

Destiny 441

Chapter 441 Progress (Part 2): Intuition And Focal Points

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"Looks like you are finally getting a hold of using the Mentalism Runes in battle," said David as he walked towards Shin was currently regulating his breathing.

Hearing those words, Shin couldn't help but smile bitterly before saying. "But that is still not enough to fight you. You didn't even use your own Mentalism Runes during the entire battle."

The corner of David's mouth suddenly twitched when he heard that. 'Even that monster inside you can't force me to use such techniques either. If I really end up using them in our battle, then you can already consider yourself as one of the Junior Monsters of this country.'

While the two of them were still in the middle of talking, Grandmaster Benn suddenly walked towards them and said. "Not that bad, kid. You are starting to get hold of it."

Shin nodded his head and was about to bow to thank Old Benn after hearing those complements, but he suddenly paused his actions when he heard the next words said by the old men. "But you are still relying too much on the basic runes too much. You already mastered all of the Mentalism Runes, so try using them properly."

"Moreover, you are starting to be too dependent on the runes and forgot about your other Mentalism Techniques. Using the 'Auxiliary Runes' as an opening move to distract your opponent is quite good – especially when you mixed it up with Illusion Technique to catch your opponent off-guard."

"But if you use an Offensive Technique instead of directly attacking your opponent, is still going to be much better. You already got a good opening earlier, so at least be confident at yourself when you are linking your skills."

"I know I told you not to fight like a Martial-Artist, but I didn't say that fighting like that is wrong either. You can still at least benefit when using your Martial-Artist's Instincts during the battle."

Grandmaster Benn took a brief pause after saying all of those before adding. "And another thing, you also need to properly learn how to use your Mentalism Enhancement Techniques too. Combining them with the applications of Auxiliary Runes that you already know, will increase your overall strength during battle."

Shin nodded his head repeated after hearing all of that before falling into a deep thought. He was trying to digest every word that Old Benn had said.

Grandmaster Benn waited for Shin to contemplate before saying. "That's all for today. You can do whatever you want for the rest of the day."

"As for your training tomorrow, you can just do some control training and a little meditation after. You can also continue your Martial-Art Training during that if you want too."

Shin nodded his head after hearing the instructions before bowing. "Thanks for guiding me today!"

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The next day, Shin immediately resumed his Martial-Art training as per usual.

After fetching some water from the river down the mountain, Shin immediately went at the back of the cottage to do his usual reflex training. And since he was not pressed in time today, he didn't need to feel any kind of pressure when he was doing this training.

At this point of time, Shin could stand inside the circle for an hour at the very least. It could be considered as an amazing feat already. But since Old Plum and him had quite high standards, such results were still not satisfactory.

Shin was still in the middle of doing the reflex training when Professor Plum suddenly arrived and said. "That should be enough for now, kiddo. Follow me for a moment."

Hearing that, Shin immediately stopped what he was doing before looking at Old Plum's back with a confused look on his face. Regardless, he still followed the old man not long after.

They walked down the mountain and arrived at an open field after a few moments of walking. And right after arriving, Shin immediately turned his head left and right to observe his surroundings as a form of habit.

But he just knitted his eyebrows when he couldn't find anything that was worth noting. And due to that, he couldn't help but look at Old Plum with an even more confused look on his face.

Naturally, the Professor Plum was able to sense his gaze. So, he turned around to face Shin before asking. "How do you feel about the training routine that I gave to you?"

Hearing that, Shin pursed his lips for a moment before giving his reply. "After doing that special training, I can see a lot of improvements on my movements. I can also feel that my 'Immediate Response' talent is improving day by day every time I do it."

Old Plum waited for Shin to finish, before asking. "Is that all?"

Shin looked at Old Plum a little confusedly after hearing that before nodding his head.

But right after he did that, Professor Plum suddenly flicked his wrist and sent a stone flying towards Shin.

Regardless how fast that stone was, Shin was able to sense the incoming stone and quickly moved his body to respond to it. But while he was still in the middle of moving, the flying stone suddenly split into three and flew towards him with different trajectories and speed.

But there was no panic on Shin's eyes despite seeing that sudden change. Instead, he calmly looked at the incoming stones for a brief moment and unconsciously thought how he was going to deal with them before moving his body accordingly.

First, he waved his right hand and used its back to deflect the first stone to arrive while leaning his body backwards to dodge the second one which was coming from the opposite side of the other stone.

After that, he suddenly swung his right hand forward, punching the third stone flying towards his face and smashing it into dust.

Seeing that, Professor Plum suddenly asked. "So, what about now? Feeling the same?"

Shin still completely grasped what Old Plum was talking about but he knew a single thing – and that was his mind could now keep up with his reflexes. "It is still faint but I feel like my mind and body are starting to link with each other."

"My mind is starting to keep up with my instincts now while my body is able to respond with my thoughts. Or maybe, it is more like my body is telling my mind what are the incoming threats while my mind is telling it how to respond to it properly. I am still not sure."

Professor Plum nodded his head before commenting. "It is called, Intuition."

"It is another form of a personal trait where you can immediately understand something without needing a conscious reasoning. It is similar to instincts – but unlike that innate talent, intuition can be gained by continuous and repeated training."

He paused for a moment before continuing. "But there are also different kinds of 'Intuition'. And for someone like you, who possessed an innate instinctive talent, Intuition is a higher form of battle instincts where your mind and body are starting to become one."

"If before, your body is only moving according to your instincts alone, then it is now moving after your mind instantly finds the best course of action – which will lead to the best result possible. This way, you can avoid being baited by your opponents' 'Focal Point'."

Hearing the last words that Professor Plum had said, Shin couldn't help but open his mouth asked with a confused tone. "Focal Point?"

Old Plum nodded his head when he heard that and explained. "Having an instinctive talent can also be considered as a weakness since your opponent can also use it against you. They can bait your instincts and lead your movements while centering their own moves according to it. And we call it 'the Focal Point'."

"But countering such things is also quite simple. And that is by sensing your opponent's Focal Points with the use of your 'Intuition'. But knowing about it is completely different from actually doing it."

"So, the best thing that you can do is to continue training 'Intuition' and familiarize yourself at using it."

Shin fell into a deep thought after hearing that. It was because he could now see why he kept having a bad feeling whenever he was using his instincts during his battles. Especially when he was doing a sparring match with David. 'So, that is why I am always getting countered by Senior Brother during our previous battles.'

While he was having those thoughts, Old Plum suddenly opened his mouth and said with a mystifying tone. "But that is not the only thing that your special training gave you."

Hearing those words, Shin suddenly raised his head and looked at the old man with a stunned expression on his face. And due to that, he suddenly turned quiet as his stunned face became full with anticipation while waiting for Professor Plum to continue what he was saying.

Chapter 442 False Territory And Pseudo Domain State

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Professor Plum suddenly smirked a little when he saw the excited look on Shin's face.

Due to that, he couldn't help but want to tease Shin a little more by further mystifying his words. "Unknowingly, you actually gain a special technique which will give you an ability to stand against a Martial-Artist at the middle phase of Ethereal Opening Stage in an equal footing."

Seeing that the old man was teasing him, Shin suddenly glared at Old Plum while saying. "Stop beating around the bush, Old Geezer. Just tell me what it is already so that I can start training it."

Professor Plum suddenly clicked his tongue when he heard those words from Shin and said. "Tsk! I see that you are still not respecting your elders, Kiddo."

After that, he pointed on the ground beneath Shin's feet while saying. "What do you think about that?"

Shin knitted his eyebrows a little before looking at the ground below him and saw that he was standing at the center of a circle which had a diameter of 5 meters. But not only that, because he saw when he swept his gaze on the ground a little more, he saw another circle with an even larger size than the one that he was standing on and encircling it.

From what Shin could gauge, the larger circle seemed to have a size three times as the size of the smaller circle on the ground beneath his feet.

Standing at the center of those circles, Shin felt a strange yet familiar feeling. And because of that, he couldn't help but knit his eyebrows even further, trying to remember what it was.

Meanwhile, Professor Plum stood silently on his spot and had no intention of saying anything. He just watched Shin figure out things that he wanted to say, on his own.

Not long after, Shin was finally able to remember what it was. "The reflex training?" Though, he was still somewhat confused with why he was getting that kind of feeling, especially when he could clearly sense everything present inside those circles.

Moreover, he was also able to clearly feel the dust floating around him when he tried using his 'Deep Meditation' calming technique.

Seeing Shin slightly being confused, Old Plum finally opened his mouth to explaining. "That thing is called 'False Territory' while that state that you are currently feeling is called the 'Pseudo Domain State'."

"As their names imply, those two are a pair of specialized techniques that will give you a special ability which can mimic the real 'Domain' of a Martial-Artist who achieved the 'Domain Stage' of the 'Ascension Realm'."

"There are similar skills that can also achieve similar effects, but this particular pair perfectly suits my Yin-Yang Arts. And I modify these techniques so that it can further complement the skills of my 'Black Dragon Style'."

Hearing those words, Shin suddenly became excited as he looked at Professor Plum full of anticipation. 'Is this Old Geezer finally going to teach me the other half of his Yin-Yang Arts?'

Old Plum shook his head a little when he saw that look on Shin's face. After that, he nodded at his disciple while saying. "The 'White Tiger Style' is centered at strong and explosive attacks as it perfectly complements the 'Sacred Qi' nurtured by my 'Yin-Yang Arts'. In a sense, it is considered as a form of 'Iron Fist Style' of Ancient Martial-Arts."

