

Destiny 1961

Chapter 1961: Predicament

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Shin, Arthur, and Leonard were unstoppable on the battlefield, charging through everything and slaughtering their way toward the said packages.

Now that the strongest forces of the opposing side were being held back by their seniors and elders, no one could stop their advances.

They looked like a group of wolves amid the flock of sheep.

The agents of the Black Serpent Mafia were unable to do anything to them despite relying on the Artificial Mutants that were assisting them.

But when the three were about to reach their destination, something unexpected happened.

Another third party joined the prey!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A group of people suddenly appeared from a different direction and started attacking everyone around them.

It did not matter if they were from the Black Serpent Mafia or from the Magic Ace Academy; everyone was nothing but targets in their eyes.

These newcomers were moving in a very organized way as well. There was a group of elites fighting at the front, while those from behind were busy securing the Artificial Mutants that they had taken down.

Seeing their actions, the opposing side was able to instantly guess the identity of these people.

"People of the Hextech Laboratory!" mumbled Joaquin after seeing these people.

The situation was now a bit tricky. After all, the main target of these people was the youngsters from the Magic Ace Academy.

For these lunatics, getting their hands on the package from the Black Serpent Mafia was nothing but a bonus reward.

However, he was not much worried about the kids since he could not find any experts on the level of Domain Realm or Venerable Realm on their side.

There were quite a few Void Manifestation Stage Experts, but they did not seem to be very powerful. Shin and the others would be able to handle them at the very least.

From what he could see, it seemed like these guys just stumbled into this place by accident while hiding from their pursuers, just like their group.

They must have decided to make their move after seeing that the Monster Trio were about to succeed in getting their hands on the packages.

They had to take the advantage of the chaos, gambling their luck with this move.

Joaquin still understood that there were still some experts on the same level hiding somewhere, waiting for the right opportunity to make their move. He could not lower his guard with such a threat hiding in the dark.

Belladonna, on the other hand, was wearing a solemn expression after seeing such a development. Their hands were already full of these people from the Magic Ace Academy, so adding these lunatics from the Hextech Laboratory would make this more chaotic.

On the brighter side, the situation was a bit better for them since those guys could at least make it harder for the youngsters from the Magic Ace Academy to secure the vessel and the sacred pill.

But, on the other hand, it would also become a bit troublesome for them if these people managed to get their hands on those two packages.

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The trio of Shin, Arthur, and Leonard could not help but pause their tracks for a moment after seeing the sudden development of the situation.

Shin frowned when he saw that those people from Hextech Laboratory were making their way toward Cloe and Lorraine, who were currently busy dealing with the agents of the Black Serpent Mafia surrounding them.

"Leo, go lend them a hand. But be careful, those guys are obviously targeting us," said Shin before sweeping his gaze at the surroundings.

After seeing that no one else needed immediate assistance, he quickly turned and continued heading toward the packages that were lying on the ground.

"Cover me, I'll be increasing the pace," said Shin before further accelerating his speed.

Arthur just shrugged his shoulders and sprinted forward as well, catching up to Shin immediately after.

The two worked together and were able to reach their target not long after. However, they also found a troublesome situation immediately after.

The coffin was somewhat broken due to the previous punch that Joaquin had thrown when he ambushed Belladonna earlier. There were a few cracks on the surface of the coffin that made the dense Demonic Energy leak out from it.

This leakage then made Shin unable to approach it fully. That vessel sealed within the coffin was starting to affect him, even starting to resonate with his Seed of Hatred.

Along with the leaking Demonic Energy from the seal within his body, a certain link started forming between the two.

Seeing the expression on Shin's face, Arthur could not help but halt his tracks as well and turned to him. "What's wrong?"

Shin was about to respond when Uno's voice rang inside his head. [Let that descendant of an overgrown lizard use his colorful flame to burn the leaking energy from the coffin! Then use the talismans that the Mistress has given you.]

Shin slightly nodded, ignoring the sarcastic remarks that Uno had given Arthur, before turning to his brother. "Use your Imperial Flame! I'll seal it after."

Arthur quickly responded and summoned a multicolored flame from his hands and threw them toward the coffin.

Swoosh!

This was not exactly his unique version of Natural Force. It was the unique powers that came from his bloodline, the Springfield Family's Imperial Flame.

The members of the Springfield Family must fuse this flame to their unique Internal Qi and create their version of Natural Force, just like Shiella's Flame Emperor Force.

Arthur's version was just much stronger than the rest of the family because his bloodline was much denser in comparison.

Bang!

An intense reaction immediately erupted right after the multicolored flame and dark miasma coming from the coffin met. The two forces clashed against one another, causing mild explosions.

Arthur was caught a bit off guard when he saw the intense collision between the two energies, especially after seeing that his flames were on the losing side. It was only at that moment that he remembered that this Demonic Energy was not simple. It was supposed to be at the Primal Demonic Power level.

Realizing this, Arthur infused more Qi into his flames and further strengthened them while fighting against the Demonic Energy.

He was somewhat sweating when he realized that the Demonic Energy was becoming more stubborn, making him put more effort into it.

Meanwhile, Shin was currently protecting Arthur so that the latter could focus more on his job. Even if he was somewhat affected by the Demonic Energy coming out of the coffin, he was still able to handle these guys rushing at them.

Moreover, Uno was helping him suppress the Seed of Hatred, making it less restless.

Seeing that the two were having trouble, the rest of the team quickly rushed toward their direction to lend a hand.

Lorraine was the first to provide them some assistance, giving them cover fire with her guns. Molton and Jillian also moved toward their direction, blocking those who were attempting to reach the two, along with Alice.

At the same time, those from the Black Serpent Mafia and Hextech Laboratory also responded, converging toward the same direction.

They seemed to have a tacit agreement as well, solely targeting those from the Magic Ace Academy to apply more pressure to the opposing side.

The seniors wanted to lend Shin and the others a hand, but their respective opponents also understood that the tides of the battle were turning.

Fortunately, Arthur was finally able to suppress the leaking Demonic Energy before the situation became more serious.

"Now!" shouted Arthur, calling out for Shin while also kicking the coffin into the air.

Shin responded almost instantly as well, quickly sheathing his sword and swiftly taking out a stack of talismans from his dimensional bag.

He was not sure if his mother had foreseen this to give him such talismans meant for sealing, along with the more offensive ones.

From what he knew, his mother could not foresee any future that involved him and his father for some reason, which was why he was quite curious about what exactly his mother did.

Regardless, he focused on the task at hand. He swiftly infused his Divinity Grade Mental Energy into the talismans before quickly throwing them toward the coffin immediately after.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Controlling them with his Mental Energy, the talismans flew forward and spiraled in the air before swiftly sticking themselves into the coffin and tightly wrapping themselves around it.

At the same time, he also did a series of hand gestures in the air as if he were drawing something.

Whoosh!

Rune after rune then shot out from his hands and wrapped themselves into the coffin, further enhancing the seal cast on it.

'Four Symbol Scripture: Divine Beasts Unification – Heaven Sealing'

Not long after, the sealing was complete, making everyone heave a sigh of relief.

But they never lowered their guard, understanding their current situation. They continued to protect Shin while he secured the packages.

However, another development occurred right when Shin was about to keep the coffin where the vessel was sealed and the small box containing the pill.

Swoosh!

The expression of Shin and Arthur suddenly turned grim when they sensed a sudden change in their surroundings.

The surrounding energies suddenly fluctuated as if someone powerful was trying to dominate them.

Such an intense reaction from nature could only signify one thing: someone at Domain Realm had appeared.

The expression of everyone suddenly turned solemn, especially Joaquin and Grandmaster Benn, who were still busy dealing with their respective opponents.

Moreover, they knew that it was already too late to disengage and save the kids, given that the opposing party was already right in the midst of everyone.

Aside from this, the two also realized that this person was wrapping the space, seemingly trying to pull everyone toward it.

They seemed to be trying to take the kids somewhere through the spatial portal technique. This made them suspect that it was the contingency plan of the Void Tribe members.

But they also quickly realized it the spatial fluctuation was not caused by a technique but due to a spatial transport device instead.

Shin instantly recognized this as well and understood the predicament of everyone.

The entire team had already gathered in this spot after rushing in this direction to provide cover for him earlier.

With a solemn expression on his face, he decisively took out a talisman and infused his Mental Energy into it.

But instead of an offensive spell that could attack the person who suddenly appeared in the middle of their ranks, this talisman only summoned a powerful gust of wind that blew everyone away.

BOOM!

It was clear that he wanted to prevent everyone from being sucked into the spatial transport by pushing them out of its range.

The others also realized his intention, making their expressions reflect their shock.

"You-...!?"

The others wanted to curse him, but it was already too late since their bodies were instantly sent flying, aside from two people.

Arthur and Leonard seemed to have realized what this brother of theirs was planning, ahead of time, and quickly responded.

Arthur impaled the ground with his spear before clinging tightly to it while Leonard kicked the ground and charged through the powerful gust of wind, fighting against the current with his powerful physique.

Swoosh!

Before anyone else could even respond, the spatial distortion swallowed the three along with that mysterious person, who suddenly appeared in the midst of everyone.

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Chapter 1962: Trapped

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Everyone stared blankly at the spot where the trio of Shin, Arthur, and Leonard disappeared, along with the mysterious person who appeared in the middle of their ranks earlier.

The seniors and elders were still quite fine. They had full confidence that the trio would not be in much danger, given all the situations.

Since those guys from the Hextech Laboratory were targeting these young geniuses, they would definitely not harm them too much. They would most likely try to subdue the younglings and bring as many of them back to their headquarters.

Their side could take advantage of this situation and use it against them.

Aside from this, Joaquin and Grandmaster Benn knew that those three who had been taken back by that expert possessed their respective means to deal with such situations.

Arthur was someone from the Springfield Family, so he should have a treasure that he could use to save his life in danger.

Leonard was from the Asad Tribe and a personal disciple of Joaquin, so this kid should have a special means of his own. Moreover, Joaquin had also put a special mark on this discipline of his that could help him look for them later.

Based on this mark, he could tell that the trio was not brought too far from this place. They should still be within the vicinity of the region.

