

Destiny 501

Chapter 501 The Final Showdown (Part 2)

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In an open field of the Ancient Ruins, Shin and Immortal were standing a few meters away from each other while releasing an even more powerful aura than what they had shown during their duel earlier.

They were also releasing their respective Pseudo Battle Spirits which made the whole place filled with heavy pressure and ice-cold temperature.

"You sure know how to pick a good spot to be your burial place," said Immortal while tapping his bone scepter on the ground, summoning his undead monsters.

"Tsk! Why so serious? This is just a game, there is no need to put much into it," replied Shin sneeringly while moving forward alongside his two clones which were currently in their werewolf forms.

After that, he swept his gaze at the summoned monster in front of him before asking. "Are you sure that you are still going to use these low-leveled monsters? Isn't it a little too cheap now that we already got to know a little bit about each other's strengths?"

Hearing those words, Immortal couldn't help but smirk at Shin before saying. "Heh! Of course, I'm not going to do that either. After all, you are a cunning one to deal with."

"Says the one who is not a sly fox," muttered Shin while twisting his neck a little to make some cracking sounds.

On the other hand, Immortal quickly made a snap with his fingers to sacrifice all of the undead monsters that he just summoned to call out a void gate right beside him. And a moment after its appearance, a knight with full-body black armor walked out from that gate while riding a fully armored horse.

'Necromancer Spell: Sacrificial Summon'

'Demonic Occultists Spell (Tier 2): Abyss Knight Summoning'

Based on the aura of this Abyss Knight alone, Shin could immediately tell that it was much stronger than all of the undead monsters that he had seen so far.

Leonard recorded his battle against Immortal during their battle in the fallen outpost before for him to study. And naturally, Shin was able to see it too when he was studying some battle videos during the Shadow Ranking Cup.

From that battle, Immortal also summoned quite a few high-quality undead monsters when he was exchanging blows against Simba.

But this particular knight undead that Immortal just summoned was way stronger compared to those monsters. And what made it even worse was the fact that it was further enhanced by Immortal's Abomination Elemental Spirits.

From what Shin had seen, Immortal at least used four of his Abominations to enhance the ability of this particular summoned creature. One for the armor, another for its swords, and another pair for the knight itself and its mount.

From the battle video, Shin already saw Leonard used a Multiple Elemental Fusion which enhanced his strength with a great margin.

But now that he was seeing it personally, the pressure that he was getting from the Abyss Knight became way heavier than before.

Regardless, Shin still refused to back down and immediately assumed a battle stance alongside his clones.

Hu~!

With a deep breath, he simultaneously activated his 'True Sight' observation skill and 'Sensing Circle' territorial skill. And due to that, the air surrounding him quickly got a sudden change which was giving out a heavy pressure of his own.

But despite being in their respective battle-ready positions, Shin and Immortal didn't immediately make any sudden moves as they both knew that was not the right time yet.

When it came to this kind of high-pressure battle, establishing a mental dominance first was more important than having a physical advantage. Because whoever possessed the stronger mental toughness would surely have better control over their concentration when the fast-paced battle started later.

The staredown lasted for a couple of minutes before Immortal decided to take the initiative to make the first move.

With a wave of his hand, he ordered the Abyss Knight to charge forward while setting up a territorial skill that could disrupt the space around him to prevent any kind of teleportation skill to get near him.

He had fought Shin a couple of times already, so it was natural for him to become familiar with Shin's unpredictable battle style; especially his sudden ambushes that were coming out of nowhere.

Meanwhile, Shin was able to see the slight spatial distortions in the space surrounding Immortal given the current abilities of his 'True Sight'.

Due to that, Shin had no other choice but to deal with the Abyss Knight first while looking for a good opening to catch Immortal off-guard. Though, he also knew that doing it was going to be much harder than he was thinking.

Fortunately, his main task right now was to stay alive for as long as he could and buy enough time for Solus and others to complete their rebirthing ceremony. At the very least, it was much easier than defeating Immortal all by himself.

While those thoughts were running inside his head, his eyes were locked at the incoming Abyss Knight who was charging at him.

Hu~!

He stared at the Abyss Knight for a moment before focusing his eyes on the movements of the mount that it was riding on.

'When dealing with a mounted opponent, the best thing to do was to separate its rider from its steed before fighting them separately,' thought Shin before making his move.

At first, he focused all of his strengths on his legs which made both his feet sunk on the ground a little.

Quickly after that, he suddenly released all of the accumulated strengths on his legs by kicking the ground beneath his feet powerfully.

Bang!

Then Shin flew straight at the Abyss Knight with astonishing speed. And since the latter was currently charging at him, he was able to arrive in front of the knight in just an instant.

Shing!

But before Shin could even pull out his sword and swung it at the Abyss Knight, the latter was already swinging its own sword at him while ordering its war horse to forcefully halt their charge.

Swoosh!

Unfortunately, Shin was already expecting that move since he read it ahead of time. So, he was able to barely dodged the incoming strike by doing a quick spin in the midair with the help of 'Mondi's Jump'.

And right after avoiding the sudden attack, Shin quickly adjusted his center of gravity in the air to forcefully halt his spin in the air.

Shing!

Then he quickly drew his sword out and swung it powerfully at the Abyss Knight immediately after.

'Self-Created Skill (Personalized): Quickly Draw'

Clang!

But Shin underestimated the current Abyss Knight a little as it was able to quickly respond with his sudden attack in time and quickly swing back his sword at him for another time.

Moreover, the current strength of this particular undead was way higher than his current STR which was why its attack was quite heavy to be blocked midair and it was more than enough to send Shin flying even if their weapons just clashed for a brief moment.

But Shin used the force that he got from the collision of their weapons to his advantage. He absorbed the force from the impact by doing a quick spin in the air before releasing all of it by throwing a powerful swing to the Abyss Knight at the end of his spin.

Clang!

But just like earlier, the Abyss Knight was able to respond with his sudden counter by raising its other arm in front of its face, using its armguard to block his sword.