"Meanwhile, the 'Black Dragon Style' is its polar opposite. This style focuses on defense and counter attacks. If the previous style that you already have learned only focuses on using your own force when you're attacking, then this particular style uses the force and movements of your enemies against them."

Professor Plum paused for a moment and pointed at the circles in the ground once again before continuing. "And these circles are the tools which are going to help you master such style for as soon as possible."

Shin slightly knitted his eyebrows when he heard those words. And when Old Plum saw that look on Shin's face, the old man immediately explained. "Just think these circles are your personal territory that has two layers – and you need to immediately repel anything that is trying to enter or invade it."

Hearing that, Shin also nodded his head as he understood what Professor Plum meant. But there was still something that was bothering him. 'But why are there two circles on it?'

As if the old man was able to read what was running inside Shin's head, Old Plum immediately added. "Those circles stand for two level of defense."

"You don't have to overextend your senses beyond the outer circle since can fully control everything inside it. Moreover, the outer circle is also an indicator where your 'Intuition' is going to respond. It is also the ideal range where you can properly use such intuitive senses."

Reaching this point, Professor Plum paused for a moment before asking. "I don't need to tell the purpose of the inner circle, right?"

Shin immediately nodded his head when he heard that and quickly fell into a deep thought. 'The outer circle is for my instincts while the inner circle is for my body.'

He remained silent for a few moments as he tried to digest what Old Plum had said. After that, he closed his eyes and spread his senses within the outer circle before imagining himself standing in the middle of the wooden blocks from his specialized training.

Seeing that Shin was familiarizing himself with this special state, Professor Plum couldn't help but nod his head repeatedly as he became completely satisfied at what his disciple was doing.

Given that, the two stayed silent for a few more minutes as Old Plum waited for Shin to completely familiarize himself with the new technique that he learned. And not long after, Shin finally re-opened his eyes and nodded his head.

"So, how was it?" asked Professor Plum immediately after seeing that Shin opened his eyes.

Hearing that, Shin looked at his surroundings for another time before answering. "I still haven't grasped it completely, but I am getting a hang of it thanks to the reflex training."

"What to test it out?" asked Old Plum while looking at Shin with an evil look on his face.

And when Shin saw that look, an intense shiver suddenly ran through his spine as he got a very bad feeling from that question. Regardless, he still nodded his head as he really wanted to see what kind of technique he just learned.

Seeing that, Professor Plum suddenly disappeared in front of Shin before reappearing a few distances away from him. And right after distancing himself away from Shin, the old man suddenly picked up something from the ground and raised it in the air.

Shin's eyes suddenly turned wide as he saw the thing on Old Plum's hand. "Wait! Are you serious about that, Old Geezer!?"

Professor Plum suddenly grinned evilly when he saw the panicked look on Shin's face before saying. "What? Having cold feet now? Unfortunately, it is already too late."

On Old Plum's hand was a huge beehive engulfed by his Internal Qi, preventing the bees flying out of it. One look at it and Shin already knew what was going to happen.

Gulping a mouthful of saliva, Shin tried to escape his current predicament by asking. "Can we talk this out a little?"

Unfortunately, Old Plum refused to talk and just threw a grinning look at Shin. And as if rubbing some salt on Shin's wounds, the old man suddenly added. "And another thing, you haven't forgotten that you are forbidden to use your Internal Qi now, right?"

And to further worsen the current situation, Professor Plum suddenly added. "And let me remind you too, this is a Martial-Art training, so you are also forbidden at using any Mentalism Techniques as well as your Mental Energy."

Hearing that, Shin's face suddenly turned stiff as he really didn't know what to say right now. Furthermore, Old Plum didn't even give him any more time to voice out his thoughts and immediately threw the beehive towards his direction.

"F*ck!" Shin couldn't help but curse out loud when he saw the incoming beehive. And since he didn't have enough time for his complaints, all he could do was to immediately assume a battle stance while trying to activate his newly acquired technique.

Meanwhile, Professor Plum slightly nodded his head when he saw Shin immediately readjusted himself even if he was under pressure.

After that, he suddenly made a snap with his fingers, making the flying beehive explode.

Due to the sudden destruction of their home, the bees inside the beehive suddenly flew out in chaos while trying to find their 'assailant'. And since Shin was the one who was standing near them, he immediately became the 'suspect', as they quickly flew towards him for as fast as they could.

At the same time, Shin quickly took a deep breath as he tried to regulate his breathing while looking calmly at the swarm of bees. 'Then let's see how much this technique can help me.'

Chapter 443 Progress (Part 3)

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Shin was currently lying on the ground as he struggled catching up his breath. At the same time, some parts of his body were swollen due to the stings of the bees that attacked him earlier. Fortunately, those bees were not poisonous enough to threaten him with their bites – all that they could do was turn his body numbed at the very most.

But despite being in a sorry state, Shin was still feeling overjoyed because he was finally able to see the effects of his newly acquired techniques. And from here on out, he was sure that these techniques would give him a lot of benefits in his future battle.

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In the next few days, Shin spent his Martial-Art Training honing the new techniques that he recently learned. But training them just became his 'warmup' for the next training session. Because the next training routine that was given to Shin was the set of moves and skills under the 'Black Dragon Style'.

After doing his reflex training as per usual, Professor Plum would personally be going to oversee his next training session.

There was actually no problem at training the Martial-Art Skills under the Black Dragon Style since Shin was only doing the physical movements instructed on the manual so that he could familiarize himself with executing them.

The only thing that needed Old Plum's presence was the Meditation Training right after Shin was done practicing the skills of the Black Dragon Style. Because the said Meditation Training was meant for Shin to train the 'Demonic Qi' that he possessed.

Shin was already familiar with the process of properly circulating the 'Demonic Qi' on his meridians because he already read the manual that Old Plum had given him before. And not only he memorized the entire manual, but he also read it multiple times to make sure that he didn't miss anything.

But despite that being the case, he still didn't dare to start practicing it alone because he was aware of the consequences if something went wrong.

Moreover, he also couldn't shake off the words that David had told him before when they had a brotherly chat.

During that time, David told him what happened when a Martial-Artist who had a 'seed of hatred', suddenly went out of control

He said that during that time when his master's husband suddenly lost himself, not only he sent the members of the 'True Order' running away with their tails between their legs, but he also destroyed the whole Kingdom of Solomon 'unknowingly'.

So, afraid that something similar might happen to him, Shin waited for Professor Plum to oversee his Mediation Training before practicing the 'Qi Circulation Method' specified for the 'Demonic Qi' inside his body.

At the same time, Professor Plum was also helping Shin to complete the three 'Qi Reinforcement Skills' that he gave at the latter. And with his help, Shin was able to complete the three of them without encountering much problem when practicing them.

Moreover, Old Plum told his disciple about the counterparts of the said skills which were focusing on using the 'Demonic Qi'. Though, he instructed Shin not to practice them yet since he was still familiarizing with the three 'Qi Reinforcement Skills' under the 'Sacred God Physique'

Due to all of this, Shin's Martial-Art training was extended until afternoon while his Mentalism Training was rescheduled during night.

Fortunately, his Mentalism Training was only focusing on training his Mental Energy and honing his Mentalism Techniques. And since he already familiarized himself with using the Mentalism Runes and Mentalism Enhancement Techniques that he just learned, all he needed to do during night was to perform some deep meditation to further strengthen his foundation on Mentalism.

Aside from that, he was also starting to learn how to draw a more detailed Rune Sequence so that he could create a Talisman with a higher tier.

Compared to Shin's Martial-Art Training, his training on Mentalism was quite relaxed. But despite that being the case, his growth in the latter discipline was still much faster compared to the other one.

In fact, Grandmaster Benn was even expecting that Shin was going to create his own Specialized Mental Energy and reached the Peak Stage of the 'Grandmaster Realm' at the end of the special training.

The Specialized Mental Energy was on par with the 'Natural Force' (Higher Form of Internal Qi) of the Martial-Artist who was in the 'Ethereal Opening Stage'. So, if Shin managed to create such energy of his own, then he was going to rival an Ethereal Opening Stage Expert with the help of his Mentalism alone.

But despite Shin showing an insane rate of growth, he was still having a hard time doing this special training. His time was growing tight due to the increasing load of the training routines; aside from eating and sleeping for a few hours, he didn't have any free time to relax his mind and body even for a bit.

Being aware of it, the two old men made sure that Shin was still going to have enough time of rest despite having a very hectic daily schedule.

At the same time, Grandmaster Benn was also giving Shin a daily check up to make sure that he was not going to suffer any kind of drawbacks after undergoing those training sessions.

Shin spent the rest of the time of his special training doing all of those. Meanwhile, the two old were checking his progress by doing some 'practical exams'.

For his Mentalism, he was going to spar with David as usual. As for his Martial-Art Training, he was tasked to hunt down some Monster Beast with the rank of 5 to 6 stars.

But Shin was not only the one who was improving greatly. Due to Shin's rapid improvements, David couldn't help but also do some intense training.

It has been a while since he did something like this, so he personally asked Grandmaster Benn for some instructions. Though, it didn't long for him to regret it later.

Old Benn seemed to be expecting him to ask for instructions, so the intensity of his training was much higher than Shin. And it was already too late for him to back down from it during that time.

But the one that really showed the greatest improvements during this special training was Laura. Her foundation on Mentalism Runes and Sequences, was much more solid than Shin. Even David who was confident about his Mentalism Talent couldn't help but doubt his foundation after seeing her progress.

Even though she still hadn't started any kind of Mentalism training, her skills at drawing a talisman already surpassed most of the Advance Talisman Masters – it was according to what Grandmaster Benn had claimed.

