

## Destiny 481

### Chapter 481 Prologue Of The Upcoming Battle

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"And~! Here we are! We only have a few minutes before our most anticipated match," said Mr. Cool Guy.

He was one of the hosts that were chosen by True Insight to cover this match. He didn't want to accept it at first since he was too ashamed for all of the invisible slaps that Shin gave him during the Shadow Ranking Cup.

But after learning that the game event organizers chose the 'True Sight Industries' to be the official broadcasters of all special events of the game, Mr. Cool Guy immediately accepted the offer without any hesitation.

"This is going to be an interesting match. What do you think partner?" he asked as he turned his head at the woman beside him.

"Of course, this is going to be a very interesting match. It is a battle between a veteran Godlike Player and a rising star who attracted the attention of every player of the game," this girl was Marry, Miss Bunny's competitor, and greatest rival.

She was quite happy when she learned that she was chosen to cover such a sensational match. But she also became annoyed after learning that she was only the second choice. And what was worse, Miss Bunny was the first pick of their company.

When she heard about that, she couldn't help but become enraged; it made her feel like a dumping site or something. It was as if Miss Bunny's trash was thrown at her.

But she immediately forgot about that when she learned that their company became the official broadcasters of the game. She even thought that Miss Bunny was an idiot for missing out on an opportunity like this.

She looked at the camera with her greatest smile and said. "Oh! I forgot to introduce myself to our first-time viewers. I'm your current host for this broadcast, Miss Marry."

She then paused for a moment to turn her head towards Mr. Cool Guy before adding. "I don't need to introduce this handsome host beside me, right? After all, there is no one who can be as good-looking as him in this field."

Mr. Cool Guy chuckled a little when he heard that and replied. "You flattered me too much, Miss Marry. I don't deserve such a compliment."

After that, he smoothly shifted the topic towards the upcoming fight by saying. "Anyway, I heard that this match even attracted the attention of the Godlike Players in the Godly Ranking List. What can you say about that, partner?"

"It is only natural, partner. After all, this Immortal that we are talking about. It is only natural for the Top-Ranked Gods to be interested in this match," replied Miss Marry after a slight giggle.

"So, who do you favor in this match? Want to make a little betting?" asked Mr. Cool Guy while chuckling.

Hearing that, Miss Marry 'thought' for a moment before giving her reply. "Hmm. Ok, whoever got the right call will get a coffee treat later. Deal?"

"Call! So, ladies first. Who do you place your money on?" said Mr. Cool Guy.

"Of course, I am going with Immortal," said Miss Marry smilingly.

Mr. Cool Guy chuckled a little when he heard that before replying. "Too bad. He is also my bet too. Then I guess, I will choose the Dark Horse this time? Who knows the Goddess of Luck will smile upon me."

Hearing that, Miss Marry started giggling before suggesting. "Since we are going to bet on the same side. Then how about we make a series prediction instead? After, all this match is going to be in a best of three series. Whoever gets the accurate prediction is going to win this bet."

"Oh! Good idea! Then I am going to bet 2-1 in Immortal's favor," said Mr. Cool Guy with a snap.

Miss Marry smiled a little after hearing that and replied. "Then I'll take 2-0 in favor of Immortal."

Mr. Cool Guy nodded his head after closing the bet before continuing with the script. "Speaking about bets. The odds of the betting pool in the official website are also against our dark horse."

The moment he said those words, the huge screen behind them showed the current betting ratio in the game's official website.

"Hmm, an 85% - 15% odds? Looks like the Angel of Death has a very few numbers of believers," said Miss Marry after taking a quick look at the screen.

At the same time, Mr. Cool Guy nodded his head before supporting her. "Well, that is to be expected. Immortal built a very solid reputation in the gaming industry, so it is very natural for him to get a lot of supporters."

After that, they swiftly changed the topic while displaying a different view on the screen – it was now showing the battle arena where the duel was going to take place.

"An ordinary Gladiator's Arena but with a larger space," said Mr. Cool Guy while looking at the screen. And after a brief pause, he turned his head back to the camera before replying. "Since this challenge was set in 'default mode', we are going to have a very simple stage."

Meanwhile, Miss Marry nodded her head and added. "There is a hidden mechanics on the Godly Challenge Rights, but since it concerns some of the secrets of the game, we are not going to discuss it."

"On the other hand, this arena is the most ordinary but also the fairest battlefield that the game had. Though, it can also be used as an advantage when the contender was able to utilize it properly."

Right after she said those words, Cool Guy nodded his head repeatedly before taking over. "You are right about that partner. This arena is the most boring place that everyone hates and loves at the same time."

"It didn't have any special terrains that the most talented players can take advantage of since it is just a straightforward open-field."

Hearing that, Miss Marry immediately asked as per the script was saying. "So, in this kind of place, which of our current contenders have the more advantages that they can use?"

Mr. Cool Guy acted as if he was thinking for a moment before giving his answer. "Well, it still depends on the situation."

"But since Immortal is a Necromancer, then I can still say that he has more edge in this matchup. After all, he can just summon a lot of monsters to fill the whole place."

"Meanwhile, the Nameless Swordsman is still a melee player even if he possesses quite a number of magical skills. Moreover, those kinds of skills have a very limited range. So, I am not sure if he can't make a path for him to reach Immortal."

Then it was Miss Marry's turn. "But you also need to consider that the Nameless Swordsman has a lot of movement skills – and couple with his fancy footwork and movement combat techniques, I am pretty sure that he can at least reach Immortal, right?"

Mr. Cool Guy nodded his head and immediately replied. "Well, you are right about that. But don't forget that Immortal also has his own movement skills. And if you put the swarming undead in consideration, getting near Immortal is much harder than you think."

"Getting rid of the Immortal's undead monsters is already troublesome enough. And the fact that he can buff his undead and support them with his long-ranged skill, made him a very difficult opponent to deal."

Miss Marry agreed with him and added. "What's more, Immortal is famous for his incredible control over his summoned monsters. And if you add his amazing feats about his strategic thinking, then he practically became the definition of being a one-man army."

"This is going to be a very tough fight for our dark horse," commented Mr. Cool Guy with his nodding head before continuing. "I wonder how the Nameless Swordsman is going to deal with this problem."

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"Hey! Why did you close it? How are we going to watch the match then?" said Leonard as he looked at Arthur who turned off the virtual screen in front of them.

"D\*mn! I am not going to help them gain a lot of ratings after giving out such biased comments," said Arthur as he got up from his lying position. "What they are saying is all in favor of Immortal, they didn't even discuss Shin's achievements – not even his playstyle, advantages, or even his strengths."

Hearing that, Leonard couldn't help but smile bitterly before saying. "What can we do about that? That is how the entertainment industries work, they are always leaning towards the side who have more odds of winning."

"And that is why I am not going to help their broadcast to gain more popularity. It is better if they invited Miss Bunny instead since she is always giving out fair comments," said Arthur while standing up.

Leonard knitted his eyebrows before asking. "Where are you going?"

"I am going to hold a broadcast of my own," answered Arthur in a nonchalant manner.

Hearing that, Leonard immediately grabbed Arthur's arm and said. "Are you out of your mind? If you do that, then you are going to blow up Shin Bro's cover to your sister."

Arthur started chuckling when he heard that and immediately replied. "Of course, I am not that idiot enough to do that. I am naturally going to use a cover of my own while covering the match."

"Eh!? How are you going to do that?" asked Leonard confusedly.

Arthur curved his lips with a wide grin before answering. "I have a secret blog channel of my own. And over the past years, I gained quite a lot of followers. So, I can at least hold a good Livestream with a decent number of viewers."

Leonard was still not convinced and asked. "But how are you going to beat the increasing rating of True Sight Industries?"

Hearing that, Arthur maintained his huge grin before replying. "I am a secret weapon of my own."

After that, he started walking away while having a heartful evil laugh and leaving Leonard who currently had a mixed stunned and confused look on his face. And after a few moments of staying still, he immediately chased after Arthur to see what kind of crazy stunt this showoff was planning to do.

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"Alright! Ladies and Gentlemen! Good day!" said by Arthur right after he started his stream.

He was currently inside a special virtual world to hide his real identity. His current disguise was a young man in his mid-twenties. And naturally, it was a hot and handsome guy.

"For those who are new to our channel, I am your most handsome and the one and only Love Expert in the gaming world and all of the beautiful girls' secret lover, Mr. Casanova," said Arthur while giving a wink at the camera.

That gesture made Leonard, who was currently watching the stream from his Advance Watch, coughed quite hardly. "What the? This guy is not only crazy but also delusional."

Going back to the stream, Arthur or Mr. Casanova rather, cleared his throat a little before saying. "Anyway, let's skip the further introduction. How about we discuss our main subject now?"

With a snap of his fingers, a virtual screen suddenly appeared right behind Mr. Casanova which showed the empty battle arena where Shin and Immortal were scheduled for their battle.

After that, he immediately said. "As for today's stream, we are going to host a live broadcast of the most trending topic on different online platforms."

He trailed his words for a moment before continuing while nodding his head. "That's right, we are featuring the battle between the Guild Master of the Undying Guild – the Lich God: Immortal"

"And the famous rising star of the Saint Heaven Kingdom, the mysterious Nameless Swordsman who bears the Ranker's Title of Angel of Death."

After another pause, he crossed his arms in front of his chest.

At the same time, the virtual screen behind him showed Immortal and his previous battles before resuming. "The battle is about to start now in any minute, so I am going to give you a quick recap of the strengths and weaknesses of our fighters before proceeding."

"As you all of us know, Immortal is famous for having godly control over his undead monsters and great strategic thinking. These two are the only factors that every one of us needs to know to understand how strong the Lich God is."

"And these are the reasons why the top-ranked experts of the game are calling him the perfect necromancer. After all, those two factors are the perfect weapons that every Necromancer is dreaming for."

Reaching this point, Mr. Casanova turned silent for a moment as the virtual screen displayed Shin's previous feats and amazing battles. And that was when he continued talking. "On the other hand, our challenger this time is quite a good player too."

"The Nameless Swordsman may be new to the others but he solidly builds his reputation with his consistent performance. As for his main weapon in this battle? I guess it is the unpredictability of his battle styles."

"Based on the achievements that he achieved in the previous Shadow Ranking Cup, he has a lot of battle styles. From high-class stealth abilities to amazing control over his summons, then those crazy aerial battles couple with his melee capabilities and magical skills. This guy seemed to be a total all-rounder."

