

Destiny 1931

Chapter 1931: Additional Variables

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While the world was currently in turmoil, Shin and the rest of the team were doing their final preparations for the concert.

They had just finished their final dress rehearsal at the venue of the concert, finalizing everything for tomorrow.

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Arthur slumped on the sofa right after taking a quick shower. "Tsk! Tsk! I never expected that having a concert would be this tiring."

Shin took a seat beside him and shook his head. "Don't you want the spotlight? This is your perfect time to show off in front of thousands of people."

Arthur rolled his eyes at his brother and refuted. "If I am the main act of the concert, then I will not complain even for a bit."

He then started 'crying' and complained. "But I am just a drummer!"

Leonard also entered the room and chuckled. "Who chose that instrument in the first place? I seem to remember that you truly loved being a drummer."

"Because drummers are cool!" refuted Arthur in his defense. He then swiftly sat up and asked. "Can't we just be a bit more instrumental to showcase our skills?"

The two rolled their eyes at him before Shin said. "We already have that segment at the early stages of the concert."

"It is not even just a few moments either. We have arranged it to have everyone enough time to showcase our musical skills," he added while throwing a square pillow at Arthur.

Arthur caught the pillow and continued to complain. "But that is not enough! How can it compare to what you guys have!"

"You and Cloe even have a piano and violin duet!" he added while pointing at Shin.

"Sonata. It is called Sonata. A violin sonata," said Shin, correcting Arthur.

"We have a violin and piano ready; it will be a waste not to use them," explained Shin with a sigh.

"Jilian has a solo with her harp! And another with Alice singing!" continued Arthur while pointing at Leonard. "Even this guy has an instrumental solo with his saxophone!"

Shin just shrugged his shoulders and said helplessly. "Well, you can only blame your choice of instrument."

"What do you mean!? You bastard, also have quite a lot of song numbers throughout!" shouted Arthur.

"That's my talent as well," said Shin casually before adding. "Moreover, those songs are what I personally composed."

"Then what about the dance number with Cloe!?" shouted Arthur, refusing to let go.

"It is a necessary number for that famous song of Alice," Shin countered.

"You can just leave it to the backup dancers!" Arthur snarled back.

Shin looked at him while shrugging his shoulders once again. "Cloe wants to perform it, and she just dragged me into it."

"You could take my place if you wanted, though," he added.

Arthur was about to agree when Cloe suddenly barged in. "I refuse! Dancing with that idiot is a hellish experience!"

"How can you say that! I am quite a good dancer too!" defended Arthur.

"Not in classical one, though," Cloe harrumphed and refused to back down.

It was at this moment that the others also arrived and entered one after another.

"Look! Look! They are at it again!" said Lorraine excitedly, seemingly wanting to enjoy a show.

Given her action, it was clear that this was not the first time that these guys had such a scene. It looked like they were regularly doing this every free time they had.

Alice and Jilian did not have much of a reaction and just found a spot to sit. They both did not like talking too much and did not appreciate a rowdy atmosphere, but they somehow did not mind this atmosphere within the group.

Molton, on the other hand, swiftly ran towards the boys right after entering, while also distributing the drinks that he was carrying for everyone.

Outside, Elijah and Benedict were standing professionally to guard the door, acting in their roles for this operation.

"Tsk! It is good to be young," commented Benedict after hearing the liveliness inside the room.

Elijah, who was standing on the other side of the door, could not help but give him a weird look. "You are talking as if you are an old person. You're only eighteen, brother."

"Ahem! Ahem!" Benedict cleared his throat before saying. "Come on, Big Brother Elijah. Just read the atmosphere. It is something that you are supposed to say on such occasions."

Elijah shook his head. "I always think that you are the most disciplined and most serious among your group. But I guess I am wrong about it."

Benedict just shrugged his shoulders before adding. "This is what you call being influenced by your circle of friends."

While they were chatting, both the communication devices that they had suddenly rang at the same time, making them silent in an instant.

Listening to the person talking on the other side of the line, the expression on the two had suddenly turned solemn, especially as they listened.

After a while, they finished listening before exchanging glances with each other.

"Looks like this is going to be a bit trickier to deal with," started Benedict.

Elijah did not immediately respond, seemingly thinking about something. He only answered after a while. "You can inform the kids. I'll deal with the necessary preparations."

After that, he quickly tapped his earpiece and started giving orders to his group.

Benedict, on the other hand, clicked his tongue repeatedly. "What a time for those guys to make trouble. We have just finished our final dress rehearsal along with our security assignments."

He then turned to the team inside and heaved a sigh of relief. "Fortunately, these guys have already broken through and could at least hold their respective grounds better than before."

After that, he entered to tell everyone the news.

"This is not going to be good," he mumbled.

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Inside the room, the group was still bickering with one another when they saw Benedict entered.

Given the expression that this senior was making, they could tell that there was some development with their mission, and it seemed not to be that good.

Seeing that everyone seemed to have already gotten some idea about the news that he was about to disclose, Benedict did not bother to beat around the bush and immediately went straight to the point. "There are some problems on our side."

"We have yet to find any clues about the whereabouts of those people from the Black Serpent Mafia. The same for the exact location of the trade."

"But we have just gotten some news that there are some troublemakers creating problems for us. One of them is a familiar group for some of you, while the other is a major powerhouse within this continent."

Seeing that Benedict did not immediately name the troublemakers, the group seemed to have become a bit impatient, making Arthur unable to keep up with the suspense and ask curiously. "Who are they?"

Benedict smiled in satisfaction before answering. "One of them is the Hextech Laboratory. Those guys seemed to be eyeing your group, particularly your talents."

"They have also created some trouble in the Soaring Continent recently, which is why our forces are eyeing them. We have caught up with their tracks here. They seemed to be plotting something in the air, taking advantage of the current situation."

Hearing that, Jilian could not help but comment. "Fishing in troubled waters?"

"Precisely!" nodded Benedict before continuing. "But this group is a criminal organization, which is why quite a lot of forces were eyeing them. Moreover, they had also dealt with a blow to the Sun-Moon Continent before, so the Sun-Moon House will most likely help us deal with them."

He paused for a moment before continuing. "The real trouble comes from another group, the Lufus Weapon Arms Group."

Hearing that, Arthur and Cloe could not help frowning deeply before blurting out at the same time. "Lufus Family?"

The group turned at them with an inquiring gaze, which Arthur explained. "It is Justin's family."

"Oh~!" Shin and Leonard realized something and understood what was going on.

Alice and Lorraine, who were also somewhat involved during that incident, also nodded their head in understanding, leaving Jilian and Molton quite confused.

"But the Cilvana Family should be keeping them in check," said Arthur.

Even if the Sun-Moon House had a close relationship with the Lufus Weapon Arms Group, those guys shouldn't have had the guts to cause them trouble, especially when the forces that came with them here were not just the Springfield Family.

Moreover, he also heard that the relationship between the two was strained due to the deal that the Sun-Moon House had with the Springfield Family.

There was also the incident when Shiella had demanded that the Lufus Family hand over Justin to her.

He did not know exactly what had happened to that guy, since Shiella had not told them about him, but Arthur could guess that it was not something very pleasant.

He could guess that those people were most likely itching for revenge, which was why they were here.

Benedict nodded before answering. "If it is just the Lufus Family, then they can't cause us much trouble. The problem is they have suddenly gained some support from a mysterious backer that even the Sun-Moon House dares not to offend."

"The Lufus Family has also shifted their main base to another continent, the Silver Wing Continent, along with their Weapon Arms Group. This is why we are suspecting that this backer of theirs may be the World Government itself."

"This is also the reason why the situation is quite tricky to deal with," he emphasized, telling everyone the gravity of the situation.

"So, are we canceling the concert?" asked Arthur.

Benedict then shook his head. "The situation is not that bad yet. Everything is still in our control, so you guys don't have to worry that much."

"But we also have to be careful since more variables may arise during the operation tomorrow or even in the upcoming days."

"We have to ask you to be more careful. After all, we still don't know how many people are plotting against us right now," he added.

He then turned to Shin and added. "Another thing. You must come with me for a moment, Junior Shin. We need to make some adjustments to several things.

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Chapter 1932: D-Day

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The Day of the Concert.

The location that the entertainment company had chosen was not low profile at all. The venue for the concert was right at the heart of the Sun-Moon Continent and its capital city, the Sun-Moon City of their central region.

They had also booked the largest arena for the concert and made sure that this event was going to attract as much attention as possible. After all, this was the order that they had gotten from the higher-ups.

Moreover, it was a win-win situation for them, especially when they could earn a flood of money with all this. After all, the tickets were not that cheap for such a high-profile concert.

Adding that Alice herself was a young idol with a lot of fame around the world, the hype surrounding this concert was much greater than they had anticipated.

The Sun-Moon Continent was known to have the most advanced technology throughout the world, so the facilities and equipment that they had were much advanced than anyone else.

The largest arena in their capital city was capable of accommodating a whole lot of 300,000 people.

It was also known as the largest indoor arena in the world, the Penumbra Stadium.

Aside from this, the advanced technology of the Sun-Moon Continent was also capable of projecting a 3D projection for those who failed to enter the stadium. They could watch the concert live through these projections around the stadium as if they were watching an outdoor concert.

This made even the outside of the stadium fully packed, causing quite a traffic jam.

Even though the event organizers were fully prepared for everything, they did not expect that the number of people would be this large.

All sides of the stadium were surrounded by a lot of people, both young and old, carrying some light sticks and other concert tools that they could get their hands on.

The temporary stalls that were set up nearby were having a good business due to the flood of people.

Fortunately, everything was still very organized and stable.

