon before quickly turning around and swiftly running toward the Archbishops' Office to apply for the mission.

The fare for the airship was quite expensive even for the members of the Emyrean Talons. Fortunately, as a high-ranking paladin of the church, the fare would be provided by the church. It would be counted as a special fund, especially when he would be bringing an elite unit of paladins, clerics, and priests along with him.

Meanwhile, Shin walked out of the church, thinking about what to do next.

But after a quick consideration, he decided to take a quick break from the game and logged in to their virtual space, planning to study the matches of their rivals and create a specific strategy targeting their respective weaknesses.

Since their next opponents would most likely be much stronger compared to their previous opponents, he wanted to study them a little more and familiarized himself with their respective styles.

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In the meantime, Leonard just finished his training in the real world.

After dealing with the things that he needed to do within the game, he found himself quite free. Not knowing what to do for the time being, he decided to log out of the game for a moment and train a little more.

After training within the room adjacent to Shin's and taking advantage of the huge gathering array set up there, he felt that the progress of his martial arts was advancing quite well.

Not knowing where his master was, he was quite in a dilemma how to advance further.

He had already made quite a decent progress when it came to training his body, especially after training in both the 'Supreme Blood Sutra' and 'Black Beast Refinement Method'. His body had already reached the level where he was not afraid of getting hit by an ordinary bullet.

It could still wound them if he were shot by a gun, but he was confident that he would not receive any fatal wound from it. Then if he added his Internal Qi in the process to further reinforce his defensive capabilities, his body would become even more powerful.

But it would be a little different if it were a specialized bullet meant to deal against Martial Artists and Mentalists.

If he was in the ancient times, then he could be considered as a Body Refiner, who focused on training the body while using his internal energy as a secondary supplement for it.

If there was something he was confident in surpassing Shin and Arthur, then he must say that the toughness of his body was much more powerful than theirs.

Arthur might have the Draconic Body Technique or something similar, which had very strong defensive capabilities and powerful strength. But Leonard's method focused more on training the body, which was why he had a stronger physique than the other.

At this moment, he felt like hitting a wall. He was in a bottleneck, where he did not know how to proceed.

He was still not familiar with the powers that he had within his body. The inheritance that he had gotten from the Thunder Lord was one thing, but his process in his other two signature techniques were now in a stage where he did not know how to advance.

Then there were also the hereditary memories that he had awakened after accepting the inheritance of the Thunder Lord, the memories hidden deep in his bloodline.

He knew how to train them after seeing them from his memories, but he did not fully understand their concepts, which made it a little harder for him to advance.

"Should I ask Sir Nathan for help and consult them about my situation?" he mumbled as he found this a little troublesome.

From what he had learned, his hereditary memories were somewhat similar to the Bloodline Powers that the Springfield Family had.

As the descendants of the Golden Sun Dragon, their genes hid the secret methods of the dragons and records about how to awaken them.

While he was thinking about this problem, a thunderous voice suddenly rang inside his head, distracting his thoughts.

"So, you are the brat from the Asad Tribe that the Dragon King has mentioned, huh? But you seem weak as hell."

Raising his head, Leonard swiftly raised his guard and instinctively got ready for the battle. But he could not help but pause when he saw a tall and muscular man watching him from under the nearby tree.

Given the primitive set of clothes that the other party had, Leonard could not help but mumble to himself. "A barbarian?"

There seemed to be a twitch from the expression of the other side, but they suppressed it with the best of their abilities.

He then walked out from the shades of the trees and revealed himself fully.

The first thing that Leonard noticed was the noticeable color of the latter's hair as well as their pupils – they were deep crimson, seemingly resembling the color of the blood.

Ignoring the foolish expression that Leonard was making, Scar, the representative that the Asad Tribe had sent into the Soaring Continent, smirked. "Brat, let me see if you are worthy to carry the blood of a True Warrior."