At this point in time, Shin's clones finally caught up with him and quickly jumped from each side of the Abyss Knight while also brandishing their claws at the same time.

Alongside it, Shin quickly used two consecutive 'Mondi's Jumps' to coordinate with their moves. One was for kicking the air below him to lift himself up in the air while the other was for forcing his body to fall towards the ground once again while also throwing a downward slash together with his descent.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Shing!

Those series of movements were quite fast but they were not enough to make the Abyss Knight unable to respond to their coordinated attacks.

First, it pulled the reins of its horse backward in a quick and strong manner. And as a response to the sudden pull, the steed suddenly lifted its front legs in the air for a moment before stomping them back on the ground with a very strong force.

Bang!

Then a powerful shockwave was sent out in every direction, halting the charge of the two werewolves and sending Shin back in the air.

Ta-ta!

With a couple of flips midair, Shin was able to negate all of the force that he got from the impact before steadily landing back on the ground.

Meanwhile, the werewolves immediately dug their claws on the ground right after landing to steady themselves. But the remaining force from the previous shockwave was still strong enough to push them away which was why they left a long trail on the ground while sliding backward.

With that brief exchange, Shin was able to quickly gauge the current strength of this Abyss Knight which made him quite wary. "Tsk! I guess this is really going to be much harder than I originally thought.

Especially when this guy still has that Zombie Dragon under his sleeves and an unknown number of undead monsters."

"I guess, it is time to test those new tricks now," muttered Shin to himself before closing his eyes while also taking a deep breath.

And while he was doing that, the atmosphere surrounding him suddenly got a drastic change which made Immortal frown his brows while staring at him.

A few moments later, the expression on Immortal's face suddenly turned serious as he knew that something dangerous was coming his way.

But that look lasted only for a second as he started wearing a wide grin afterward. "Interesting!"

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Hu~!

Shin exhaled very slowly as he was trying to enter the optimal state that he was looking for. And after a few moments of breathing rhythmically, the mana flow inside his body suddenly started flowing violently like the waves of a raging river.

After a few more moments, Shin felt that his veins felt hot due to the restless flow. And now, the violent waves of the river suddenly became the flowing magma from the mouth of a volcano.

Hu~!

A moment later, Shin started breathing out some hot streams that flew out from the gaps of the mask.

'Berserk Breathing Technique: Black Origin Threshold'

Bang!

Then Shin suddenly re-opened his eyes, making the air surrounding him turn heavy and suffocating.

With all of the recent training with Professor Plum, Shin was able to master both of the breathing techniques that Old Plum had created. And between those special states, he was more proficient at using the 'White Dawn Boundary' since he was using a similar calming technique before.

But with his current situation, he didn't need the absolute tranquil state provided by this breathing technique nor the enhanced senses given by it.

After all, the current strength and power of the Abyss Knight in front of him were way over the limit of what he could currently endure.

So, what he needed right now was the powerful strength given by the 'Black Origin Threshold' together with the enhanced instincts provided by the berserk state of this special technique.

At the same time, he also changed the sheath on his left hand into its longsword form by activating the 'Meteor Form' of the 'Mondi's Style'. And immediately after the transformation, he quickly enfolded both of his swords with the powers of the Brilliant Sun.

'Epic Combat Technique: Sunshine Wielding'

These techniques were a perfect combo since the berserk state provided by the 'Black Origin Threshold' was complementing the violent flames of the 'Sunshine Wielding'.

But using them simultaneously was going to put a great toll on his mind and would drain a lot of his concentration.

Fortunately, he only needed to hold these states for fifteen minutes at most which were within the limit that he could handle.

Bang!

Swoosh!

Right after the sudden transformation of his battle prowess, Shin immediately kicked the ground and launched himself forward while controlling his werewolf clones to charge alongside him.

But Immortal would naturally not let Shin do everything he wanted. So, he immediately chanted out a couple of necromantic words when he sensed the sudden change of atmosphere surrounding his opponent while also doing some hand gestures with his free hand.

And before Shin could even take his sudden charge, Immortal was already casting his buffs at the Abyss Knight.

In an instant, the sword that the knight was holding was set ablaze by a black gorgeous flame which made the sword longer and broader. So, that sword now had the appearance of a heavy-looking greatsword enfolded by black flame.

At the same time, its mount also got a couple of buffs which also made its appearance changed.

The fully armored horse earlier now had a blazing horn on its forehead, sticking out like a unicorn's horn. Alongside it, its tail also transformed into a blazing purple flame while its hooves were being enfolded with the same-colored flame.

Swoosh!

And that was only the time when Shin made his move.

Clang!

Bang! Bang!

But just like earlier, the Abyss Knight just returned his strike with much greater power than Shin while also sending him flying back to where he came from.

Moreover, it also had enough time to repel the attacks of the two werewolves coming from each of its sides and also send them backward.

Grr! Grr!

Bang! Bang!

Regardless, Shin still controlled his werewolves to immediately rushed back at the Abyss Knight right after their feet touched the ground.

Meanwhile, his main body was accumulating a lot of fire elemental mana from his surroundings to further enhance his 'Sunshine Wielding'. "I need a little bit of firepower!"

Boom!

Then a sudden explosion occurred due to the overheating of his swords. And due to that, the blades of his swords were currently in bright orange color while being surrounded by brilliant white flames.

After that, he immediately charged towards the Abyss Knight once again while his werewolves were keeping it busy.

Clang! Clang!

A mounted opponent was more powerful when they were doing charge attacks with their mounts. And since Shin was fully aware of this fact, he took advantage of it by not giving the Abyss Knight and its horse to move around freely.

And even though the Abyss Knight was able to move from time to time, Shin and his clones were always chasing after it closely, not giving it any space nor time to do a charging attack.

Clang! Clang!

Normally, Shin was going to leave his clones to deal with the Abyss Knight so that he could go after Immortal personally.

Unfortunately, his clones were not strong enough to handle the Abyss Knight alone. So, they were only going to get demolished by it if ever he left them behind.