This was all thanks to the advanced technology of the Sun-Moon Continent. The drones flying around were checking everything, while some experts were constantly sweeping their gaze at everyone.

This was not the first time they had experienced something like this, so they were able to quickly resolve all the troublesome situations before they could even get worse.

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In the preparation room, Arthur, who was wearing a sleek and stylish attire, suddenly entered and said to everyone. "D*mn! Do you guys see what is happening outside? There are a lot of people! There is a sea of people!"

"Do you think that those guys will take advantage of this situation to cause trouble for us?" asked Leonard while turning to Shin.

Shin thought for a moment before shaking his head. "I highly doubt that they will cause a huge disturbance. Even if they have gone crazy, they will not involve such a large number of innocent people."

This response annoyed Arthur deeply. They were such an exciting event outside, yet these guys were still focused on the mission.

They could just leave those troublesome things to their seniors and the professionals to deal with.

"Hey! Did you guys hear me?" said Arthur, jumping in front of the two.

The two, on the other hand, rolled their eyes at him before replying.

"What's the big deal? Isn't this what you are looking for?" asked Leonard.

"You always want such liveliness, so I am sure that you are quite excited," nodded Shin with a somewhat ridiculing tone.

He then pointed behind them and said. "Since you have quite a lot of extra energy, at least take care of your 'Junior Brother'."

Following the direction where Shin was pointing, Arthur immediately saw Molton through the open door of the restroom, who was currently leaning on the sink, seemingly having just finished puking.

"Tsk! Tsk! This brat sure is weak," he clicked repeatedly while patting the back of the poor boy.

Arthur patted Molton's back while saying. "Hey! Are you fine? Are you sure that you don't want to go to the infirmary?"

"I-... I'm fine. I'm just a bit nauseous. Maybe... maybe I am too anxious," answered Molton with great difficulty.

He was still fine earlier, but after seeing how large the crowd was that they would be performing in, he could not help but feel a bit afraid and anxious.

He seemed to be having a panic and anxiety attack at the same time.

Arthur could not help but shake his head for another after seeing that Molton started puking again. "Tsk! Tsk! Brat, you are a mentalist for heaven's sake. How can your mentality be so weak?"

"You have to train your willpower a bit more," he added with a sigh.

"D-don't-... worry S-senior Brother. I-... I w-will be f-fine in a moment," said Molton while stuttering.

Arthur doubted those words and could not help but ask. "Hey. Have you taken any medicine yet? I doubt that you will be able to make it in time."

Smack!

It was at that moment that Cloe and Jillian arrived. The former hit the back of Arthur's head, making his face almost dip into the sink where Molton's punk has yet to fully sink.

"Whoa!" Arthur did his best not to prevent his face from falling while also saving his outfit from touching the sink.

"*%#@#%" A series of curses comes out from Arthur's mouth before glaring at Cloe. But he swiftly swallowed the rest of his words right after seeing Jilian beside Cloe.

"Idiot! You are not helping at all! Get out and do your thing. Leave him to us," scolded Cloe, shooing him.

Arthur could only nod his head before turning to Shin and Leonard's side, who were laughing at him.

"What a simp!"

Arthur sharply glared at the two but did not say anything until he reached them, and started bickering with them.

Lorraine looked at the three idiots and could not help but be a bit impressed. These three did not show any anxiousness despite such a big event.

It was different for Alice since she was already used to such situations. But the rest of the team would only be doing this for the very first time, so it was only natural for them to feel a bit afraid and anxious.

Even Lorraine had to admit that she could not calm her nerves after thinking about the huge audience that they would be having later.

After all the excitement these last few days, her anxiousness was also starting to kick in. Whenever she thought about the huge audience outside, she could not help but have goosebumps.

On the other hand, these three idiots seemed to be completely fine despite everything.

Even Shin, who hated to be in such a high-profile event, and Leonard, who had a humble background, were acting as if it was nothing.

But after she thought about it, she also found it quite acceptable.

Forget about Arthur, who loved to be in the spotlight.

Shin possessed such powerful willpower that it was natural for him to be able to handle such pressure.

Leonard, on the other hand, was quite used to performing in front of people since he regularly did street performances to earn some money.

Considering all these, Lorraine must admit that these three were indeed amazing.

It took a while for Molton to calm himself, but he was still able to make it in time. But there was still half an hour before the concert officially started, so the group was still quite worried that he would become ill again.

How they wish for the time to go a bit faster, so that they could finally start.

It was at this moment that Benedict suddenly entered the prep room and greeted everyone. "The time has come. I know that you guys are quite nervous, but rest assured that this will go well. After all, you all prepared for this."

"Since this is a concert, we hope that you will enjoy the performance and do everything you can."

"As for the other matters, you can just leave it to us, and we will handle it well. There is no need to put that much pressure on you guys; we, seniors, are all here!"

While he was making a speech, Dayna suddenly entered and smacked the back of his head. "Enough with the chitchat! Don't disturb them. Let them prepare themselves!"

"You have your job to do, so stop acting cool! This is not like you at all!" she scolded before looking at the group. "I wish you all good luck!"

After that, she dragged her brother outside, returning him to his post.

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In the meantime, somewhere at the outskirts of Sun-Moon City, a certain group of people was sneakily moving about.

"Madam Belladonna, we have already prepared everything. We can now head to the meet-up point," reported an agent.

Belladonna took off her gaze from the lively city in the distance before nodding her head.

"That Butcher sure knows how to play it big. To think that he will choose the same day of the concert for our trade. He even uses such a place for our cover."

"This sure makes things interesting," she mumbled before turning around and heading deep into the wilderness.

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Chapter 1933: The Opening Act

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The whole Penumbra Stadium was at its liveliest state due to the enthusiastic and excited audience.

They all looked at the huge and fancy stage, anticipating the appearance of their idol. They were all shouting with all their might while also waving the light sticks that they were holding.

Beep! Beep! Beep!

There was also a huge number projected in the air at the center of the stadium, showing them the countdown.

"10! 9! 8! -..."

When it reached the single digits, everyone started shouting and counting down with high anticipation.

"7! 6! 5! 4! -..."

As the countdown neared zero, the excitement reached its peak.

"3! 2! 1!"

BOOM!

There was an explosion at the center of the stage before everyone followed, with Alice jumping out from underneath, along with a bunch of confetti.

When Alice appeared, everyone could not help but pause, filling the entire lively stadium with silence.

It was because what Alice saw was very different from what they remembered. Unlike her usual princess style, she was wearing a punky outfit and hairstyle, which was very different from her young diva status.

She was still beautiful, but it was still far from what everyone was expecting.

Alice did not panic when such a thing happened. Instead, she could not help but smile widely, seemingly satisfied with everyone's reaction. This was exactly what the team was expecting.

This did not mean that she would be dropping her usual singing style. It was just meant for the theme of the first few songs that they had prepared for everyone.

A punky and rock 'n roll style!

Alice did not start singing, which was a bit unusual for the opening act of such big concerts. It was common practice to have an opening song during concerts before the main character had a small 'chat' with the audience and proceeded to the next number.

However, on this particular concert, Alice decided to do it the other way around.

"PENUMBRA!"

She first greeted everyone with a powerful voice, even infusing her Mental Energy and using a Mentalism Technique to captivate everyone's attention.

"It has been a while since we last met each other. I know that a lot of people are quite confused, but I will promise you that this is just one of the surprises that we have prepared just for you!"

Everyone seemed to have calmed down the internal turmoil that they were suffering due to the technique that Alice had infused in her voice.

"Since I will be performing with my friends, we have decided to take it a bit differently," she continued.
"Let me first introduce you to all the friends that will be performing alongside me for the night!"

She paused for a moment, letting the audience digest her words first before naming the first member.

After a while, she took a step to the side before pointing to the back. "Our prince in drums, Arthur!"

Even though Alice felt a bit of cringe with the title that Arthur had given himself, she had to keep up with the showmanship.

Tug! Tug! Tug!

Right after her words sounded, the dim lights behind her suddenly brightened, revealing a handsome young man behind a drum set.

Arthur was wearing the same style as Alice, giving everyone a punky vibe.

Even though he always loved to be in the spotlight, he did not immediately start with a powerful performance and kept it a bit low-profile.

He started with slow and rhythmic beats of the bass, seemingly setting up the mood. He smiled as he nodded his head alongside the beats before finally hitting the snare drums and toms to pick up the pace.

While he was ramping up the beats and making the vibes a bit livelier, the audience finally started to become affected. They seemed to have been infected by some sort of disease that quickly spread to everyone.

They immediately forgot their initial confusion and started jiving alongside the beats, making the atmosphere filled with excitement.

When Arthur started hitting the cymbals as well and even doing some drum tricks like flipping and tossing the drumsticks, the entire audience was already jumping up and down and fully enjoying the vibe.

Some girls were even shouting crazily, watching such a cool performance, especially from such a handsome drummer.

Alice let Arthur perform with his full thunder before finally introducing the second member. "Our beautiful master behind the keyboard, Lorraine!"

Right on cue, Arthur suddenly lowered the beats, almost making it sound a bit faint and giving way for the next performer.

Unlike Arthur, who started with slow beats to set up the mood, Lorraine started with power. She hit multiple keys at once before suddenly sweeping her hand over all the keys.

She controlled the rhythm very well, not dropping the vibe that Arthur had already built up. Her hands even ramped it up a bit more, making the people feel dizzy with how good she played the keys.

She might not be able to play any fancy and acrobatic tricks like Arthur, but she could at least do a few beautiful and stunning shifts when playing with the keys.

After a few moments, Alice continued to introduce the next member. "Our street performer on the saxophone, Leonard!"