"But what really made him stand out from the crowd, is his amazing grasp over the game mechanics. And I can assure you that it was the only weapon that he needs to become a top-ranked expert of the game."

After that, he continued briefing his viewers about the odds of winning on each side. He was not biased at his comments as they were enough to pinpoint the strengths and weaknesses of Shin and Immortal alongside the things that might determine the outcome of this battle.

While he was doing that, the number of players who were hopping in his stream was continuously increasing. And it was due to the preparations that Arthur made earlier.

Before starting his stream, he contacted the famous Godlike Players who were slightly close to him to host his stream. But at the same time, he only chose those players who knew about his second identity to prevent his cover from blowing up.

Regardless, those guys had their own fans who were watching on their personal channels. And since Arthur was known for having an ability to properly explain the things going in a duel, partially because of his 'Foresight' talent, those players that he contacted chose to comply.

Though, most of them only did it because they were too lazy to hold a live broadcast of their own. And since there was someone who was willing to do the hard work for them, they were more than willing to give him the job.

Moreover, they preferred watching the live broadcast of a fellow expert than listening to the biased and useless comments of the 'famous' hosts from the entertainment industries.

Due to that, Arthur's viewers were rising steadily as time went by. In fact, he was even stealing the viewers from live broadcasts of the other online platforms.

And because he was throwing some odd-ball comments and jokes while doing his broadcast, a lot of viewers chose to watch him instead of listening to the boring commentators from the entertainment companies.

After all, watching a clown who seemed to both know and didn't know what he was doing, was more entertaining to watch than the scripted comments of the hosts from those entertainment companies. And due to that, the ratings of those guys dropped drastically which made them frustrated.

Naturally, Arthur didn't have the time to care for them. He just continued doing his job and entertained his viewers all the way until the battle finally started.

"And~! Here we go, my dear viewers! Please hang in there with me and I will do all of the hard work and explain the things that you can't follow," said Arthur before enlarging the virtual screen behind him so that his viewers could watch the battle properly.

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Meanwhile, Shin and Immortal were teleported to the battle arena at the same time. They were standing on each end of the arena opposite each other.

As usual, Shin swept his gaze at his surroundings out of his habit. Then he pursed his lips a little and slightly shook his head after learning that there was nothing special in this particular arena.

After that, he cast his gaze at Immortal who was currently looking back at him with a mocking look on his face.

The area of the arena was quite huge despite its simple and basic features. And due to that, Shin immediately understood that he was practically at an immediate disadvantage since they were standing at each end of the arena.

If it was a normal duel, then Shin was surely going to start walking or even running to lessen the distance between him and his opponent. Unfortunately, an invisible force was preventing him from moving forward.

"Tsk! Maybe this is another advantage that the default mode has," muttered Shin to himself while looking at the timer floating in the middle of the arena.

But at the same time, Shin also discovered that he couldn't use any kind of skills from his skill bar which was good news for him since it also meant that Immortal was also unable to use any skills from his arsenal.

After all, the most dangerous advantage that a Necromancer could have was a time where they could cast a high-leveled summoning skill – which was practically the most troublesome to deal with.

p The atmosphere surrounding the arena was becoming heavier and heavier as the digital clock ticked down. The temperature was even dropping drastically as if a winter storm was right around the corner.

And when the countdown hit zero, both Shin and Immortal immediately made their moves without any hesitation.

Shin started charging forward while executing the 'Mysterious Movements Combat Technique'. And due to the effects of this footwork, he was constantly gaining speed as he continued accelerating forward.

Meanwhile, Immortal quickly slammed his bone scepter on the ground and channeled a large amount of mana on it. And due to the strong force that he used, a powerful ripple traveled along the ground as if a little earthquake was passing by.

Not long after, a large number of undead monsters crawled out from the ground before creating a blockade on Shin's path.

At the same time, these undead monsters were starting to fuse with each other while they were getting into a defensive formation. And it didn't take for them to transform into a group of strange human-like undead that he fought earlier.

After that, they immediately pulled a bone from their shoulders which transformed into a longsword made of bone.

"Go!" muttered Immortal which made his undead monsters start rushing towards Shin while maintaining their formation.

Roar!

Seeing the incoming undead monsters, Shin took a deep breath before stomping on the ground while releasing all of the accumulated force that gained from the 'Mysterious Movement Combat Technique'.

Crack!

Due to that powerful stomp, the ground beneath his foot suddenly sunk before creating spiderweb cracks that extend outwards. And right after he released all of the accumulated forces, his body suddenly shot forward like a cannonball.

Swoosh!

At the same time, his body transformed into incorporeal form while he was flying in the air. And due to that, he created an illusion that he left a streak of silver light behind. And alongside it, he was also pulling out his sword from its sheath before swinging it in one swift motion.

'Basic Combat Technique: Second Drive'

Shing!

'Class Fighting Style: (Modified) Moonlight Splitter'

In an instant, Shin reached the incoming horde of undead monsters and passed through them before stopping right in the middle of their ranks.

All of the undead that he passed through suddenly stopped moving as they all died in an instant. As for the surviving undead monsters, they were not that lucky either. Because something stunning happened right after Shin stopped his charge.

A sudden explosion occurred at his previous location which created a powerful shockwave that followed along the path that he took earlier.

Boom!

Then all of the undead blocking its path were thrown up in the air as if they were swept away by a raging tornado.

Shin stood steadily in the middle of that chaotic storm as if surpassing the speed of sound was not an amazing feat. He then raised his head a little to reveal his signature mask before muttering to himself.

"It's showtime!"

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Uproar!

Every viewer who was watching from different platforms suddenly became crazy when they saw the insane stunt that Shin pulled off.

Having an explosive speed that surpassed the speed of sound? Of course, it was an amazing feat that surpassed the imagination of the average players of the game.

Even if it was only for an instant and just a sudden burst of speed, it was still an amazing feat that was impossible to comprehend for most players of the game. After all, it was something that was pretty hard to accomplish even after a long time of training.

Due to that, the chatbox of every channel was flooded by a bunch of exclamation marks to show how shocked they were.

Even Arthur who was currently covering the match became speechless at what he saw. Though, it was due to a completely different reason compared to the viewers.

He was stunned because of how badass Shin looked right now after executing such an amazing stunt. 'D\*mn! That is how I want to look on the screen of every viewer during my fights. Too bad I still can't find a good opponent to show how awesome I am.'

But he immediately regained his composure after a brief moment of pause before continuing. "Alright! For the sake of our newbie players in chat who are unable to understand what happened. Let's this expert explain it to you."

He then trailed his words for a moment as he waited for the chat to calm a little before adding with a flat tone. "But that is for later. My editing team is still working on it, so let's break down the details of the match later and just enjoy watching the fight until then."

Hearing that, all of his viewers didn't know whether to laugh or cry at his shamelessness. Though, they were also quite amused at the same time since watching the match with a humorous commentator was more entertaining compared to the plain comments that the other hosts were giving.

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Going back at the match, Shin was currently dealing with the strange undead monsters.

At first, he wanted to continue breaking through them and rushed towards Immortal as soon as possible. But no matter how tired he was, the undead monsters were always blocking him at the right time whenever he wanted to make his move.

The formation of the undead monsters was also shifting consistently in response to his moves. They were always positioning themselves at the place where they could limit Shin's moments the most.

He could even feel that there were some traps set up for him if ever he wanted to use the movement skills in his arsenal.

It was the same for his wings – he was sure that Immortal was waiting for him to use the 'Wings of Freedom' given the current look on his face. After all, it was the very same reason why he managed to reach the Necromancer during their brief exchange at the Ancient Ruins.

Fortunately, Shin could easily tell that Immortal was also unable to summon a larger amount of undead monsters compared to before. Probably it was because of the fact that maintaining them in the field exhaust a lot of mana.

"I guess, one of the awakening skills of Necromancers is the Mana Reduction for every summons that he had," muttered Shin as he constantly shifted his position while fighting the undead surrounding him.

Due to this, the current state of the match was put into a deadlock as both fighters were trying to find a good opportunity that they could grab to change the flow of the match.

Shin was sweeping his gaze at his surroundings as he was trying to study the formation that Immortal was using with his undead monsters. But even after a few minutes of exchanging blows with them, he still couldn't find a flaw that he could take advantage of.

Minutes passed and Shin finally discovered something fruitful.

After fighting the undead monsters, Shin suddenly noticed that the number of undead monsters was still the same even after killing quite a lot of them.

Of course, it might be due to Immortal summoning another undead to replace the one that he just killed. But after considering the information that he got, there might be a reason for it.

"Is it to keep the formation perfect or there is another meaning behind it?" muttered Shin while chopping the head of undead who tried to attack him just now.

"What's more, it is also strange for him not to send a couple of spells even after a long time. There is also no sign of him preparing a summoning circle for a high-leveled undead."

"The same number of undead, no projectile spells to support them, and no high-leveled undead. Is it a trap that he purposely set up to lure me in or he actually has a lot of restrictions after losing his Awakening Skills?"

Shin was currently analyzing the information that he got so far when some of the undead broke free from the formation and started rushing at him in a very aggressive manner.

Shin immediately stopped his thoughts when he saw that before knitting his eyebrows. From what he could see, this group of undead who were currently charging at him seemed to be different compared to the others.

The undead monsters that he was fighting earlier at least had a battle capability of a player who possessed an above-average skill.

But based on the movements of these particular undead monsters charging at him, Shin could feel that they were at least as strong as an expert with decent strength.

"Monsters with high AI or are they being controlled manually?" muttered Shin as he used his 'Sensing Circle to predict their movements.

There were a total of 5 undead with strange movements. One of them jumped in the air to prevent him from escaping in the air while the other four were coming at him from four different locations. And based on the timing and the way how they moved, their synchronized attack seemed to be perfectly tailored to trap him.

He was about to make his move when he suddenly felt a vibration coming from the ground beneath his feet.

Sensing that, Shin's head started working and analyzed everything in an instant. Before moving his body based on his instincts.

First, he jumped in the air to avoid getting caught by the pair of hands that tried to grab his ankles. And while he was in the air, he suddenly turned his body around and did a quick spin midair to dodge the incoming thrust from behind before slightly pushing that undead on its back while it was coming through below him.

Due to that, the undead suddenly lost its control over its charge and collided with the other undead coming in front of it. And since they were thrusting their swords forward, they also stabbed each other before the moment of their collision.

At the same time, Shin also used the momentum that he gained from the previous push to do another spin in the midair before throwing a powerful kick at the undead who was coming from his left.