That spatial device that had been used earlier might be advanced, but its effects were still quite limited. The range that it could travel was still inferior when compared to the teleportation abilities of the Void Tribe and spatial talismans crafted by top-notch experts.

This was also the reason why Grandmaster Benn was not too worried about the three. He had given his student quite a lot of talismans before, which included the teleportation talismans that could directly bring Shin back to the coordinates that he had set up.

Shin, or rather Uno, had already used it before during one of the operations in the Soaring Continent, where a similar situation had happened.

Aside from his talismans, Evangeline had most likely given Shin quite a few as well, which should be on the same level or even much better than the ones that Grandmaster Benn had crafted.

Grandmaster Benn had already seen the sealing talismans that Shin had used earlier, and they seemed to be a tier higher than what he could make.

In the meantime, the youngsters from the group were not as experienced as their elders and seniors, so they panicked a little.

Seeing this scene, Grandmaster Benn finally decided to retreat. The packages had already been taken anyway, so there was no point in entangling themselves too much from these people.

He then sent a telepathic message to everyone, telling them to prepare to retreat.

Cloe and the others had yet to recover from seeing the trio being taken away, but Grandmaster Benn reassured them that the three would be fine.

Joaquin had also informed them that he could still sense the location of the three, so they could still case those people later.

Moreover, he also said that they had prepared a contingency plan for such situations. He did not disclose what exactly the arrangements were that they had prepared, since he was not sure about it, as well as since it was Nathan who had arranged it.

After receiving the command from their elders, the group quickly recollected itself and swiftly prepared for their retreat.

Joaquin and Grandmaster Benn immediately intensified their attacks, further pinning down their respective opponents and preventing them from doing anything crazy.

The ones who were fighting the members of the Voidwalker Tribes and the executioners from the Black Serpent Mafia also locked their respective opponents in place while letting the rest of the seniors cover for the juniors when retreating.

The opposing side wanted to stop them, but the lunatics from the Hextech Laboratory started going crazy once again.

They started attacking everyone around them while trying to capture the members of the Magic Ace Academy and a few Artificial Mutants at the same time.

After all, they had partially secured their objectives now, so there was no point 'working' with the agents of the Black Serpent Mafia any longer.

The battlefield became chaotic once again.

In the meantime, somewhere remote within the nearby region, the trio was spat out of the spatial distortion along with the mysterious experts that caught them.

"Tsk! Tsk! Such a quick reaction," said this expert while looking at Shin. "To think that you will think of such a response during such a predicament, I guess you are quite experienced."

He then turned to Leonard and Arthur, who also fell on the ground, before continuing. "But I guess there are quite a few loyal ones among your friends. They bravely jumped into the spatial distortion despite knowing the dangers that came alongside it."

Shin ignored the first few words from this person but turned to the other two after hearing the latter parts. "These idiots."

"Heh! Do you think that we will let you enjoy the fun by yourselves again?" said Leonard, who still had the gall to joke about their current situation.

"Tsk! Tsk! Don't just play a hero by yourself when you have the main character on your side," said Arthur, seemingly unfazed by their current predicament.

The Domain Realm Expert before them could not help but look at these youngsters with a strange gaze. They seemed to be relatively 'relaxed' despite the current situation that they were in.

He must admit that he somewhat admired their courage for facing such a situation with this kind of mentality.

He then turned around and signaled those hiding in the dark. "Wrap this up. I will be heading toward the other side. I still need to keep those people from the World Government busy to buy you enough time."

Right after saying that, he pressed on the spatial device, activating it once again. The spatial distortion appeared one more time and swallowed him before disappearing.

As for the packages? He did not have them with him since Shin had already kept them inside his dimensional bag earlier, right before the transportation.

However, it was not much of an issue since they had the person in them anyway, so they could just capture him and take the packages later.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

At the same time, groups of people appeared from the nearby woods, surrounding the trio.

Looking at them, Shin saw a dozen people with Ethereal Opening Stage martial attainments and a pair of people who were at the Void Manifestation Stage.

At first glance, there seemed to be nothing special about this group, which made Leonard and Arthur furrow their brows in confusion. If it were just these guys, then they could at least handle them so long as they gave their all.

However, Shin had a whole different expression compared to them. His Seed of Hatred was having an intense reaction after seeing these people.

It was similar to when he encountered a Demonic Practitioner, or something related to demonic practices. But there was also something different about it, which somewhat confused him.

However, something quickly struck him when he recalled the information about the previous incidents that occurred in the Soaring Continent.

"Unforgiven Ones!" he said with a somewhat solemn tone.

These people were similar to Demonic Practitioners or those with the Seed of Hatred. But there was a clear distinction between them, and these two, the Unforgiven Ones, were Evil Practitioners!

Demonic Practitioners used extreme means during their training that made them so powerful. However, they still had a certain boundary that they never crossed because it would put them at a lot of risk, such as being consumed by their respective methods and becoming complete monsters.

Evil Practitioners, on the other hand, were completely evil. They used immoral means just to become powerful, just like how they created an artificial Seed of Hatred through human sacrifice.

Some used virgins as some sort of human pill, others used infants and their blood, a few slaughtered countless people during the sacrifice, and many more.

These people then let their Seeds of Hatred consume them before turning themselves into true Evil Partitioners; thus, they were called the Unforgiven Ones.

These people were quite powerful as well, especially when their abilities were gained through such extreme and immoral means.

Moreover, he also heard from David that the people from the Hextech Laboratory were also bringing the Project Genuis back to life, which they had created through immoral experiments like stealing them from other people.

Frowning quite deeply, Shin swept his gaze at the opposing party, specifically eyeing the two Void Manifestation Stage Unforgiven Ones.

The rest were quite powerful as well, which made them almost on the same level as the trio, but the main concern was still those two leaders from their group.

"Looks like we are in trouble, huh?" said Arthur with a somewhat sarcastic tone while sweeping his gaze at their opposition.

Shin rolled his eyes at him when he heard those words. "Thanks for pointing it out, genius."

Leonard, on the other hand, ignored the two joking about their current situation and stretched his neck left and right, producing a series of popping sounds.

Those from the opposing side squinted their eyes when they looked at the three, who were seemingly looking down at them.

One of the Void Manifestation Stage Unforgiven Ones narrowed his eyes further and signaled the rest to make their move. "Go! Teach them a lesson before dragging their bodies back to the base."

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Chapter 1963: Fighting the Unforgiven Ones

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Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Seeing the group of Unforgiven Ones at the Ethereal Opening Stage charging at them from every direction, the three did not dare to lower their guards.

They immediately went for their strongest forms, planning to fight the opposing side with all they had.

Roar! Roar!

Deafening roars came from Arthur and Leonard's bodies while their respective Battle Spirits manifested behind them for a brief moment before fusing their bodies.

Behind Arthur, a majestic Five-Clawed Golden Dragon appeared. It looked down on the incoming opponents with haughty and prideful eyes before merging with Arthur.

In response, Arthur underwent a series of transformations.

A golden aura covered his entire being while diamond-shaped scales of golden color surfaced throughout his body. Those on his left arm were smooth and sharp, while those spreading on his lend hand made it somewhat slender yet sharp and deadly.

The scales on the right arm were much thicker in comparison and had more distinctive features, particularly on the segments highlighted by each scale. The scales covering his right arm were also a bit larger than the ones on the other hand, creating a savage and powerful claw with devastating power.

'True Nine Dragon Arts: Imperial Tactics – Partial Dragonification'

It was a unique Void Manifestation Technique that the Springfield Family had, which was a version of their Qi Armor.

It was supposed to be only accessible for members of the family who had reached the Void Manifestation Stage, but Arthur was able to use it in an earlier stage due to his extremely dense bloodline.

At the same time, he had also channeled his Draconic Qi into his spear, further reinforcing its properties.

In the meantime, his golden eyes shone with a pale glow while his irises turned into vertical slits. He was activating his Foresight Talent while also combining it with his Draconic Abilities, creating his unique version of it.

'Foresight Talent: Dragon Eyes'

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Roar!

In the meantime, Leonard had a similar transformation. The Battle Spirit in the form of a crimson lion briefly appeared behind him before swiftly fusing with his body.

His already muscular body was further enhanced, highlighting his properly toned muscles. They bulged a bit larger, exposing his overwhelming physical strength.

At the same time, crimson tattoos spread throughout his body, which further strengthened his overall combat prowess.

'Supreme Blood Sutra: Secret Skill – Hex Tattoo'

At the same time, his entire body also released a hot steam alongside the crimson aura that he was already emitting. They mixed with one another while his physical strength and combat abilities were further raised to a higher level.

'Thousand Beast Method: Secret Technique – Heart of the Beast'

He then started charging forward, taking the initiative to charge straight at the incoming opponents.

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Shin, on the other hand, summoned his strongest form at the same time.

He made a series of seals with his hand while releasing as much Mental Energy from his body, which summoned a small storm around him.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Rune after rune surfaced on his skin, forming a unique strengthening formation throughout his body. They linked with one another and shone bright, surfacing like shining tattoos.

This was a technique that he had created by combining the Four Symbol Scripture and a few special techniques that David had taught him during their training sessions. It was also said that it came from the secret technique of the Solomon Kingdom.

He had already used this technique before during the special training in the mountains alongside David and Laura, but it had yet to reach its strongest state at that time, since they had yet to perfect them.

Shin had only polished it further when he broke through to the peak of the Grandmaster Realm.

It was similar to David's Divine Avatar State, but Shin had created a unique version of his own.

'Four Symbol Scripture: Divine Beast Unification – Divine Advent'

To further enhance this state, a diagram of five divine beasts appeared behind him instead of their Battle Spirit Form.

Rings of runes also spun rhythmically from the outer layer of the circular diagram, making it look like a floating formation behind him.

Unlike Arthur and Leonard, who were charging straight at their incoming opponents, Shin stayed in his spot. He repeatedly adjusted his stance and steadily waved his hands, seemingly controlling the surrounding energies.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

In response, the five elements were pulled toward him and danced around his body, revolving around him beautifully.

Clap!

A moment later, he joined his palms together, producing a strong ripple in the air along with his Mental Energy.