Then the spotlight pointed at him, Leonard did not pick up on the same level of energy as Lorraine. Instead, he used a few low keys, calming the nerves of everyone and giving them a bit of breathing time.

In the first few moments, Leonard had given everyone enough time to catch their breath before swiftly shifting the pace.

He started showcasing his talent as a street music performer, doing some gestures while playing the saxophone.

Just like how Arthur had set the vibe earlier, Leonard captivated everyone with his performance. They all started swaying and jiving along with his play while enjoying the music.

Once again, the girls were up for some eye candy. If Arthur was a prince that the girls were dreaming of, then Leonard was your cool bad boy on the strength.

Along with that loose sleeveless shirt that was showcasing his muscular arms with properly toned muscles and the wavy crimson hair tied to a high ponytail, he looked very cool and attractive.

Paired with his skillful performance, it was not that strange for these girls to go crazy.

"Next, our angle with harp, Jilian!" shouted Alice, introducing the next member.

This time, the audience was taken aback once again since it was quite unusual to find such a classical instrument paired with modern ones.

The saxophone was a bit alright since it was not their first time seeing something like this. But the harp was a bit different, especially a huge one that Jilian had.

Adding the punky style of Jilian to match the rest of the band, and putting her beside a classical harp, the people could not help but feel a bit strange.

However, all their doubts were immediately cleared right after Jilian started performing.

Not only did she play such a classical instrument in an unorthodox way, but she had even complemented the others very well.

She played skillfully and beautifully, seemingly making everyone believe that the harp she was playing was not a classical instrument at all.

It was indeed amazing.

Jilian was indeed a good harpist, but she knew that all this was due to Shin's composition. He had composed such a score for her to play, matching the style and theme of their opening act.

She had to admit that this guy was indeed a genius, even when it came to music.

After giving her enough time to showcase her skills, Alice proceeded to the next member. "Our little showman in cello, Molton!"

Molton was so nervous earlier, making him quite ill. But when he was finally on stage and started performing, he seemed to have forgotten everything and focused on what he had to do.

However, he only achieved it by isolating the noise that was coming from the audience, filtering only the noise that was coming from the band.

In his performance, he followed Arthur and Leonard as examples, only starting with bits of keys to set up the vibe.

But instead of properly playing the cello, he went for a plucking style. The low pitches he made while pulling the strings greatly complement the somewhat silent beats that Arthur was making.

This then made the audience nod and sway alongside the beats, similar to what happened at Arthur's opening.

Not long after, Molton started using the bow and did a series of short bowing techniques, which were slowly ramping up alongside the beats.

Immediately after that, he also started slowing his skills in playing the cello while still keeping the theme and style of the band.

"Our violin goddess, Cloe!" shouted Alice, keeping the level of enthusiasm when introducing the members.

Cloe did not go on with a low-profile manner at all and started with a powerful performance right after she was called. She instantly overshadowed everyone right after she started playing arco.

She seemed to be instantly becoming the center of attention right after she picked up the violin and the bow, making the rest of the band smile a bit bitterly.

They were already accustomed to her style, but they still couldn't help but notice that her current aura was very different during their rehearsals.

She was not trying to steal their thunder on purpose. This was just how things usually went whenever she started her performance.

The audience was also unable to take their eyes off her right after they heard her.

After letting her show off her skills, Alice finally introduced the final member of the band. "Next is our Mr. All-Rounder, Shin!"

Shin did not hold back either and immediately exploded with a 'bang'. He was currently carrying an electric guitar and started playing it like crazy.

When the audience turned their attention to him, they could not help but stare at his figure and focus solely on him.

His guitar skills were something that immediately captivated everyone. Instead of cheering, everyone in the audience stared blankly at him and just watched his performance.

They had only recovered when Shin finally finished, and the entire band started harmonizing with each other.

"PENUMBRA! We are the One Day Dairy!" started Alice to wake up everyone before continuing. "For our first song, it is one of our original songs, 'That Time of Day'!"

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Chapter 1934: Brewing Danger

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As the concert went on, the audience became more amazed by everyone from the One Day Diary. They also became much crazier the more the band performed. They either became fan girls or fan boys of the band.

The band not only showcased their talents in music but also their versatility. Aside from the funk and rock 'n roll theme from the first few songs, the band had also performed a lot of songs from different genres and styles.

They showed everyone that they could perform any style. Starting from classical music, ballad, jazz, up to hip-hop, R&B (rhythm and blues), pop, and many more.

This One Day Diary was so versatile that it amazed even some of the well-known idols and celebrities who were attending this concert.

This group of young performers was not only talented, but they were also stars shining bright in the sky.

Aside from their talent in instruments, the others had also showcased their amazingness in other areas.

There were solo performances from everyone, highlighting their skills.

During the segments that the others needed to rest, there were some intermission numbers from special guests who were also invited to perform along with them. These idols and celebrities were quite famous as well, but they were all overshadowed by this band of youngsters.

Leonard was among those who performed very well, showcasing his talent in this area and his experience as a young street performer.

The saxophone solos that he performed captivated the hearts of everyone.

Aside from him, there was also Jilian, who paired with some guests. She showed everyone how good a harpist she was during her performances.

Then there was Cloe, who also performed quite a lot during this concert. She also had some solo performances that showcased her talent while also performing a sonata with Shin.

She was indeed a rare talent when it came to playing the violin, instantly making her a star.

But if there was someone who shocked everyone in the audience, then it was without a doubt Shin. This individual had demonstrated to everyone his versatility and the depth of talent he possessed in these areas.

Aside from singing, which instantly made him the center of attention for everyone and even tempted all the entertainment companies paying attention to this concert, he had also showcased his other musical talents.

He truly lived up to his name as Mr. All-Rounder of the band.

He had basically performed in every segment of the concert. Aside from performing alongside the band, he had also performed a duet with Alice that captivated the hearts of everyone and some solos that instantly made all the girls in the audience crazy for him.

The violin sonata that he had performed alongside Cloe was so heavenly that everyone forgot about anything else and solely focused on them.

There was also a dance performance that he had with Cloe while they were acting as background dancers while Alice was singing one of her most famous songs.

He, in a gentleman's attire while dancing, was so stunning that every girl had fallen in love with him.

That was also when everyone realized that not only could they feel the emotions of the song through singing, but also during a dance performance as well.

Everyone felt that this handsome young man was such a monster when it came to this area.

Little did they know that Shin had done more than just these.

There were some strange arrangements to most of Alice's songs that caught everyone a bit off-guard. After all, most of the audience were singing along with her for these famous songs.

The strange part was that these songs sounded much better than the original versions, making them much more perfect during the performance.

Dissatisfied with Shin's performance, Arthur could not help but complain and throw three tantrums. He felt that Shin was stealing all the thunder during the concert. It even made it look like it was his concert rather than Alice and the One Day Diary Band.

Due to this, he had dragged Leonard to perform a few dances during the intermission segments, shamelessly joining some idols.

It was not in the plan, but everyone could not do anything about it since Arthur was so determined about this.

Fortunately, he did not make a mess for everyone during their impromptu performance. This guy had used his 'Foresight' Talent to keep up with everyone during those intermission numbers.

This guy sure had a creative mind when it came to things that he determined to do. Using his special talent to show off on the stage was truly creative of him.

Leonard was also able to perform quite well and avoid committing any mistakes. Fortunately, he was a Martial Artist with amazing instincts and reflexes, which gave him the ability to keep up with everyone during those performances.

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While the concert was still ongoing, quite a few people, who were thinking of creating trouble among the crowd, were getting a bit impatient.

They had been looking for opportunities to make their move. Unfortunately, they suddenly realized that they all had been marked by the guards and the drones in the air.

Not only this, but they had also realized that there were even stronger people overseeing everything from above.

When they were about to make their move, their superiors suddenly called off the operation, confusing them. It was only when they heard that the Sun-Moon Government had dispatched two peak Domain Realm Experts that they understood everything.

Aside from the issue of having too many innocents going to be involved, the other reason they backed off was these scary experts that the local government had sent.

"Tsk! Tsk! Such bad luck! Why the heck are those from the Sun-Moon Government dispatching such experts to a mere concert?" complained one of the experts that the Lufus Weapon Arms Group had sent for this operation.

"It is most likely because of the deal that they have made with the Flying Dragon Corporation and the Springfield Family," replied another, seemingly understanding the situation.

"Whatever that deal is about, it must be very important," he added.

Another captain also met up with them and chimed in. "Our order from the higher-ups is just to make a disturbance somewhere and make sure that one side his occupied while our sponsors are making their preparations."

"Messing with these kinds is just one of the few extras among the job that our boss has asked us to do. If we have the opportunity, then we will pull the trigger. But if there are no openings, then we have to forget about it," he added as he sat on the nearby sofa.

"But that does not matter. We still have plenty of opportunities later. After all, the situation is a bit too chaotic. Fishing over troubled waters is our specialty," said the first captain.

The three of them were currently in a nearby hotel, regrouping here after their superiors pulled off the earlier operation at the concert.

"I heard that they have already caught the 'scent' of the location where the deal would be taking place? Are we moving there now?" asked the second guy.

"No," the third person shook his head as he added. "They think that it is only a decoy to confuse everyone. We are to stay here and wait for any development that may arise later."

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At the same time, somewhere in another major city of the Sun-Moon Continent, Shiella was acting alongside the plan that they had prepared.

She was waiting in a safehouse while skimming through all the reports that were flooding her way.

"Logi Harbor?" she mumbled while reading the report that came in just now. "That is the complete opposite of the Sun-Moon City."

She squinted her eyes, finding the situation quite suspicious. She tapped her finger on the tap rhythmically while the gears of her brain worked overdrive.