Regardless, the scene on this battlefield was still quite stunning. Especially when someone saw the sight of the Abyss Knight riding its mount and leaving a bunch of blazing trails behind.

On each side of this Abyss Knight was a pair of werewolves running along with the armored horse, while also attacking it from time to time.

Right behind those three, there was a hooded figure who was chasing after them by foot while holding a pair of blazing swords on each of his hands.

Bang! Bang!

Shin was lagging behind those three because he was being hindered by Immortal by sending a couple of homing spells on his directions.

Each of those spells would always have a tricky trajectory, so Shin couldn't focus on chasing after the Abyss Knight since he was too busy at dodging all of them.

Just like how Shin knew that his clones couldn't defeat the Abyss Knight all by themselves, Immortal would naturally be aware of such an obvious fact and used it to his advantage.

But despite Immortal having the upper hand, Shin could still feel that there was some impatience on some of his moves.

And when he sensed that, his head suddenly started working fast as he tried to figure out the reason behind it.

The first thought that entered his mind was due to the Forbidden Spell that Immortal used earlier. But he immediately rejected the idea since he could clearly see that his opponent was able to insta-cast his spells without any problems.

The next thing that he could think of was the issue regarding the Superior Mana Vein. But given how cunning Immortal was, Shin knew that he was not going to make such a move of taking all of his apostles with him without having any decent backup plan in mind.

'If it is not those two, then what is it?' thought Shin to himself while dodging yet another set of spells before resuming his chase after the Abyss Knight.

'Unless there was an unexpected variable that I'm not aware of,' a few moments later, a sudden thought flashed inside Shin's mind which made him slow down his moves a little.

But before Shin could even figure out what it was, Immortal immediately grabbed the small opening and quickly sent out a barrage of high-powered spells towards his direction.

Hu~!

Seeing those, Shin quickly forgot everything else and immediately swung his swords left and right, perfectly deflecting each of those spells.

"Tsk! Fine! Let's forget about it now and just focus on this fight," muttered Shin before using a couple of his movement skills to quickly chase after the Abyss Knight once again.

After a few more moments, he finally caught up with the three and quickly assaulted the Abyss Knight with their coordinated attacks.

Due to the insane speed of the two werewolves alongside his unpredictable rhythm and powerful strength, the Abyss Knight was forced to halt the movements of its mount to focus on defense.

Even if Immortal was sending a set of powerful spells to assist his summoned monster, Shin was always keeping all of those spells at bay by using his powerful strikes to either deflect or destroy them head-on.

"You really are forcing my hand!" said Immortal with a solemn tone when he saw that Shin's was getting way stronger as he got accustomed to his current state.

So, he immediately gathered a large amount of dark elemental mana from the surroundings while chanting out a couple of necromantic words.

Seeing that, Shin thought that Immortal was finally planning to summon his Zombie Dragon. But after reading the fluctuation of mana in the air, he knew that it wasn't the case.

Bang! Bang!

Then a pair of silhouettes suddenly came out from the ground and sent his clones flying with a powerful strike.

Shin quickly controlled his clones to move away from the Abyss Knight when he saw the sudden ambush so that he could observe the new undead that Immortal had summoned.

And that was when his face became solemn due to the details that he saw from the information windows of these new creatures. "Now, it really became a drag."

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Shin stared at the newly summoned undead monsters with a solemn look on his face.

One of those monsters was a humanoid creature with a lean yet muscular body. Its upper body was bare which was showcasing a large number of stitches on it. It was wearing loose pants which were making its appearance very human-like.

It was playing with a longsword made of bone while staring back at Shin with a cruel grin on its lips.

Meanwhile, the other undead was a strange knight with a fully armored body and a skull head that was surrounded by purple flames. The was also a crimson mantle wrapped around its shoulders along with a black crown on its head and a broadsword on its hand.

"A True Ghoul and Skeleton King? Tsk! This is becoming even more of a drag," muttered Shin to himself after observing the two new undead monsters in front of him.

Especially, when he saw that Immortal fused a new set of Abomination Elemental Spirits with each of those undead monsters.

"Looks like I can no longer stick with the original 15-minute plan, huh?" muttered Shin while taking a quick look at his digital clock. He was fighting Immortal for just a couple of minutes only, so there were still at least 10 minutes left before the ceremony ended.

Realizing that he could no longer rely on brute force alone, Shin decided to change his strategy of 'staying alive' for as long as he could, to end this battle as soon as possible.

"Then I guess I need to speed this up a little," right after Shin said those words, he immediately controlled his Sun and Moon Clones to summon their respective Phantom Clones while he was doing a quick swap with his equipment before summoning a Phantom Clone of his own.

After that, the new clones simultaneously transformed into their werewolves' form as Shin switched all of his equipment back to [Apocalypse Equipment Set].

A moment later, Shin immediately gave a silent order in his mind which all of his clones responded instantly.

'Phantom Swordsman Skill: Phantom Dance'

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Then a large group of phantoms suddenly appeared on the battlefield at the same time, surrounding the trio of undead monsters.

Controlling his clones manually while also maintaining the berserk state of 'Black Origin Threshold' and 'Sunshine Wielding', was putting a lot of toll on his mind already. So, it was not hard to imagine how much burden he was going to suffer if he insisted on controlling these Phantom alongside those skills and techniques.

Unfortunately, he didn't have any other choice but to do it since he knew that the AI of his clones alone was not enough to handle the battle prowess of these undead monsters.

"I have 5 minutes tops, so I need to make it quick," muttered Shin to himself while gritting his teeth.

Quickly after that, he immediately turned his body around and started sprinting towards Immortal and leaving his clones and their werewolf phantoms behind.

Seeing his action, the trio of undead monsters quickly made their respective moves to stop Shin from going after Immortal.

But at the very same moment, Shin also controlled his clones to simultaneously attack the three undead alongside their Phantoms as some distractions.

Roar!

Bang! Bang!

Clang! Clang!