Though, the talismans that she was creating didn't have any kind of effects due to the lack of Mental Energy. But at the same time, those talismans were drawn so perfectly that even David started to doubt his own ability at creating the same type of talismans. Even Shin was getting pressured every time he compared the talismans that he created with hers.

Meanwhile, Arthur was brought by Nathan in the other part of the Souring Continent.

"Hey, Uncle! Can we at least take a break for now? I am too tired already." complained Arthur as his butt fell on the ground.

Meanwhile, Nathan looked at him with a knitted brow before saying. "You are the one who asked me to bring you here, so you don't have the right to complain."

Hearing that, Arthur couldn't help but glared at his uncle while complaining a little more. "That is only because we are going to catch some of the accomplice of the b*st*rds that hit us last time."

"But we already caught those guys a few weeks ago! So, do I really have to be locked in here and fight without rest?"

Nathan chuckled a little when he heard those words. Then he looked at Arthur with a mocking look on his face while saying. "Don't tell me that you already forgot about the mess that you have done during the mission?"

Arthur's face suddenly twitched when he heard that and started defending. "T-that... was only a-an accident... Uncle! And I only did that because you asked me to deal with it personally, so why are you blaming me now?"

Nathan suddenly smirked when he heard that Arthur was putting the blame on him now. And because of that, he threw a vicious glare at the kid and said. "Because of you, the operation almost became a failure. So, you need to stay in here and reflect your actions."

After saying that, Nathan suddenly turned around and started walking out of the room that they were currently in. And when Arthur saw that, he started shouting out loud while begging his uncle to free him.

Unfortunately, his ruthless uncle ignored all of his pleas and left him locked inside that room. And right after that door closed, Arthur suddenly heard a bunch of eerie sounds coming from the darker side of the room which sent shivers on his back.

Though, Arthur immediately recovered himself and quickly turned his body around to face that direction. "D*mn it! I am currently in a very bad mood, so if you guys don't want to be the target of my anger, then you better not provoke me right now."

But regardless of his threat, the eerie sounds that were coming from the dark side of the room became even more distinct as if they were being provoked instead.

And when Arthur heard that, he immediately released his 'Eternal Flame Internal Qi' while saying. "You guys asked for this, so don't blame me for being ruthless."

At the same time, a huge incident took place in the Eastern Sea Region.

A hideout of a ruthless and notorious syndicate was suddenly exposed, and that news immediately spread across the Region.

But that was not the real reason why all of the citizens near that location were shocked. Instead, it was the fact that the entire base became a devastated place as if a huge calamity suddenly went through it.

Meanwhile, the criminals hiding on that base became a group of corpses piled inside the base. Rumors said that a strong expert attacked the said location and slaughtered all of the criminals within a night.

But the police and military forces didn't know whether to side with that expert or not. It was because of the horrifying sight that greeted them when they arrived right after receiving the report.

The entrance of the said place was packed with reporters who were trying to test their luck at getting a good article. But the police forces were blocking their path, preventing them from getting anything.

Leonard watched the chaos on the entrance of the place for quite a long time before turning his body around.

"There are only two more groups in the list. I guess I need to move a little faster this time so that I can have my rest way sooner," muttered Leonard to himself as he walked away from that place.

Chapter 444 Heading To Eastern Sea Region

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One and a month after Shin started his special training.

"Are you that in a hurry to leave here?" asked Professor Plum as he watched his disciple packed his things.

Meanwhile, Shin slightly nodded his head as he was too busy packing up his back. And when he was done, he immediately picked up his back and looked at the old man. "I must admit that I improved a lot training here, but I am not sure whether I want to come back here or not."

Hearing that, Old Plum couldn't help but shake his head a little before saying. "So, are you going straight to the Magical Ace University? But you still have 2 days before the special exam takes place."

"I still need to check how strong are my rivals, right?" asked Shin with raised brows.

'This ungrateful rascal,' Professor Plum smiled a little bitterly and further shook his head helplessly when he heard the tone of Shin's voice. But he could at least understand him given all of the sufferings that Shin had gone through during the entire training.

After a brief moment of pause, Old Plum opened his mouth once again and said. "You still remember what I told you, right?"

Shin rolled his eyes at the old man and immediately replied. "You do you take me for? An Idiot? Of course, I am not going to use those two unless I break through to the 'Ethereal Opening Stage' and set foot in the 'Ascension Realm'."

Hearing that, Professor Plum nodded his head repeatedly before saying. "It is good that you understand. You still can't handle the powers of the 'Sacred God Physique' and 'Great Demonic Body'. So, you better be not use them unless you are capable enough."

He then took another pause before continuing. "And don't overuse the 'Black Origin Threshold' and 'White Dawn Boundary' while using your 'Sacred Internal Qi' and Demonic Qi' – your body still can't stand the side effects of using them together."

Old Plum trailed his words a little when he reached this point before saying with a grave tone. "And do you ever dare combine the two styles together with those states – if you don't want to suffer a miserable death, then you better listen to my words. Do you understand?"

Hearing all of those, Shin suddenly clicked his tongue before complaining. "Tsk! How many times do I have to tell you, Old Geezer? I understand your concerns, so you don't have to worry too much about it. You already asked the same thing since yesterday, don't you find it tiring?"

"Tsk! I'm just reminding you, alright? Hsh! This ungrateful rascal! If you are done, then let's go – the others are already waiting outside," said Professor Plum before turning around and walking out of the room.

Shin suddenly threw a glare at Professor Plum right after the old man turned his back around. But the moment he did that, he suddenly felt a strong force smack his head and smashed his face in the ground.

Bang!

At the same time, Old Plum suddenly smirked as he said. Remember, don't ever f*cking lose to anyone when you are in there. Because you are not only going to embarrass yourself the moment you do, but you are also going to ruin our reputations."

Meanwhile, Shin was currently in the middle of standing up by pushing himself off the ground. The moment he stood up and raised his head to look at his master. And while he was raising his head, the surface of his skin was showing some traits of a dragon's scale before slowly fading away.

After getting back on his feet, Shin shook his head a little to shake off the dizziness that he was feeling due to being smashed on the ground out of nowhere before saying. "Hsh! That is a strong one, Old Geezer. Are you not afraid of killing me in the process?"

Hearing that, Professor Plum suddenly halted his steps before saying. "Heh! Do you think that you can still die easily after mastering those 'Qi Reinforcement Skills' on top of possessing 'Demonic Qi' inside your body?"

After that, the old man immediately resumed his steps without turning back at Shin.

Shin pursed his lips a little when he saw that before muttering to himself. "Tsk! You are saying that but you forbid me from using my 'Demonic Qi' for as much as possible."

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When Shin arrived outside the cottage, he immediately saw the others waiting for him. David was currently fixing the strap of his bag while Laura was humming happily as she jumped in circles around the former.

Meanwhile, Professor Plum and Grandmaster Benn were currently talking to each other. And from what he could see from the serious look on their faces, Shin could tell that it was not something so simple.

When Shin arrived, the two old men simultaneously turned their heads at Shin before Old Plum suddenly opened his mouth. "Kiddo, come here for a second."

Hearing the serious tone from Old Plum's words, Shin couldn't help but frown his eyebrows a little before walking towards the two old men, curious what they wanted to say.

At the same time, Arthur just got out after getting 'detained' from a special prison.

"At last! Freedom!" shouted Arthur right after he walked out. And immediately after that, he suddenly turned his head back to the room where he came from while wearing a smug expression on his face.

A moment later, he turned his head back in front before starting to walk away. But he just took a couple of steps forward when his peripheral vision suddenly saw something flying towards him.

Given that, he immediately halted his head and leaned his body towards his back to dodge that thing coming his way.

Swoosh!

Arthur saw that it was a metal spear as it was passing through right in front of his face. And when he saw that, he immediately swung his hand and tapped the flying spear to change its trajectory towards the sky.

But before that spear could even fly upwards, Arthur suddenly caught the spear with his other hand as he spun his body with a quick motion before throwing the spear back to where it came from.

Swoosh!

Bang!

The spear became impaled on the wall right after it was thrown by Arthur.

Clap! Clap! Clap!

A moment later, Arthur heard someone clapping a few distance away from him. And when he turned his head towards that direction, he immediately saw Nathan walking towards him with a smiling face.

Seeing him, Arthur immediately clicked his tongue while wearing a dejected expression on his face.

Meanwhile, Nathan just ignored the look on his face and said. "Go fix yourself up. We are heading back as soon as possible, so you better start moving now before I decide to leave you behind."

After that, he immediately turned his body around before starting to walk away. And when Arthur saw that, he couldn't help but shake his head bitterly before muttering some complaints to himself.

Regardless, he still chased after Nathan afraid that his uncle might really leave him behind.

Eastern Sea Region.

Leonard just got back to his master's house after completing all of the tasks given to him. "Master, I am back."

Right after he opened the door, Leonard's eyes suddenly turned sharp as he sensed a powerful force flying towards him.

Given that, he immediately threw his fist forward to send a powerful punch that instantly destroyed the incoming force. And when all of the residual forces finally dissipated, Leonard immediately raised his head and glared at the direction where that force came from.

"Heh! Not bad. Looks like your little lion cub is starting to mature now," said Galileo while nodding his head repeatedly.

On the other hand, Leonard glared at his master for a moment before taking another step forward to enter the house. But right after he set his foot inside the house, a crashing force suddenly fell from above and smashed him on the ground.

And that was when Galileo suddenly added. "But you are still too young to let your guard down."