The overlapping ripples swiftly spread outwards and produced a strong mental attack that assaulted the incoming opponents straight at them.

"Urgh!"

"Argh!"

Groans came out from the mouths of those Unforgiven Ones due to the sudden assault of mental attacks that were trying to invade their minds.

But that only lasted for a moment because they were able to quickly recollect their thoughts and regain their minds immediately after.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

However, the other two from the opposing party had already reached them at that point and took the initiative to attack.

Leonard and Arthur arrived right before their respective opponents and threw their attacks immediately after.

Roar!

The former threw a powerful punch forward, which swiftly summoned the huge manifestation of a lion behind him, before erupting in a powerful explosion.

Boom!

He blasted three of the Unforgiven Ones before him away with this powerful punching, sending them flying in the opposite direction.

Arthur, on the other hand, summoned a barrage of spear shadows by throwing a series of stabs toward his opponents. This barrage of spear shadows overwhelmed his opponent, covering a huge area, and prevented them from advancing further.

Shu! Shu! Shu!

While the two were attacking from two different planks of Shin, the rest of the Unforgiven Ones were charging straight at him, attacking from behind.

Wail~!

However, before they could even reach him, they saw a huge shadow of a Black Tortoise surrounding Shin before releasing an eerie cry.

Swoosh!

Immediately after, a strong wave of cold currents suddenly flowed out from his body and spread out in every direction.

The Black Tortoise breathed out cold air, which swiftly produced a thick fog that swallowed everyone.

'Four Symbol Scripture: Heavenly Black Tortoise – Cold Mist of Heaven'

Swoosh!

The cold fog instantly swallowed everyone within its effective range. Even Arthur and Leonard took the initiative to jump into it, disappearing from the sight of their opponents.

Shin originally wanted to use this opportunity to use the teleportation talismans to return to the base at the very least. Unfortunately, he immediately noticed that the surrounding space was somewhat unstable, discouraging him from doing so.

If he forcefully used the teleport away from this place under such conditions, then the consequence would be extremely dire.

They had no choice but to fight, so he decisively dropped his initial plan and swiftly adjusted the plan.

Took out a stack of talismans from his dimensional bag and scattered them in every direction, letting them fall into the ground and form an array within the fog.

In the meantime, Arthur and Leonard started fighting the Unforgiven Ones, who were trapped within them within the fog.

This fog was only meant to hide from their opponents. It also had the ability to create illusions, which Shin was constantly manipulating while setting up the array.

Now that he had achieved his current attainments in Mentalism, he was no longer limited to just direct combats and such.

Moreover, after witnessing the glimpse of what his Mentalism Method could do and how powerful Grandmaster Benn was earlier, Shin started taking things a bit differently.

The things that he could do with this Mentalism Method that he had inherited from his teacher were much broader than he originally thought.

He was quite curious about his teacher's abilities when it came to close-combat-quarters. After all, it was Grandmaster Benn, who had created all his Mentalism Techniques, so his combat prowess when it came to this area should be equally strong as what he had just witnessed earlier.

While his two brothers were dealing with their opponents by taking advantage of their Fog Prison and Illusions, Shin was preparing for their next move.

He knew that the true obstacle that they had to face right now was those two Void Manifestation Stage Unforgiven Ones, who had yet to make their moves, even with the current situation.

When dealing with more powerful opponents, being more prepared while being underestimated was the best way to turn the situation around.

In the meantime, the two leaders of the group of Unforgiven Ones were currently watching the situation with calm expressions on their faces.

They had already sealed the place with an isolation barrier and even affected the surrounding space with spatial distortion to prevent the opposing side from running away.

Unless someone overwhelmingly powerful tried to break through it through their special channel prepared ahead of time, then getting here would be impossible.

But their expression immediately became somewhat declassified after seeing that the dozen Unforgiven Ones on their side were still unable to capture the three despite being given enough time.

Moreover, quite a lot of them were being thrown out of the fog before them, signifying that the opposing side was beating them despite their advantage in numbers.

They could not see what was inside the fog, so they were not clear about the situation, but they should be able to handle this much, given all the training and experimentation that they had gone through in the base.

"I seem like these kids need to undergo more 'sessions' when we get back. They seem to be a bit worse compared to top-notch geniuses of this level," commented one of them after the situation.

"Should we make our move?" asked the other.

"Just lend them a little hand by clearing that fog," said the one, who seemed to have more authority within the group, before adding. "I want to observe a bit more and see how much the gap between the talents of these top geniuses and the combination of our artificial talents and Seeds of Hatred."

The other nodded before quickly executing the order.

Swoosh!

However, what greeted them after was something they did not expect.

The surprise that Shin had prepared was also revealed to their eyes.

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Chapter 1964: Fighting the Unforgiven Ones (Part 2)

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Swoosh!

Right after the cold fog was swept away, the two Void Manifestation Stage Unforgiven Ones saw that the trio were currently standing in the middle of an array.

The array was not that huge, but not that small either. This circular array was covering a diameter of at least ten meters, which was covered by the fog earlier.

It was also filled complicated runes that were forming a quite complex diagram. There were points on this array, where the three were currently standing.

These three points were connected, which were also making the auras of the three to link with one another. It was as if they were sharing the strength of each other and connecting their respective auras.

"A Link Strengthening Array!" said by one of the leading Unforgiven One with a somewhat solemn tone.

He might not be a Mentalist, but he was quite knowledgeable about their special methods.

A Link Strengthening Array was just like it name suggested. It was a special type of array that would link the strength of all the people linked within it. They would share the strengths of each other but would also have to share the burden that each of them would suffer.

If was quite a famous method that the ancient cultivators used during their era, especially for those who came from the same sect.

This method was then rearranged and adjusted to the current era, which were commonly used by Mentalists now.

Given that the trio before them did not share the same type of discipline or similar martial arts, it was clear that this Link Strengthening Array was quite a special one.

It was clear that the three possessed special physiques, which were most likely been forged though their special methods to fit their respective methods. Adding this together, the physical strength and defense of the three combined should be extremely tough.

The two leading Unforgiven Ones could even sense that the physique that Arthur and Leonard were not ordinary combat body or natural physique as well.

"What are you standing there for? Attack!" shouted by the one with the most authority among the group, waking up the rest of the team.

The Unforgiven Ones, who were at the Ethereal Opening Stage, were awakened by his words and quickly recovered themselves.

They then immediately started charging at the trio. Now that the fog was cleared, it was the time to counterattack.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

In the meantime, Shin, who was standing at the rearmost part of the array, finally finished the seal with his hands and swiftly waved them outwards.

Whoosh!

In response, the array underneath their feet suddenly expanded and grew larger, covering almost dozens of meters in radius.

"Go!" Shin then signaled the two to start moving as well.

Bang!

Leonard was the first to move this time. He kicked the ground and charged forward with his unstoppable force and insane burst of speed.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

His body seemed to have disappeared while a series of deep footprints appeared on the ground as he repeatedly kicked the ground to further propel forward and changed his direction from time to time.

He was no longer using his fist this time as well. Over his shoulders, he was carrying a three-meter long metallic rod that seemed to be made of special materials.

This rod did not have any complex design side from its two ends, which had a cone-like cap cover on them. The lower portion did not have anything else aside from it while the upper part had a pair of brackets extending on both sides.

This metallic rod was some sort of conductor that could hold the especial energy that the warrior tribes controlled, the Blood Power.

Leonard was constantly channeling his Blood Power into this metallic rod, which it used to further enhanced its overall features while also forming a pair of huge axe heads solely made of this energy.

Bang!

With a powerful stomp, Leonard forcefully halted his advance and stopped right before the first batch of Unforgiven Ones.

He did not need any greeting and just swung his massive battleaxe forward.

Roar!

There seemed to have a deafening roar of a primordial beast accompanying his actions, reverberating throughout the entire area.

This roar was not that simple either since it somewhat affected the minds of those before him, slightly distracting them while he took advantage of this opportunity to attacking them.

Boom!

However, the other Unforgiven Ones from the opposing side were able to quickly respond and saved their companions from such a deadly and destructive attack.

Unfortunately, they were still sent flying in the air due to the powerful force accompanying that swing from Leonard.

Swoosh!

This time, while they were still trying to regain their balance in the air, a golden flash suddenly rushed at them before revealing Arthur's figure.

The golden aura that was covering his body raged with a strong intensity. The Imperial Flame also fused with his Draconic Qi and formed his Natural Force.

'Natural Force (Imperial Dragon Flame): Divine Dragon Force'

Making these flames danced around him and converged toward his spear, Arthur suddenly released a very strong and fearsome deterrent aura that made him looked like a dragon in humanoid form.

Roar!

This aura made the Unforgiven Ones before him to freeze in the air while he twirled his spear and gathering momentum.

A moment later, the wisp of flame that was creating a blazing trail behind his spear suddenly transformed into a dragon, which suddenly charged forward as he thrust his spear.

'True Nine Dragon Arts: Dragon Nest'

Roar!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A swarm of golden dragons swiftly started raining down at the group of Unforgiven Ones in the air and started assaulting them.

"Argh!"

"Urgh!"

Painful groans started reverberating in the air as the group were bitten by the swarm of golden dragons.

However, these Unforgiven Ones still possessed a durable body on top of having a strong regenerative abilities, so taking them down would not be quite tough as well.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

After Arthur sent those Unforgiven Ones back of the ground, Leonard quickly took over and started swinging his battleaxe with all his might, leaving a series of flashes in the air.

'Thousand Beast Method: Beast Tide – Massacre'

Roar! Roar! Roar!

There seemed to a series of bestial roars dominating the entire place when swung his battleaxe. An apparition of multiple beasts also appeared for a very brief moment with each swing, which started biting on the Unforgiven Ones, who were yet to recover from Arthur's attack earlier.

While the two were busy dealing with the opponents in front, Shin was dealing with the ones who were attacking before behind.

Shin held them back by himself, utilizing his unique Mentalism Swordsmanship.

He kept on using Mentalism Spells with a variety of elements while also changing the 'forms' of his swords through Mentalism Aura Manipulation, which had a similar principle of Void Manifestation Skills and Mentalism Armament Techniques.

However, this method required a medium in compared to those techniques instead of materializing such tools in the air with just their Qi or Mental Energy.