Her combat talent, the 'Prudent Ace' Talent, was being used to the fullest to analyze the entirety of the situation and look for any gaps in the plan.

She compiled all the information that they had gotten and put it together while also simulating all the scenarios inside her head.

Not long after, her expression suddenly turned stiff, and she immediately contacted Dayna and Elijah at the same time.

Right after the call connected, she immediately said with a heavy tone. "Make your preparations, something big may happen there."

The two immediately realized the gravity of the situation after hearing the grave tone from Shiella.

[What's the problem? We have already pushed those pests from Lufus Weapon Arms Group and their mercenaries with the help of the Sun-Moon Government.] said Dayna.

"It is not them. It is the World Government and the Black Serpent Mafia," she replied before quickly adding with a heavy tone. "If my analysis is right, then the Black Serpent Mafia must be doing a separate operation nearby, while the World Government must have sniffed their movements."

[I understand,] nodded Elijah before asking. [How about the trade on the other side?]

Shiella did not immediately reply as she thought about a few scenarios before continuing. "We are still not sure if it is a decoy they have laid or not."

"But we can't just ignore them completely just because of it. After all, it is too real for it to be just a decoy. However, we also can't overlook the possibility that they are using multiple reverse psychology techniques to trick us."

She then immediately added. "But I am sure that they must be doing something near you. I still can't put my finger on what exactly they are planning, but it must be something big given the clues that are laid on the table."

She was not sure what exactly was looming around the Sun-Moon City, but she could tell that it must be a big storm.

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Chapter 1935: Sudden Development

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The concert was already halfway through, yet their main mission had still not made significant progress. Aside from finding some tracks from different parties that were currently involved, Shiella and the rest had yet to fully find the real location that they were looking for.

The so-called trade between the Black Serpent Mafia and the mysterious group seemed to have been cancelled once again since the forces of the Springfield Family and their allies were unable to find their trances once again.

This made everyone frown, but they did not think that much. They all knew from the start that this was going to be a long operation that would last for at least an entire month.

Naturally, the ongoing war was different since that side was a much bigger issue.

However, the mission on their side was a bit 'easier' to deal with since it was only concerned about sabotaging the deal between the Black Serpent Mafia and that mysterious group.

Despite waiting for quite a while, Shiella could not help frowning deeply because they had lost the trail of the opposing side.

Even from the other side, where the members of the Sleeping Dragons and Wings of Dawn seemed to be unable to find any sign of their targets. Even those from the Lufus Weapon Arms Group seemed to have disappeared into thin air right after retreating.

This confused Shiella very much. Based on all the clues that she was laid in front of her, she was sure that something big was supposed to happen there.

While she was busy re-analyzing everything, the expected news finally arrived.

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Sun-Moon City, Penumbra Stadium.

Shin and the rest were currently resting while the guest performers were performing on the stage.

They were preparing and waiting for their next turn to perform when Benedict suddenly entered the prep room.

Seeing the expression that he was making, they all realized that there was finally some development on their main mission.

Benedict did not bother to beat around the bush either and immediately disclosed the news to everyone. "We have finally found some progress."

He paused for a moment to clear his throat before continuing. "Some suspicious movements are coming from a nearby wilderness. It is not far from the city, so we will be sending some people to scout the situation."

"But from our initial information, it seems like the people from the Black Serpent Mafia and World Government seemed to have encountered one another and are currently engaged in an intense fight."

Hearing this, Shin and the others frowned a little.

This could be good news for them since the group could take advantage of the situation and become the fishermen instead of being the main force facing the opposition head-on.

"Near the city? It is not that good, isn't it?" mumbled Arthur before asking. "Then do we have to cancel the rest of the performance and evacuate everyone?"

He loved to continue with the concern, but he also knew that the safety of the people was also something that they had to prioritize.

After all, they could not afford to let those guys involve the innocent in their fight.

Even if the battle between those two forces was only outside the city, it was still quite near, given Benedict's description. This could still risk the city from catching some strays once that battle intensified, especially when Domain Realm Experts or similarly strong experts from other disciplines get involved.

Even if the advanced technology of the Sun-Moon City could protect it from powerful collisions, accidents could still happen, especially when quite a lot of forces were currently gathered in this place.

Benedict shook his head. "No. On the contrary, you are to make the performances a bit longer. We have to prolong the conversation for as long as possible to prevent these many people from going anywhere."

Hearing this, Shin instantly realized what the higher-ups were thinking. "Gathering these many people at one place will make it easier for the top experts to protect them instead of the entire city."

The group was instantly enlightened as well after hearing his words.

Benedict nodded. "That's right. There are two Domain Realm Experts specialized in mechanical tools guarding the entire stadium and the surrounding area, so this place is much safer than anywhere else in the city."

"Moreover, the liveliness of this place can overshadow the commotion that is happening outside the city," he added.

"The longer we keep these people here, the easier it is for the top experts to deal with the situation outside," commented Jilian while nodding.

Benedict then turned to Shin and asked. "There is still at least 2 to 3 hours before the concert ends, but we still don't know how long those crazy people from the Black Serpent Mafia and the World Government will clash against each other."

"From the initial information that we have gotten, it seems like it will last for quite a long time. We still don't know the specifics and the exact reason for their clash, but we suspect that it must be related to the operation that the Black Serpent Mafia is supposed to conduct here."

"Just to be safe, our superiors want us to prolong the concert for as long as possible to make sure that everything is clear before letting these people leave."

Shin and the others understood their current assignment.

"We will perform a few more songs and do a bit more special intermission numbers if the time is not enough," nodded Shin before turning to Arthur. "Don't you like to perform a bit longer? This is your time to shine! Think of a few special performances later if we happen to run out."

While Shin was arranging and adjusting their plan, Benedict also added. "Another, we have to be careful about a few things later when returning."

"Since we are sending a few of our people to scout the area where those two forces are fighting, our security level will drop a little. I ask you to be more careful and avoid being alone during this period," he said with a solemn tone.

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At the same time, Shiella was currently making arrangements to respond to the sudden development. But when she was about to adjust their distribution of people, another news item suddenly came, disturbing her plans.

[Club President, we have finally caught up with them. We have found their tracks!]

Shiella could not help but halt her actions and ask. "Location?"

[This time, they are in Pritz Harbor! A town away from their previous location!]

Shiella could not help but frown deeply when she heard this. Comparing this information with what they knew about from the opposing side, she realized that it was much farther compared to the previous location.

It seemed like they were luring their forces further away from the Sun-Moon City. Or to be more precise, it was away from the place where the most recent development was coming from.

"Have you confirmed the 'package' yet?" she asked.

[We have already confirmed it, Club President. And it looks like a person. That missing person from the previous incident at the Thunder God Mountain!]

This information was more reliable compared to the previous ones that they had acquired. Moreover, based on Shin, the previous 'Professor' had done something to the body of that old man before the situation escalated at that time.

"What is the situation?" she asked before giving out orders to the other forces that were on standby.

[We are currently chasing after them.]

The person from the other side of the line paused for a moment, seemingly going into hiding, before continuing. [We have also identified the mysterious group that is conducting the trade.]

Hearing this, Shiella raised her brows before asking. "Which forces do they come from?"

[Voidwalker Tribes! Those people seemed to be from a Voidwalker Tribe!]

Hearing this, Shiella could not help but tremble.

"If it is from the Voidwalker Tribe, then this is something of utmost importance," she mumbled before quickly giving her orders. "Keep an eye on them. Don't you dare lose sight of them, Jhin!"

That person from the other side of the line seemed to smile bitterly before answering. [Copy that, Club President.]

"Don't drop the line and keep me updated!" said Shiella before pulling out another virtual screen to contact Nathan.

Right after the call connected, Shiella immediately reported with a sense of urgency. "Uncle, it is the Voidwalker Tribe! That maniacs from the Black Serpent Mafia are colluding on something with the lunatics of the Voidwalker Tribe!"

Right after hearing her words, the expression on Nathan's face suddenly turned serious before asking. "What's the status?"

Shiella immediately reported everything to Nathan while also inputting her thoughts and suspicions about the current situation. This also included the situation in the Sun-Moon City.

After a while, Nathan nodded with a heavy tone. "This is too much of a coincidence. The timing is too perfect."

He then tapped his finger on the table for a moment before nodding. "Go along with your plan. I will be sending you the reinforcements."

"Don't worry. They are just nearby. They will be able to arrive soon," he added, assuring Shiella that nothing would go wrong.

He then paused for a moment before saying. "Be careful."

Beep!

After that, he immediately ended the call, seemingly to call the said reinforcement.

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Chapter 1936: Voidwalkers

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"Voidwalker Tribe?"

Shin and the others, who were resting in the preparation room, could not help but raise their brows after hearing the unfamiliar term.

Shin felt it a bit familiar, but he was not sure where or when he had heard about it. He felt that he knew this term, but he could not grasp it properly, no matter how hard he tried.

While Shin was trying to dig into his memory, Arthur took the most straightforward way and asked. "Senior Benedict, can you tell us more about these Voidwalkers or something?"

Benedict could not help but pause when he heard the question and felt a bit uncomfortable. He hesitated for quite a while before sighing. "It is a bit complicated, but I will be trying my best to oversimplify it for you."

He organized his thoughts a little, finding where to start, before continuing. "Before we talk about the Voidwalkers, you first have to know where they come from."

"A long time ago, almost a couple of centuries ago, there was a certain individual who was exploring an ancient ruin in the depths of the unknown lands."

He paused for a moment before asking. "Do you guys know about the unknown lands?"

"They are the unexplored lands that we, humanity, have yet to fully discover. Most of them consist of special materials, ores, herbs, and other heavenly treasures," answered Molton almost instantly.