Meanwhile, Leonard full himself from the ground before throwing a vicious glare at his master. But Galileo just ignored his threatening glare before asking. "So, how is your job? Finished everything on the list already? That was quite fast."

"The special exam is already around the corner, so I don't have any time to waste," replied Leonard without removing his glare.

Hearing that, Galileo clicked his tongue a little before commenting. "I already told you that there is no need for the rush since I can let you enter that program without problem once you eliminate everyone on the list that I gave you. You don't have to take that pointless special exam."

Leonard shook his head a little before saying. "Pointless or not, I still need to see it for myself."

"What's more, I am sure that those two are also going to take part in it. So, this is going to be a good time to finally decide the proper hierarchy between the three of us."

He then took a brief pause before adding with a determined tone. "And I also want to see who will be going to become the 'big brother'."

Chapter 445 The Three Kings

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Eastern Sea Region.

Magical Ace Academy.

"Hey, Look! It's them again!" said a bystander while pointing to a group of three young men.

The other young man beside that guy turned his head in the direction where he was pointing at and looked at the group of young men that he was talking about. But after a few more moments of staring at the three, this guy couldn't help but knitted his eyebrows as he couldn't recognize them.

So, he turned his head back at his friend and asked. "Who are they?"

Hearing his words, the other young man looked at him with a weird look at his face while saying. "You don't know those three? They are quite famous in school these days."

"Why? Are they strong?" asked by his friend.

At this point, the other young man couldn't help but look at him skeptically before saying. "Strong? They are not just strong; they are also talented individuals who are most likely going to take part in the promotional exams!"

Hearing that, the other guy suddenly remembered something and said. "Oh! Now, I remember! Are they one of the guys who ace the entrance exams? But aren't they just freshmen? What's so amazing with that?"

At this point, the other young couldn't hold himself any longer and hit his friend before saying. "Do you live in mountains or something? How come you haven't heard of their feats yet?"

"Those three can't be provoked now – even the seniors on the higher grades are afraid of them. It is because those three took down almost all of the well-known senior groups of the school. And because of that, they are most likely going to be given a special privilege to take the internal exams so that they can be admitted at the inner school sooner or later."

"And among all of the students who are going to be admitted at the inner school, those three will surely be ranked at the top."

Hearing all of that, the other guy kept on nodding his head as he finally understood why these three were attracting a lot of attention whenever they went just like now.

After a few moments of silence, he turned his head at his friend once again before asking with a curious tone. "Do you know their names? Maybe I can picture them for the next issue of the school gazette."

The other young man suddenly remembered something the moment he heard those words. "Oh! That is right! You told me that you are a new recruit of the 'Journalist Club'! But how come that you don't know about those three?"

Hearing that, the other guy couldn't help but feel a little ashamed before replying. "Actually, I am assigned to the 'Arts and Technology' department, so I don't know much about the new things about the 'Combat' department."

With that, the other young man finally came into a realization before saying. "Okay, let me tell you what I know about those three."

"From what I heard, those three all came from another continent; it is the Silver Wing Continent if I am not wrong."

He paused for a moment and pointed at one of the three while saying. "See that 2-meter guy with a muscular body? He is 'Simone Bartolomeo'. He has a very strong and tough body. In the entrance exams, he showed a superhuman strength that overwhelmed all of his opponents."

"Moreover, he also showcased his powerful defense during that time! He didn't budge an inch even after being bombarded by a lot of strong attacks from all sides!"

"If you look at the school portal, you are going to be shocked as his grades surpassed even the other seniors of the higher years. He got a 'SSS score' on both 'Physical Strength' and 'Body Toughness'; he is a real monster hiding in human flesh."

The other young man was jotting down everything that his friend was saying as fast as he could. And when he was done, he suddenly pointed at another guy before asking. "What about that guy?"

His friend turned his head at the thin guy that he was pointing at before clicking his tongue. "Tsk! 'Thomas Brooks', that guy is one hell of a dangerous person."

He paused for a moment before continuing with a deep tone. "Don't get fooled by his current appearance. Even though he looked so frail with his lean body, he is actually a very murderous guy. There are rumors that he is a member of an Assassin Family."

"During the exam, all of his opponents are hospitalized after getting a one-sided beating. No... it is more like he almost killed each of them during the match. If not for the teachers stepping up in time, then his opponents are most likely going to get killed by him."

"If not for our school valuing such talents like him, then he is probably going to get disqualified during the entrance exam already."

The other young man kept on nodding his head repeatedly as he really found these guys interesting. "Looks like they are really a strong group."

After writing down everything heard about the second guy, he then looked at the final member of the trio who was walking in the front of the previous two. And from the looks of it, he seemed to be the leader of the group.

This guy had shoulder-length hair with a deep purple color. And judging from his fair and smooth skin, he was most probably a member of a very wealthy family.

On top of that, he also had a very handsome face which made the girls keep looking at him when he was passing by. And adding the cold demeanor that he had, it was not surprising for him to be a head-turner.

"Who is that guy at the forefront? He seemed to be very strong," said by the journalist guy.

His friend fell into deep thought for a moment before replying. "That is quite mysterious. But there is a single thing that is clear about him. And that is his strength."

"He is Jean Camus, and obviously the leader of that trio. He aces all of the tests during the entrance exam; both of the written and practical exams."

"He is a top-notch talent given the scores that he got from the entrance exam. But what really made him more famous was his battle capacities. The other students said that he defeated all of the leaders of the senior groups that he fought one-sidedly."

"Moreover, there is even a rumor saying that the teachers from the inner school are fighting over him – and that includes the vice principal and the principal himself. And if the things really go his way, then there is even a high possibility that he is going to be taken as a personal disciple of either of those two."

The journalist young man couldn't help but shake his head a little as he jotted down everything he heard. "These guys are really amazing."

"Aren't they? Actually, the other students have given their group a nickname and they are now being called 'Three Kings' of the East." said the other young man while nodding his head repeatedly.

Meanwhile, the journalist guy ignored his friend's last remark as he was currently thinking about something else. 'They remind me of those guys from Astral Middle School.'

After shaking off that thought, he suddenly turned his head back to his friend and asked. "You are quite knowledgeable. Do you want to join the Journalist Club? You really have the potential to be a good journalist."

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At the same time, the subject of their topic was walking quite arrogantly at the school plaza.

"Heh! Look at these weaklings? They are looking at us like some monkeys from the mountains," said Simone with an arrogant tone while walking.

Hearing that, Thomas suddenly started chuckling before commenting. "What 'us' are you talking about? Maybe, what you want to say is them looking at Jean."

He paused for a very brief moment to look at the young man walking in front of them before asking. "What do you think, Jean? This might be your chance – you don't have a chance to hit on girls when we are in the base since we are too focused on doing our tasks-..."

But he reached this point, he immediately swallowed back his words because Jean suddenly halted his steps and threw a fierce glare over his shoulder.

Seeing that look, Thomas couldn't help but break into a cold sweat as he raised his guard up.

"How many times do I have to tell you to mind your words? If someone hears you, they are most likely going to misunderstand us," said Jean while maintaining the fierce glare.

Thomas nodded his head repeatedly when he heard those words, acknowledging his mistake.

Meanwhile, Simone was currently shaking his head bitterly when he saw that. But his eyes suddenly turned sharp as his eyes caught a glimpse of someone.

He immediately raised his head and looked in the direction where he saw the figure that he saw to make sure that he was not mistaken. And after confirming that he was not mistaken, he immediately ditched the two and started walking in that direction.

Naturally, Thomas and Jean were able to notice his actions. So, they immediately stopped and simultaneously turned their heads in the direction where Simone was heading. And when they saw the person who caught Simone's interest, both of them suddenly formed a mysterious smile with their lips while saying at the same time.

"So, the people on the list are finally starting to show themselves, huh?"

"Looks like luck is finally on our side."

Chapter 446 Reunion?

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Leonard was planning to apply for the special course of the Magical Ace Academy like what his master had said. But when he was on his way towards the school registrar, he suddenly received a message from Arthur that he was also on his way. Moreover, the latter also said that Shin also arrived at the Blue Stone City too.

So, instead of registering himself alone, Leonard decided to wait for the two so that they could apply for the special course together.

While he was waiting for the two, he decided to take a walk on the school plaza for a moment so that he could see what kind of atmosphere the school had.

Being together with Shin and Arthur, Leonard would naturally have visited the Top Military School when those two asked him to tag along. And visiting that place was engraved in his mind even though it was already a long time ago.

That place seemed like hell from what he could see. Everyone was always wearing a serious expression on their face, whether it was a student, a teacher, or other personnel; everyone was always emitting a unique aura that seemingly said that they couldn't be provoked.

But compared to that place, the atmosphere surrounding the Magical Ace Academy was totally its opposite. The people in this place might be different, but those differences were creating a strange harmony when they came together and made the atmosphere in this place quite enjoyable to feel.

"Yeah, this is how a school atmosphere should be," muttered Leonard as he was growing fond of the atmosphere on the school plaza.

Unfortunately, there were always a few people who tended to destroy that harmonious atmosphere by creating some chaos. And currently, such a person was currently making his way towards Leonard in an aggressive manner.

Naturally, Leonard was able to sense the hostile gaze that was locked at him. And given that he possessed the 'Bestial Instincts' talent, he would naturally be able to notice that the owner of that gaze was not a simple person.

"I smell the scent of a beast," muttered Leonard to himself as he turned his head towards the direction where that hostile gaze was coming from.