After repelling them, Shin then quickly went to where Arthur and Leonard were fighting, assisting them with his special methods.

The three worked together seamlessly, launching a series of coordinated attacks without a pause, pushing their opponents back despite being outnumbered.

Aside from their teamwork, the array that Shin had sent up had created enhanced their overall combat abilities, particularly when it came to their physical strength. The combination of Arthur's Divine Dragon Physique and Leonard's Asura War Body was beyond what they had expected.

The attacks of their opponents were almost ineffective against despite facing them head-on.

This made Leonard and Arthur become more confident with their attacks and started increasing the pace, making it much harder for the opposing side to respond.

Shin was even complementing their attacks with his variety of tricks, further highlighting the strengths of the two.

He was not the main actor in this battle, letting the two frontliners to handle the everything while he gave them his assistance.

They started overwhelming these Unforgiven Ones with their relentless attacks and perfect coordination.

The three worked perfectly well, shifting between different fronts when attacking.

Unfortunately, despite having all the upper hand in this battle, the three were still unable to finish these guys.

The evil powers that they possessed, which were also further augmented by the artificial talents that the Hextech Laboratory had given them, made them a very tough opponent.

Shin could not even lock on their respective cores, which could rob them from their insane regeneration abilities.

However, he did find a different way to approach the problem.

Since he could not directly destroy those cores, then why not used another way to prevent them from using those abilities?

Why not used some sort of poison to achieve such a result?

"Huh? What is happening?"

When the opposing side noticed the problem, it was already too late to reverse the situation since Shin had already filled the entire place with this poison.

Moreover, this odorless and invisible poison had already invaded them system without their notice, making the situation much worse for them.

I was only at this moment that the two leading Void Manifestation Stage Unforgiven Ones realized the gravity of the situation.

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Chapter 1965: Fighting the Unforgiven Ones (Part 3)

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Seeing that the others were starting to get seriously affected by the poison, the leading Unforgiven One could not help but think about how such a thing had happened.

He was sure that Shin had not done anything else when fighting the group. He had been keeping a close eye on the trio, making sure that no accidents would happen.

From what he had seen up until now, Shin had not done anything suspicious. Aside from using multiple elemental spells alongside his strange, ever-changing sword style, there seemed to be nothing else worth noting about his actions.

Naturally, the thick fog that he had summoned earlier and the array that he had set up right after that were quite special as well.

“Wait!? The fog!?” the leading Unforgiven One then suddenly thought of something when he thought about the fog earlier.

“It is the fog! A poison was mixed in it!” he then realized where the problem lay, especially after recalling how they had dispersed it earlier.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

While he was thinking about this, the situation in the battle started to tilt against their favor.

Shin and the other two might not have the ability to instant finish off these Unforgiven Ones, especially with their powerful regenerative abilities and strong tenacity. But seriously injuring them should not be a problem when they put their minds to it.

Adding that the opposing group was currently under the intense effects of the poison that Shin had spread earlier, regenerating from those injuries would at least take quite some time.

With their abilities, incapacitating this group should not be as challenging as killing them off.

“Retreat!” ordered the leading Unforgiven One while charging forward.

Bang!

With a powerful stomp into the ground, he propelled himself forward and flew straight to Leonard, who was in the middle of swinging his huge battleaxe.

Swoosh!

Sensing the incoming threat, Leonard swiftly turned his body around while also changing the trajectory of his swing, directing it toward the incoming ambush.

Boom!

“Argh!” Leonard felt that his arms were turning numb due to the strong force behind the attack.

Bang!

Fortunately, his body was sturdy enough to withstand it. Adding the additional strength that he was getting from Shin and Arthur through the Link Strengthening Array, his physical prowess should not be that much weaker than his opponent’s.

Swoosh!

The leader of the opposing group could not help but frown deeply after seeing the result of the collision. He might still have overpowered Leonard, but the difference in their strength seemed to be far from what it was supposed to be.

That punch should be strong enough to send Leonard flying, but the latter was also pushed several meters back, which was far from the outcome that he was expecting.

He was about to give change, planning to strike Leonard with another powerful strength, but he immediately halted his actions when someone suddenly appeared beside him.

Roar!

Arthur swiftly responded to his sudden attack. He charged straight ahead while covering his body with intense Divine Dragon Force, which swiftly turned into a huge dragon head as he thrust his spear forward.

‘True Nine Dragon Arts: Imperial Tactics – Breaking Through of the Golden Dragon’

Roar!

“Hmph!” he snorted after seeing the attack.

He raised his fist and pulled it behind his shoulders before thrusting it forward, throwing a devastating punch.

Boom!

A massive explosion immediately erupted right after the two forces clashed against one another.

Swoosh!

Arthur was strongly pushed back upon the collision, signifying the difference in their strength. But he was not discouraged since he could feel that the gap was not that huge, given that he was not sent flying.

“Voss!” shouted this leading Unforgiven One, calling out for the other Void Manifestation Stage Unforgiven One.

“On it, Captain!” responded that Unforgiven One, suddenly appearing behind Arthur and swiftly attacking the latter with his pair of daggers.

This ambush was perfectly timed, not giving Arthur any time to respond. His daggers were already cutting through the air and heading straight to Arthur’s arms before the latter could even sense his presence.

Bang!

Unfortunately, the ground between the two suddenly flew upwards, erecting a thick wall of earth that blocked the incoming strike.

Shin had also made his move, seeing the situation.

Bang!

Earth wall was instantly destroyed by that powerful attack coming from Voss, but the expression on his face was quite solemn, especially after seeing that his target was already turning toward him and skillfully using the spinning momentum to throw a powerful thrust at him.

‘True Nine Dragon Arts: Imperial Tactics – Golden Dragon Breaking the Heavens’

Roar!

The head of the golden dragon appeared once again, opening its mouth wide and trying to engulf its target.

Swoosh!

Voss executed a mysterious foot and disappeared from his current position right before the dragon could even eat him.

Boom!

The powerful beam of golden light flew through his previous location when Arthur fully extended his arm forward and sent the golden dragon out.

The Unforgiven One Captain had already moved at that point and charged straight to Arthur, who was much nearer than Leonard.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

However, before he could even reach his target, he heard a series of heavy steps coming his way.

When he turned his head toward the source of those sounds, he saw a series of deep footprints on the ground rapidly approaching him.

Swoosh!

He then swiftly raised his arms, covering them with thick Qi Armor, after seeing Leonard suddenly appearing right before him and swinging the huge battleaxe forward.

Roar!

The apparition of a primordial beast in the form of a crimson lion appeared behind Leonard for a very brief period before suddenly pouncing forward and biting on the Unforgiven One Captain.

‘Supreme Blood Sutra: Killing Move – Savage Annihilation’

Boom!

The Unforgiven One Captain could not help but feel a bit surprised after blocking the attack. He was forced to take a couple of steps back, trying to relieve the strain that he had gotten from the impact, which signified that the power behind Leonard’s attack was not something he could scoff off.

This power was way different from what Leonard had shown earlier when fighting the other Unforgiven Ones.

“These brats dare to play a trick on us?” The Captain immediately realized what was happening. The three were most likely trying to hide their real strength, planning to catch them off guard.

Boom!

Enraged, he suddenly summoned a much stronger flow of Evil Powers from his body, channeling them toward his arms before throwing a series of punches.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Each punch carried a very powerful force, seemingly capable of annihilating everything on its path.

It was clear that he no longer cared whether to catch these kids alive, planning to teach them a lesson that they would never forget.

If Leonard tried to face this attack head-on, then he would most likely get overwhelmed by them and be buried by their might.

Fortunately, he was not alone.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The ground between the two suddenly flew up and summoned a series of earth ramparts alongside an array of ice walls that blocked most of the punches.

This gave Leonard enough time to respond and more leeway to confront the incoming barrage of punches by swinging his battleaxe multiple times.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

His swings left a series of crimson flashes in the air, along with eerie cries of a devil and deafening roars of a beast reverberating in the air.

Wail!

Roar!

Each swing carried a powerful force, which also gathered more momentum for every swing he did. The swings were getting stronger in every collision he made against the barrage of attacks from his opponent.

‘Supreme Blood Sutra: Personalized Technique – Asura Massacre’

Bang! Bang! Bang!

While Leonard was too focused on the exchanges, Voss’ figure suddenly materialized behind him, taking advantage of the situation to launch a deadly ambush.

Roar!

Unfortunately, a golden dragon suddenly appeared right at the same time, seemingly waiting to greet him.

‘True Nine Dragon Arts: Imperial Tactics – Divine Dragon Soaring Through the Heavens’

“Tsk!” Annoyed, Voss could only abandon his plan and escape once again.

It was not like he could not afford to be hit by this attack. Given his strength, he was more than capable of tanking such an attack.

But since they were currently poisoned, he could not take such a risk, which could later cause them serious consequences.

Swoosh!

Utilizing his mysterious footwork once again, he suddenly disappeared for another time.

Flap! Flap! Flap!

But right after avoiding that attack from Arthur, Voss suddenly found himself surrounded by a bunch of talismans, which were floating in the air and releasing an intense light.

Snap!

With a snap of his fingers, Shin detonated all the talismans.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of explosions immediately filled the air, signifying how powerful those talismans were.

The three would not dare to underestimate their opponents, especially because they were much more powerful than they were.

They did not hold anything back, using their strongest move in each attack they threw at their opponents, not caring about their stamina or anything else.

This batch of talismans that he had thrown at Voss was among the stack that his mother had given him before he headed out for this mission.

His mother told him that they should be effective, but he was not sure how powerful they were.

Aside from the few that she said could be used even against those who were at the Domain Realm and equivalent stage, he was planning to use everything he had for this fight.

He wanted to save the most powerful ones later. After all, they still did not know when that powerful expert, who had brought them here, would come back.

It was better to save a couple of trump cards later when more powerful ‘bosses’ appeared.

“Did that get him!?” he mumbled while staring intently at the center of the explosion.

Right at the same time, he suddenly heard Arthur and Leonard, who were trying to team up against the captain, simultaneously cursing at him.

“F*ck!”

“You’ve just jinxed it!”