As someone who liked to read about history, such knowledge was pretty much 'common' for him.

After a brief pause, Molton added. "These unknown lands are the reason for the battle for supremacy. To avoid large-scale wars at that time, older generations devised a solution. Whoever wins this competition will get the rights to explore a newly discovered, unknown land."

Hearing those words, Benedict nodded before continuing. "That is just one of the reasons why the world has decided this. The other reason lies with this explorer that I have just mentioned."

"During his exploration, he thought that he had found an ancient relic. But little did he know, this relic is cursed, which also caused a huge disaster around the world."

"The 'treasure box' that he had found did not contain any treasure at all. Instead, a 'curse' spread throughout the world once it opened."

Repeatedly hearing the 'curse' from him, Jilian could not help but ask. "Senior. What kind of curse is it?"

Benedict thought for a moment before adding. "Curse is just the general term for it. Or we commonly call them, the remnants of the past."

Seeing their confusion, Benedict added. "They came in multiple forms. They can be an evil spirit, a lingering thought of a powerful being, an overwhelming resentment or hatred, an unyielding will that refuses to die, a lost soul of the past, or something of the sort."

"All these negative things collectively form a 'curse'."

"Based on our current understanding of them, we can consider them as the Cursed Spirits of the past generations."

Seeing that the group had basically grasped what he was trying to say, Benedict continued. "That 'treasure box' is supposed to be sealing the most powerful and most evil 'Remnants of the Past', which are suddenly released after an unknown amount of time."

"Moreover, this said explorer was suddenly possessed by these 'Remnants', forcefully seizing his body."

"What was worse at that time, this explorer is not weak at all. He is someone who has achieved the peak of the Domain Realm and is a step away from reaching the Transcendent Realm."

"No one knew about this incident at first, which set this evil being free."

"But what is scariest about 'them' is 'their' cunning mind. 'They' did not immediately cause any trouble right after being set free. Instead, 'they' sought for their kind and started freeing them one after another."

"It was already too late when the powerful experts during that time had realized the problem."

He then paused for another moment, letting everyone digest his words first before continuing. "A war between these 'Remnants' and those seniors immediately broke out, which swiftly swept through the world."

"Fortunately, identifying those 'Remnants' was quite easy due to the distinct aura that they possessed."

"This war lasted for at least a century before those 'Remnants' started lying low, especially when they were always being hunted by everyone."

"The top experts of the world of that time realized the problem about these unknown lands, which led them to establish the 'Battle for Supremacy'."

"It is not just a battle for resources, but it is also to make it easier for them to identify the problem if similar accidents happen."

Hearing this, Leonard could not help but ask. "But how about the independent experts, just like that individual explorer who caused the first disaster?"

Benedict smiled while answering. "If it is before, then it is indeed hard to monitor everyone. After all, the world is vast."

"But with the advancement of technology, it has become much easier to deal with such problems."

"Moreover, most of the unknown lands have already been explored, leaving only a very few that are beyond the vast oceans."

"At the same time, those powerhouses from the older generations have stationed themselves at these entry points, preventing anyone from bypassing them."

Then, it was Lorraine's turn to ask. "Then what if these people become crazy and greedy, wanting those resources for themselves?"

"These station points are not only meant for a single power. Every force in the world has an expert stationed there, keeping a check on each other," answered Benedict.

He then paused for a moment, ensuring that none of these kids had any more questions, before continuing. "These remnants are quite tricky to deal with throughout the progress of time. They have learned how to hide their unique auras and integrate themselves into our society."

"However, their uniqueness is still something that they can hide, making it easier to identify them."

"After long years of being hunted, they have finally found a chance to counterattack. They have found a place where the largest number of their fellow remnants are sealed and attempted to free all of them, which led to another war."

Benedict thought for a moment before adding. "This incident could be considered as more 'recent' for us, it happened not too far from our current generation."

Looking at everyone, he continued. "Do you know why the Dark Continent is the home of the underworld organizations despite it being the largest among all the continents?"

"It is because it is the main battlefield of that war. Chaos enveloped that place, making it hard to live there."

"Moreover, the air and atmosphere there consist of the lingering resentment and bloodlust of that war, which made it harder for ordinary people to live there."

Hearing this, the rest could only try to imagine how intense that war was to leave such an effect that even penetrated the land itself.

Shin, on the other hand, pursed his lips a little when hearing this. He could at least still remember that the Fog Village, where he lived when he was a toddler, was there.

The expression on Benedict's face suddenly turned solemn when he reached this point before continuing. "This war was much more intense and longer compared to the previous one, especially when these remnants could possess even the fallen comrades of our older generation unless they were completely wiped out of existence."

"Another factor that made it harder for our side to win at that time was the division between the top forces. Each of them represented a different force, while others were just independent powerhouses that joined the battle due to different reasons."

"This was only resolved when the World Government established that such a problem had been resolved."

He could not help but pause when he reached this point before continuing. "But that was also when another problem arose."

"On our side, there were some families, tribes, and other forces that had been bewitched by those evil remnants and betrayed us and joined forces with them."

"They had sold their souls in exchange for power!"

"They took the initiative to possess or even abducted certain people to become the vessels for those evil remnants, making it harder for our side to win."

"Because of their betrayal, the more powerful evil remnants were released, making their forces even more powerful."

"But this was just one of the sins that they have committed. Those crazy people had even come up with some crazy ideas."

"They had impregnated some women with their seeds before making those unborn children a new vessel for them, creating a perfectly tailored body just for them."

Hearing these, Shin and the others could not help but wear a solemn expression on their faces, especially after learning about those unborn children.

This was too evil – beyond too evil!

"These monsters then become the 'Voidwalkers' that we know today. They possessed bizarre abilities along with powerful physiques."

"Each Voidwalker Tribe represented a special power that they possessed. And each of them was more powerful than the other, becoming a great threat to us."

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Chapter 1937: Voidwalkers (Part 2)

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"Fortunately, the experts on our sides are very powerful, giving us the strength to push the opposing side back into the depths of the Forbidden Valley," said Benedict.

"During the most desperate time, the tribes with the most ancient histories and hidden clans finally made their move and joined the battle, giving our side a much stronger fighting force."

"They fully understood the threat that these Voidwalkers pose to all of us, which was why they did not spare any effort when they joined the battlefield."

"It was also at this time that some of the Demonic Practitioners cleared their names. Most of them fought the bravest at the frontline, taking the lead when slaughtering those Voidwalkers and Remnants."

With a sigh, he continued. "This war lasted much shorter than the previous one, but it was much more intense in comparison."

"A lot of experts have fallen during that war, but multiple heroes have emerged as well. Some of these heroes are from our Magic Ace Academy, and the most famous one is Sir Manuel Morales, the Undefeatable General."

Benedict paused for a moment before turning to Shin. "There are also the Thousand Arms Demon Asura, Elder Ryong."

"Professor Plum and Grandmaster Benn have also made their names in that battlefield as well, albeit briefly, because they immediately left the main battlefield for some other mission."

Shin, who was listening attentively, could not help but wear a weird expression on his face, especially after hearing those words.

'Three of them are my teachers,' he thought while doing his best to suppress the twitching of his lips.

In the meantime, Arthur, Leonard, Cloe, and Lorraine, who were aware of Shin's situation, could not help but turn to him simultaneously and give him meaningful looks.

Shin ignored them and continued to listen to Benedict.

"With the lead of these heroes, our side managed to push those Voidwalkers and the rest of those Remnants back at the Forbidden Valley, which lasted for a few more years before they fully retreated beyond it."

"Sixty years ago, we finally managed to win that hard-fought battle."

"However, we still can't let our guards down because some of those tribes managed to run away and scatter in different corners of the world."

"Even if the World Government is keeping an eye on them all around the world, some of them are still able to hide tracks and integrate themselves into our society."

Reaching this point, Benedict wore a strange expression as he added. "Some of them are even able to live like a real human and create their own family."

The team was unable to catch the strange tone that Benedict had when saying the latter part of his words because he hid it too well, and due to their focusing on different thoughts they had.

After a while, Molton raised his doubts. "Then what about those Clans and Tribes that betrayed humanity?"

Benedict pursed his lips as he answered. "We naturally can't spare them. Annihilation of their entire lineage is not even enough to pay for their crimes."

"Unfortunately, the most powerful ones among them retreated into the Forbidden Valley along with most of the Voidwalkers and Remnants."

"They had even captured more women during their retreat, which is very infuriating," he added while gritting his teeth.

It took him a while to calm himself before he could continue. "When everything settled, some of the ancient tribes and families chose to station themselves in the Forbidden Valley and built villages there to keep guard against those Voidwalkers."

"The rest of them, on the other hand, went back to their respective homelands."

Benedict chatted with them for a bit more until there were only a few minutes before they went back to the stage and performed.

In the meantime, the clash between the side of the Black Serpent Mafia and the World Government outside the city was slowly growing intense.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Explosions and gunshots continuously rang in the forest, making it quite 'lively' as well.

Belladonna, who was leading the operation on this side, could not help but curse after realizing that there was no hope of continuing the trade given the current situation. "D*mn those dogs of the government! How the hell have they sniffed us?"

She then turned to the subordinate beside her and asked. "Have we identified which unit they come from?"

"They are from the Bulldog Squad, Ma'am Belladonna," reported the subordinate almost instantly.

"Are there any signs of any other elite units?" she asked while flicking her wrist, sending the head of a nearby soldier flying with her whip.

"Fortunately, our contacts have informed us that their elite unit is putting more focus on chasing after the members of the Voidwalker Tribe," answered the subordinate.

"As long as it is not the True Order, everything will be fine," she nodded before giving her orders. "Go with the others and secure the package. There is no point in continuing this trade now."