Then a very intense battle broke out between the two groups with neither side was not willing to back down.

Meanwhile, Immortal was currently looking at Shin with a deep frown on his face as he couldn't understand his opponent's decision. But he quickly threw that thought at the back of his head before saying with a mocking tone. "Then let's see where your desperate struggle is going to take you."

After that, he quickly jumped away from his previous location while gathering the surrounding Dark Elemental Mana before transforming them into a pair of huge black wings on his back.

'Demonic Occultist Special Skill: Demon Wings'

Then Immortal flew in the air while sending a barrage of spells towards Shin's direction.

On the other hand, Shin quickly summoned his 'Wings of Freedom' from the skill set of his cloak before chasing after Immortal in the air. And at the same time, he was also swinging his swords in the air to execute the 'Infinity Edge' Combat Technique to deflect all of the spells pouring down at him.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

From time to time, Shin was also doing some aerial maneuvers to dodge some of the homing spells that he couldn't dodge.

Bang! Bang!

A trail of consecutive explosions was being left behind every time Shin did a beautiful curve in the air. But regardless of this stunning scene, Shin was still unable to catch Immortal no matter how hard he tried.

Due to that, he was starting to feel the setbacks of manually controlling 5 clones alongside a large group of phantoms. And if he didn't hasten the pace of this battle, he was sure that he was going to reach his limit first before the ceremony could even end.

So, Shin didn't have much choice but take the risk and gamble it all.

'Phantom Swordsman Skill: Phantom Dance'

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Then nine more phantoms were summoned. But this time, it was from Shin's real body which was why they had a pair of wings on their back.

But that was not the end.

Because the scene that happened was something that shocked even Immortal.

Swoosh!

Shin suddenly abandoned his control over all of the phantoms of his clones, so that he could focus on controlling his own phantoms.

After that, he suddenly charged towards Immortal along with his phantoms with insane speed while doing some tricky and unpredictable patterns in the air.

The first thing that Immortal had thought off during that time was to retreat back as soon as possible especially when he saw how aggressive Shin was charging at him.

But little did he know that choice was the wrong one to choose in his current situation.

Due to him getting far from the opposing group, Shin was able to have more space to gain more speed and do an even more complex aerial maneuver during his flight.

In the next instant, Shin and his phantoms seemed to create an illusion where he increased the number of his phantoms in the air due to afterimages that he left behind while charging towards Immortal.

Naturally, Immortal was going to try proving which among those phantoms and afterimages was the main body. But no matter how many spells he sent at Shin, he was still unable to locate Shin.

Regardless, Immortal was still able to maintain his cool and continued to kite Shin since he was fully aware that the latter was already reaching his limit.

"Let's see how long that tenacity of yours is going to last," muttered Immortal as he wore an evil grin while looking at the group of phantoms in front of him.

Meanwhile, the situation on the other battlefield was currently in a strange state to see.

The twelve apostles of Immortal were surely going to be ranked among the top players of them. It didn't matter whether it was Official Rankings or Hidden Rankings as these twelve could fight anyone among the famous Godlike Players of that game without having a lot of disadvantages.

It was even more true when it came to the first three apostles of Immortal. Rumors even said that those three were able to hold their grounds against the top three players ranked at the peak of the Godly Ranking List.

But at this point in time, these apostles of the so-called Lich God were currently being schooled by a pair of 'Ancient Beasts'.

"F*ck! What's wrong with these two? How strong they have become since the last time we've met?" cursed Elliot while glaring at Leonard who was currently in a state of Quadruple Elemental Fusion.

Beside him were Larc and Demien who was struggling to stand up after getting hit by one of Leonard's attacks earlier.

But they were not the only ones who were currently in such a beaten state. Four of their fellow apostles were also doing their hardest to get back on their feet while looking warily at the 'monster' standing not far from them.

The group was still no match against Leonard even after combining all of their strengths. Especially when he entered his current state.

The only ones who could stand against the current Leonard were the Fourth and Fifth Apostles, who were also currently in their respective berserk states.

But even with their current battle prowess, they were still unable to fully match the unrivaled strength of the War God in front of them.

Before, Elliot was confident about their strengths especially when they were grouped together. And for them, Immortal was an unrivaled existence in the game especially when he was going all-out, while his first three apostles were just right below his rank.

But it was just until now that they realized how foolish that thought was.

Right now, a pair of 'monsters' were standing in front of them who had the same strength as their boss. Especially Arthur who was holding his ground pretty well even if he was against the first three apostles alone.

Moreover, there was also another one outside the corridor who was keeping their boss busy and supposedly at disadvantage.

"Looks like we really have no choice but to proceed to plan B," muttered Elliot before looking at his companions to ask about their opinions.

Not long after, Arthur and Leonard immediately sensed the sudden change and cursed. "Here comes the real trouble."

Chapter 504 Reinforcements

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Outside the Ancient Ruins, there was a certain group of players of Demon Race.

At the forefront of the group, Hoawin stood with crossed arms in front of him while staring at the distance where an intense battle was currently taking place.

"To think that he can force Immortal in a corner, that guy sure is someone you can't underestimate," muttered Hoawin while focusing his eyes at Shin who was chasing after Immortal in the air.

"Heh! Forcing the Lich God my *ss! He is just lucky that Immortal can't use his full strength right now due to the consecutive forbidden spells that he used earlier," said a person in the group who had a huge sword hanging on his back.

Hearing that, Hoawin started laughing out loud before sneering at that guy. "Have you forgotten already? The one who forces Immortal to use those forbidden spells consecutively is the same guy that you are currently looking at right now."

He then took a brief pause to give that guy a sneering look before adding. "What's more, that guy is still in the process of 'Evolution', so you better be careful in the future. Who knows? Maybe you are going to be his next opponent."

A few moments later, Haowin suddenly received a message from one of his Immortal's Apostles which made him grin evilly. "Heh! Looks like those wannabees finally realized who they are up to."

"Hehe... I guess they finally woke up from their dreams," said by another person of the group who was playing with a pair of daggers in one of his hands.