“What?” Shin then turned to them with a look of full confusion, not understanding what they meant at first.

But his eyes later turned wide when he sensed a deadly presence suddenly appearing behind him.

“Shoot!” cursing a little, he urged all his powers and channeled them toward his swords, summoning a multicolored lightning.

‘Spiritual Force (Fusion): Five Elemental Lightning’

Crackle! Crackle! Crackle!

At the same time, he spun as fast as he could while also swinging his swords behind him, leaving an intense lightning trail on their path.

‘Jade Kirin Scripture: (Double) Third Movement – Trinity Storm’

The swords turned into flashes of lightning that cut through the air before clashing against the multiple slashes coming his way.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

Bang!

Not long after, he was pushed back for dozens of meters after receiving a powerful strike at the end.

Raising his head, he looked at his opponent and could not help but curse a little after seeing their current appearance. “What kind of abomination is it this time?”

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Chapter 1966: Fighting the Unforgiven Ones (Part 4)

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Shin clicked his tongue after looking at the abominable monster before them.

Voss, who was currently under the effects of the special poison that Shin had released, was in such a hideous form.

He was now standing three meters in height with a skinny figure, which made him look like a dried corpse.

His entire body turned into something that looked like dried tree bark, which was constantly being petrified by some sort of energy. It was as if he became a humanoid tree himself.

His arms were quite long as well, which almost touched the ground. His legs, on the other hand, seemed to be much thicker, which were resembling the hind legs of a goat.

As for his head, it was an understatement to just call it something hideous. He no longer had a pair of eyes, while his mouth became much larger, along with sharp teeth sticking out of it, which also looked like a bunch of toothpicks irregularly stacked together.

He no longer had his hair as well. What was left on his head was similar stacks of sharp things he had on his mouth.

“Is he even the same guy as the one earlier?” he mumbled, while staring at this abomination.

Roar!

Ignoring Shin’s words, Voss, who had now become a monster, released an eerie roar that swept through the surroundings.

“Argh!”

This was not an ordinary roar as well since they accompanied by a strong mental attack, which somewhat affected the three.

Shin quickly regained himself by cleansing his mind with mentalism techniques while also releasing a wave of energy that swept through his brothers and calmed their minds as well.

Unfortunately, that brief moment was more than enough for the Unforgiven One Captain to press forward.

Boom!

He punched forward, which connected with Leonard and sent the latter flying.

Swoosh!

Boom!

Leonard spurted out a mouthful of blood after colliding with the nearby structure. That punch truly got him good, messing up with his innards and breaking quite a couple of bones.

Despite his powerful physique and strong defense, which were further enhanced by the unified forces of the three, the damage that he suffered was quite serious.

Tanking such a full-blown attack from a Void Manifestation Stage Expert when he was a realm lower was indeed not a good idea. Although it was a forced mistake that their opponent had created.

Bang!

The Unforgiven One Captain naturally did not want to let such an opportunity slip by. He quickly kicked the ground and swiftly propelled himself forward, chasing after Leonard, who was still in the middle of recovering himself.

Roar!

However, Arthur had obstructed him once again.

Shu! Shu! Shu!

Arthur threw a series of thrusts and stabs with his spear, which suddenly turned into a swarm of dragons that assaulted his opponent from every direction.

Roar! Roar! Roar!

Boom!

The Captain forgot about Leonard at this moment and faced Arthur with a barrage of powerful punches.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Each of his punches annihilated one of the golden dragons swarming at him. He had also started suppressing the latter with his overwhelming strength, which later broke through the dragon swarm and headed straight to Arthur's abdomen.

Arthur was able to see through that attack by utilizing his Dragon Eyes. He swiftly pulled his spear and placed it in front of him, accurately blocking the incoming punch.

Boom!

Unfortunately, the strength behind that punch was much stronger than he had expected, sending him flying upon impact just like what happened to Leonard.

Swoosh!

Boom!

Arthur crashed into an abandoned building, making it collapse and burying him with its rubble.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Leonard had already picked himself up at that time and resumed attacking, leaving a series of deep footprints on the ground during his charge.

‘Supreme Blood Sutra: Movement Technique – Devi’s Footprints’

When he appeared before his opponent, the battleaxe that he was dragging behind was being held horizontally while releasing an intense sanguine flame created by his Natural Force.

Grr!

The familiar apparition of a crimson lion also appeared once again, covering Leonard while growling toward the Unforgiven One.

‘Thousand Beast Method: Killing Move – The Hunt’

Roar!

While brandishing his battleaxe, the crimson lion opened its mouth wide, pouncing and biting onto the Unforgiven One, who was standing right before it.

Boom!

Unfortunately, this powerful attack seemed to have not much of effect against the target. The Captain seemed to casually catch the blade of the battleaxe right before it could fully reach its strongest momentum.

His arm had also been covered by a blackened earth armor, which prevented the blade of the ax from cleaving his arm and repelled the sanguine flames that were trying to burn him.

“You brats are already getting annoying,” said the captain as he stared down on Leonard, who was still ducking before him.

He then raised his other arm and pulled his fist back while the black earth armor covered his entire body.

He was about to throw down a powerful punch, planning to pound Leonard down on his knees, when a spear suddenly flew out of the pile of rubble in the distance.

Bang!

The spear transformed into a streak of golden light, which swiftly transformed into a raging dragon that headed straight to the Unforgiven One.

‘True Nine Dragon Arts: Imperial Tactics – Golden Dragon Soaring Through Heavens’

Roar!

The Captain frowned deeply after sensing the incoming attack. He was forced to take his gaze away from Leonard and turned toward the incoming dragon.

While keeping his grip over the battleaxe and refusing to let it go, he raised his other hand and opened his palm wide, seemingly planning to face the attack head-on and catch the incoming spear.

Boom!

Right after biting on the Unforgiven One, the golden dragon slowly dissipated and revealed the spear that was thrown out of the rubble earlier.

He was about to throw it back to where it came from when Leonard made his move.

Snap!

Leonard took the initiative to break one of the heads of the battleaxe, which was made of his Natural Force.

Shing!

He then adjusted his grip while turning toward the other direction and spinning around. He also used the momentum of his spin to swing the battleaxe and strike the Unforgiven One with it.

Roar!

The same crimson lion appeared behind him, pouncing forward for another and biting toward the target with its wide-open mouth.

‘Thousand Beast Method: Killing Move – The Crunch’

Boom!

The hit connected directly at the exposed waist of his opponent, producing a loud sound upon impact.

However, Leonard frowned quite deeply after. His attack might have connected with his opponent, but it was clear that it did not deal that much damage, given that the opposing party did not budge even for an inch after receiving the attack.

“D*mn it!” he cursed before quickly disengaging from the fight and retreating as fast as he could.

The Captain wanted to give chase, but something interrupted him. Turning his gaze toward another direction, he saw Shin fighting against Voss, who had turned into a monster.

He saw that Shin was using a gorgeous flame to fight against Voss. The former was taking advantage of the situation to overwhelm the latter to a certain degree, countering the opponent in terms of elemental matchups.

With that in mind, the Captain decided to throw the spear toward Shin instead, giving Voss a bit of breathing space to reorganize his powers.

He could tell that Voss had suffered from the earlier explosion, which made his powers quite unstable. After all, those talismans contained a very strong power that could threaten even them.

If not for the special device implanted into their bodies, then the situation would be much more serious than it already was.

Swoosh!

Shin did not have to turn his head to know what was happening on the other side due to the Link Strengthening Array.

He swiftly retreated after sensing the incoming spear and decided to regroup with his brothers first before finding another way out of their predicament.

Bang!

At the same time, the pile of rubble that was burying Arthur suddenly exploded, sending debris flying everywhere.

He then swiftly regrouped with Shin and Leonard before stretching his hand out, calling the spear back to him.

"You two looked terrible," commented Shin after seeing their appearance before sheathing his swords and taping the backs of the two.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Right at the same time, the gorgeous flame suddenly enveloped the two, seemingly trying to devour them.

However, instead of being burned to a crisp, the injuries of the two rapidly recovered. It had only taken them a few seconds before most of their injuries were healed.

Aside from the more serious ones, such as broken bones, they were mostly healed and ready for another round.

"Tsk! You sure are a broken character," commented Arthur while wiping the blood dripping down from his forehead.

Leonard, on the other hand, spat to the side to remove the blood from his mouth before conjuring new blade heads for his battleaxe.

"How much longer?" asked Leonard while glaring at the two Unforgiven Ones, who currently transformed into their combat forms.

Shin knew what Leonard was talking about, how long he could keep the array active or how long it could last by itself. "Not that long, a few more minutes at most."

"Tsk! I guess we don't have a choice but to exhaust all our trump cards," said Arthur from the side, planning to use all the things that he had gotten from the family before leaving for this mission.

Shin thought for a moment before nodding. "I guess we do have no other choice."

He could still save his strongest talismans for the latter, but he could let Leonard and Arthur use their trump cards.

Even though he could tell that these so-called cards would most likely cost them serious consequences later, given the repeated warnings of their elders, they did not have a better solution for their current predicament.

On the other side, the Captain suddenly paused after hearing someone communicating with him through the earpiece that he was wearing.

Frowning deeply, he focused his attention and listened to the commands being issued from the other side of the line. [Wrap your side up, Edmund. The situation has become a bit trickier; another party has been involved.]

Furrowing his brows, the Unforgiven One Captain could not help but ask. "Another party? Who?"

There was a slight pause from the other side of the line before a heavy voice said. [The Asad Tribe has made its appearance. They've hit one of the important bases of the Black Serpent Mafia and razed it to the ground.]

"What does it have to do with us?" asked Captain Edmund.

[They are now eyeing one of ours as well. I don't know where they have gotten the information, but they are about to strike the base as we speak.]

[We need the elders back at the base now since they are the only ones capable of traveling such a huge distance.]

Edmund slowly nodded his head, acknowledging the order. "I understand."

“I assume that we have to disregard the rest then?” he asked.

There was another silence from the other side before that person asked. [Is it necessary?]

“Our situation here is a bit tricky as well,” answered Edmund.

Seemingly understanding something, that person answered. [I understand. You can do whatever to the rest, but keep Voss.]