Crack!

A loud sound of something being broken could be heard when the heel of Shin's foot hit the heck of the incoming undead before it was sent flying due to the powerful force accompanying that kick.

Swoosh!

Alongside those moments, his right arm was also doing some work with the sword that he was holding.

He used the momentum of his spin to swing the [Yamato] at the undead who was coming from the opposite direction of the previous undead. And before that undead could even reach its target, a quick slash chopped its head off its shoulders which killed it in the process.

After that, Shin twisted his waist in the air to force another spin up in the air before forcing his body to land back on the ground while thrusting the now blazing [Yamato] at the undead who tried to grab ankles earlier.

And quickly after stabbing his blazing sword at the head of that undead, Shin simultaneously released all of the accumulated white flames from his sword and made it burst out on the ground.

'Self-Created Skill (Personal): Solaris Pillar'

Since four of the undead monsters rushed at him earlier, the perfect formation that they have previously was now broken. So, Immortal adjusted the positions of the other undead monsters to compensate for the gaps that they left behind.

And when he realized that Shin was able to fend off the synchronized attack that he set up, Immortal quickly controlled a few more undead as a follow-up attack for his previous move.

But when he saw the blazing white flame on Shin's sword, Immortal immediately waved his hand and ordered all of his undead monsters to move away from Shin – it was because he clearly remembered one of Shin's signature moves while he was cornered in the air but quite close to the ground.

But the order was quite late.

Boom!

A pillar of white flame suddenly rose up from the ground and engulfed all of the undead who were trying to get near Shin including the undead that was coming after him in the air from the previous synchronized attack.

Even if Immortal managed to save most of the undead monsters from turning into ashes, his perfect formation earlier was now totally broken. And since he needed quite a few moments to re-summon another set of undead, he knew that Shin was going to use this opportunity to break through the blockade of undead that he set up to halt his opponent's advance.

Swoosh!

And just like what Immortal thought. A silhouette suddenly rushed out of the curtain of white flame and flew straight at him with astonishing speed.

Seeing that, Immortal quickly hopped backward while casting a couple of blinks to create more distance between the two of them.

After that, he waved his left hand to unsummed all of the undead monsters in the field before slamming the bottom of his bone scepter on the ground which sent a strong ripple that traveled on its surface.

'Necromancer Skill: Sacrificial Summon'

'Basic Combat Technique: Quick Casting'

'Dark Summoner Skill: Advance Summoning'

Boom!

In the next moment, the ground in front of Immortal suddenly exploded as a huge figure came out of it and started rushing towards Shin. And at the same time, a dark portal appeared beside that figure before a headless cavalier came out of it while charging forward.

It was the huge Blaspheme and Dullahan that Shin saw when they were fighting at the Ancient Ruins. And Shin saw that, he purposely slowed down his charging speed for a moment so that he could observe them a little.

"They are not as strong as before," muttered Shin as he looked at the charging pair of undead monsters. And that was also when he realized that all of the other undead suddenly disappeared a moment before these two monsters were summoned.

"Heh! So, your abilities are really limited after losing all of your Awakening Skills, huh?" sneered Shin before accelerating forward.

At the same time, his mask suddenly released an alternating black and white glow which signified the activation of a skill attached to it.

'Equipment Skill (Mask: Nephilim's Gemini Mask): Spirit Release'

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Then a pair of silhouettes suddenly rushed out of his mask flew straight at the incoming pair of undead monsters.

Bang! Bang!

The Moon Clone threw a 'Half-Moon Slash' at the Dullahan and prevented it from moving forward due to the explosive force behind that sword wave.

Meanwhile, the Sun Clone used the combined forces of the momentum that it gained from the 'Sunshine Movement' and the powerful strike of 'Destructive Slash', to forcefully halt the advance of the charging Blaspheme.

At the same time, Shin took advantage of their sudden pause and charged through the gap in between them to run straight to Immortal.

Clang!

And just like before, Immortal used his scepter to block the blade of the incoming sword.

After stopping his charge, Shin looked at Immortal's eyes before saying in a smirking tone. "Isn't it familiar? So, how about we start where we left off earlier?"

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"How about we end our unfinished business?" asked Shin as he flipped the sheath on his left hand before transforming it into a longsword.

'Legacy Skill: Mondi's Style: Meteor Form'

After that, he quickly thrust that very sword forward while targeting Immortal's chest.

Swoosh!

'Extra Skill: Heart Seeker'

On the other hand, Immortal immediately braced himself to take the incoming strike while enfolding himself with a lot of dark mana. And in an instant, the dark mana that he accumulated transformed into a black barrier to protect his chest.

'Extra Skill: Dark Manifestation'

Bang!

The black barrier was just formed when Shin's sword collided with it before creating a deafening sound that resonated on the whole battle arena.

Both Shin and Immortal stayed still for a second after that collision before Shin slightly pushed the sword forward channeling a fire elemental mana on it, which was also discharged at the tip of the sword.

'Legacy Skill: Regan's Method: Burst Link'

Bang!

Shin perfectly timed the explosion of that skill alongside the delayed impact of his slight push. And due to that, the black barrier that was protecting Immortal's chest was immediately destroyed before the shockwave created by the explosion sent him flying backward.

While moving backward, Immortal did a quick flip midair to lessen the burden that he got from the impact and to also adjust his balance in the air. And while he was falling back on the ground, he suddenly made a snap with his fingers and summoned a wall made of bones in front of him.

Then he did another snap to teleporting himself away from that spot before casting a few sets of spells before sending it towards his previous location.

At the same time, Shin quickly used a charge of his 'Moonlight Steps' to chase after Immortal after sending him flying. And when he saw the wall of bones blocking his path, he immediately enfolded his left and right swords with the powers of the Sun and Moon respectively before throwing a cross slash in front of him.

After that, a pair of sword waves flew out from his swords and transformed into a cross-shaped energy wave that charged forward.

Swoosh!

'Self-Created Skill (Combined): Eclipse Cross'

Boom!

Despite destroying the wall of bones blocking its path, the 'Eclipse Cross' continued at charging forward before colliding at the barrage of spells that Immortal sent earlier.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Immortal stared at the ongoing explosion with squinting eyes, being alert for the next move that Shin was going to do.

But a second only had passed when he suddenly felt a fluctuation of air right behind him.

'Equipment Skill (Leg Armor: Megumi's Shadow): Death Travel'

Shin appeared right behind Immortal while swinging his sword in a very powerful manner. And when Immortal felt that, he quickly tried to blink away as soon as possible.

But Immortal immediately threw that idea at the back of his head when he realized that it was already too late to dodge that attack. And due to that, he chose to face the attack head-on instead of avoiding it.

He held his bone scepter with both of his hands and channeled his dark mana on it while gathering it at bone hand on top of that scepter.

After that, he took a couple of steps forward to create a few distances between the incoming sword and his body. He then used the momentum of his movements to turn his body around while swinging his scepter as if it was some sort of blunt weapon.

Bang!

Seeing that, Shin couldn't help but knit his eyebrows a little while looking at Immortal. He was suspicious about Immortal after their brief melee exchange at the Ancient Ruins. But after witnessing how Immortal countered his surprise attack fluidly, he was now sure that this guy was a Martial-Artist with a solid foundation.

"Tch!" clicking his tongue, Shin quickly tightened his grip on his sword before readjusting his center of gravity.

He then pulled the [Yamato] backward before throwing an upward swing with the other sword that he was holding in his left hand.

Clang!

But Immortal quickly responded with his movements and swiftly flipped his scepter, repositioning it at the most optimal position where he could to block the incoming strike with the easiest way possible.

After that, the two continued to exchange a few more blows in a melee battle that shocked every viewer watching the match.

The first thing was how Shin managed to get near Immortal who was also known for being an unreachable necromancer in the game. That feat alone was more than enough to prove his skills.

What's more, he even forced Immortal into a corner – a difficult situation where he couldn't even summon enough undead to protect him.

But the thing that shocked them the most was the fact that Immortal was fighting Shin in a melee battle. And moreover, that fight was currently in a deadlock.

How could a magic-related and summoning-focused class battle a fighting class in a close combat quarter – and on an equal footing on top of it?

Such a thing already flipped the understanding that most of the players had for the game.

All of the channels covering this match were also in a complete confusion after seeing such a scene happening in front of their eyes. Well, aside from one who even discussed how Immortal managed to achieve that kind of feat.

"As I said, Necromancers are one of the most overpowered classes of the game. Especially if the race of the said player fully compliments their class, just like the Undead Race, or the Fallen Human Race or Fallen Elves to be precise" said Mr. Casanova in a nonchalant manner.

"Those races have an overflowing amount of dark energy that could strengthen both their summons and other dark-related abilities."

"And if such a player had a special class such as Immortal, then the thing that we are currently witnessing is nothing to be surprised about."

"In fact, I am going to be even more surprised if I Immortal can't even do such things. After all, he is a top-ranked Godlike Player, to begin with."

After that, Mr. Casanova snapped, which made the virtual screen behind him zoom in and focus at Immortal.

Then he pointed at the skeleton hand on top of the bone scepter on Immortal's hand. And after a brief moment of pause, he suddenly added. "As you can see, the tip of the scepter is enfolded by a black aura."

"This technique is quite common for the top players of the game. I mean, including all of the previous games that are available before."

"There are a lot of names for this trick, but it is most commonly known as the 'Mana Strengthening'. And it is used to strengthen the battle prowess of the wielder."

"In a sense, it has a similar concept of 'Qi Reinforcement Skills' and 'Mentalism Enhancements' in the real world."

After that, he took another pause to open another virtual screen which showed a few of Shin's battles where he was using his 'Eclipse Wielding'. And that was when he continued talking. "As you can see, our challenger also possessed a similar skill of his own."

With another snap, the virtual screen behind him enlarged once again for the viewers to properly watch the ongoing battle once again. And at the very same moment, his attention was suddenly caught by a certain comment in that chat.

"Oh! That was a nice question!" said Arthur while nodding his head.

He then turned his head at the camera while saying. "Mr. Azlan said how Immortal can have enough physical stats to battle a combat-focused class in a melee battle."

"The answer to that question is the Race that Immortals have. And as I said from my previous streams, undead is a race which has a lot of advantages even though they also have a lot of disadvantages."

"And the one that I like the most in it is their innate physical powers. They have inexhaustible stamina and high resistance against a lot of elements aside from the light-related ones and other holy powers."

"Moreover, they can also gain a lot of physical strength by consuming the dark energy from their surroundings or from their specialized weapons."