"Are you sure that Immortal is not going back on his words? I really can't trust that sly fox," said the previous guy with a huge sword on his back.

Haowin started chuckling a little when he heard those words before saying with a mocking tone. "Whether he likes it or not, he has no choice but to comply with our demands since the Council already made their decision."

He then paused for a moment before continuing with a serious tone. "You already know what your respective jobs are, so move out and accomplish it without committing any mistakes."

After that, the group suddenly dispersed as they went to do their respective tasks.

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A few moments later, Arthur and Leonard immediately sensed a few auras that suddenly invaded the corridor.

"Tsk! Looks like we have some uninvited guest, huh?" said Leonard while taking a quick glance at the entrance of the corridor.

"Heh! It is more like the reinforcement that the Undying Guild prepared beforehand," said Arthur sneeringly.

After that, the two of them immediately disregard their current opponents and quickly regroup a few distances away from the opposing group.

"Heyo! It's been a while, Siegfried and Simba," said the man with a huge sword hanging on his back.

Beside him was another person who was wrapped with a lot of bandages on different parts of his body while carrying a huge coffin on his back.

From the auras that they were currently emitting, these two were at least as strong as Arthur and Leonard.

"Looks who are here, aren't those 'Woodcutter' and 'Mummy'? Are the two of you still a member of the cosplay club in school?" said Arthur with a mocking tone before quickly adding. "But can you at least choose better characters? Tsk! It pains me so hard to see your hard work scares the girls instead of attracting them."

The faces of the two immediately turned grim the moment they heard those words from Arthur's mouth.

"Heh! I guess you still have the sharp tongue of yours, huh? Let me see how are you going to keep having that attitude of yours," said the man with a huge sword on his back.

After that, he immediately raised his right hand to reach out for the hilt of his sword while glaring sharply at Arthur.

But Arthur just chuckled at him despite hearing that threat from his voice. Then he quickly added while pointing at Immortal's Apostles. "Between those guys' direct 'greeting' and your talks before you act – I rather choose the former since it saves more of my time."

The man with the huge sword was about to lose his cool when he heard those words. Fortunately, he was immediately stopped by the other guy before he could even attack Arthur out of his rage. "Relax, Trynd. Can't you see that he is just provoking you on purpose? Let him say whatever he wants and just focus on our main task at hand."

"Tsk! I know about that already, Amu. You don't have to worry about that, I'm not that idiot," said Trynd while trying to keep his calm.

Seeing that Trynd didn't fall to his provocation, Arthur couldn't help but clicked his tongue before saying. "Tsk! All bark but no bite."

The corner of Trynd's mouth suddenly twitched when he heard those words but still kept his cool, not willing to fall on Arthur's plans.

Knowing that his usual strategy was not going to work, Arthur lowered his voice while talking to Leonard. "Leo, go take on that lumberjack since you are a good match for him. Leave that mummy to me, I can at least counter his skills with my 'Draconic Transformations'."

"Those two will surely keep up busy, so who is going to deal with those guys?" said Leonard with a deep frown while pointing his chin at Immortal's Apostles.

Hearing that, Arthur took a quick glance at his digital clock and saw that there was only a minute remaining before the ceremony was completed.

"Don't worry about them. Our main job is already done, so we can finally enjoy this fight to our hearts' content," said Arthur before releasing his 'Tide Bringer Form'.

While was in the middle of talking, he also received a message from Shiella which made him grin under his help. "What's more, they are not the only ones who have their own reinforcements."

After that, Arthur took out an energy stone from his inventory bag before crashing it instantly.

A moment later, a pillar of light suddenly appeared beside Arthur followed by Harmony, Adept Hands, and Black Hammer walking out from it.

"Whoa! Looks like this place is under renovation. Did we perhaps arrive in the wrong place?" said Black Hammer the moment he saw the cracks on the walls of the corridor alongside the huge craters on the ground.

"And looks like those guys got a good schooling from the young masters," said Adept Hands after seeing the apostles who were struggling to stand up from the ground.

"Do we even need to be here? It looks like everything is already settled on this place," said Harmony with a deep frown.

"Sorry about that," responded Arthur in an instant before quickly adding. "But can you at least keep an eye on those guys? We need to take off some business with those two over there," while pointing from Immortal's apostles to Trynd and Amu in a distance.

"How about doing the other way around?" asked Harmony with a complaining tone.

"Unfortunately, we can't," answered Arthur while taking a couple of steps forward. He then paused his steps for a moment to look over his shoulders while saying. "If you guys get involved directly, then the firm is going to be in a difficult situation."

"So, it is bet-..." Arthur wanted to say something but he was immediately interrupted midway by Leonard who gave him a strong slap on his back.

"Yeah, yeah! They got it already. So, how about dropping the act of being cool and immediately start working, Mr. Hero wannabe?" said Leonard while taking the lead.

"Tsk! Will it kill you if you don't meddle with this?" complained Arthur while glaring at Leonard's back.

"I thought you already found the girl that you are looking for?" asked Leonard sneeringly.

Arthur suddenly became speechless when heard those words from Leonard as he couldn't find a good way to refute his words.

Meanwhile, three chiefs of the Hand of Midas Trading Firm were looking at the duo with amused looks on their faces.

"It is really hard to imagine that those two are the Gods who are being feared by their fellow Gods," said Black Hammer while shaking his head in a helpless manner.

"But they are actually cute in my eyes," said Adept Hands while staring at those two with her arms being crossed in front of her chest.

Harmony couldn't help but sneer at her when she heard those words. "Heh! Just say that you like every strong guy, especially someone with a lot of wealth."

"So, who do you prefer between the two of them? The Corporation Heir or the Streetwise Bad Boy?" she asked while crossing her arms in front of her.

But before Adept Hands could even reply at her, Harmony immediately added with a smirk. "Unfortunately, it looks like they already found their match."

Hearing that, Adept Hands suddenly pursed her lips with knitting her brows. "Hmph!"