“Got it,” answered Edmund before ending the call.

He then turned to Voss beside him and said. “Orders from the up – take the pills.”

Voss could not help but pause for a moment after hearing those words before nodding.

Boom!

In the next instant, he burrowed his arms into the ground before summoning a bunch of black roots, which swiftly entangled all the Unforgiven Ones around them.

“Sorry, Brothers. But the higher-ups have decided to sacrifice all of you,” said Edmund, ignoring the pleas and cries of those Unforgiven Ones.

Not long after, all of them were pulled toward the direction of the two leaders, who suddenly opened their mouths and started devouring everyone.

In the distance, Shin, Leonard, and Arthur could not help but stare dumbfounded at the scene, unable to understand what was happening.

“What are they doing?”

"What the heck!?"

"Yikes! It looks disgusting!"

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Chapter 1967: Using the Trump Cards (Part 1)

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Staring at the scene before them, the trio could not help but have disgusted and weird expressions on their faces.

"Are they not afraid of constipation?" asked Arthur, seemingly trying to liven up the atmosphere a little.

"I don't think it is in their dictionary," commented Leonard while taking out a crimson pill from his bag, ready to consume it at any time.

It was a Berserk Pill that he had gotten from Scar before going for this operation. It was a special pill used by the warriors of the Asad Tribe to arouse all their potential, which would make them erupt with extreme power and overwhelming strength right after consumption.

Within this period, the strength of the said warrior would be elevated by at least a whole realm, making them experience what they could do with their fullest potential.

Usually, this pill was used during a special ritual within the tribe, which was meant for those undergoing a coming-of-age ceremony.

It was one of the most important rituals within the tribe, where they could prove themselves and become a true warrior.

During this ritual, they would be facing a powerful beast or entity in a life-or-death battle. If they survived the battle, the bloodline within their veins would be awakened for a second time and unlock all their potential.

Leonard was supposed to undergo this ritual in the tribe once Scar had brought him back to their homeland. That was also where he was supposed to fully inherit the legacy of the Asad Tribe.

However, during the current circumstances, Scar felt that Leonard would face such a danger, which was comparable to the situation that he was supposed to have during the ritual. It could even be a more dangerous one, which could give him a much better effect.

The more dangerous the situation and the more desperate the warrior was during the ritual, the stronger they would squeeze their potential in the process.

The only problem would be what was going to happen after the effects of the Berserk Pill ran out.

Right after unlocking all the hidden potential and awakening the bloodline for the second time, the young warrior would become extremely weakened, losing all the capabilities to move, much less fight.

The side effects would be so serious that they had to get immediate attention right after the ritual ended. Then they would have to rest on the bed for at least an entire week before they could fully recover.

This process would be the most important as well, especially when it was when the body would fully adjust to the new set of powers that they would be getting after the second awakening.

What worried Scar more was the density of the warrior's blood flowing in Leonard's veins. Despite having a noble background within the tribe, the young man's bloodline seemed to be almost nonexistent, even when compared to the regular warriors of the tribe.

This was why he was very displeased about the father of this kid, who hailed from the fallen Solomon Kingdom.

The Mentalist's Bloodline did not go well with the Ancient Warrior's Bloodline, especially when both bloodlines were quite strong on their own right.

Fortunately, Leonard's Warrior's Bloodline was much thicker than what he had gotten from his paternal side due to the unfortunate incident that happened to him when he was abducted before.

That incident had somehow become a fortunate one, since it had awakened his warrior's bloodline and dominated his father's bloodline.

At the same time, this situation with his bloodline had also made it quite feasible for him to squeeze more potential within him, especially when his bloodline was among the most noble ones within the Asad Tribe.

However, it also made it much dangerous for Leonard to undergo the ritual under such conditions.

Scar could only hope that nothing with extreme danger would happen to the kid once he decided to use the Berserk Pill.

He could also only put his trust in what Nathan had said during their discussion – the destiny that Evangeline had foresaw about Leonard.

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Shin and Arthur had no idea about all of these. All they knew was that Leonard had a Berserk Pill that could forcefully increase his realm for a certain period and erupt with power that could overwhelm those on the same realm in terms of physical strength.

They also knew about the serious side effects after consuming it, but they were not aware of the true consequences during and after the entire process.

"That is the one that you are going to use?" Shin frowned quite deeply after seeing the pill.

He was aware of the other trump cards that Leonard had from his arsenal. From what he knew, this pill should be the strongest one, but it also came alongside serious side effects.

"We don't have a choice. We have to stop those guys," replied Leonard while staring at two Unforgiven Ones, who were still in the middle of devouring the others.

From what they could sense, the three were aware that these guys were slowly growing stronger and charging toward the next realm, which was the Domain Realm.

If they let them continue, then the situation would surely make it much more dangerous for the three of them.

"I'll create an opportunity for you two, just make sure to finish them off with one strike," he added before activating the inheritance of the Thunder Lord to the highest.

He was planning to include this power alongside the awakening process, increasing the efficiency of the ritual.

He would be taking advantage of this to unify all the powers within him.

Crackle! Crackle!

The crimson lighting danced around Leonard with a very strong intensity, creating a violent storm around him.

Taking this opportunity, Leonard swiftly threw the Berserk Pill into his mouth and swallowed it immediately after.

Boom!

Not long after, an overwhelming power erupted from his body, causing his bulging muscles to expand a little and increasing his size to a noticeable degree.

The fingers on both hands and feet had grown a bit longer alongside his nails that were turning into sharp claws, a primitive beast. His teeth, particularly the canines, grew longer and sharper, making him look like a real beast in human form.

His hair grew longer, taking the shape of a lion's mane, while the tattoos spreading throughout his body shone brightly.

Roar!

Lifting his head, he faced the sky and released a thunderous bestial roar, which shook the entire place.

Boom!

Immediately after, his figure suddenly disappeared from his current position, leaving an explosion that blasted the ground and kicked up rock fragments in the process.

Swoosh!

He then reappeared before the two Unforgiven Ones, widening his arms. He then swiftly swung his claws at the two, sending a barrage of crimson flashes toward their direction.

Edmund could not help but frown deeply, especially after being interrupted from his 'meal'.

Looking at Leonard, who now had the aura of someone on the Void Manifestation Stage, Edmund could sense an immense threat coming from him.

Stepping forward, he faced the incoming sanguine flashes head-on with his sturdy body, which was currently covered with black earth armor.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Threading through the bombardment of those attacks, Edmund threw a punch forward, facing Leonard in a frontal confrontation.

Boom!

This erupted in a very strong collision that produced a storm of shockwaves stacking with one another.

Both sides were forced to take a series of steps back, trying to stabilize themselves from the residual forces of the previous clash.

Surprisingly, it was Leonard who had recovered his footing first. He then quickly stepped forward while stretching his right arm to the side, calling the battleaxe back to him.

Bang!

Immediately after, he lunged forward, dragging the battleaxe behind before swiftly swinging it down multiple times and sending another barrage of sanguine flashes toward his opponent.

Responding almost immediately, Edmund threw a series of punches forward, which produced a barrage of air currents that bombarded the incoming sanguine flashes.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

While the two were too focused on exchanging moves with one another, Voss, who was busily devouring the other Unforgiven One, divined his focus and sent a batch of roots toward Leonard.

Whoosh!

He was planning to disrupt the rhythm of the latter by obstructing him with those deadly roots.

Leonard remained unfazed despite facing the two, which was also due to the effects of the Berserk Pill that he had just consumed.

Roar!

Releasing yet another thunderous bestial roar, Leonard wielded his battleaxe and intensified the beastly aura that he was releasing before throwing a series of slashes around him, which turned into a sanguine storm.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

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In the meantime, Arthur and Shin were idle.

Arthur took out a golden scale from his dimensional bag. It was quite big for a scale, which was as big as his palm.

This golden scale was releasing a somewhat blinding luster, which carried an intense and overwhelming aura of an ancient dragon.

Placing this scale near his spear, it suddenly transformed into flowing light and melded with the latter.

Roar!

There seemed to be a majestic roar of a dragon coming from the spear as Arthur channeled all his Dragon Powers into it.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

At the same time, Shin had taken out the final batch of talismans that he had gotten from his mother, aside from the one that she warned him to use in the most desperate situation.

After he infused his Mental Energy into these talismans, they started flying and revolving around him while he prepared to cast a Slaughtering Array.

Boom!

The two were waiting – waiting for the opportunity that Leonard would give them.

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Roar!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

A series of explosions consecutively erupted throughout the place as Leonard and Edmund flashed against one another repeatedly.

The two were showcasing their overwhelming and unparalleled physical prowess in every exchange that they had. Each clash was so powerful that it destroyed everything in its surroundings.

Edmund seemed to have recovered from the poison that had invaded his system earlier. He was now unafraid of clashing against Leonard head-on, who interrupted him from his 'meal'.

Due to this interruption, he was unable to consume enough nutrients to evolve and reach the next realm.

Regardless, he remained at the peak of the Void Manifestation Stage. Along with his extremely tough defensive prowess that was further elevated to the next stage, he became somewhat unrivalled in this realm.

Unfortunately, he encountered someone from a warrior's tribe – and from the Asad Tribe at that.

Leonard, who had consumed the Berserk Pill, was continuously growing stronger during the battle as well. This was because of the continuous increase in strength that came from unlocking his potential.

Crackle! Crackle!

Clad with crimson lightning, Leonard continued to press forward, never thinking about taking a step back at all.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Boom!

Each strike he threw was packed with explosiveness and destructiveness. Even with the extremely tough and powerful defense that Edmund possessed, he was still barely able to withstand such attacks.

Edmund could tell that such a state from Leonard had some time limit in it, especially with that much explosiveness. Unfortunately, he did not have the luxury to take on a prolonged battle, especially when it was getting harder to stop Leonard the more time passed.

Aside from this, there were also Shin and Arthur, who were already preparing their respective killer moves and patiently waiting for the opportunity to throw them.

There was still Voss, who could change the situation, especially when he was greedily absorbing all the evil cores of the rest of the Unforgiven Ones.

He would most likely break through to the next realm as well and evolve once he had devoured everything and digested their powers.