In that direction, Leonard saw a two-meter guy with a muscular body. And given that the tall guy was walking towards him in a very aggressive manner, he was sure that this guy didn't want to exchange some greetings.

And it didn't take long to prove that his thoughts were right. Because the 2-meter guy suddenly disappeared from his sight right after Leonard noticed his presence.

'This guy is quite fast despite having a heavy-looking body,' thought Leonard to himself the moment he saw the muscular guy disappear from his sight.

But that thought only lasted for a moment because he immediately threw his fist forward after a second.

Bang!

His fist collided with the fist of the 2-meter guy which created a very loud sound that attracted the attention of every student present in the vicinity. But from the looks on their faces, all of them seemed to be unsurprised of what they saw. In fact, they were seemingly used to seeing such occurrences.

After all, a school was still a competitive place – and it was even more true to a top-notch school like the Magical Ace Academy.

Moreover, the Magical Ace Academy was a place where a lot of hidden dragons and crouching tigers had gathered. It might be a school on the surface but it was actually a silent warzone when looked deeper into it.

Furthermore, a lot of geniuses from the other parts of the world were studying in this place. So, it was not surprising if someone met their archenemies from a rival country.

Due to that reason, a lot of conflicts were bound to happen every now and then. And it was also because of this every student in this place was not surprised if a fight suddenly occurred out of nowhere.

What's more, the school was actually encouraging such occurrences to happen since they were thinking that it would make their students grow a little faster. So, the school would not interfere in such conflicts as long as the students would not go overboard such as killing their opponents.

Leonard was aware of this fact which was why he was not surprised at all despite being attacked out of nowhere.

Meanwhile, the tall and muscular guy was quite surprised after Leonard countered his attack. He might not use his full strength when throwing that punch, but it was still more than enough to send someone flying even if it was blocked by someone as lean as Leonard.

Moreover, Leonard didn't only throw a strong counter despite being caught off-guard, but he also didn't budge an inch even after facing the powerful attack directly.

But what surprised his opponent even more, was the very strong force behind the counter that Leonard had thrown.

'That was a strong one. He really is worthy to be on the list. I guess my stay in his place is going to be quite enjoyable,' thought the muscular-two-meter guy while looking at Leonard with a pair of excited eyes.

"Hey! You seem to be a strong one, let's have a match!" said the tall guy at Leonard while wearing a huge grin with his lips.

Hearing that, Leonard suddenly smirked before replying. "You are just saying that after attacking me? I see that you are lacking in terms of Martial-Arts etiquette."

But despite saying all of that, Leonard didn't directly refuse the challenge. In fact, there was even an excited expression on his face. It had been a long time since he fought someone as strong as this guy in front of him. What's more, they seemed to be the same age, so it even made Leonard wholeheartedly welcome the invitation.

Meanwhile, the tall guy grinned even further before introducing himself. "I am 'Simone Bartolomeo' of the 'House of Bartolomeo'."

Hearing those words, Leonard couldn't help but raise his eyebrows a little as he heard that Family Name from his master before. 'House of Bartolomeo? That Ancient Martial -Art Family who considered themselves as the one and only real 'Body Practitioners'? Interesting!'

"Leonard – I am Leonard Fireheart, the first disciple of the 'Blood Slaughtering Fist: Galileo Freeman," replied Leonard, introducing himself.

Right after that, both of them put more strength on their arms before simultaneously pushing it forward. And due to the opposing forces, the two of them were suddenly separated from each other before finding their footings right after their feet touched the ground.

On the other hand, Jean and Thomas were watching the sight with amused expressions on their face.

"That red-haired guy is really something. Should I join the fun a little?" said Thomas who was getting ready to jump in the fight.

"You know that Simone will kill you if you spoil the fun, right?" sneered Jean while crossing his arms in front of his chest.

Hearing that, Thomas suddenly smirked and replied. "As if killing me is that easy," while starting to walk towards the two.

Seeing that, Jean could only shake his head haplessly since he knew that he couldn't stop these two when they found some worthy opponents. In fact, he was also tempted to join in the fight. But he couldn't do it for now since it was going to be overkill if the three of them ganged up on a single person.

Actually, he was against the idea of Thomas joining the fight. But he didn't stop him because he saw someone walking out of the crowd when Thomas decided to join the fun.

"Looks like this is going to be even more interesting," muttered Jean with a smiling face as he decided to watch a little more.

But not long after, his face suddenly turned weird as he noticed that there was actually another person right beside them since earlier.

Turning his head to the side, he saw a young with ash-grey hair sitting beside him. And what shocked Jean even more was the fact that this particular young man was not even emitting any kind of aura despite him focusing his senses.

'Since when did this guy sitting there?' thought Jean as he looked at the young man with a slightly cautious gaze.

Meanwhile, that young man sitting beside was currently looking at the ongoing battle with a slight annoyance. And after a few more moments of observing, he suddenly muttered with a soft voice. "Tsk! Why are there always some troubles every time we are together?"

After that, he turned his head at Jean before saying. "Yo! Are you going to join that fight? If you are going to, can you not do it instead? I just came back from a hellish place, so I am not in a mood to fight right now."

And that was when Jean finally recognized Shin. So, he slightly squinted his eyes while thinking to himself. 'Shin Kinghad? Another person on the list.'

Realizing that, Jean wanted to give it a shot and exchange some blows. But he decided to go against it since he felt that it was still not the right time to clash with him. Moreover, the current Shin sitting of him was giving a completely different vibe compared to the reports that they had received.

Given that, Jean shook his head and said to Shin. "No, I'm actually also not in a mood to fight either."

After that, he turned his head at the ongoing battle before adding to what he had said. "And I apologize on my friends' behalf. Those two are quite hot-blooded, so they are quite eager to fight whenever they find some worthy opponents."

Hearing that, Shin immediately became overjoyed before shaking his head. "Nah! You don't have to apologize. I actually understand how you feel since I also know someone who always jumps in front of trouble just to gather some attention."

When he was done saying those words, Shin turned his head back to his front and looked at the person that Jean had seen earlier before continuing. "He is quite a showoff, which is why I am always being dragged in trouble due to him."

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At the same time, Thomas was currently sprinting towards Leonard with great speed. He was quite eager to test how strong were the people on the list. But before he could even reach the halfway-mark towards his target, he suddenly felt another presence who was charging at him with a great speed.

Sensing that threat, Thomas immediately halted his advance and quickly hopped backward to see who was the person that dared to interrupt him.

The person who blocked Thomas' path removed the sunglasses that he was wearing before saying. "Hey! You reek some blood. Are you an assassin? If you are, then what type are you? White Hats or Hitmen? If you are the latter, then I guess I can't let you freely walk on the streets."

Given that this particular young man was wearing a pair of combat boots, a military shirt, and camouflage pants, it was quite obvious that he was a part of the military – or most probably a young talent who came from a Military Family.

Since Thomas came from a 'dark' Assassin Family, it was natural for him to be hostile to a person who came from the military. Moreover, this young man blocking his path was also on the list, so he became even more eager to pick a fight with him.

'Arthur Springfield. Now, things are getting even more interesting,' thought Thomas to himself before saying to Arthur. "White Hat or Hitmen, you, military people will never listen to someone like us after all, so why bother asking such stupid questions?"

Hearing that reply, Arthur put down the military bag hanging on his back before saying. "Given your tone, I am guessing that you are the latter. After all, only those people are the ones who will think that way."

"Since that is the case, then how about we cut off the chase and you come at me instead?" he added before taking a brief pause.

After that, Arthur's eyes suddenly turned sharp as he pointed his sunglasses at Thomas while saying with a provoking tone. "I am actually quite eager to teach you some lessons."

Chapter 447 'Three Kings' Of The East, 'Monster Trio' Of The West

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There was a 'huge' commotion at the school plaza of the Magical Ace Academy and students who were present at the scene couldn't help but crowd on it since the 'preparators' who caused this ruckus were quite famous in the school these last few days.

Jean, Thomas, and Simone – those names were currently on a hot topic at the Magical Ace Academy since the school entrance exam.

Not only have they created a lot of ruckus since the start of the school year, but they also made their names quite famous inside the school vicinity after defeating a lot of senior groups in the 'outer school'. And due to those feats, they even piqued the interests of the students studying in the 'inner school'.

Because of this, the students of the school were not even surprised when they saw that the three started yet another commotion.

But the thing that actually surprised them, was the fact that these three 'school celebrities' picked a fight with three 'unknown' young men of the same age.

Moreover, these newcomers seemingly had no intention of backing down despite facing the so-called 'Three Kings' of the East. So, the students present in the plaza couldn't help but become curious about their strengths.

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"Wow~! Those three sure have guts. Didn't they know who they were up to? Are they some newcomers?" said a bystander to his 'journalist' friend.

But his friend seemed to ignore him and just started at the scene in front of them with a blank expression on his face. "Those three, why are they here?"

Naturally, his friend was able to notice that, which was why he couldn't help but turned his head to his side and looked at his 'journalist' friend with a confused look on his face. "You know those newcomers, Kevin? Who are they?"

Hearing that, his friend who he called Kevin, finally reacted and immediately replied. "You may not know them since you come from the countryside of the Main Region, but those three are quite famous in the central parts of our region-..."

He trailed his words a little when he reached that point before adding to his words. "No-! It is not even an overestimation if I said that they are a legend in those places."

"Huh!? Now, I am quite curious about their identities. Who are they really?" asked his friend since he really hadn't heard of them before.

Hearing that, Kevin turned silent for a moment before replying to him. "Those three are graduates of Astral Middle School, one of the top middle-grade schools of the Main Region.