"And given that it was Immortal, we all can agree that he has all the means to gather enough dark energy that can give him enough strength to battle any combat-class players on an equal footing."

After that, he continued explaining a few more details about the match that he could pinpoint on the spot. And due to his detailed explanations, which was not much interrupting his viewers from watching the match, the views on his channel were continuously rising up as more and more players chose to hop in his stream.

What's more, his occasional jokes made him more entertaining to watch than the official broadcasts of the other channels. And when the entertainment companies noticed that, they all started hating him to the point they started cursing him to have bad luck on his entire life.

Their viewership was falling down consistently alongside their ratings that were continuously plummeting downwards.

But Arthur didn't care about that as he was too focused on covering the match to the point that he forgot to check his current viewership.

He was even unaware of the unexpected news spread on the internet while Shin and Immortal were still in the middle of the match.

Chapter 485 Angel Of Death Vs Lich God, Immortal (Part 3)

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While the intense match between Shin and Immortal was reaching its peak, shocking news shook the official online forum of the game.

The Central Order succeeded at taking over the Ancient Ruins. And all of the players who were keeping an eye on this war quickly heard about this news right after it spread online.

A lot of players were quite confused about what happened during that time. After all, the Blind Abyss Empire was the home turf of the Undying Guild. Moreover, they also brought a lot of sieging machinery to the Ancient Ruins.

Given that, the players residing in the said empire couldn't understand how the invading guild managed to emerge victoriously. Especially, that they couldn't bring their own machinery to defend the Ancient Ruins.

But it didn't take long until a detailed report was leaked to the public.

From the information leak, it said that the people of the Central Order took advantage of Immortal's absence to make their moves.

Moreover, Legolas himself personally led an elite group of the guild to destroy the sieging machinery of the Undying Guild. And at the same time, they also used a guerilla tactic to take down as many experts of their opponents as possible.

Realizing their current situation, the Apostles of Immortal made their respective moves to lead a counterattack.

Unfortunately, the opposing side was already a step ahead of them. After learning that they were already in control, the Central Order sent a few of their Godlike Players as their reinforcements.

Due to that, the Undying Guild was unable to fight back the repeated assaults of the Central Order. All they could do was to give up the right to control the Ancient Ruins for the time being while waiting for their guild master's return.

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Meanwhile, the ongoing battle between Shin and Immortal was already reaching its peak.

The melee exchange between the two was still intense and continuously increasing with no signs of stopping.

Immortal was clearly at a total disadvantage in this kind of battle. Especially when Shin was keeping an eye on his every movement no matter whether they were small or not. It was for him to look out for every hint of summoning skills that Immortal might use.

Due to that, Immortal was feeling the pressure that was being pressed on him. Moreover, Shin was a Battle Genius who was continuously growing and becoming stronger the longer the battle lasted.

But despite all of the advantages that Shin currently had, he still felt that there was something amiss. His instincts were telling him that something was up. And even if he couldn't pinpoint it yet he was sure that it was something big and dangerous.

Given that, Shin was keeping one of his trump cards ready to make sure that he was not going to be taken by surprise.

It didn't take long for some of Shin's premonition to come true.

Boom!

The ground beneath their feet suddenly exploded as a huge figure emerged from it.

Fortunately, Shin was able to get away in time, since he immediately moved backwards right after he felt the slight vibration on the ground earlier.

Standing away from his previous spot, Shin stared at the huge figure that came from the ground earlier and observed it.

What he saw was a serpent-like monster with a body made of bones from different species and a head that looked like a skull of a horned dinosaur.

"A Boneyard?" muttered Shin as he stared at the newly summoned undead monster. And from what he could see, this undead was as strong as the Blaspheme and Dullahan that were summoned earlier.

Seeing that, Shin took a deep breath to focus his thoughts and clear his mind. And after a moment, he waved his hand to recall the Sun and Moon Clones to his side while waiting for the next move that his opponent was planning.

On the other hand, Immortal was standing on the head of the Boneyard undead while staring down at Shin.

He smirked a little before summoning the Blaspheme and Dullahan on the side of the Boneyard before sneering. "Playtime is over. Let's end this right now."

Shin pursed his lips a little before muttering to himself. "I guess I need to switch targets for now."

He then looked at Immortal before ordering his clones to make their moves. "Go!"

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Right after that, the Sun and Moon Clones suddenly jumped in the air before transforming their respective cloaks into a pair of wings. Then they flew straight at Immortal with great speed.

At the same time, Immortal couldn't help but sneer after seeing that since he could tell what Shin was currently planning. "Unfortunately, I don't plan to play anymore."

With a wave of his hand, he summoned three of his Abomination Elemental Spirits before fusing them with his undead monsters.

'Elemental Spirit Possession'

After that, he ordered the three undead monsters to charge at Shin and ignored the two incoming clones. And at the same time, he jumped up in the air before using an equipment skill that could help him flying in the air.

Roar!

Swoosh! Swoosh!

The undead monsters rushed at Shin as soon as they received their orders. And from the look on their eyes, Shin could tell that each of them was now possessing a high level of intellect.

"Hanzo," muttered Shin to summon his Void Spirit.

After that, Hanzo fused with the longsword that Shin was holding on his left hand and transformed its appearance.

'Elemental Spirit Possession (Void Reaper): Dimension Cutter'

And quickly after the transformation, Shin crossed the swords in front of his chest while bracing himself for the incoming impact.

Boom!

And that was the time when the Dullahan arrived in front of him while thrusting its sword forward.

Shin slid backwards due to the impact of the collision. But at the same time, he was able to negate it in an instant by sending all of the force towards the ground.

Hu!

He then took a deep breath and planned to do a counter-attack but he quickly abandoned the idea when he felt the Blaspheme descending from the sky and planning to smash its fist at him.

Shin wanted to jump away when he saw the falling undead. But before he could even hop backwards, he suddenly noticed that his body was being held by black chains.

And when tried to locate where it was coming from, he suddenly saw that the tip of the sword on Dullahan's hand was currently releasing some dark gases which transformed into a bunch of chains to tie him down.

"Tch! They even have new skills now?" clicking his tongue, Shin immediately gathered the power of Eclipse from his body and quickly released it to create a dome-shaped barrier around him.

'Slayer Skill: Eclipse Pulse'

Boom!

The barrier shook violently after getting hit by the strong punch that came from above. And due to the strong force accompanying that punch, cracks started to appear on the surface of the barrier and showed some signs of being shattered.

Fortunately, the barrier managed to withstand the force and maintained its form after receiving a devastating blow.

After that, Shin suddenly shouted with a very loud voice to make the barrier explode outwards. "Ha!"

'Slayer Skill: Eclipse Counter'

Boom!

A circular shockwave was released and flew in an outward direction the moment Shin detonated the barrier. And since this explosion was carrying the power that the barrier withstood earlier, both the Dullahan and the Blaspheme suffered a devastating blow after getting hit.

That window was the perfect time for Shin to kill either one of the two undead. But before he could even make his follow-up move, he suddenly felt an intense vibration coming from the ground underneath his feet which also forced him to jump away from his current location.

Bang!

The Boneyard suddenly flew out from the ground with its mouth wide opened. And if Shin didn't manage to get away in time, he was sure that he was going to get swallowed by that monster.

"Tsk! Their teamwork is quite good. And coupled with the new skills that they gain after the Elemental Possession, this battle is going to be much harder than I thought," muttered Shin to himself before taking a quick glance at the ongoing battle in the air.

"The fastest way to win this battle is to take down the summoner itself. I guess I need to find a good opportunity to ambush him later," he added before doing another combined attack from the three undead.

While he was doing that, he was also formulating a good plan where he could take down Immortal without dealing with his undead monsters. "I am pretty sure that Immortal is only testing my limits on this round, so I need to save as many trump cards as possible for the next rounds later. After all, this is a best-of-three series."

"But at the same time, I also need force to score a win in this round since it is too disadvantageous to me if I lose. At least, I can go all-out on this next round if I take the lead right now."

After that, took a quick look at his skill bar while trying to find a good combo that he could use. And that was when his eyes landed on a certain skill from the 'Elemental Skills Panel'.

Seeing that, Shin took another glance at the aerial battle between Immortal and his clones. He then cast his gaze back at the skill that he saw before forming a huge grin with his lips. "I guess, it is worth giving it a shot."

Chapter 486 First Round Ends

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The battlefield became a huge mess due to the intensity of the battle. The originally flat ground was now full of craters which made the battle arena have uneven ground.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

But despite that being the case, the battle was still ongoing as both Shin and Immortal didn't care about that factor.

Immortal was having an intense aerial battle against the Sun and Moon Clones. And after a few more exchanges, he became sure that Shin was manually controlling these clones despite battling his Undead Monsters at the same time.

Moreover, those three undeads were currently fused with his 'Abomination Spawns' (the term for his personal Elemental Spirits), which made his summoned monsters to be much stronger than before alongside their high intellect.

Regardless, it was quite noticeable that Immortal currently had a huge disadvantage in this aerial battle. He kept on pushing the clones back whenever they tried to get near him. What's more, he was also forcing the two clones into a passive state with the barrage of spells that he was throwing at them.

Aside from the aerial battle prowess that Immortal was showcasing, the spectators of this fight were also interested in the battle prowess that Shin was showing against the three high-ranked undead monsters.

Not only he was keeping them at bay as he was even suppressing them despite being overnumbered.

The three undead monsters obviously had an overwhelming strength and power given their body sizes.

At the same time, each of them was also possessing a unique set of skills of their own. And together with their very high AI, battling them would surely be a hellish experience for most of the players of the game.

But despite that being that case, Shin was able to get the upper hand.

To every spectator who knew the Nameless Swordsman, the signature sword-shapeshifting style that Shin had was quite satisfying to watch since it was too flashy. But now that Shin was able to raise it to a higher level, they couldn't help but admire his style even more.

The unpredictable attacks and strange trajectory of his whip-sword, the swift and unseeable attack speed of his rapier, and the partial space-rending ability of his longsword, each of these swords were weapons that were deadly enough to pose a threat to anyone in the game.

If not for the fact that these swords were showing some signs of being a skill, then the players watching the match might suspect that Shin was possessing a set of weapons with a very high rarity.

Bang!

Shin was sent flying in the air right after blocking a powerful charge from the Dullahan.

Taking a deep breath, Shin did a quick flip in the air to readjust his center of gravity. And when he regained his control over his body, he suddenly activated the 'Abyssal Form' of the 'Mondi's Style' to change the longsword on his left hand into its whip-sword form.