On the other hand, Black Hammer suddenly cleared his throat when their conversation reached this point before saying. "Ahem! I guess I fit on the bill of being strong and wealthy."

Unfortunately, the response that he got was not what he was expecting. And their responses really hit a sore spot.

"Shut up! You don't have their looks!"

"You are not handsome!"

Chapter 505 Arthur And Leonard In Action

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Arthur and Leonard walked side by side while looking at their opponents aggressively.

"What should I use for a cool opening move?" muttered Arthur while flipping his spear along his wrist.

"Don't try to mimic Shin Bro, just do your usual routine," said Leonard while making some cracking sounds with his neck.

"Tsk! Why are you always refuting everything I say?" complained Arthur before holding his spear in a reverse manner while assuming a throwing position. "Then let's see who is going to defeat their opponents first."

After saying that, Arthur suddenly threw his spear powerfully and sent it towards Amu.

On the other hand, Trynd quickly positioned himself right in front of the Amu, planning to swing his huge sword at the incoming spear.

Boom!

But before he could even pull out his sword from his back, a loud sound suddenly exploded from the direction of the opponents which sent a shiver on Trynd's spine.

Then he suddenly saw Leonard appear right in front of him while powerfully swinging his battle axe downwards.

"Hup!" out of instinct, Trynd took a deep breath before slightly leaning his right shoulder forward and borrowing its momentum to turn his body around, facing his back towards Leonard and used the surface of his sword to block the incoming strike.

Bang!

But at the very last moment, Leonard quickly stomped his foot on the ground to forcefully step to the side and moved away from the path of the flying spear.

Bang!

Due to that sudden move, the spear hit the surface of Trynd's sword. And since the berserker was currently leaning forward in order to block Leonard's attack that was supposedly about to land, Trynd was currently on a wrong footing to withstand the force accompanying the incoming spear.

Because of that, Trynd was unable to maintain his balance and stumble forward before colliding with Amu who was about to prepare his spell.

Meanwhile, Leonard quickly positioned himself at the back of the two while preparing for a powerful swing.

Swoosh!

Both Amu and Trynd could hear the sound of the wind being torn as Leonard's battle axe cut through it.

Pwesh!

But before he could hit his target, a wall made of sand suddenly shot up from the ground and prevented his axe from moving forward.

On the other hand, Arthur was currently up in the air as he caught his spear that was deflected up in there. And the moment he reached the peak of his leap, he suddenly readjusted his center of gravity to hover in the air just a little longer before launching himself towards his opponent like a falling meteor.

Swoosh!

But just like what happened to Leonard, a wall of sand suddenly came out from the ground and stopped Arthur's advance.

"Tsk! This is why I don't like this mummy – he always prepared a defensive skill beforehand," muttered Arthur before doing a quick flip in the air as he fell back on the ground.

At the same time, Leonard also took a quick step backward, getting away from the wall of sand since he also knew how cunning their opponent was.

"Hey~! That was close. Will you guys mind if you take it a little easy?" said Amu while putting the coffin he was carrying on the ground beside him.

After that, he looked at Trynd before saying. "You go play with that wild beast, I don't want to deal with that crazy guy," while pointing his chin at Leonard.

He then turned his head towards Arthur before muttering with a soft voice. "Let me deal with this chatterbox since you don't have the patience to deal with his provocation."

"Whatever!" responding Trynd before starting to sprint towards Leonard.

"Hey, Simba! Let me experience the strength of the famous War God!" said Trynd while pulling out the huge sword on his back and resting it on his shoulders during his charge.

Bang!

"As you wish!" said Leonard as he instantly appeared right in front of Trynd once again. And just like earlier, he was currently brandishing one of his battle axes forward.

Bang!

Then a powerful shockwave was sent out in every direction as Trynd swung his greatsword to greet the incoming axe.

"This is what I am talking about!" said Trynd grinningly before putting more strength on both of his arms to force Leonard's battle axe backward.

"Heh! Then let's see how you can dance," sneered Leonard before swinging his battle axes once again.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Then shockwaves after shockwaves were being created every time Trynd and Leonard's weapons clashed against each other.

From the sideline, the two looked like a pair of mad beasts who were currently fighting in the middle of a storm due to the explosions being created by each of their exchanges. Especially when the ground below them was starting to sink little by little due to the collusion of their weapons.

Meanwhile, the battle on the other side still hadn't started yet.

Arthur and Amu were just standing on their respective spots and were not showing any signs of making their moves.

After a couple of minutes, Amu finally was unable to hold it any longer and asked. "Are you sure that you are going to just stand there and do nothing?" while wearing a deep frown with his eyebrows.

Hearing that, Arthur just stretched his arms up before asking back with a nonchalant tone. "Why? Are you done setting up your traps?"

Amu couldn't help but frown his eyebrows when he heard those words, unable to fully understand them.

Understanding what his opponent was currently feeling, Arthur immediately 'explained' his side. "Don't get me wrong. I just want to make sure that you are in your full power so that you can't have any excuse when I defeat you later."

The corner of Amu's mouth suddenly twitched quite stiffly after hearing those words.

And before Amu could even recover from his agitation, Arthur quickly threw his shield like a boomerang right after saying. "Since you are already done with your preparations, then let me have the pleasure of taking the initiative."

Swoosh!

'Knight Skill: (Modified) Shield Throw'

"Cheap tricks!" sneered Amu as he waved his right hand upwards, summoning a small pillar of sand that shot up from the ground.

The shield was about to get knocked up in the air by the sudden appearance of the sand pillar when Arthur suddenly enfolded his entire body with golden-colored mana before transforming into a streak of light that charged forward.

Swoosh!

His current speed was fast enough to catch up with his shield and catch it midair while also destroying the pillar of light as he swept past it.

After that, he arrived in front of Amu while thrusting his spear forward.

Clang!

But his spear was suddenly blocked by the shield of a sand soldier that suddenly appeared between him and Amu.

A moment later, a few more sand soldiers appeared from the ground and stood side by side with the first sand soldier.