"Three Kings of the East, you say? Then those three are the 'Monster Trio' of the West." He added with a sneering tone after taking a brief moment of pause.

"In terms of reputation, I dare to say to you that they will not lose to the 'Three Kings' over there. In fact, they even achieved some crazier things."

He took another pause to point at Leonard before saying. "See that guy with red hair and crimson eyes. He is Leonard Fireheart, but he is more known as the 'Crimson Devil' of the street. He is a famous street

fighter who is feared even by some adult gangs. There is even a rumor that he took down a huge gang all by himself."

After that, he turned his attention to Arthur before continuing. "Did you see that guy with blonde hair?"

"He is Arthur Springfield, the young master of the Springfield Family, an Ancient Martial-Art Family which is also a part of the Military Circle. His family background alone is more than enough to warn anyone to never mess with him. Especially that the family assets on his mother's side is also not a laughing matter."

"But even if you don't provoke him, it is still not sure that you are 'safe' around him. After all, that guy is also a troublemaker himself who is always inviting trouble whenever he goes. He is also not backing down even if he provokes a very strong opponent. For him, the stronger his opponent, the better it is."

"Because of social status, talent, and battle prowess, most of the people were calling him the 'Golden Boy' of the Springfield Family.

His friend, on the other hand, kept on nodding his head as listened to those words. The previous two that were mentioned were quite intriguing and seemed to be a pair of strong contenders for the duo of Simone and Thomas.

Because of that, he couldn't help but become even more curious at the background of the third newcomer who was sitting casually right beside Jean. He actually didn't notice the presence of that young man – in fact, none of the regular students in the plaza were able to notice his presence.

"Then what about that grey-haired young man?" asked by Kevin's friend without taking away his eyes from Shin, afraid that he would lose sight of him.

Meanwhile, Kevin thought for a few moments before giving his reply. "Shin Kinghad? Actually-... I am also not sure about that guy's real strength. Aside from his name, there was nothing noticeable about him on the surface."

"His academics are pretty much average. And there is also nothing special on his physical fitness tests either. So, in a sense, he is actually an average student if you judge him in terms of his school records."

Hearing that, his friend couldn't help but frowned his eyebrows while asking. "Then what's special about him?"

When Kevin heard that, he suddenly started chuckling. "That is actually what is special about him. He is 'too average' to be noticed by other people in school. But if he really is that average, then how come that the so-called 'Crimson Devil' of the street and the 'Golden Boy' of the Springfield Family, were following him?"

His friend beside him suddenly knitted his eyebrows when he heard that remark. So, he looked at Shin with an even weirder look on his face.

Seeing that, Kevin started chucking even further before continuing. "Quite odd, isn't it? That is why I exhausted all of my family connections to have a thorough research about him before. And guess what, I found quite a few things that really surprised me during that time."

"He is actually a top-notch student during their elementary days. But after an incident where he beat some of his classmates, he started acting lie low. And the same thing happened when they were in the early days of their middle school."

"A close female friend of theirs was abducted by a group of young masters from some wealthy families. And because of that incident, that guy over there suddenly lost his cool and became completely enraged."

"What happened next, strike fear to everyone who knew that incident. The young masters who abducted that girl were beaten half-dead and were sent directly to the hospital to recover for half a year at the very least. And if not because of Leonard and Arthur arriving in time to stop him, he is most probably going to kill off these young masters."

"There was even a rumor that even the bodyguards of those young masters couldn't do anything to stop him either."

Kevin paused for a moment when he reached this point before shrugging his shoulders while adding to his previous words. "Well, there was no way to confirm those rumors now since the families of those young masters were too ashamed to let that news be out in the public, so they did everything they could to suppress everything about that incident."

"But to those people who were aware of that incident, were now too scared to provoke that 'Grey-haired Demon' over there."

"To them, it is better to pick a fight with the 'Crimson Devil' or provoke the 'Golden Boy', than inciting the 'sleeping demon' within that guy."

Hearing all of those, Kevin's friend finally realized how strong these newcomers were. In fact, he was even starting to doubt who was stronger between the two.

Regardless, this fight was going to be even more interesting since each side had their own reputations and respective achievements.

In fact, the faculty members of the school even went to his place to personally watch such a rare event.

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Meanwhile, the atmosphere surrounding the three was starting to become heavy as a sign of the impending storm.

And both Shin and Jean were not showing any intention of stopping the fight, the other four became even more eager to start this battle. It was even more true for Leonard and Arthur who just came back from their special training; the two of them were quite excited to test some of the things that they learned from their respective training.

But before the current situation could even reach its climax, both Shin and Jean suddenly noticed some presence hiding in the crowd of students.

And when they checked the owners of those unique auras, the two of them immediately made their moves and suddenly disappeared from their respective spots before simultaneously reappearing right in the middle of the four with their backs facing each other.

"I guess we need to postpone this 'party' and rescheduled it to some other time."

"That should be enough for the two of you."

Said by the two with the same intention but with a different tone.

Shin was currently wearing a huge smile with his lips but he was also releasing an invisible pressure that shocked both Arthur and Leonard for a moment.

Meanwhile, Jean was currently starting at the two with a sharp look on his face while saying those words with a commanding tone.

But the other four seemed to be not willing to back down at this point in time since their battle senses were already reaching their peaks. So, they really didn't want to withdraw at this moment.

Seeing the unwillingness of the other four, both Shin and Jean had no choice but to take this matter a little seriously. There were quite a few young talents who were comparable to them, hiding in the crowd.

The special exams were already around the corner, so they didn't want these four to show their cards yet since they were only going to get advantaged off if that really happened.

It was still acceptable earlier since there were only a few of them. But it was a different case right now since their numbers increased a lot.

Given the gravity of their current situation, both Shin and Jean decided to use a little force to warn their respective brothers.

Shin was still wearing his smile but he took off the very thin bag hanging on his back before taking out a pair of sheathed katanas from it. It was a pair of black and white katanas which were given to him by his Masters since his old sword was totally broken after his last mission.

,m He didn't unsheathe the swords and just hugged them as he crossed his arms in front of his chest. At the same time, he was sending some eye signals at the two which was saying that if they wanted to continue, then they needed to ask him to step aside first.

At the same time, Jean was also doing something similar. He didn't take out a weapon since he was not carrying his own. But he glared at the two instead as a sharp killing intent suddenly flashed from his eyes, warning the two from taking another step forward.

Seeing the seriousness of the two, the other four didn't have any other choice but drop the matter and back down a little.

"Alright, you win! But you owe me a match later," said Arthur while releasing a helpless sigh.

Immediately after he said those words, Leonard also nodded his head before saying. "The same for me. But instead of a sparring match, I prefer if you treat me to dinner later. And of course, it is specially prepared by you."

Together with that, the other side seemed to also agree since both Thomas and Simone were already walking away.

Meanwhile, Jean turned his head at Shin before saying. "Let's settle this matter some other time then."

At the same time, Shin also looked at him and extended his right while replying. "Then until the next time we meet."

Accenting to shake Shin's hand, Jean nodded his head before chasing after his friends.

On the other hand, Arthur couldn't help but sneer at Shin a little when he saw that the latter was acting friendly with their opponents. "Are you guys friends? You two seem close."

Hearing that, Shin suddenly turned his head at Arthur and replied. "I see that you guys haven't done your homework. Those guys are on the list of our rivals in the upcoming special exam. Do you guys really haven't read it yet?"

Meanwhile, the other two were looking at Shin with a weird expression on their face as if they were saying. – "Why do we need to do our homework when we have you?" –

Naturally, Shin was able to read what was running inside their heads. So, he could only shake his head helplessly as he remembered what kind of students these two were.

Chapter 448 Moving

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The trio of Shin, Arthur, and Leonard, walked out of the school registrar after settling everything that they needed for the upcoming exams.

"Hey, Arthur! Why are you still carrying your luggage even here in school? You can just leave it in your resort, right?" said Leonard while stretching his waist left and right.

Meanwhile, Arthur suddenly felt a little dejected when heard that. "That is because I went straight here the moment I arrived earlier."

"I actually want to leave these in our resort but Uncle Nathan dropped me off right in front of the school entrance, so I really have no other choice but to settle the things here first."

After that, he looked at the two while asking. "What about you guys?"

"My things are still in my master's place. He actually lives quite far from here, but I have no other choice to leave it there since I don't have any other place to stay into," replied Leonard almost instantly.

On the other hand, Shin waited for Leonard to finish before giving his answer. "I left mine at a hotel not far from here. I don't want to leave them at the resort since I know that Big Sister is going to ask me to work in the kitchen there. I rather pay a few bucks at the hotel than exhaust myself working there."

Hearing that, Arthur immediately remembered that Shiella was currently studying at the University Circle within the 'inner school' of the Magical Ace Academy. So, he also rejected the idea of staying in their resort almost instantly.

But he also didn't want to stay at the hotel since it was really uncomfortable for him to stay in such a place. Especially that he also had a lot of personal things that he needed to install, just like the personalized Gaming Cabin that he was using to play «Destiny's Fate».

Installing it was actually not a problem but the paper works that were needed for it to be approved were quite troublesome and Arthur was too lazy to deal with such things.

It was the same for the school dorms, so he really wanted to stay in there too. Moreover, dorms also had a lot of restrictions which made the stay there too inconvenient.

Troubled with that problem, Arthur could only shake his head helplessly as he was not sure how to deal with this situation.

But while they were walking out of the school vicinity, Arthur's eye suddenly caught a glimpse of a villa not far from the entrance of the school. And when he saw that, a sudden flash of thought suddenly entered his head which made him quite excited.