At the same time, he also changed the 'Elemental Possession' from 'Dimensional Cutter' to 'Soul Eater' to reinforce the sword abilities of the sword.

After that, he swung the whip-sword to the side to extend its blade before wrapping it at the neck of the Boneyard which was coming from that direction.

He then slightly pulled which made him fly towards the direction of the Boneyard and let him dodge the incoming barrage of oversized rocks thrown by the Blaspheme from the ground.

Meanwhile, the Boneyard opened its mouth widely when it saw Shin flying towards its direction.

But right after it opened its jaws, Shin suddenly swung the [Yamato] in the air in front of him while releasing all of the accumulated Power of Eclipse at the opened mouth of the Boneyard.

'Slayer Skill: Eclipse Slash'

Swoosh!

Boom!

Roar!

The Boneyard cried in agony the moment Shin fed it with that powerful skill. And due to the pain caused by the explosion, the undead swung its head left and right as it tried to extinguish the strange flame that had an alternating ice-cold and blazing-hot sensation.

At the same time, the Boneyard was also wagging its head left and right as it tried to shake off the blade of the whip-sword wrapped on its neck.

Meanwhile, Shin tightened his grip on his sword, not willing to let go for the time being.

He waited for the right opportunity before borrowing the momentum from the wagging movement of the Boneyard's head. And with that force, he was able to send himself flying back on the ground with an even greater speed.

In the direction where he was heading, the Dullahan was already waiting for his descent and was getting ready to swing its sword upwards.

Seeing that, Shin took yet another deep breath before kicking the air behind him to accelerate his descent while also transforming himself into an incorporeal form.

Pa!

'Legacy Skill: Mondi's Jump'

'Basic Combat Technique: Second Drive'

'Slayer Skill: Moonlight Steps'

Swoosh!

'Advance Combat Technique: Triple Drive'

'Extra Skill: Falling Lightblade'

Shing!

Due to the series of Skills and Combat Techniques that Shin had executed, his body transformed into a streak of light which was descending like a shooting star falling from the sky before hitting the ground in an instant.

At the same time, Shin was also able to separate the Dullahan from his undead horse due to the powerful shockwave accompanying his descend.

Boom!

Through the 'Sensing Circle' territorial skill, Shin was able to perceive the movements of the incoming Boneyard and Blaspheme which were coming from the air and charging from his front respectively.

Shin calculated their speed in an instant while taking a quick glance at the ongoing battle in the air. "This should be it."

"First, restrained their movements," he muttered to himself while pointing the [Yamato] towards the sky and chanted a couple of words at the same time. Then he waited for the two undead to reach his desired distance before swinging the sword downwards.

A moment later, the ground beneath Shin's feet suddenly released a blinding light which expanded up to a five-meter range away from him. And right after that, a barrage of pillars of lights suddenly fell down from the sky before striking the undead monsters around him.

'Self-Created Skill (Personalized): Eclipse Shower'

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The Dullahan and its undead horse were impaled in the ground right after getting hit by the falling pillar of lights while the Blaspheme was unable to take another step forward after being struck by them.

Meanwhile, the Boneyard fell on the ground right beside Shin after getting struck by the descending pillars of light repeatedly.

But despite being struck repeatedly by the 'Eclipse Shower' and having impaled movements, the three undead monsters seemed to be still unharmed as Shin could see that they were regenerating their injuries at a visible rate.

But that was more than enough for Shin.

He quickly used the 'Void Steps' to teleport away from the three undead monsters before pointing his sword at the sky once again before focusing his mind to summon something.

On the very next instant, Shin suddenly swung the [Yamato] in a very powerful manner while summoning a destructive force from the sky.

BOOM!

A deafening thunder exploded in the sky as a strong energy wave struck down from the sky and fell towards the three undead monsters with impaled movements.

'Grim Reaper Skills (Tier 2): Ragna Blade'

Swoosh!

BOOM!

The three undead were further impaled on the ground, restraining their moments. And naturally, Immortal was able to see that and quickly formed a series of hand seals as he planned to free the three from their current predicament.

But how could Shin let him freely do that?

The moment he cast the 'Ragna Blade', he immediately controlled his clones and pressured Immortal with a crazy series of synchronized attacks.

But Immortal was not an ordinary player after all. So, he was able to complete his spell successfully despite being pressured by the two clones. And right after the completion of the spell, he immediately pointed his fingers at the three undead on the ground and sent a beam of black light towards their direction.

But as if waiting for that very moment, Shin controlled his clones once again and teleported them on each of Immortal's sides before doing yet another synchronized attack.

Immortal suddenly smirked when he saw that. He knew that Shin was trying to exploit the fact that he couldn't take off his pointing fingers away from his undead monsters since it was going to forcefully cancel the spells.

Unfortunately, he already considered it earlier and made some preparations ahead of time.

Clang! Clang!

The swords of the Clones were blocked by a pair of barriers that suddenly materialized in front of them.

After that, Immortal raised his bone scepter in the air before summoning a powerful shockwave that sent the clones flying away from him.

Bang!

But while Immortal was doing that, Shin suddenly threw the [Yamato] in a very powerful manner and sent it towards Immortal.

Swoosh!

The sword flew quite fast as it managed to reach Immortal in just a couple of seconds.

Clang!

Unfortunately, Immortal already freed his undead monsters at that time and healed their injuries. So, he was able to turn his body around and blocked the flying sword successfully before it could even hit him.

The sword was deflected upwards right after getting blocked. It flipped a couple of times in the air before starting to fall down.

Meanwhile, Immortal planned to blink away from that spot right after blocking the sword, but he couldn't do it in time, since the clones were already right beside him once again and were already in the middle of throwing yet another attack.

This particular synchronized attack was perfectly timed as Immortal could tell that he was going to get hit by it even if he managed to cast blink in time.

So, he decisively abandoned the idea of casting a blink and decided to block the incoming attacks instead.

Clang! Clang!

The sword of the Sun Clone was blocked by Immortal's bone scepter while the sword of the other clone was caught by his other hand which was currently covered with dark elemental mana.

While he was currently locked in that position, Immortal suddenly noticed the falling sword which was flipping right in front of him. And looking closely at it, his eyes suddenly caught a glimpse of a strange mark drawn on the hilt of the sword.

Seeing that, Immortal suddenly got a bad feeling as a chilling sensation ran through his spine.

He wanted to do something to prevent his premonition from happening. But due to the sudden pause that he took to process the information, everything was already too late.

'Elementa Skill (Shadow/Psychic): Shadow Mark'

Shin's real body suddenly appeared right in front of him while catching the falling swords. And before Immortal could even react, he quickly swung both of his swords with a stronger force on each strike.

'Self-Created Skill (Personalized): Triple Slash'

'Basic Combat Technique: Second Drive'

'Grim Reaper Skill (Tier 2): Purgatory Slash: Penta Slash'

Shin's arms transformed into a series of blurs as he threw the consecutive slashes at Immortal with a fluid motion.

And right after throwing the eighth slash, he took a very brief moment of pause to gather the accumulated forces on the [Yamato] before releasing it with a final slash alongside the Life Energy that was accumulated from the previous slashes.

'Grim Reaper Skill (Tier 2): Purgatory Slash: Energy Wave'

Swoosh!

And with that final strike, the first round of the best of three series finally came to an end.

Chapter 487 Immediate Restart

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Victory – Angel of Death!

Every spectator of the match was staring blankly at their virtual screens as these words were clearly reflected on their eyes.

Their heads were unable to process what they were currently seeing as they couldn't keep up with the series of events that occurred at the final moments of the round. Everything happened a little too fast for their heads to process all of the information that they saw.

It took them quite some time before they had a delayed reaction.

Uproar!

The spectators of the match suddenly went crazy the moment their minds finally caught up with the scene in front of their eyes.

The chat boxes of the live streams and broadcasts that were covering the match were flooded with exclamation marks and shocked emojis.

Meanwhile, the hosts who were covering the match also recovered themselves at the same time and quickly resumed the discussion about the fight. They started breaking down the details of the match while also showing the slow-motion recording of the round's highlights.

But no matter how busy they were, the main characters of this topic currently had no intention of giving them enough time to their breaths.

For normal matches, there would always be a small window of rest every time the match ended. It was for them to have a brief moment to catch their breath and analyzed the details of the match.

But for the match initiated with 'Godly Challenge Rights', both of the contenders were given a special option to immediately start the next round or take a brief moment of rest. And currently, Immortal suddenly sent a challenge at Shin to skip the resting time and quickly resume the fight.

Seeing that notification in front of his eyes, Shin couldn't help but become suspicious at Immortal's choice. Especially when the dangerous feeling that he felt earlier was still lingering in the air; he was sure that the threat was still present in the field.

"Immediate Restart? If I accept this challenge that means the battlefield will remain in the same state where our match ended. And at the same time, our used skills are not going to reset their cooldowns," muttered Shin to himself while squinting his eyes.

After that, he swept his gaze at the whole battlefield alongside his enhanced senses. And that was when he noticed the overflowing dark elemental mana lingering in the air.

"Heh! So, that was it," sneered Shin the moment he realized what Immortal was planning to do. "So, he did all of those just to scatter all of these dark Mana in the air while his undead monsters were chasing after me all over the place."

After that, Shin fell into deep thought as he was considering whether to accept the challenge or not.

At one point he wanted to accept it as he was curious about what Immortal was planning to do. He also wanted to get another glimpse of the Lich God's real strength so that he could see the current gap that they currently had.

But at the same time, it also meant that his chances of winning on the next round were going to drop significantly if ever he accepted the challenge. And he was also not sure that he could win the next round after that.

Hu!

Regardless, his competitiveness and hunger to have a more challenging battle still emerge in the top. So, instead of choosing the path with a much easier way to win, he chose to accept the challenge and welcomed it with open arms.

"At the very least, I just need to use my cheat card to counter the worst-case scenario," muttered Shin as he stared at Immortal with a determined look at his face while hitting the accept button.

\*Ding!\*

And right after he accepted the continuous challenge, a loud sound of a bell suddenly resounded in the whole battlefield which also interrupted the live-streamers and broadcasters who were covering the match.

System: Ranker Angel of Death accepted the 'Immediate Restart Challenge' sent by Lich God: Immortal!

System: The second round will start shortly.

Seeing those notifications, everyone seemed to have a tacit agreement as they simultaneously turned quiet and stared at their virtual screen with wide-opened eyes.