It might be a pity to sacrifice all those Unforgiven Ones, especially when the organization had poured quite a lot of time and effort into nurturing them. All the resources had been used during the process, so it would hurt them quite a lot with this sacrifice.

Fortunately, the talent that Voss possessed was perfect for this situation. The Devouring Talent that they had gotten from a certain mentalism genius they captured long ago was transferred to him.

They had even converted it to a Martial Arts Talent, which was why Voss was quite important to the organization.

Shin was fully aware of the gravity of their situation. He understood that they had to deal with Voss before the situation could get worse for them.

Leonard was supposed to keep the two busy with their earlier plan. Unfortunately, Edmund had dragged him away with his aggressive attacks earlier. He had even threatened to attack Shin and Arthur previously, forcing Leonard to engage him with more intensity and saving the two from the threat that he had for them.

This left Voss unattended. He was now free to do whatever he wanted. He could obstruct Shin and Arthur from what they were planning while also continuing to devour the rest of the Unforgiven Ones.

However, he did not do the latter since he wanted to put all his focus on devouring the others and hastening his evolution.

His personal greed was also getting into him. Aside from the ongoing operation, he also wanted to reach the next realm as soon as possible so that he could be promoted within the organization.

He would wield a much stronger power as well, which would place him among the most important figures not only within the organization, but possibly throughout the world as well.

The more he thought about it, the crazier he became, unaware that his situation was getting a bit out of hand.

He was losing control of his mind, which was slowly being consumed by evil thoughts.

To make it even worse, these evil thoughts were slowly being influenced by the evil powers that the cores innately possessed.

"Huh!?"

Shin, who not only possessed a Seed of Hatred but also a very powerful one at that, could sense the little disturbances that were coming from the opposing party.

He was quite sensitive to these occasions now, especially when Uno was fully awake. He could also feel that the seed was getting restless due to the overwhelming presence that the Voss was currently releasing.

[You'd better stop your thoughts there.]

Shin was suddenly awakened by Uno's voice, snapping him out of his thoughts.

[I know what you are thinking, but I suggest you clear your mind. You are more likely to get influenced by this big guy if you linger your thoughts there any longer.]

[You are also most likely been influenced by the lingering evil energy in the air, which somewhat makes your thoughts fall into such depths.]

[You must be careful not to fall into that abyss.]

[And don't even think of trying to use your Devouring Talent on that guy. You will only corrupt yourself beyond salvation with that much evil energy he has consumed.]

Due to those words, Shin finally figured out what was happening to him. He had also realized how dangerous his current situation was, especially when Demonic Partitioners and Evil Cultivators were involved.

'Is our condition that bad?' asked Shin, realizing that the situation with the Seed of Hatred was getting worse.

[If it is before our breakthrough, then we will be in a much worse position. It has become much better right after, especially when we have perfected our respective disciplines.]

[That is why those things that you have gotten are important to us.]

Shin solemnly nodded, understanding their situation.

After that, he turned to Arthur and said. "You focus on Leo's side. I'll try to deal other guy or at least find a way to stop him."

"We have to stop him from reaching the next realm, or else we will be in danger," he added before taking out a teleportation talisman and giving it to Arthur after channeling his Mental Energy and sealing it into it. "Take this. It is a dimensional talisman that can bring you back directly to our household. Use it after killing that guy and escaping from here."

Hearing those words, Arthur could not help but frown deeply. "What are you thinking? We are going back together!"

"Idiot," scolded Shin before continuing. "I still have the forbidden talisman that I got from my mother. I will be fine."

"Actually, you two have messed up by plan by jumping in like that. I am supposed to use it right after being dragged here by that expert, but because of your presence, I can no longer use it."

From what his mother had told him previously, the forbidden talismans were only meant to be used in the most desperate situations and when he was the only one trapped in it.

Apparently, the spell sealed in it could not distinguish between friends and foes, which was why he could not use it.

He was thankful for the thoughts of these brothers, but he had to admit that they were quite reckless for what they had done.

However, he could not blame them either, especially given the situations during that time.

"You still have the other things given by Uncle Nathan, right?" he asked.

Arthur nodded. "Of course! As if you need to remind me about that."

"Just trust me on this one," said Shin before swiftly charging at Voss, without even waiting for Arthur's response.

"Tsk! This idiot!" cursed Arthur before turning his attention back to the battle between Leonard and Edmund.

He understood the concerns that Shin had. If their situation were a bit better, then they would not have to go with such a decision. Unfortunately, Leonard was forced to use that Berserk Pill, so they had to cover for this stubborn brother later when the effects of the pill had ended.

He also understood how serious Leonard's current situation was. After all, he had also undergone a similar ceremony during his Bloodline Awakening.

However, the current situation was much different from the ideal one. They were currently in a life-and-death situation, where no elders would oversee them.

His Bloodline Awakening was a bit more dangerous than what they were currently facing, but he knew that the Elders of his family were there to protect him once the situation had gone astray.

On the other hand, Leonard's ritual had no elders to protect him, so the difference was quite obvious.

Focusing his mind, Arthur put all his attention on the ongoing battle. He only had a single chance, and he could not afford to miss it.

Any mistake could put all of them in greater danger, so he had to make sure that he would be able to seize that opportunity once it came.

Crackle! Crackle!

Alongside his Imperial Flame, the Divine Mark also appeared at the center of his forehead, summoning the Divine Lightning.

Roar!

Merging this power with his Divine Dragon Force, the energy flowing through his spear became more violent and domineering, casting an image of the Divine Golden Dragon on him.

This could put a lot of strain on his body. After all, he was still far from fully mastering this power. But he did not have the choice given their current predicament.

"A single strike – that's all I need," he mumbled as his Dragon Eyes glowed intensely.

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Bang!

Swoosh!

Right after arranging something for Arthur and Leonard, Shin swiftly charged straight to Voss, who was still in the middle of consuming the rest of the Unforgiven Ones.

Given the rate of consumption, it seemed like he would be able to finish devouring all of them. It was also quite clear that his realm was slowly getting stronger, particularly when the evil aura surrounding his body was getting more intense.

Shin, who was currently flying straight to him, took out another batch of talismans and channeled his Mental Energy into them while keeping the advanced ones that were already revolving around his body to continue to form a small battle array around him.

Sensing his rapid approach, Voss had to divide his focus and further burrowed his long arms into the ground, channeling his powers into it.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Not long after, a bunch of black roots started coming out of the ground and formed a blockade that was intended to stop Shin's approach.

Some of them even started attacking him, further slowing him down.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Swoosh!

Unfortunately, Shin was able to bypass them with the help of his True Sight Skill, which was able to read their trajectory and find a path for him, alongside his foot technique that was reinforced by the Five Elemental Lightning.

Crackle! Crackle!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Foot Technique – Lightning Step'

Swoosh!

Shin seemed to have transformed into a flash of lightning that left a series of electric trails behind during his approach.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Realizing that Shin was rapidly approaching him without being obstructed by the array of blockades that he had summoned, Voss started becoming agitated and paid more attention to the incoming opponent, increasing his pace.

Seeing the dense black roots that were swarming his way, Shin adjusted his breathing while placing his right hand on his sheathed sword.

Whoosh!

The lightning that was surrounding his body suddenly turned into wisps of blazing embers. He had also started breathing fire after adjusting his breathing technique.

Click!

When the black roots were about to reach him, he suddenly pushed the sword with his thumb, separating its guard from the lid of the sheath.

Shing!

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

Swoosh!

Fully unsheathing the sword, Shin swiftly swung it horizontally and released a blazing crescent before him that cut and burned all the incoming roots.

However, the roots were so dense that they were able to close the gap that he had just created. They then immediately surrounded him before swiftly attacking from every direction.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

They not only wanted to trap him inside, but also wanted to crush him inside the fully enclosed cage that they had created.

Seeing this, Shin swiftly unsheathed the other sword hanging on his waist. He then channeled his Divinity Grade Mental Energy and used his flame innate attribute to coat both swords before taking a stance.

Swoosh!

With the pair of blazing swords at hand, Shin gently waved his arms, leaving a series of overlapping afterimages on their path and a blazing trail in the air.

A moment later, the two swords suddenly flashed as he threw a series of slashes around him.

'Four Symbol Scripture: Celestial Vermillion Bird – Dance of the Phoenix'

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Outside the cage made of the black roots, a group of fiery lights suddenly shone from the little gaps that they had before a series of blazing flashes cut through them, followed by a devastating explosion.

Boom!

Immediately after, a flash of fiery light suddenly broke through the blazing smoke and quickly flew straight to Voss.

Roar!

Seeing the incoming light, Voss suddenly became enraged and released an eerie and beastly roar.

"Stand down and don't disturb my meal!" he shouted while staring at the fiery figure that was flashing toward him.

Boom!

His aura suddenly erupted, followed by his back growing larger as something was trying to come out of it.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

More roots suddenly grew out of the ground and tried to obstruct the blazing figure coming his way.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Unfortunately, before they could even reach their target, a batch of talismans suddenly flew at them. These talismans stuck themselves into the black roots before releasing an intense light and exploding immediately after.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

A series of explosions immediately erupted. They looked like a series of fireworks exploding in the sky as Shin, who was currently enveloped by an intense yet gorgeous flame, charged through them.

He repeatedly swung his sword and decisively cut all the incoming roots swarming at him. He seemed to be dancing amid all the explosions and drawing a beautiful portrait in the air along with the trails of fire around him.

Seeing that all his attacks remained ineffective against Shin, Voss became even more enraged. He did not know that his mind was already being consumed by the evil core within him, further affecting his mind.

The Evil Seed that he had artificially created and let himself be consumed by it was thoroughly trying to devour him now. This power that he was trying to control and make his own was now fully consuming him, particularly his soul.

It had now outgrown him due to his greed, making him a puppet of it.

Roar!

With another eerie and beastly roar, the growing back of Voss exploded.

Wail!

Immediately after, a huge cluster of black miasma suddenly came out from his back and melded with his body and the surrounding roots, seemingly trying to affect them.

Wail!

Along with the eerie cries that were coming from the black miasma, the black roots started transforming at an alarming rate.

Human faces started growing from those roots, making their appearance much horrifying.