"Hey! Do the two of you have personal accounts? I mean, both of you are regularly exchanging some in-game gold into real-world currency, right?" asked Arthur while looking at the two.

On the other hand, both Shin and Leonard looked back at him as if he was some sort of idiot.

Given Shin's personality, it was natural for him to do such an obvious thing. In fact, he even applied for an open account the moment he entered the game. After all, it was actually one of the main reasons why he agreed to play the game.

It was the same for Leonard, all of his daily expenses and Laura's allowances and tuition fees were taken from the money that he earned from the game, so he naturally had a personal account to deal with it.

Even if there was a limit on how much gold a player could convert into real-world currency, a player could still earn a lot of money just by playing the game.

"Forget about Leonard since he needs that money since he refused to accept such financial help from us. How much money did you earn, Shin?" asked Arthur with a pair of sparkling eyes.

After all, he knew this guy pretty well. If it was about these kinds of things, then this brother of his would surely not going to disappoint him. And just like what he had expected, Shin really earned big time these last few months.

Shin pursed his lips a little as he used his Advance Watch to check his second bank account. "There was a 500,000-gold-coin-limit every month, so I didn't earn much from it. But I made sure that I am hitting that limit these last few months."

"But there the exchange rate is also plummeting downwards every week, which is quite depressing. Moreover, there are also the taxes that need to be paid alongside the conversion."

Shin paused briefly when he reached this point as he already opened the details of his bank account.

Naturally, he was not dumb enough to open the virtual screen that would broadcast how much money he had. Instead, he raised his wrist in front of the two and showed them what was shown on the digital screen of his Advance Watch.

Arthur was already expecting that Shin had earned tons of money from the game, but the number of zeros that he was seeing still stunned him. It was the same for Leonard who was staring at the digital screen with wide-opened eyes; it was his first time seeing such a large sum of money.

It was true that Arthur and Leonard had earned quite a lot of money from playing the game given that they were peak experts of the game. But that was also the very same reason why they couldn't convert their money casually.

Most of their golds were being invested in the upgrade of their weapons. Moreover, they also needed to buy some rare resources to grow their Pets and Elemental Spirits.

At the same time, they also needed to buy some information from the 'information merchants' inside the game since they needed such intel for hunting some special monsters, entering some dungeons, and finding some special resources.

Given all of these, the rate of gold consumption of the two was quite high. And compared to them, Shin was still a newbie since he was still building his in-game foundations – when he finally reached their stage, his resource consumption was also going to skyrocket with just a blink of an eye.

Fortunately, Shin still had his personal 'money-printing machine' called Calderock Town. But even if the flow of money was quite fast for the time being, it was still hard to say whether it was the same in the future. After all, managing a Town or a City was not easy since it was also calling for a lot of money for its improvements.

Regardless, it was still a good thing that Shin was quite good at handling money which was why he currently had tons of it.

After showing them his current balance, Shin closed his Advance Watch and looked at Arthur as he could read what this guy was currently planning. "You want to buy a villa, right? I already thought about it earlier which is why I am going to meet the real estate agent that I contacted before coming here."

"What to tag along? I may move to the villa later," he added while starting to walk away.

Hearing that, a huge grin suddenly formed with the lips of Arthur and Leonard as they could already picture out what was going to happen.

So, the two of them immediately chased after Shin while holding their laughter.

Later that day, the trio was currently busy settling at the new villa that Shin had brought earlier.

The place was quite big with 2 floors. Aside from the living room, dining room, and the kitchen, there were 3 more extra rooms on the first floor while the second floor had 5 more.

Such a place was too big for the three of them, but Shin already had some plans on how to deal with the extra spaces, so it was no big deal.

Naturally, this kind of villa was quite expensive, especially that it also had a complete set of furniture along with the package. Which meant that the three of them only needed to move their own things in their respective rooms.

But both Shin and Arthur only paid a little over half of its original price because of the 'bargaining skills' of the former. For someone like Shin who was used to dealing with Shiella's slyness, initiating a favorable deal with an 'average' real-estate agent was only a child's play.

Arthur and Leonard were even having a hard time holding their laughter every time Shin cut off the price due to some 'damages' and 'defects' that might give them some 'inconveniences' in the future. He was also pointing out some problems with the villa's interior design.

The real-estate agent thought that this deal was going to be easy the moment he saw how young his 'buyers' were. But when Shin started their deal, the agent almost wanted to cry every time they cut off the price. He couldn't even refute Shin's words since he couldn't find any flaw in it.

And when he saw that the original price was being chopped down bit by bit, the real estate agent even called their main office to ask for some assistance; he even asked for their most skilled agent to deal with this troublesome kid.

But it also didn't take long for their so-called ace to be defeated. And even with the combined forces of the two real estate agents, they still couldn't stop Shin from cutting off the price of the villa.

This issue even escalated to the point where their president needed to step in. But that didn't work either as Shin refused to back down even for a little.

Reaching that point, the present wanted to immediately cancel the deal since they were going to suffer a huge loss if they continued. But before he could even do that, Shin immediately gave Arthur a signal to 'accidentally' reveal his background.

Both of Arthur's family backgrounds were very hard to deal with. The Springfield Family had a very high status in the Military while the Levina Clan was very influential in the business industry.

The moment the president learned about that; he immediately knew that it was already a checkmate for them.

If he refused to 'give these young men a face', then he could already imagine what was going to happen to his business. So, he chose to suffer a 'slight' loss to curry some favor from these three rather than 'ruining' his entire career.

In the end, the villa was sold at Shin and the other with a little over half of its original price. The president decided it himself before they were forced to give the villa to Shin for free.

Though, Shin was put on the 'ban list' of the real-estate agency to make sure that they would never be going to deal with him in the future.

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After settling at their new home, the trio immediately went to do their respective jobs.

Shin headed to the kitchen to prepare for their dinner since it was his main task.

On the other hand, Arthur contacted their family engineer as Shin tasked him to deal with the renovation of the other rooms.

They were also planning to build an underground gym, so he also needed to consult their engineer about that matter as well as the training equipment that they needed. He might be musclehead, but he was quite reliable when it came to these kinds of things.

Meanwhile, Leonard went outside to scout the whole place. Doing such a thing was actually unnecessary since the neighborhood that Shin chose had a high level of security.

But being a person trained in the military, such things became a protocol for Shin and Arthur. So, checking everything about the neighborhood and making sure that they didn't miss even a little thing became a regular routine for them whenever they arrived in a new place.

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"How was it?" asked Shin at the two who just finished their respective task.

"Uncle Sam said that he is going to visit us tomorrow for personal inspection," replied Arthur as he took a seat beside the table.

And after a slight pause, he suddenly added. "He also said that he will personally choose the training equipment that we need. So, we don't have anything to worry about. Though, I will still check the quality of the equipment if they can meet our standards."

Hearing that, Shin nodded his head before turning it towards Leonard. And when the latter saw that, he slightly pursed his lips before saying. "The security is quite tight."

"There are 5 security posts in total which are covering the entire neighborhood. And on top of that, there are also 3 batches of security personnel who are regularly patrolling the area whole every five or ten minutes."

"The security cameras are also not that bad. I've checked every corner of the neighborhood and I didn't see any blind spots that can be taken advantage of. So, we shouldn't have any problem with that."

"Though, I am not sure about their system security yet," added Leonard as he took a seat on the chair across Arthur's.

"Don't worry about it. Uncle Sam will install our own security system when he arrives tomorrow anyway," said Shin as he took his own seat.

After that, the three of them started eating their dinner before Arthur suddenly remembered something. "Oh! So, how about you brief us on our upcoming opponents?"

Shin couldn't help but rolled his eyes at Arthur when he heard that. Then he turned his head towards Leonard who seemed to be waiting for his answer.

At that point, Shin could only shake his head helplessly before asking. "Are the two of you really don't have any intention of doing your 'homework'?"

Hearing that, both Arthur and Leonard turned their heads towards his direction while wearing the same look they threw at him earlier.

Seeing that, Shin could only shake his head even further since he clearly understood the meaning of the look on their faces. "You two sure are hopeless."

Regardless, he still continued right after releasing a helpless sigh. "There are a lot of talented individuals who are going to participate in the special selection exam. And most of them even came from other countries."

"As for the main reason – I don't need to need to explain the details isn't it?" asked Shin to make sure that these two were at least not that clueless about the current situation.

Fortunately, the two nodded their heads the moment he asked about that.

Though, Leonard only knew that it was an international tournament that was being held once every 20 years. He asked his master about it before when it was mentioned accidentally. But his master never told him more than that no matter how much he inquired about it.

On the other hand, Arthur was fully aware of it. After all, he came from an Ancient Martial-Arts Family.

Moreover, how could Arthur miss such a 'wonderful' event? It was a great place where he could show his 'awesomeness' in front of the world after all. So, he would never overlook something like this.

Reading the different expressions that the two had. Shin could only shake his head even more and just continued. "Alright, then let's start with those guys that you almost fought earlier." Those three are called Three Kings around this area."

Arthur couldn't help but sneer when he heard the words 'three kings' from Shin. "Heh! Three Kings? Now, this is interesting – it even makes me become more motivated to crush them."

Then he raised his head and looked at Shin with a smug face while asking. "Which group do you think is better? The so-called Three Kings? Or us, the Monster Trio?"

Meanwhile, Leonard fell into a deep thought the moment he heard those words. "So, they are the ones that my master is talking about. Now, I see why he warned me to be careful around them."