They had no time to think about what just happened. All they needed to know was the fact that the match was about to resume. So, they needed to immediately drop whatever they were doing and wait for the next round to start.

No one dared to blink their eyes as they were too afraid that they were going to miss a single detail of the match if ever they closed their eyes even for a split second.

System: The battle will start in 10, 9, 8, ...

Then the system started counting down, which made the atmosphere that everyone felt become too tense as they took a silent gulp to swallow a mouthful of saliva. And every time the digital clock ticked down, they seemed to feel that their hearts were beating alongside it.

Meanwhile, both Shin and Immortal took their respective battle positions as they got ready for the upcoming round.

Aside from their health bars which filled back to full, the other buffs and ongoing cooldowns remained the same. In fact, their skills which were currently in cooldown remained frozen and were waiting for the match to start.

..., 3, 2, 1, 0.

Start!

Right after the digital clock hit zero, Shin didn't even think twice as he quickly activated the strongest buffs from his arsenal to strengthen himself

'Equipment Skill (Weapon: Yamato): Nephilim's Ascent'

'Extra Skill (Unique Special): Conversion – From VIT to STR and AGI'

Shin divided his VIT stats and converted them equally on STR and AGI. And due to that, he suddenly gained an immense boost on both his attack and movement speed.

Swoosh!

At the same time, he also used the two charges of this 'Moonlight Steps' consecutively before transitioning it to one of his signature opening skills.

Swoosh!

'Self-Created Skill (Combined): (Modified) Moonlight Splitter'

Shing!

Shin seemed to split the space as he traveled from one end of the battle arena to another end where Immortal was currently standing. And due to that, the streak of light that he left on his path seemed to become a void tear as they linger in the air for quite some time.

Clang!

But despite having a sudden burst of speed and instantaneous movement, Immortal was still able to respond in time as he blocked the sword with this bone scepter. And given the black vapors surrounding his body, it looked like he also activated his own buffs to enhance his battle prowess.

At this point in time, Immortal's eyes were in a hollow state as there was nothing that could be seen on them aside from the pitch-black color that they currently had.

But at the same time, Shin felt that those abyss-like eyes seemed to be able to see through all of his secrets and read all of his movements.

While Shin was looking at that strange pair of eyes, Immortal's figure started fading away in front of Shin as he activated a blink in an instant.

Seeing that, Shin knew that he didn't have enough time to think about the ability of those strange eyes.

So, before Immortal could even fully blink away from him, he immediately used the maximum potential of his 'Sensing Circle'.

At the same time, he also used his 'True Sight' observation skill which made the eyes behind his mask suddenly release a golden glow as he moved his pupils left and right.

This trick was the fruit of his recent progress on his Martial-Art and Mentalism Insights in the real. And since they had a counterpart inside the game, using them in a PvP and PvE battles became much easier for him.

Whoosh!

With their combined forces, Shin was able to read the fluctuation of mana in the air even if they were unseen by naked eyes. And with due to their help, he was able to predict the spot where Immortal was going to blink.

Swoosh!

After that, Shin quickly moved his feet and followed the direction of the Mana fluctuations in the air to chase after Immortal.

But the Lich God seemed to be noticed Shin's movements which were the reason why Immortal quickly summoned a wall of bones in front of the spot where he was heading, blocking his opponent's path and eyesight.

On the other hand, Shin suddenly ignored the wall and quickly adjusted his footwork to change his direction once again before stabbing his sword forward.

Clang!

And that was when Immortal suddenly materialized in front of him while blocking the blade of his sword.

Then the two of them stayed still for a moment, trying to measure each other's current strength.

There were only a couple of seconds on the clock yet these two monsters had already initiated quite a number of exchanges in just a short amount of time.

Moreover, the ordinary spectators of the match had no idea what just happened because everything happened a little too fast for them to comprehend.

All they saw was the appearance of the streak of light and the wall of bones which appeared almost at the same time before seeing Shin and Immortal locked in an offensive and defensive posture at some part of the battle arena.

But in the eyes of the fellow monsters who were watching the fight, the scene that they saw was the detailed exchanges of the two which happened in just a matter of seconds.

It was even more true for the top experts who were watching live from the specialized VIP rooms that were prepared just for the matches like these. And the moment they saw what just happened, they all knew that these two monsters were finally taking this fight seriously after measuring each other's strengths from the previous round.

So, they started wearing a huge grin while muttering to themselves. "Now, the real battle is about to start."

### Chapter 488 Immortal's Scheme

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Clang!

Shin and Immortal remained standing in the respective positions while maintaining their offensive and defensive postures.

They stayed standing like that and stared at each other's eyes while emitting a powerful presence that was coming from their bodies.

Immortal possessed the cold and heavy aura of death lingering in the atmosphere around him. It was as if anyone who tried to get near him were going to suffocate to death due to having a hard time breathing.

The deep fear of Death.

This was the feeling that everyone was going to feel the moment they got near Immortal at this point in time. They were constantly going to feel that the death itself was coming at them and calling them to join the other spirits in the underworld.

Alongside the looming aura of death, a hooded figure also appeared right behind Immortal while looking down at Shin.

This particular figure was similar to the 'Battle Spirits' (Higher Form of Aura Manifestation) of 'Ethereal Opening Stage Experts'. But it didn't have a distinct figure yet to be considered as a real 'Battle Spirit'.

In a sense, it was much similar to the humanoid figures that Arthur and Leonard had shown when they had a sparring match before – 'Pseudo Battle Spirit'.

It was a skeleton covered with a black robe that had a hood hanging over its head and a pair of eyes made of blue flames.

It was also holding a long bone scepter with a pitch-black color and a huge skeleton hand on its tip. That was a scepter that looked like an exact replica of the scepter that Immortal held with his hand.

And due to the overwhelming presence that this particular 'Pseudo Battle Spirit' had, the air surrounding the whole battle arena suddenly changed and made it dark from Shin's perspective.

But Shin seemed to be unaffected by any of that. And it was because he was also releasing an equally powerful pressure of his own to counter the overwhelming pressure that was being pressed at him.

It couldn't even pose any kind of threat at Shin even if it tried to crush him. And no matter how powerful that pressure was, an equally strong power was negating it and preventing it from moving further.

Immortal would naturally notice that. So, he immediately looked for the source of that powerful pressure with a knitted brow. And that was when he saw the humanoid figure standing right behind Shin.

It didn't have a distinct form yet, but Immortal could already feel the strong pressure coming from its incorporeal body. And from the outline of that humanoid figure, Immortal could easily see that it was holding a pair of swords on each of its hands.

But what really took Immortal by surprise were the cold eyes that were looking back at him with cold gazes.

Its left and right eyes were releasing a different glow which also gave a different kind of pressure – its left eye was glowing with a black light while the right one was emitting a silver glow.

Staring at them, Immortal could feel the coldness of the abyss from the left eye while he could feel the warmth of heaven from the other eye.

The more he stared at those eyes the more threat he got. And due to that reason, the expression on his face started to become solemn as he knew that this was not the real form of this 'Pseudo Battle Spirit' yet.

Immortal could still be another form of power coming from that indistinguishable humanoid figure, which was the reason why it couldn't achieve its perfect form yet.

'This guy is really dangerous. Looks like I need to hinder his progress in the game a little after this match. I wanted to let him grow a little more since I can surely get a legendary undead monster once I kill him at that time. Maybe it even has an Abyssal Knight Rank when that time comes.'

These were the thoughts running inside Immortal's head when he saw the 'Pseudo Battle Spirit' behind Shin.

But those thoughts only lasted for a moment as his eyes suddenly turned sharp while looking at Shin.  
'But right now, I don't have the leisure time to let him grow further since I'm sure that he is going to become another unstoppable monster in the future, just like those troublesome guys.'

He then paused for a brief moment and squinted his eyes while thinking to himself. 'I need to delay his progress for as soon as I can before he can become another factor that may hinder the Cult's plans in the future.'

This string of thoughts ran through Immortal's minds as he had a contest of mental prowess with Shin. And that exchange of willpower lasted for a few seconds until the partial buff that they cast earlier finally came to an end.

The black smokes that were emitting from Immortal's body finally subdued while Shin's stats went back to their original enhanced state after the duration of the 'Conversion' skill.

But despite that being the case, both Shin and Immortal continued the staredown for a few more moments before a powerful shockwave was simultaneously released from their bodies.

BOOM!

Due to the unexpected collision of the opposing powers, the air surrounding them suddenly went berserk and started moving in a circular manner as if a raging tornado was starting to form with Shin and Immortal standing at its center.

Their cloaks danced violently along with the revolving gust of wind around them.

Then all of a sudden, the tornado disappeared once again which made the battle arena return into its tranquil state. It was as if the mini-storm didn't appear in the first place. And that was also the time when Shin and Immortal finally separated from each other.

Clang!

Immortal put a lot of strength on both of his arms before pushing his bone scepter forward. And due to that, Shin was forced to pull his sword as he took a couple of steps backward.

After that, Immortal suddenly took a quick spin while accumulating the dark energy from his surroundings before gathering them on top of his bone scepter.

Alongside those movements, Immortal was also twisting his waist along with his scepter to maximize the force that got from the momentum of his spin. And when his spinning motion reached its peak, he released all of the centrifugal force by retwisting his waist towards the opposite direction while throwing a powerful swing at Shin.

Swoosh!

'Self-Created Skill (Personalized): (Modified) Dark Spectrum'

Boom!

And that was when a ball made of pure dark energy was released from the tip of his scepter and flew straight at Shin.

Meanwhile, Shin swiftly sheathed back his sword with a smooth motion before channeling the specialized powers of Sun on it. And when he saw the incoming ball of dark energy, he suddenly took a quick step forward before drawing the sword out and releasing the accumulated energy at the same time.

Shing!

'Class Fighting Style: Solar Flare'

Swoosh!

Boom!

The pitch-black ball of energy collided with a silver sword wave and created a powerful explosion which made the surrounding air went berserk once again.

But in the midst of these violent air ripples, both Shin and Immortal never stopped moving.

Bang! Bang!

Different flashes appeared in different parts of the battle arena as the two continued to exchange blows against each other.

Loud explosions could be heard from time to time whenever the two unleashed a powerful magical skill of their own.

Sometimes, they were a couple of undead appearing out of nowhere but they were going to get chopped down by a sudden flash of light.

Bone spikes, energy balls, sword flashes, powerful waves, metallic sparks – these were only a few of the things that kept appearing in the battle arena every time Shin and Immortal clashed against each other while their figures kept on appearing and disappearing at unimaginable speed.