Then Amu moved his palm forward, ordering his sand soldiers to advance, and forced Arthur to move backward.

'Desert Ruler Skill (Tier 2): Emperor's Divide'

Arthur failed to withstand the force of advancing sand soldiers, so he was forced to take a couple of steps backward, trying to regain his footing.

And when the sand soldiers stopped moving, Arthur suddenly raised his spear behind him before throwing a powerful swing with it in a horizontal manner.

'Dragon Knight Skill: (Modified) Dragon's Swipe'

Swoosh!

Arthur was able to cut every sand soldier in front of him with a single swing of his spear, turning them back at being ordinary sand that fell on the ground.

But at the very same moment, Amu suddenly waved his hand upwards while saying. "Arise!"

Then that sand flowing on the ground in front of Arthur suddenly formed a summoning circle on the ground surrounding Arthur before summoning another group of sand soldiers who were wielding a long spear in their hands.

'Desert Ruler Skill (Tier 2): King's Calling'

But Arthur was not idle either as he immediately spun his body around the moment, he saw the strange summoning circle surrounding him.

At the same time, he was also swinging his spear alongside his spin while also releasing some golden-colored elemental mana from the tip of his sword.

A moment later, the Elemental Mana that he released suddenly transformed into a group of golden dragons revolving around him.

'Class Fighting Style: Dance of the Nine Great Dragons'

Roar!

Whoosh!

Then the newly summoned sand soldiers were immediately destroyed when the golden dragons shredded them into pieces.

During that time, Amu was already moving away from his previous location to create some space between him and Arthur. And when he saw that his sand soldiers were being destroyed once again, he suddenly pointed his index finger in front of him while using an offensive spell.

'Desert Ruler Skill (Tier 2): Pharaoh's Justice'

BOOM!

Then a sandstorm seemed to appear out of nowhere before assaulting Arthur from all sides.

But in the midst of the raging wind and dust, a golden light was shining brightly before breaking out from the sandstorm and charging after Amu.

Roar!

'Class Fighting Style: Breaking through of the Divine Dragon'

Swoosh!

Arthur was chasing after his fleeing opponent while being enfolded by a golden aura with a form of a dragon.

With the wave of his hand, Amu gathered all of the sand in the surroundings and positioned them in front of him before turning the accumulated clast of dust into a huge sand monster that blocked Arthur's path.

Roar!

Boom!

A sudden explosion was created due to the collision of the opposing powers which sent a powerful shockwave in all directions alongside the specks of dust that were scattered in the air.

"Hey, hey! Don't go running yet, I'm still not warmed up," said Arthur as he caught up with his opponent and while also walking out from the curtain of dust created by the previous explosion.

And with all of that, the new round of worldshaking battle was immediately initiated between these monsters of the game.

Chapter 506 An Ancient Dragon And A Primordial Beast

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Boom!

Meanwhile, on the other side of the battlefield, the three chiefs of the Hand of Midas Trading Firm were currently dealing with Immortal Apostles.

These three were totally outnumbered by the apostles.

The first five apostles alone were already a handful even for them. And if they add the remaining seven, then it was quite obvious that they were going to be at a huge disadvantage in this fight even though most of their opponents were already exhausted from their battle against Arthur and Leonard.

Fortunately, their only job was to make sure that these guys were not going to get past them nor interrupt the ongoing battle of the titans on the other side.

Having that in mind, three immediately made their respective moves.

First, Adept Hands took out a bunch of flasks from her alchemist's belt before throwing all of them at the group in front of them.

Seeing the flask flying towards them, the apostles either moved away or hit those flasks midair out of their instincts.

Bang! Bang!

But when those flasks were broken, all of them exploded successively and created a cloud of smoke that immediately spread around the group, blocking their visions.

Seeing that, the third apostle quickly spread out his huge fan before waving it in a powerful manner, sending out a strong gust of wind that swept away the cloud of smoke surrounding them.

But they were immediately greeted by a stunning sight when the cloud of smoke was swept away by that gusting wind.

They found themselves trapped inside the strange cage that came out of nowhere. There were a group of metal beams planted on the ground surrounding them while some steel wires were tied on each of those beams, connecting them from one to another.

Crackle! Crackle!

From time to time, a loud crackling sound could be heard from those steel wires due to the electric current that was flowing on them.

And since those metal beams were extending all the way up on the ceiling, the group couldn't find any opening that they could use as an exit.

"Well, that should be enough to prevent them from escaping, right?" said Black Hammer while rubbing his hands together.

"Tsk! You are talking as if you are the one who did all the work," sneered Melody while retrieving the leftover steel wires with a wave of her hands.

On the other hand, Adept hands were currently counting something with her fingers before saying with a dejected tone. "Sigh~! I just burned another 20,000 gold coins. Why is my job so expensive?"

Meanwhile, the apostles were currently busy trying to break free from the cage trapping them. But no matter how hard they tried, they couldn't break the metal beams nor cut the steel wires tied on them.

Neither of the physical attacks nor magical spells was working against that cage. There was also a magical spell reinforcing the cage that was preventing the group from using any kind of summoning spells. So, it was pretty much impossible for them to escape from this strange cage at this point in time.

Boom!

Swoosh!

Then everyone suddenly stopped moving when they sensed an explosion of power coming from the hall beyond the corridor.

At the same time, they could also feel a group of powerful beings present in that place.

"Looks like our jobs here are already done," said Melody with a tone as if she was complaining; she felt that there was really no meaning in coming to this place.

"So, are we going to leave now?" said Adept Hands as if she couldn't wait to leave this place as soon as possible. Or to be more precise, she was not willing to stay here any longer because she was not willing to 'spend' more money on this 'meaningless' battle.

"Should we take away these things then?" said Black Hammer as he looked at the 'busy' group behind the cage.

On the other hand, the battles on the other side were also halted due to the sudden appearance of those auras.

"That is earlier than expected. It thought those guys outside will break the barrier first before the ceremony is completed," said Arthur while distancing himself away from the group of sand soldiers chasing after him.