She paused for a moment before continuing. "You guys use the secondary route and head back to the city. Sneak through the gap that we have created ahead of time."

"And make sure to release the Artificial Mutants to create more chaos. Since those dogs of the government want a fight, then we will give them one."

"Also, send a quarter of them to the Sun-Moon City. Let me see if those dogs have the time to deal with us if we target their citizens."

"You guys take advantage of the chaos to hide at the safe house," she added before disappearing.

A moment later, she appeared in the middle of the ranks of the opposing side, catching them off guard.

"It's the Witch!"

When one of their comrades shouted, the rest of the unit immediately pointed their guns at Belladonna, planning to fire at her from every direction.

But how could such attacks harm someone like her, who was at the Domain Realm?

With a smile, she snapped her fingers, making the surrounding trees move. The nature seemed to have obeyed her orders and moved its lives to execute them.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The roots of the trees suddenly moved and struck the bodies of the soldiers, piercing through them like sharp objects. They punctured holes in the bodies of the soldiers, killing them in the process.

The surrounding vines moved as well and wrapped themselves around the bodies of these humans. The bodies of these soldiers were either twisted in weird angles, snapping their bones, or crushed by the tightened coiling of those vines.

While Belladonna was slaughtering these soldiers, the scouts of the Magic Ace Academy had seen what was happening and realized that the situation was getting worse.

Dominic, a member of the Sleeping Dragons, wore a solemn expression and issued a command quite decisively. "Retreat! Retreat! There is a Domain Realm Expert on the opposing side who majored in wood manipulation! This forest is her home ground!"

The team did not even hesitate after hearing his words and quickly moved. They quickly turned around and swiftly ran back to the city.

Belladonna, who was expanding her senses, immediately spotted them and smirked. "Trying to run? That is not going to be easy."

She waved her hand and manipulated the trees around the group, planning to trap them.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

However, before those trees could even do anything against them, two figures had already made their moves.

Dominic extended his hands outwards and conjured a pair of swords with his Natural Force before grabbing them.

This 'Natural Force' seemed to be different from the regular ones because they contained immense destructive force that seemed to be associated with evil energy.

His sickly complexion seemed to turn even worse, making his face look paler. But he ignored all these and suddenly swung his swords multiple times, cutting all the surrounding trees.

Right after being sliced by his strange swords, those trees seemed to wither at a rapid pace. Moreover, this withering had swiftly spread like a plague, infecting more trees around the group.

Due to the withering trees, Belladonna's connection with them was instantly cut, making her squint her eyes. "The energy of plague and decay?"

Whoosh!

At the same time, the other person, who moved alongside Dominic, had also produced a similarly disturbing result.

Belladonna saw a person in a sleeping bag, who was being carried beside Dominic. This person pointed in her direction as if moving in their sleep. This seemingly casual and ordinary action had forcefully attracted her attention without her knowledge.

Then she suddenly felt that her mind felt relaxed, making her slowly close her eyes.

It only took her an instant to realize that there was something wrong, and she swiftly snapped herself away by force.

Shock quickly washed over her expression while looking at that person. "What a powerful mind plague."

She could tell that the other party was just a Mentalist who recently broke through the Ruler's Realm; their mentalism prowess shouldn't be that powerful to affect the mind of an expert of her level, yet that person still managed to influence her mind despite the huge gap in their strength.

She was one of the strongest Domain Realm Experts of the Black Serpent Mafia, rivaling geniuses of her generation, such as Nathan and the others.

She then further squinted her eyes and looked at the retreating back of the group, focusing her gaze on Dominic and Mahon.

"Who are these brats?"

They had already created enough distance away from her, escaping the range of her domain. It was pointless to chase after them now, especially when she could feel that the top experts of the World Government and the local forces of the Sun-Moon City heading her way.

She took note of the two brats that managed to hinder her moves before turning around.

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Chapter 1938: Targeted

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Dominic and his team did not dare to stop until they reached the city gates and entered. They only relax after making sure that they have fully escaped the grasp of the internationally wanted criminal at the Domain Realm.

Even though Dominic and Mahon had their respective means to escape from someone on that level, the rest of the team would most likely be killed during the process since they did not have similar strength or abilities.

"That's close! We will most likely be in trouble if not for Sleepyhead's technique," he mumbled with a bit of fear after recalling the earlier event.

He then turned to the guy, who was still in his sleeping bag and refusing to move.

With a twitch of his mouth, Dominic suddenly scolded. "Stop playing dead! We still have work to do!"

Mahon finally made some movement, opening the zipper of the sleeping bag a little. He stared at Dominic with half-closed eyes before answering. "Do you know how hard it is for my special ability to affect the mind of someone on that level?"

"I have already exhausted a lot of strength and need to rest. Don't bother me!" he added before swiftly closing the zipper.

The corner of Dominic's mouth could not help but twitch once again after seeing that scene. He did not know if what this sleepyhead had said was true or if he was taking advantage of the situation to slack off, but he did not know how to respond to it either.

Without a choice, he could only look at the others before instructing everyone. "Let's return first and report to our superiors."

This night was never meant to be a silent one, and it was just starting.

Shiella was continuously receiving reports from all sides, filtering all the information, and analyzing everything. The gears of her brain were working on overdrive, looking for more clues.

She did not know why, but she kept having a bad feeling despite everything going quite well.

They had already caught up with the agents of the Black Serpent Mafia and their partners, the Voidwalker Tribe, on the trade that was supposed to take place on the harbor. Their reinforcements were unexpectedly the Green Family, who were waiting at the shore for quite some time already.

They had launched an ambush after coordinating with her club, the Hand of Midas, along with the people that the Springfield Family and the Flying Dragon Corporation had sent for this operation.

They were still far from stealing the package from the opposing side, but the battle was still going, which was slowly tilting toward their favor.

Meanwhile, the other side of the operation, which was being headed by the Magic Ace Academy, particularly the Sleeping Dragons and Wings of Dawn, was also in a stable state.

Even though they had lost track of the moments of the other parties, it was confirmed that the World Government and the local forces of the Sun-Moon Continent were already in hot pursuit.

Given all the circumstances, it would not take long before more agents of the Black Serpent Mafia and members of the Voidwalker Tribes would be captured.

Even a notorious criminal like Belladonna would have a hard time shaking off her pursuers despite her strength.

But despite all these, Shiella was still having a nagging feeling that something was amiss. There seemed to be something that they had overlooked somewhere.

Shiella was swiftly tapping the keyboard before her while also constantly sweeping her gaze at all the reports and live feeds that she was receiving from all sides.

When she was about to gain a breakthrough and find what she was looking for, her entire body suddenly shuddered.

"Found you~!"

It was also at this moment that she heard a chilling voice inside the room.

Without any hint of hesitation, Shiella swiftly jumped off from her seat and quickly erupted in power.

Igniting both her Flame Emperor Force and Ice Spirit Force to the fullest, Shiella produced a massive explosion that blew up the entire place.

Boom!

Shiella did not even care about what happened to the safehouse and swiftly retreated.

Swoosh!

But right before she could even get far, she could not help but halt her tracks. It was because she saw Butcher before her while dragging Anna, who was completely beaten up, by her hair.

"Bastard!" cursed Shiella while glaring fiercely at Butcher.

She now realized what she had overlooked during this time and where the nagging feeling was coming from. Butcher had never made any appearances in any of the battlefields, which made it very suspicious.

She thought that this guy was only overseeing everything and waiting for the right opportunity to move once an unexpected change occurred in either of the battlefields.

But she was wrong to assume that this guy would be stationed on either of the operations.

It seemed like Butcher was targeting her from the very beginning.

Butcher grinned widely as he looked at her. "Surprised? You don't expect that we will be targeting the young miss of the Springfield Family despite our operation, do you?"

"This is indeed not according to our plan. But who would have thought that the Springfield Family would suddenly cooperate with the Green Family, who is their archrival?"

"We must make some adjustments after learning about this. We must create some leverage for ourselves that can help us escape our predicament."

"Don't you think you are the perfect target for this?" he added.

However, he could not help but raise his brows a little after not receiving any response from Shiella. Aside from the sharp and fierce glare that she was giving him, she was not showing that much of a reaction.

Realizing something, Butcher made a snap before pulling Anna up while still holding her by her hair. "Ah! You are enraged because of this woman? Tsk! Tsk! She is indeed tricky to deal with. If not for our preparations ahead of time, then we have most likely alerted those troublesome people that you have brought."

Shiella tightened her fist, almost digging her nails into her palms, after seeing how Butcher treated Anna.

"Auntie," she mumbled, which almost sounded like a growl.

Seemingly hearing her, Anna opened her eyes with great difficulty and responded stutteringly. "Y-young miss... run..."

Seeing this scene, Butcher further widened his grin before slightly waving Anna like a doll. "You want me to spare this woman, right? My condition is simple, and I am sure that you are already aware of it, given your intelligence."

Right at the same time, someone suddenly walked out from the collapsed building, which was still in the mixture of blazing fire and chilling frost.

"What is the point of negotiating with her? Let's capture her directly and kill that bitch guard," said this person while patting his clothes to wipe off the dust from his body.

"Tsk! Tsk!" Butcher clicked his tongue repeatedly when he heard this before responding. "You don't understand, Spellbreaker. This girl is a princess of both the Springfield Family and the Levina Family. Do you think that she doesn't have any treasure to protect herself?"

"Just catch her," said Spellbreaker, and was about to catch Shiella.

However, before he could even make his move, he suddenly noticed that the necklace that Shiella was wearing was glowing quite intensely. This halted his tracks, especially when he could sense an overwhelming threat coming from that necklace.