The cameras were even forced to look at the arena in a zoomed-out view since it couldn't fully chase after the movements of the two.

Due to the intensity of this sight, the spectators watching the match couldn't take their eyes away from the virtual screen in front of them while holding their breaths.

This kind of fight was on a whole other level compared to all of the matches they had watched so far. They even started to doubt whether they were still playing the same game as those monsters on their screens.

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Bang!

Immortal really lived up to his reputation as one of the top Godlike Players of the game. He was truly strong and giving Shin a lot of trouble despite not having his real battle prowess.

Shin was quite confident with his current strength after all of the trials and errors that he did when he logged back in the game. He thought that he could at least put up a decent fight against the current gods of the game after the hardships that he suffered during his training.

In fact, he even reanimated his Martial-Arts Skills and Mentalism Techniques from the real world and converted them into in-game skills through their counterparts inside the game which had similar effects.

But after experiencing this fight Shin knew for himself that it was going to be easy.

It was true that he still couldn't find his real battle style inside the game which was why he couldn't showcase his full potential yet.

But at the same time, he was also aware that Immortal was not showing his real powers yet since he neither had his most powerful undead monsters nor his awakening skills to strengthen them.

Hu!

Shin took a deep breath to get rid of those thoughts inside his head before increasing his speed once again, trying to break through the barrage of spells that Immortal had sent towards his direction.

With his current speed, he left a bunch of afterimages behind while he was dodging every spell which was flying towards him.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Swoosh!

And with another burst of speed, Shin was able to break through the wall of spells blocking his way and arrived right in front of Immortal once again.

But before he could even use his sword at Immortal, the Lich God's body suddenly turned illusionary before exploding into a bunch of smoke which scattered in different directions.

Swoosh!

Shin failed to hit his target as Immortal suddenly disappeared from his sight. He couldn't even find his opponent's location even with the help of his enhanced 'True Sight' and 'Sensing Circle'.

Realizing that, he immediately turned his head left and right as he tried to locate Immortal. And that was when he noticed that he was currently surrounded by a lot of clones created by his opponent.

Seeing that, Shin quickly used his 'True Sight' skill to the limit to see if he could locate Immortal's real body among those clones.

But he was suddenly taken aback when he discovered that each of those clones was emitting a similar type of aura. Meaning, each of them possesses an equal amount of mana which made them practically the same.

'Class Fighting Style: Magical Realism'

After that, all of the clones simultaneously raised their respective bone scepter before pointing them at Shin while also casting a spell at the same time.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A beam of light flew out from the tip of the clones' scepter and flew straight at Shin.

Tch!

Shin clicked his tongue before using one of his speed-boosting skills.

'Legacy Skill: Mondi's Movement'

Swoosh!

Right after Shin used that skill, he suddenly felt that his body suddenly became light and free. And immediately after that, he immediately moved his legs to dodge the incoming spells directed at him.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The barrage of spells missed their targets as he was able to avoid them in time. And while he was moving, Shin felt a series of overlapping afterimages behind to confuse his opponent.

Just like what Shin was expecting, Immortal suddenly got confused when he saw the overlapping afterimages that were following Shin's every move.

On the other hand, Shin made his move and quickly destroyed all of the clones surrounding him. He moved his legs as fast as he could while also swinging his swords at the same time. And every time he successfully hit them with each of his strikes.

Due to that sudden burst of Shin's speed, Immortal's clone couldn't keep up with his movements which forced the Lich God to let reach of his clones flew in the air.

But Shin seemed to already be expecting that, so he quickly transformed the [Dawn's Mantle] into a pair of wings before chasing them and taking them down one by one. And because of that, an aerial battle was suddenly initiated.

A few minutes later, Shin was able to destroy all of the clones summoned by Immortal but he still couldn't find the real body. And when he was about to scan his surroundings, he suddenly noticed a cold gaze locked on him.

And when he sensed that, Shin immediately raised his head and looked further up in the sky. And that was when he saw Immortal chanting out a series of necromantic words while looking down at him.

He wanted to stop Immortal and forced him to cancel the spell, but it was already too late since the Lich God already voiced out the final words that he needed to complete the spell.

A moment later, Shin felt that all of the dark elemental mana lingering in the air suddenly moved towards the ground with an incredible speed, lighting up the whole battle arena.

After a few seconds, he saw a huge summoning circle drawn on the floor of the battle arena which illuminated the whole place with an alternating black and purple light.

Seeing that, Shin couldn't help but form a bitter smile with his lips before muttering to himself. "Looks like a huge trouble is about to emerge."

### Chapter 489 The Duplicator's Eyes

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Shin looked at the summoning circle illuminating on the ground of the battle arena.

A moment later, the whole battle arena started to shake violently as if there was a sudden earthquake. And not long after that, a pillar of light suddenly shot up from the ground and flew straight towards the sky.

Seeing that, Shin quickly moved away from the incoming pillar of light with a slight wave of his wings before staring intensely at the summoning circle on the ground.

He was squinting his eyes while staring at the summoning circle and had no intention of taking his eyes away from it. It was because of the dangerous aura that was coming from it.

Crack! Crack!

And when he saw the cracks that were starting to appear on the surface of the ground, Shin could immediately figure out what kind of monster Immortal was planning to summon.

Boom!

The ground of the battle area suddenly exploded which made a lot of rock debris to be sent in the air and fly in different directions.

Roar!

And that was when Shin saw a massive figure crawling out from the ground with its thick arms and sharp claws. The monster revealed itself bit by bit all the way until it fully pulled itself from the ground.

It was a massive dragon with pale white scales and crimson eyes. Its huge bat-like wings were spread widely, showing quite a few holes on it.

"A Zombie Dragon!?" shouted Shin unconsciously while looking at the massive dragon with wide-opened eyes.

Not only him, but even the players watching the match also blustered out the same words the moment they saw the dragon summoned by Immortal. It was the same for the live streamers and broadcasters covering the match.

The expert players were also wearing the same expression on their faces. Some of them were even gasping with their breaths while the others either stood up from their seats or clenched their fists after seeing that massive dragon.

Unlike the ordinary players, these guys knew the significance of the fact that Immortal could summon a high-ranking undead despite not having his Awakening Skills.

Moreover, the undead that he summoned was a dragon. It didn't matter whether it was a Zombie Dragon or not – a dragon was still a dragon no matter what kind it was.

Dragons were one of the highest beings inside the game and ranked top among the most powerful race. Even a hatchling of a dragon was as strong as the High-leveled Monsters with Overlord Rank at the current stage of the game.

Moreover, they could only be summoned by beings that had equal authority and similar powers as them.

But with the currently had, he supposedly couldn't summon a monster of this kind of level and possessed such a powerful bloodline.

Due to the appearance of this massive Zombie Dragon, the surrounding mana suddenly became berserk which led to some space distortion.

Seeing that, Shin couldn't help but knit his eyebrows while muttering to himself. "Tsk! One look at it and I can already tell that this dragon is a real deal. Even Arthur's dragon looked like a baby when compared to this one."

At the same time, Immortal landed at the head of the Zombie Dragon while looking at Shin arrogantly. "Don't feel too surprised yet since an even more surprising thing is waiting for you on the next round."

The expression on Shin's face suddenly turned solemn when he heard those words. And based on Immortal's tone, he could easily tell that this guy still had another way to summon this dragon on the next round after defeating him. Or maybe an undead with a similar rank or level.

Realizing his current predicament, Shin knew that he couldn't hide his final trump card anymore. After all, he didn't use this card purposely so that he could save it for unexpected situations just like this.

Having that in mind, Shin looked back at Immortal with a determined expression on his face before saying with a smirking tone. "You can't be too relaxed yet. After all, the winner of this round still hasn't been determined."

Immortal suddenly frowned his eyebrows when he heard. He didn't know where Shin got his current confidence despite seeing the Zombie Dragon that he summoned.

Due to his confusion, there was a sudden pause in Immortal's actions which gave Shin a small window to use that trump card that he was saving.

'Legacy Skill: Duplicator's Eyes'

Both of his eyes suddenly shone with a brilliant white light. And due to how brilliant it was, even Immortal could see the current glow on his eyes which made him even more confused, especially when he felt a dangerous premonition after seeing that sight.

While Immortal was still processing what was happening, a series of system notifications suddenly rang at Shin's ears right after he activated his skill.

\*Ding!\*

System: Special Legacy Skill has been activated!

System: Scanning the target skill...

System: Epic (Pseudo Legendary) Skill has been detected!

System: Checking for Duplication Prerequisites.

System: Wisdom Stats confirmed! Spirit Stat confirmed!

System: All conditions have been met! Initiating the Duplication of the Skill.

\*Ding!\*

System: A special variable is detected! Can't duplicate the original skill, 'Greater Undead Recall'.

System: Readjusting the skill nature to complement your Race and Class...

\*Ding!\*

System: A Skill Creation has been completed.

System: Congratulations! You Created a new skill.

\*Ding!\*

System: Conditions are not met. You can't use this skill in your current state.

\*Ding!\*

System: Due to some special circumstances the new skill is activated through 'Duplicator's Eyes Legacy Skill'!

BOOM!

After the long string of notifications, a thunderous sound suddenly exploded in the sky which shook the entire battle arena.

Immortal knew that Shin was plotting something big the moment he saw the commotion in the sky. So, he immediately waved his bone scepter in the air before ordering his Zombie Dragon to stop Shin.

Having received its orders, the Zombie Dragon immediately moved its body and opened its huge mouth while gathering the surrounding mana on it. And when the accumulation of mana reached its peak, the dragon released all of the mana that was gathered and sent it in Shin's direction.

'Zombie Dragon's Breath: Ghost Flame'

Boom!

Then a blazing wave of flame was released from its mouth and flew straight at Shin with unstoppable force.

Swoosh!

BOOM!

But before it could even reach its target, a pillar of grey light suddenly shot down from the sky and blocked the incoming wave of flames.

And when Immortal saw that, he couldn't but knit his brow while looking at the pillar of light protecting Shin. "What kind of trick did this guy have now?"

A few moments later, the blinding light of the pillar in front of Shin finally subdued and revealed the existence hiding behind it.

It was a massive dragon with a similar size as the Zombie Dragon that Immortal had summoned. But compared to the scary and eerie appearance the latter had, this new dragon had a majestic appearance and a sacred aura surrounding it.

Its diamond scales were perfectly shaped like sculpted gems. They were glowing with alternating black and silver glow as the sunlight reflected on them.