Seeing this, Shin knew that he was already running out of time. Without a choice, he could only risk it all and charged through all these blockades without caring about anything else.

Swoosh!

After sheathing one of the swords, he suddenly held the other with both of his hands while readjusting his breathing technique.

Crackle! Crackle!

This time, he called forth the strongest Five Elemental Lightning that he could muster while holding the sword over his head.

A moment later, he suddenly took a step forward, ignoring all the eerie tree roots swarming his way, before swinging the sword with all his might.

Shing!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Seventh Movement – Thunder Eclipse'

Crackle! Crackle!

Boom!

With a thunderous explosion that came alongside his powerful swing, a huge lightning crescent cut through everything on its path and proceeded to head to Voss, who was still greedily devouring the rest of the Unforgiven Ones that now turned into a singular core before him.

Swoosh!

Voss opened his scary mouth wide and was about to eat the evil core floating before him.

Unfortunately, the lighting crescent that Shin had sent had reached him in almost an instant, right after cutting through every obstacle that was supposed to block it.

BOOM!

It then exploded right after hitting his body, producing a massive storm of lightning that repeatedly bombarded him alongside his surroundings.

Roar!

Enraged, Voss hit everything around him.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

He looked like a berserk creature that was on the loose, creating chaos around him.

The damage that the 'Thunder Eclipse' had dealt to him might look grievous at first, but he immediately recovered right after the black miasma coming out of Voss's back.

Seeing this scene, Shin could not help but wear a more solemn expression. "His regenerative abilities have become even stronger."

"Fortunately, I somehow stopped it from devouring that pill," he added while turning his head toward the direction where the evil core was sent flying after the most recent explosion.

"Time to destroy it before it can even cause more problems later," he mumbled before sheathing his sword.

Crackle! Crackle! Crackle!

With the Five Elemental Lightning dancing around his body, Shin suddenly tapped his foot into the ground before disappearing from his current location.

Swoosh!

He transformed into a lightning figure that dashed through the swarm of blackened roots while making his way toward the evil core.

He was planning to take advantage of the situation when Voss was still in his crazy state to destroy the core and stop the evolution process for good.

Swoosh!

However, he underestimated the greed that Voss was currently feeling. Along with the corruption that the evil core was giving the latter, Voss's obsession with power had grown so immense that he could no longer think of anything else aside from devouring everything around him.

Voss started racing against Shin. He started sprinting toward the unified evil core that was formed by the other Unforgiven Ones, fixated on acquiring it rather than thinking about anything else.

Realizing this, Shin did not hesitate and released all the talismans revolving around him.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

They flew toward a different location and started forming a grand formation that centered around him.

"Fortunately, the Link Strengthening Array is still in effect. Along with Leonard's and Arthur's current state, I am in my strongest state possible," he mumbled.

Joining his palms together, Shin activated the grand formation.

'The Unified Scripture: Grand Formation – Call of the Five Deities'

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'The Unified Scripture: Grand Formation – Call of the Five Deities'

This was a super advanced Mentalism Formation, which Shin would have never been able to cast with his current abilities.

It was a Grand Formation, a notch or two beneath the ones that Grandmaster Benn was using against Elder Zhi during their battle earlier.

It was also a product of combining the two Mentalism Methods that Shin possessed, which created a whole other method, hence it was named as such.

Shin was only able to cast it now due to the Mentalism Talismans that his mother had given him, who had also created this method without his knowledge.

All he knew about these talismans was that they would automatically activate so long as he injected his Divinity Grade Mental Energy into them and proceeded according to how a regular array was set up. The rest would be handled by the talismans themselves.

It was as if they were programmed to do whatever recovered in them so long as enough Mental Energy was injected into them and they were activated.

The information about this grand formation only manifested inside Shin's head right after it was activated.

"A unified scripture? Combining the Four Symbol and Jade Kirin Scriptures?" mumbled Shin as the information flooded inside his head.

He felt that his mother had prepared some plans for him after learning about this.

"Is this the path that she wants to take next?" he furrowed his brows for a moment before sighing. "I guess I have to consult Mom about this later."

It seemed like Evangeline was pointing him toward his next path of development.

From what he recalled, the Jade Kirin Scripture was something that both his parents had developed in order for him to contain his Seed of Hatred and let him fuse his Internal Qi and Mental Energy.

It was to lay a solid foundation that could help him fuse his Martial Arts and Mentalism in the future.

His mother had also revealed to him that he was purposely left under the care of the Springfield Family at that time.

After all, the spy that had led the Springfield's Special Forces toward the training camp where he was 'training' was someone that his parents had arranged.

"Uncle Troy," thinking about that man, who was secretly protecting him within the training camp, Shin could not help but wonder where that man was.

He was also thinking about how many arrangements his parents, especially his father, had prepared for all his so-called plans.

Thinking up to this point, suddenly made Shin want to hit his father. He understood that his father wanted, and the thoughts he had when arranging all these. But he still could not shake off the uncomfortable feeling he had in his chest.

"Isn't he a bit too extreme to leave a three-year-old boy in such a place? There are also the traumas that I have suffered during those times." The corner of his mouth suddenly twitched when he thought about this.

Sure, he had arranged someone to protect him in secret, but all the pain and suffering that a mere child had to endure still made him want to punch his father's face.

"No wonder Mom always suggests beating him up together," he mumbled.

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Setting these thoughts aside, Shin then focused on what was before him.

Crackle! Crackle!

With the Five Elemental Lightning surrounding him, Shin suddenly dashed forward while unsheathing one of his swords.

Shing!

He then suddenly swung forward and thrust the sword toward the evil core right before him.

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

Swoosh!

Crackle! Crackle!

He left a trail of lightning behind during his advance.

When the tip of his sword touched the evil core, an intense repulsion suddenly erupted from that core, which was trying to push the sword away.

Unfortunately for it, Shin continued to press forward while also utilizing the power of the formation that he just summoned.

BOOM!

There were no immediate effects when the grand formation was summoned earlier. It was as if they had never been there to begin with.

They had expanded with a huge territory earlier, but nothing truly happened right after its appearance.

But right after Shin had executed his move, the grand formation instantly reacted. The enlarged formation suddenly contracted and retracted toward his body while a part of it melded with the Link Strengthening Formation that he had set up way earlier.

Those who went for his body fused with the mentalism runes drawn throughout his body, making them shine even brighter and more complex.

The rune diagram of the five divine beasts behind him had also transformed to a certain degree, making them more detailed and complicated.

Boom!

Even his aura changed.

He was already quite strong for his realm due to the array linking him and his two brothers, especially when Leonard had consumed the Beserk Pill and Arthur had activated his Divine Mark.

However, his overall strength was further augmented after the grand formation merged with his body.

BOOM!

With another push, the sword in his hand advanced, cutting through the repulsion force that the evil core was emitting.

Bang!

Unfortunately, he was still unable to fully destroy it.

Swoosh!

But he had sent it flying even farther with this strike.

He had further separated it from Voss, who was already on the verge of losing control. This was more than enough to buy himself enough time.

Swoosh!

Turning around, he faced Voss and charged straight at him.

In this battle, taking the initiative was his only choice.

Shing! Shing!

Slashing with his sword, multiple lightning flashes suddenly flew toward his opponent.

Roar!

Seeing that he was being obstructed once again, Voss went even crazier and waved his wood-like arms.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

These arms then transformed into black branches and turned into a swarm charging at the incoming lightning storm.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Swoosh!

Amid the chaotic storm and explosions, a bright figure surrounded by lightning suddenly broke through everything and flew straight to Voss.

Holding his sword with both of his hands, Shin flew forward. He raised the sword above him while the raging lightning surrounding him became more violent.

Crackle!

Boom!

Not long after, a flash of lightning suddenly fell from the sky and connected to the sword he was holding, producing a stunning sight.

Gritting his teeth, Shin endured the pain and numbness that he was feeling before swinging the sword down with all his might.

Shing!

'Jade Kirin Scripture: Eighth Movement – Lightning Decree'

Crackle! Crackle!

Following the descent of his sword, flashes of lightning suddenly struck down from the sky and started bombarding Voss with a lightning storm.

Boom!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Under the bombardment of the lightning storm, Voss had no choice but to halt his advance and focus more on defending himself from it.

He might be losing his mind and slowly becoming a crazy monster, but his instinct to protect himself was still present.

Such an intense attack could kill him once it dealt enough damage to him. Not even his powerful physique and absurd regeneration abilities could save him.

Shin endured the burden of forcefully executing the Eighth Movement of the Jade Kirin Scripture despite not fully mastering it yet. He continued his assault, throwing more attacks without rest, not giving the latter enough time to recover.

Under the suppression of the lightning storm, Shin was able to land a few more attacks, further injuring the opposing party.

He had exhausted all his means to attack, not holding anything back. He had even abandoned thinking about his defense just to cause more serious damage to the latter.

He was exhausting all his methods to attack while also not holding any reserves for his Mental Energy.

Under such a suppression, Voss had finally lost his mind. The final defenses within his mind finally crumbled and were devoured by the evil influence of his artificial Seed of Hatred.

Roar!

With its influence, Voss started advancing without any regard for his life, charging straight at Shin like a crazy beast.

Roar!

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Lost in rage, it let the lightning strikes fall on his body, not caring about anything else aside from ripping Shin into shreds.

"It's time!"

Shin, however, was already expecting this to happen.

He had purposely pushed Voss to this point so that he could land his final strike. After all, landing a clean strike was much easier when targeting a mindless beast rather than a conscious expert.

Stabbing his sword into the ground, Shin suddenly made a series of seals with his hand, summoning every bit of Mental Energy he could muster.

At the same time, the Grand Formation had also started responding to his call, forming a complex Mentalism Circle before him.

Focusing all the powers of the grand formation into the Mentalism Circle, Shin channeled everything he had before pointing forward.

'Four Symbol Scripture: Ultimate Move – The Forbidden Call'

Roar!

Not long after, the five divine beasts manifested behind Shin before fusing with the Mentalism Circle.

Roars and cries of the five divine beasts reverberated throughout the battlefield, followed by a massive beam of light firing out of the complex circle.

BOOM!

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