He wanted to use his 'Authority' to affect the surrounding laws, but he realized that his Mental Energy was unable to approach Shiella at all.

"Tsk! Tsk! Quite tricky indeed," he said after realizing the situation.

Even for someone like him, who was a Venerable Realm Mentalist, he could feel immense pressure coming from that little accessory.

"Heh!" Butcher scoffed when he saw this before turning back at Shiella. "Young Miss, what do you think? Care to compromise?"

Shiella continued to glare at Butcher while also looking at Anna in his hands before replying. "How can I be sure that you will not kill her once I come with you?"

Butcher was about to respond when he suddenly noticed something. He then smirked and released his powerful aura. Even if it could not do anything to Shiella, it still destroyed all kinds of devices in the surroundings, including even his communication device.

This further cut off the connection between this place, which was sealed by the Mental Energy Domain, and the outside world.

"Don't play tricks with me. Do you think I will not notice your little actions? They are just useless attempts," he smirked as he looked at the falling pieces of the broken device from Shiella.

Shiella did not respond despite a bit of distress that she was feeling. She knew that she was currently cornered, but she was still confident that she could run away from these two powerful experts by relying on the treasures that she had gotten from her family.

She was also a Void Manifestation Expert now, so they would not be able to deal with her that easily.

But once she did that, Anna would be killed without a doubt.

Sheilla was also quite confused about how these two managed to sneak into this place when the entire perimeter was currently guarded by the forces under her.

There was also a senior at the Domain Realm in disguise among those guards. They must have realized something was wrong right after she had lost contact with them, but there was not even a single movement outside the Mentalism Barrier that was sealing the entire place.

"That was unless-..." She seemed to have released something, which was instantly caught by Butcher.

He then started grinning and confirmed her thoughts. "That's right. That Domain Realm Expert that you have brought is currently occupied with a Voidwalker friend that we have brought."

"So, it is useless to buy more time now," he added along with a ferocious grin.

"You sure look highly of me to bring three experts of such level just for my capture," commented Shiella while gritting her teeth.

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Shiella continued to glare at Butcher while her brain worked hard to find a way to escape her current predicament.

After a while, she could not help but sigh helplessly before saying. "Let her go first, and I will come with you."

"Heh! Can I trust those words?" smirked Butcher, continuing to wave Anna in his hands.

Shiella gritted her teeth when she saw this scene before answering. "It is not like you can't prevent me from escaping if you want."

Seemingly understanding the plot that Shiella was trying to make, Butcher suddenly grinned even further. He then let go of Anna, letting her fall on the ground, before kicking her with some force that was enough to send her flying and collide with multiple trees nearby.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

"You-...!" When Shiella saw that, she could not help but glare at Butcher even fiercely.

Boom!

The aura that was surrounding her also erupted even stronger, seemingly getting herself ready to fight the opposing side to the death.

Butcher ignored this and said nonchalantly. "She is still alive. Saving her is on you now. If we leave a bit earlier, then your guards may be able to save her in time."

Shiella tightened her fists while trying to suppress the rage that was slowly growing within her.

She was about to risk it all when she suddenly received a voice transmission inside her head. This calmed her down a lot, but still let her raging Natural Forces go even harder.

BOOM!

Both Butcher and Spellbreaker sensed that something was amiss and swiftly made their move.

Bang!

Swoosh!

Butcher kicked the ground and charged straight to Shiella while Spellbreaker targeted the already heavily wounded Anna in the distance.

However, right before those two could even reach their respective targets, an unexpected development occurred.

Swoosh!

A flash of light suddenly flew straight at Shiella, positioning itself between Butcher and her.

Butcher could not help but pause for a moment, especially after seeing a fist suddenly greet him during his charge.

Boom!

That punch did not do much against Butcher, only forcing him to step a couple of steps back. However, he could not help but raise his brows, especially after seeing the person who had blocked him.

"Wanderer," he said heavily while glaring at the newcomer sharply.

Before him stood David, who was currently covered with an overwhelming amount of Mental Energy that was constantly leaking out from his body and gently flowing upwards. Moreover, this Mental Energy was all in Divinity Grade, which could noticeably affect the surroundings.

There was no hint of his usual laidback attitude on his face. The solemn expression that he was wearing clearly indicated how serious he was now, especially how he glared at Butcher.

Butcher could not help but raise his brows after having a closer look at the latter. He could clearly sense that the current David was completely different from what he could remember, particularly his current strength.

This young mentalist and his power seemed to be infinitely close to reaching the battle powers of a Venerable Realm Mentalist.

He was a bit familiar with the talent and abilities of David, which made him mumble a little. "Just how many meridian locks did he unlock just to reach this level?"

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At the same time, Spellbreaker, the real Venerable Realm Mentalist, was also met with some obstruction.

Right when he was about to cast a Mentalism Technique to recapture Anna, two figures suddenly appeared like ghosts and flanked him from front to back.

Jeremiah was currently ducking before him while both of his hands were dragging a war axe coated in bloody energy behind him. His eyes were glowing with immense bloodlust, while his body was constantly emitting a dangerous and savage aura.

His current appearance seemed to be a deadly beast attacking its prey.

In the meantime, Vincent was pouncing at Spellbreaker from behind. His arms were crossed while holding a pair of daggers that seemed to be a bone or a tooth of a certain creature, which was constantly emitting a stream of green light.

His eyes were filled with a dangerous glint as he soundlessly appeared behind his target, ready to take their life.

Seeing this, Spellbreaker had no choice but to abandon the idea of capturing Anna. He could not help but admit that these two brats in the early phase of the Void Manifestation Realm pose a great threat to him, especially with their respective weapons.

With a sudden close of his palms, a burst of mental energy suddenly erupted from his body and pushed the two away, interrupting their respective attacks.

Boom!

Swoosh! Swoosh!

It was only at that moment that he got a clearer look at his assailants. He frowned quite deeply while trying to recall the information inside his head.

After a while, he finally found their respective description. "Vincent Valentine and Jeremiah Smithson, the young ghosts of the Valentine Family."

He then glanced at their respective weapons and frowned a bit deeper. "The Sacred Treasure of the Valentine Family. And a Cursed Artifact of unknown origin?"

Despite having a strength more powerful than these two, he would never underestimate them, especially after seeing those weapons.

Even if these two were only at the Void Manifestation Stage, the threat that they could pose to him was not that low, especially with such powerful objects in them.

Glancing toward Butcher's side, he saw David, who seemed to be equally troublesome as these two combined due to that overwhelming Divinity Grade Mental Energy that was constantly flowing out from his body.

Even Spellbreaker would not dare to underestimate the current David, especially in that state.

"It looks like we have some problems, huh?" he mumbled.

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In the meantime, Shiella, who was already in full battle mode, could not help but ask David. "What are you doing here? And how are you able to break through the barrier?"

David, without taking his eyes off Butcher, answered. "It is Junior Brother's idea. He contacted me earlier today and asked us to be in your vicinity instead of going anywhere."

"Tsk! It looks like his instincts are still spot on," he added.

Hearing this, Shiella could not help but ask. "You have never contacted us about your status, making all of us guess your whereabouts, yet you report him instead of me? Is he your superior?"

The corner of David's mouth could not help but twitch when he heard this and complained inside his head. 'How come this woman focuses on a different point rather than thanking us? She is supposed to be crying or something like that. This makes our dramatic entrance a bit awkward now.'

Butcher squinted his eyes as he stared at David before saying. "I see. So, this is your contingency plan, huh? But do you think that you little guys are enough to turn the situation around?"

Right after saying that, he flicked his wrist, which was immediately followed by the appearance of a huge butcher knife filled with an eerie and deadly aura.

The moment this knife appeared, the entire place seemed to become much darker, influencing the entire atmosphere.

'Nice timing!' commented David inside his head, seemingly thanking Butcher for his earlier 'predicament'.

He then made a grabbing motion in the air before pulling something out of it.

Swoosh!

A silver umbrella then appeared in his hands, where its canopy was filled with mysterious Mentalism Runes that were forming a series of sequences and formations.

His other hand, on the other hand, extended outwards and revealed thin stacks of paper talismans between his fingers.

"You can give it a try," he said, alongside an inviting gesture to the latter.

Butcher could not help but squint his eyes a bit harder when he saw the umbrella that David had taken out.

It was only after a while that he spoke with a heavy tone. "The Myriad Creation Umbrella of the fallen Solomon Kingdom."

David did not answer, but the expression on his face could tell what he was currently feeling, especially after the words 'Solomon Kingdom'.

Forcefully calming himself, he whispered to Shiella. "Provide me with some assistance."

After saying that, he swiftly charged forward, taking the initiative to attack.

Swoosh!

"If you have no intention to attack, then let me do it for you," he said while throwing the stacks of paper talismans in the air.

Whoosh!

A moment later, David suddenly thrust forward with the umbrella, seemingly using it as a spear, while also releasing his version of Spiritual Force.

Crackle! Crackle!

Lighting suddenly dominated the surroundings, jumping from one talisman to another before converging into the tip of the umbrella.

Seeing this, Butcher swiftly raised his butcher knife and slashed it down, which quickly produced a powerful air current surrounding it.

Boom!

Both sides immediately met, producing a powerful shockwave during the collision.

David was forced to retreat due to the difference in raw strength. But he did not get discouraged and bravely stepped forward once again, launching another attack.

Swoosh!

It was also at this moment that Shiella made her move, circling behind Butcher and planning to launch a flanking attack alongside David.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

While these three engaged in battle, Spellbreaker remained unmoved while staring at his counterparts. He was closely observing Vincent and Jeremiah, who did not immediately resume their offence after their initial ambush.

"Be careful, that's Spellbreaker," warned Vincent before jumping back, disappearing into the dark curtains of the night.