"I am not going to discuss their strengths since the two of you are quite eager to experience it personally." On the other hand, Shin ignored their remarks and resumed eating before continuing after a few bites. "There are not the only ones that we need to look out for."

"There is also a young assassin who came from the Lost Soul Continent. He is given the nickname of 'Lone Wolf' as he is always alone. But others are also quite afraid of him since his skills are a real deal."

"What's next are the twins of the Sun-Moon Continent. Those two are a strong pair of Martial-Artist, but what made them even more noticeable is their talents. One of them is good at using all kinds of weapons while the other is skilled at creating different kinds of gadgets."

"The Dark Continent also sent a quite promising contender. He is a Kaleidoscope Mentalist with a mysterious combat talent. I heard that he also ranked in the top along with Jean Camus during the entrance exam."

After that, Shin started listing out all of the other participants who were most likely the top contenders for the upcoming special recruitment exams.

Meanwhile, somewhere within the Magical Ace Academy.

A young man was traveling under the shadow of the night, dodging all of the security cameras and within the vicinity.

A few moments later, he arrived at a house within the school before entering it as naturally as possible.

Inside that place was an old man who was currently sitting on a rocking chair. And as if he was expecting the arrival of the young man, he slightly opened his eyes before asking. "I already told you that you can't come to this place whenever you want."

Hearing that, the young man immediately lowered his head and kneeled on the ground while saying. "I am sorry, Sir! But there is something that I really need to report as soon as possible."

The old man couldn't help but become interested when he saw the urgency in the young man's words. 'This kid rarely acts like this, I wonder what kind of news is it.'

"So, what is it?" asked the old man.

Seeing that the old man was showing some interest, the young man quickly opened his mouth and started reporting. "It is about the kid that you asked me to keep an eye on. I think that he finally arrived at the City."

The moment he said those words, the old man suddenly shot up from his seat and quickly asked. "Are you sure about that?"

The young man kept on nodding his head and answered. "Yes, sir! I clearly saw him in the school plaza earlier when his group encountered the 'Three Kings' of the East."

Hearing the confirmation, the old man suddenly started laughing out loud. "Finally! Someone with the 'Spiritual Embryo' special body! Finally!"

After that, he looked at the kneeling young man in front of him before saying. "Quick! Arrange a meeting with that child! I really need to persuade him to join our department."

"I can't do that yet, Sir! He is still not a student of the School. The other professors are going to misunderstand if you meet him right now," said the young man, calming the old man's excitement.

"Oh! You are right. I forgot about the so-called policy that they made right before the special selection exam," said the old man as he came back to his senses.

Though, he immediately added after a slight pause. "But it doesn't mean that I can't check at the applicants' abilities first. After all, I have some privileges."

"But Sir!-..." the young man wanted to protest about it but his words couldn't be heard by the old man any longer.

The old man just ignored him and started walking out of the house while muttering some words to himself.

Seeing that, the young man could only shake his head helplessly as he knew that it was impossible to stop the old man at this point in time. All he could do was pray for the poor soul of the new target of the old man's interest. "I hope that he will not scare the kid from joining our department."

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The major update of the game took longer than everyone had expected. Due to the huge number of complaints from the high-leveled players, the World Gaming Organization decided to add some additional contents that could make the peak experts busy. And because of that, the scheduled date for the re-opening of the game was slightly delayed.

Since Shin didn't have anything to do, for the time being, he went to the backyard to do some light training. After all, he spent the last one and a half months on training so it was quite hard to remove the training habit that he built up through the course of that time.

As usual, he did some light exercises before proceeding to do the specialized training that his masters had given him. It was a training exercise where he could make his body familiar with the process of combining his Internal Qi and Mental Energy.

Even though he still hadn't achieved his desired result of combining them and turning them into 'World Origin', this training exercise still made him wield both of these forces at the same time. Moreover, he could also make some flawless combos with his Martial-Art Skills and Mentalism Techniques during the battle at this point in time.

The only thing that his battle technique lacked right now was to find a way to completely fuse his two disciplines so that he could create his own 'Unified Strengthening' and 'Secret Arts'.

"Hu~!" Shin took a deep breath right after executing the final movements of his training exercise.

A moment later, Shin re-opened his eyes and turned his head in a certain direction while saying. "Are still not going to introduce yourself, Sir? You are observing me for quite some time already."

Right after those words left his mouth, an old man who was wearing a lab gown suddenly walked under the shade of the tree in the direction where Shin was looking.

He was clapping his hand repeatedly while saying. "Impressive! Not only are you very close at reaching that 'point', but your insight regarding that path is also quite clear. Interesting~!"

Shin was slightly taken aback when he heard the old man's words. But it only lasted for a moment as he immediately ignored that remark and asked. "May I know who you are, Sir?"

Shin was acting polite right now since he could feel that this old man really had no ill intention. Though, it was still quite uncomfortable when someone was peeking at you when you are training.

On the other hand, the old man just waved his right hand at Shin while replying. "Don't worry, I'm just a little curious when I saw a young man training a dual discipline. After all, someone like you is quite rare these days."

He then paused for a moment before saying with a quite embarrassed tone. "As for my identity-... Well, I can't tell you about it yet due to some circumstances. So, I apologize for that."

After that, the old man looked at his Advance Watch which was blinking nonstop since the time he left the vicinity of the school.

Then he looked at Shin with his knitted brow while wearing a bitter smile. "Looks like I need to head back now. My student seems to be worried about me now."

p Shin felt a little annoyed when he heard that, so he couldn't help but frowned his eyebrows for a moment. And when the old saw the displeasure in Shin's eyes, he couldn't help but feel even more embarrassed.

"How about this, I will give you a little tip for my rudeness earlier?" said the old man with a smile.

And before Shin could even reply, he immediately added. "Instead of letting them harmonize naturally, how about you make one of them adjust with the other?"

Shin knitted his eyebrows a little after hearing that before asking. "And how can I do that?"

But the old man refused to tell him more. He just waved his finger at Shin while saying. "It is your job to find the answer, kid."

Hearing that, Shin couldn't help but frown his eyebrows once again as he felt a little annoyed. 'What's wrong with these old men? If they want to teach me something then do it all the way, why are they bothering to tell us a clue if they are going to leave the most important part?'

As if the old man could read what was running inside Shin's head, he immediately answered. "Because if it is an answer that you have discovered yourself, then it will forever be engraved in your mind."

"Eh!?" Shin was suddenly taken aback when he heard those words as they struck him really hard.

Seeing the stunned expression that Shin was making, the old man couldn't help but smile a little before saying. "Moreover, the answers to those kinds of questions are already within you. So, all you needed to do is to become aware of it."

After that, the old man turned his body around and started walking back at the tree shade behind him while waving his hand at Shin. "I am sure that we will meet again in the future, so I am hoping that you will find the answer until then."

Then he suddenly disappeared under the shadows of the night without leaving any trace. He didn't even leave a residual of his presence behind.

Shin couldn't even feel a residual of his presence even after enhancing his senses with the help of his Mental Energy.

After that, Shin shook his head a little before muttering himself. "Old men sure are not simple."

But at the same time, he also couldn't hold back his laughter any longer. It was because he saw a nameplate on the left side chest of the lab gown that the old man was wearing earlier. "But sometimes, they are also somewhat funny for being too forgetful."

"Henry Cortez, huh? If it is him, then I can at least trust that tip that he gave earlier," muttered Shin to himself while walking back at the villa.

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The next day, Shin woke up early in the morning due to his body clock. And as usual, he did his daily routine before preparing their breakfast.

"D*mn! Why the heck am I doing this?" muttered Shin to himself while shaking his head helplessly.

"That is because you are the one who can only cook in this place," said Arthur as he walked out from the bathroom after taking a shower.

Shin turned his head at Arthur when he heard that and immediately refuted. "But Leo can cook too!"

"But the food that I make can't even be considered a food when compared with yours," said Leonard as he took his seat.

But right after sitting, he suddenly noticed that only Arthur and him had empty plates in front of them so he immediately asked. "Only two plates? You are not eating with us?"

"I need to go somewhere, so I will have my breakfast later. You two can eat without me, " said Shin before taking the coat hanging in the rack.

"This early? Where are you going? Don't tell me you are going on a date?" asked Arthur while knitting his eyebrows.

Hearing that, Shin suddenly clicked his tongue before answering. "Idi*t! I am going to fetch Chloe from the airport, she is arriving today. Since you two forgot about that, I am going there alone."

"Oh~! So, it is indeed a date," said Arthur while nodding his head the moment he heard that.

He then took a slight pause before waving the spoon that he was holding at Shin while saying. "Then you can also forget about us and take your time. We also don't mind even if you don't come back until night."

Leonard suddenly burst out laughing the moment he heard that. Fortunately, he still hadn't started eating yet, or else he would spit the food straight at Arthur's face.

Meanwhile, Shin could only shake his head helplessly as he fixed that blue coat that he was wearing. Then he quickly walked out of the house while saying. "I already emailed the floor design to Uncle Sam, so you only need to assist him when he arrives."

At the same time, Arthur and Leonard simultaneously turned their heads at each other before the former suddenly asked. "Do you think one of the rooms upstairs is for Cloe?"

Hearing that, Leonard just shrugged his shoulders before replying. "I don't know. But I think that is not the case. Given her father's personality, he will never let her daughter live with us even if we already know each other for a long time."

Arthur nodded his head repeatedly when he heard that before adding. "Yeah, I think so. But I am also guessing that he is most likely going to buy the house next to ours."

After that, the two shrugged their shoulders at the same time before starting to eat their breakfast.