Meanwhile, its eyes looked so sharp with its crimson red pupils. It was coldly glaring at the Zombie Dragon on the ground while releasing some aggressive growls.

At the same time, the surrounding mana which had already been berserk since earlier became even more violent due to the sudden appearance of another Transcendent Being.

Because of the presence of the two greater beings, the space that was maintaining the Battle Arena suddenly became distorted.

After all, it was just an independent space that was supposed to hold a lower-leveled being. And since both Shin and Immortal were able to summon a pair of monsters that exceeded the limits of this independent world.

Crackle! Crackle!

Due to the clashing pressure of the two Transcendent Beings, a lot of void tears started to appear at the whole place and showed some signs that the whole place was about to collapse.

But no matter how dangerous those spatial distortions were, both Shin and Immortal just ignored all of them as they stared at each other with cold gazes.

They both knew that this was going to be the deciding factor of this match.

If Immortal won this round, Shin was going to be at a total disadvantage in the next round since he already revealed most of his cards. But if Shin managed to seize a victory for another time, then was going to be the victor in this match.

\*Ding!\*

System: The Eclipse Dragon was summoned successfully!

Shin took another look at the final notification that he got before standing on top of the Eclipse Dragon's head.

He continued to have a staredown contest with Immortal for a few more moments while they were standing in the midst of the spatial distortion around them. And as if they had a prior agreement, the two of them simultaneously ordered their respective dragons to attack.

Roar!

Shin pointed his sword at Immortal. And with that gesture, the Eclipse Dragon suddenly spread its massive wings widely before releasing a deafening roar. Then the dragon waved its wings powerfully to launch itself downwards.

Swoosh!

Meanwhile, Immortal lightly tapped his bone scepter at the head of the Zombie Dragon to give his command. And right after he did that, the dragon spread its wings outwards before flapping it in a very powerful manner while also strongly pushing the ground to lift itself up in the air.

Roar!

The two dragons opened their jaws quite widely as they got near at each other. And that epic scene gave every spectator a goosebump which made them hold their breaths and stared intensely at their virtual screens.

All of them were waiting for the collision of these two colossuses as they all knew that this was going to be the final clash of this match.

And this final bout was going to be the best highlight of the match which was going to be engraved on everyone's mind.

Chapter 490 Experiencing Defeat For Another Time (Part 1)

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Roar! Roar!

The two dragons were immediately entangled with each other moment they met midair. And right after they clashed, both of them quickly tried to bite each other's neck which led them to wrestle each other in the air.

Meanwhile, Shin and Immortal simultaneously jumped off the heads of their respective dragons the moment those dragons rolled in the air while falling towards the ground.

Then Shin quickly flapped his wings midair to send himself launching towards Immortal. He didn't plan to drag this battle anymore and want it to end as soon as possible.

After all, he could already see his Mana being drained at incredible speed while the duration of his 'Wings of Freedom' was already reaching its end.

Swoosh!

Given his current speed, he was able to reach Immortal in just an instant. But the latter was already expecting Shin's move and quickly blinked away before his opponent could even swing his sword.

Immortal knew that summoning such a greater being would consume a lot of mana over time since the same thing was happening to him.

So, he couldn't afford to face Shin head-on since he would also expend an even larger amount of mana if they battled each other at this point in time.

Having a magic-related class that was dependent on using spells, Immortal knew that battling Shin head-on would only put himself at a great disadvantage. So, he rather focused on controlling his Zombie Dragon and saved as much mana as he could rather than initiating a flashy aerial battle with his opponent.

On the other hand, Shin was obviously planning the complete opposite of Immortal's plan. He knew that he currently had the advantage right now.

Most of his skills relied on his stamina which was completely inexhaustible. So, he would obviously have a much higher chance of winning if he forced Immortal to expend more of his mana than just letting this battle be a plain battle of attrition.

Having that in mind, Shin immediately read the fluctuation of mana in the air to predict where Immortal was going to appear before flying towards that direction with an even greater speed.

With them having a similar thought in mind, a chasing game was started immediately with Immortal running away and Shin chasing after him. And that scene gave the spectators a strange feeling on their chest.

The clashing dragons was an epic sight to see since it was very rare for them to watch that kind of battle. But seeing the great Lich God on the run with a rookie ranker who recently got his own title on his tail, was an unexpected sight for all of them.

In the eyes of everyone, Immortal was a notorious villain who was feared by most players of the game. He was known for being cunning, ruthless, and cruel.

Every player would always shudder in fear just by hearing his name or even his guild. And whoever tried to mess with him would always have a bad ending which was either being chased by his underlings endlessly or hunted down by Immortal himself.

But ironically, the current scene that they were currently watching on their virtual screens was the complete opposite of it.

The sight of the two flying in the sky was quite epic to watch since Shin and Immortal looked like a pair of planes flying in the air. And coupled with the pair of dragons wrestling each other, the scene became even more stunning when someone saw it.

But compared to the strange feeling that everyone was currently experiencing, there was a single person who was seeing the scene very differently.

He was staring intensely at his screen with his eyes locked on the dragons battling in the air.

'Tsk! How come these guys can summon a badass dragon despite their levels and lack of awakening skills? What's more, those two are rare ones at that! If only I am in that field and I can examine them up-close!' shouted Arthur inside his head while staring at the pair of dragons with sparkling eyes.

He then fell in deep thought and said to himself. 'I guess I need to have a good talk with Shin later.'

From that look on his face, he seemed to forget that he was currently having a live stream regarding the ongoing watch. And he only regained his senses when a viewer in the chat made a donation notification.

Hearing that, he immediately came back to his usual attitude and started talking about the fight. Though, he didn't forget to praise the unique powers of the Zombie Dragon and the majestic figure of the Eclipse Dragons that were battling in the air.

These two dragons had an equal battle prowess which was why their battle in the air was dragging for quite a long time while Shin and Immortal were circling around them.

Due to the battle being dragged longer than they had expected, both Shin and Immortal were already running out of gas.

Immortal was already running low on mana because he kept on casting a blink to get away from his opponent and maintain the distance between the two of them.

Moreover, he also needed to cast a couple of offensive spells to ward off Shin every time was about to catch up with him. And due to that, he expended quite a lot of mana for the last few minutes.

Meanwhile, Shin was also nearing the end of his rope. The duration of the 'Wings of Freedom' was already reaching its end, so he started to feel the pressure of being tight in time.

If he didn't manage to catch Immortal as soon as possible, then the result of this match was surely going to be against his favor.

Thinking about that, Shin quickly took a quick glance at his skill bar, trying to look for a suitable skill that he could use to catch Immortal off-guard.

He could no longer rely on his movement and teleportation skills since Immortal was always on guard on those skills. His sword swapping was not going to work either.

After all, he was already using the 'Mondi's Style' for quite some time, so it was natural for his opponent to adjust to his quick-changing sword style.

Moreover, he already revealed all of the cards that he could afford to show, so he was not sure how he was going to deal with this current situation. And if he used more of the skill set meant for his other identity, then it was really going to risk himself at exposing the truth about 'Sickarius' and the 'Nameless Swordsman'.

Using a couple of skills was still fine since there were countless skills in the game which had the same visual effects, descriptions, and skill executions. But if he used more than what he already showed, then hiding his other identity was going to be much harder in the future.

While he was caught in that difficult dilemma, his eyes were suddenly attracted to a pair of skills in the Equipment Skill Panel.

After that, he took a quick glance at the two dragons wrestling in the air before taking another look at the pair of skills that he saw. And that was when his head started working at a fast rate to formulate a plan.

It didn't take long for him to lay out the most plausible plan in the easiest way possible. And when he was done, he immediately changed the direction of his flight before charging towards the two dragons.

Meanwhile, Immortal suddenly got confused when he saw Shin heading towards the battling dragons. But regardless of his confusion, he still got a bad feeling about that sight which was why he immediately chased after Shin, trying to see what was going to happen.

At first, Immortal was thinking that Shin was trying to lure by attacking the Zombie Dragon's weak points while the Eclipse Dragon was keeping it busy. After all, it was such a basic strategy for this kind of David-vs-Goliath battle.

But after taking a closer look at his opponent's movements, Immortal could easily tell that there was more to it that he couldn't see. And on top of that, his instincts as a strategist kept on bothering him that there was something more into it than what he could see on the surface.

Having that in mind, he immediately accelerated his flying speed and sent a couple of spells towards Shin, trying to test the waters.

The trajectories of those spells were perfectly calculated as they flew through the air with strange pathing and tricky timings.

But despite that being that case, Shin was able to dodge all of them by doing some flashy and crazy aerial maneuvers during his flight.

Immortal cast a couple more spells to check if his instincts were telling him the right thing. And when he saw that Shin totally ignored him and continued to fly towards the two dragons, Immortal became sure that his opponent was really planning something big.

Given that, he decided to do the same and exhaust all of his reserves just to stop Shin from executing his plan. He even stood on top of the Zombie Dragon's head just to save more of his mana so that he could focus on attacking Shin and send as many spells as possible.

At the same time, Immortal also executed quite a few of his 'Offensive Combat Techniques' while using his spells alongside them. From those actions alone, the viewers could easily tell that he was already going all-out on this final standoff.

Meanwhile, Shin did everything he could just to dodge every spell that was coming his way. But despite successfully dodging all of the spells sent by Immortal, his head was already getting dizzy due to the continuous usage of the aerial variations of his 'Combat Techniques'.

Shin already knew that he was already reaching his limit when he felt that headache assaulting his head. He tried to shake it off a couple of times but it quickly came back in just a few seconds.

Due to that, he decided to slow down his speed a little. But because of the sudden deceleration, a spell accidentally hit his wings which led him to lose his balance in the air.

Shin did everything he could to regain his balance but no matter how hard he rolled, spun, and flipped in the air; he could no longer take back his steady footing unlike earlier. Especially when he was also busy dodging the incoming spells.

Bang!

With another mistake, Shin was hit by another spell which made him completely lose control over his body. And before he could even do anything to regain himself, black shackles suddenly appeared out of nowhere and wrapped on his body to prevent him from moving.

After that, he was suddenly teleported right in the middle of the two dragons who were currently in the middle of charging their mouths with mana for another dragon's breath.

'Zombie Dragon's Breath: Ghost Flame'

'Eclipse Dragon's Breath: Unity Ray'

And the next thing that the spectators saw was Shin being trapped in the middle of those opposing breaths before being engulfed by them after a second.

BOOM!