Meanwhile, Jeremiah smirked while looking at Spellbreaker. He twisted his neck a little, producing a series of popping sounds, before speaking. "I know you. You are that Venerable Realm Criminal who massacred an entire city in the dark continent."

"What was your name again?" He paused for a moment, seemingly trying his best to recall the said name, before suddenly snapping his fingers. "That's right! It is M*th*rf*ck*r!"

The corner of Spellbreaker's mouth suddenly twitched when he heard that. "You sure have a sharp tongue, huh?"

"Unfortunately, I will not let you experience it since I am into girls," responded Jeremiah.

Something seemed to have snapped inside Spellbreaker's head when he heard those words. "Bastard!"

Boom!

A powerful current of mental energy suddenly flooded out of his body, getting ready to teach this brat a lesson.

But before he could even make his move, he suddenly realized that Anna had disappeared at some point without his notice.

Seeing the expression that Spellbreaker was making, Jeremiah suddenly smirked. "Just realized? Too bad, it is already too late."

Bang!

He then suddenly charged forward with full ferocity while dragging the war axe behind him.

Swoosh!

Vincent had also appeared at some point, seemingly just returning after taking Anna to a safe place.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

The two together, launching a series of coordinated attacks despite being repeatedly repelled by their opponent.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The place immediately became the center of intense battle.

The four geniuses fully understood that they could not afford to turn their backs on these two powerful criminals since it would only spell disaster for them.

They could only do their best to fight while waiting for the right opportunity to run or buy enough time until their reinforcements arrive.

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Chapter 1940: The Wanderer and the Junior Dragoness

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“HAHAHA! Do you think that you can stop me with just the two of you?” Butcher laughed maniacally while repeatedly blocking the attacks from Shiella and David.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

“Hmph!” David retreated repeatedly, doing his best to dodge all the incoming bloody flashes of light heading his way.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The floating talismans in the air shone bright as if they were bright stars in the sky. A moment later, they linked with one another, seemingly forming a constellation.

Following the path they had created, David's footwork adjusted while moving. It was as if he was teleporting to different talismans while dodging the flashes of light that were trying to dominate his surroundings.

Whoosh!

In the meantime, Shiella took advantage of the opening that David had created to get near Butcher.

Clenching her fist tight, which was covered in multicolored flames, she suddenly punched forward while also releasing all the accumulated energies at the same time.

'True Nine Dragon Arts: Twin Dragons – Annihilation Fist'

Roar!

Two dragons burst forth right after she thrust her fist forward. These dragons intertwined while moving forward and opened their jaws wide, biting on their target.

Boom!

Butcher was pushed back while blocking the twin dragons with his free arm. He let them bite on him, which seemed to have no effect against his tough skin.

"This is barely even a tickle," he smirked before waving his arm and destroying the two dragons.

“Is that so? Then how about this?” said David while raising his left hand and pointing his middle and index fingers upwards.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

‘Myriad Manifestation Method: Shaman King – The Storm Sword Array’

Butcher then noticed that he was currently in the middle of paper talismans that were releasing intense light and crackling lightning.

They then turned into lightning swords that were pointing at him. They had formed an offensive array before simultaneously flying at him.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

“Still far from being enough!” laughed Butcher as he gripped the huge butcher knife in his hand and channeled his Qi into it before slashing with it.

Shing!

A flash of crimson light then flew out of his knife and annihilated all the incoming lightning swords.

But right after those lightning swords disappeared, another set of swords took their places and surrounded him once again.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

However, instead of lightning, these swords were made of ice.

‘Glacial Goddess Method: Heart of Ice – Rain of Swords’

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The swords then started falling from the sky and headed toward Butcher, who was still in an awkward position due to his previous actions.

However, he remained unfazed despite how threatening these ice swords were, particularly the cold Qi that they possessed.

This cold Qi seemed to be capable of threatening him despite the overwhelming difference in their strength.

“This cold Qi. It seems to be on the same scale as the Springfield’s Imperial Flame,” he mumbled before releasing a powerful burst of energy that swept through everything, destroying the ice swords in the process.

David and Shiella did not dare to pause, afraid that they would lose the initiative and fall into a passive situation, which would be very dangerous for them.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A cluster of paper talismans gathered in eight different directions before transforming into magical rods.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Then they fell and planted themselves on the ground, forming a mystic formation that surrounded Butcher. They released a blinding light that rose to the sky before linking with one another.

Swoosh!

A moment later, a series of runes suddenly appeared on the ground, completing the mystic formation.

‘Myriad Manifestation Method: Shaman King – The Eighth Constellation Array’

WHOOSH!

Immediately after, Butcher felt a heavy pressure that was suddenly pressed on him. This then restrained his movements.

“Argh!”

Butcher released a battle cry while trying to break free from these restraints.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

However, multiple paper talismans suddenly stuck to different parts of his body, wrapping themselves around him tightly.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

They even summoned a group of golden chains that came out from the ground and tightly wrapped around his limbs and torso while also dragging him down.

Whoosh!

These restraints might not be able to fully stop Butcher, but delaying his movements for a brief moment should not be that much of a problem.

These couple of seconds that David had brought were more than enough for Shiella to launch a powerful attack.

Whoosh!

Shiella leaped into the air while also rotating her hands toward opposite directions. These actions were accompanied by the flow of her Natural Forces that had opposite attributes, the Flame Emperor Force and the Ice Spirit Force.

Following the movements of her hands, the two forces flowed inwards and spun like a whirlpool before converging at a single point.

This 'point' turned into a pill-like object that contained an overwhelming power.

Butcher could tell that this power was more than enough to hurt him once it exploded on his body.

After all, the combination of two opposing powers could produce an overwhelming chemical reaction that carried a very destructive power.

This technique was something that Shiella had created after studying the Yin-Yang Arts from Professor Plum and the insights that she had gained from the Yin-Yang Cultivation Arts that she had gotten from Uno previously.

With a gentle gesture, Shiella sent the glowing 'pill' toward Butcher, who was already on the verge of breaking free from David's technique.

'Song of the Ice and Fire: Aurora Blast'

BOOM!

A massive explosion immediately followed when the 'pill' collided with Butcher's body. This explosion shook the entire place, even creating an intense earthquake that spread to the surrounding area.

But despite all these, Shiella and David did not dare to lower their guards because they both knew that this was far from enough to take down a peak Domain Realm Expert.

Whoosh!

As expected, there was a sudden movement that immediately followed.

Swoosh!

The cloud of smoke that the explosion had created was suddenly separated, followed by the appearance of Butcher, who suddenly rushed toward her.

His current appearance was far from being tidy. His outer appearance was quite a mess, especially when his clothes were completely torn and shredded. Aside from his pair of pants that now looked like a tattered pair of shorts, he was not wearing anything else.

His skin also showed a mixture of being scorched and frozen, which signified the effects of the previous explosion on his body.

But it was only his outer appearance that looked like a mess; it was far from harming him seriously. It was obvious that he was still relatively fine despite his unkept appearance.

Whoosh!

He appeared before Shiella in an instant while dragging his huge butcher knife behind him, leaving a sharp flash of light that cut through the air.

The space seemed to have contracted when he appeared, preventing Shiella from moving.

Shing!

In the next moment, Butcher suddenly swung his knife down, cutting through the space and seemingly planning to sever Shiella's arms with it.

He might want to avoid killing her, but that did not mean that he could not harm her. Since they were challenging him, he had to show these two brats how scary a Martial Artist of his level is.

Shiella could not help but feel pressured when Butcher stood before her. Her body seemed to refuse to move due to the overwhelming presence of a peak Domain Realm Expert.

Based on the trajectory of the knife, she knew that she was most likely going to lose an arm once it landed.

Swoosh!

But before that butcher knife could even fall at her, a dashing figure suddenly appeared between her and Butcher after breaking through the solidified space that the latter had created.

Looking at this person's back, Shiella felt like an overwhelming power was pouring into her body.

Fully trusting David, she recollected herself and prepared her next move.

Bang!

Squatting her hips a little, she winded her chest and pulled her arms back while a flood of energy gathered on each of them.

The right fist was suddenly set ablaze by a multicolored flame with different properties, while her left fist glowed intensely with a cold light and the element of frost.

She continued to accumulate more power and channeled it into her fist while waiting for David's signal.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

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At the same time, David, who had just appeared before her, quickly opened the canopy of his umbrella and swiftly raised it to block the incoming attack.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The Mentalism Runes that were drawn on the surface of this umbrella suddenly moved and swiftly connected before forming a mysterious array.

David then flicked his fingers and rotated his wrist, making the umbrella spin rapidly, activating the formation.

WHOOSH!

It was also at this moment that the butcher knife suddenly fell.

BOOM!

The impact was so strong that it created another massive explosion and intense earthquake. The ground even caved in and created a huge crater right after the impact.

“Urgh!”

Cough! Cough!

David could not help but release a painful groan while trying his best to withstand the strains on his muscles after forcefully blocking a direct attack from a peak Domain Realm Expert.

Cough! Cough!

He then coughed up some blood, signifying that he had suffered some serious injury from that attack.

He then urged his mental energy to assist him in healing his injury. He then stepped to the side while spinning to reveal Shiella, who had already accumulated a huge amount of energy in both of her fists.

Right after that, she swiftly stepped forward and quickly threw a consecutive punch, revealing all the accumulated energy that she had gathered.

‘Song of the Ice and Fire: Roar of the Twin Dragons’

Roar! Roar!

Two huge dragons came out of her fist; one was made of multicolored fire, while the other was formed by black and white ice.

They rushed forward and opened their mouths, devouring Butcher, who was standing right before them.

BOOM!

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