"Well, that's still good news of us since we can finally get rid of our current restrictions," he added with a sneering tone.

After that, he turned his head towards Harmony and the others while saying. "Oi! We are going all-out now, so you better brace yourselves for some impact."

Overhearing that, Leonard immediately understood his intention and quickly smirked. "So, are we going to blow this place up?"

Quickly after saying that, Arthur and Leonard simultaneously distanced themselves from their respective opponents before activating their own Elemental Possession at the same time.

"It's time for some explosion, Vulcan!"

"Come forth, Lavi!"

Shouting the names of their respective Elemental Spirits, a pair of huge silhouettes simultaneously appeared behind the two and lingered there for a moment.

Behind Arthur was a huge lizard dragon with bright red scales and a pair of huge bat wings on its back. There was also a long and sharp horn sticking out from the center of its forehead which was extending upwards.

Its front and hind paws were blazing with raging flame with a mix of black color appearing on its surface.

This dragon raised its mouth upwards before opening it to breathe out some flames before fusing with Arthur changing the appearances of his armor and weapons once again.

'Elemental Spirit Possession (Infernal Dragon): Lava Walker'

His round shield suddenly disappeared as he was now holding a blazing halberd with both of his hands. Meanwhile, his full-body armor turned crimson red as his cape transformed into a pair of bat wings extending on his back.

At the same time, a figure of a Beastman LionKin appeared behind Leonard which had crimson-colored furs alongside a blazing mane.

Its upper body was bare, showcasing its muscular body with a lot of scars on its surface which was similar to the bodies of barbarians who went through a lot of bloody battles.

A second later, the LionKin fused with Leonard and gave additional strength and destructive powers.

'Elemental Beast Companion (Possession): Crimson Sovereign'

Roar! Roar!

Right after the fusion, both Arthur and Leonard immediately made their moves right after releasing a deafening roar simultaneously.

BOOM!

They kick the ground beneath them in a powerful manner, launching themselves towards their respective opponents at the same time.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Seeing that, both Amu and Trynd immediately activated their berserk skills to enhance their own battle prowess before quickly setting up their defenses without any hesitation.

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Meanwhile, outside the corridor, the members of the Undying Guild finally destroyed the barrier that was preventing them from moving forward.

They were currently in rage because of that annoying barrier, so they were pretty excited to annihilate what was in this place.

They were staring at the entrance of the corridor like a horde of hungry beasts that were ready for slaughter. But before they could order their undead monsters to raze the place to the ground, they heard some rumbling sound coming from the inner part of the corridor.

Listening closely at it, the members of the Undying Guild could tell that something was coming from that place and getting near at the entrance with insane speed.

BOOM!

Then a powerful explosion blew up the entrance of the corridor, sending a strong shockwave that blew away all of the undead monsters blocking its path.

When the shockwave subdued, every necromancer present on the Ancient Ruins saw a huge cloud of smoke and flames spreading out in front of them.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Then they saw a pair of silhouettes fly out from the intervening cloud of smoke and raging flames.

The Necromancers were still busy identifying the figures in the air when they witnessed yet another surprise.

Roar!

A huge blazing dragon suddenly rushed out from the cloud of smoke and flames and flew straight at the two figures that previously came out from it.

'Secret Fusion Skill (Elemental Possession and Class Fighting Style):

-Souring Inferno'

"Quite persistent, aren't you?" said Amu with a deep frown on his face before putting his palms together to cast yet another spell alongside a pair of spell-enhancing skills.

'Class Fighting Style: Raging Sandstrom'

'Desert Ruler Skill (Tier 2): Overlord's Mercy'

'Desert Ruler Skills (Tier 2): Monarch's Supremacy'

Then all of the dust in the air came together and formed a twisting sandstorm that blocked the path of the incoming dragon made of fire.

BOOM!

Yet another explosion was created due to that collision of the opposing powers which also created a rain of blazing sands.

Amu and Trynd successfully landed back on the ground, thanks to the former's spell. But they both knew that it was still not safe yet since they could sense a dangerous gaze of a savage beast locked on them.

They simultaneously raised their heads up in the sky to look at the direction where that gaze was coming from.

Up in there, they saw Leonard surrounded with crimson mana while hovering in the air and viciously staring back at them.

Boom!

Swoosh!

He then readjusted his position in the air before kicking the air behind him and sending himself towards the ground with incredible speed and unstoppable force.

'Secret Fusion Skill (Elemental Possession and Class Fighting Style):

-Planetary Destruction'

On the ground, Trynd quickly grabbed Amu with one hand before executing a series of consecutive moment skills as fast as he could to get away from their current location towards the farthest place possible.

BOOM!

A devastative explosion was created the moment Leonard came in contact with the ground alongside a powerful shockwave that was sent in every direction.

Due to that, the necromancers that didn't know what was happening were swept away by the raging shockwave alongside the undead monsters in the vicinity.

When everything subdued, the survivors saw a huge crater in the middle of the Ancient Ruins as if a giant meteor fell on it.

Then everyone focused their gazes at the center of the crater where a rising cloud of smoke was located.

A few moments later, they all saw Arthur and Leonard walk out from it in their respective Elemental Possessions as the falling debris was raining down in their surroundings.

When everyone saw those two, they all knew that a calamity was about to befall in this place because of the appearance of these 'Ancient Dragon' and 'Primordial Beast'.

Chapter 507 Arrivals

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In an open field on the Ancient Ruins

Few moments before the rebirthing ceremonies were done, the battle between Shin and Immortal was already reaching its conclusion.

Ha~ Ha~ Ha~

Shin was inhaling and exhaling rhythmically as he tried to catch his breath. Due to the series of events that happened earlier, he already exhausted most of his mental prowess and was about to reach his limit.

He already unsummoned all of his phantoms since he could no longer control any of them in his current state. Even though the skill duration still had quite some time left, Shin's mind couldn't endure the burden of controlling all of them manually.

Aside from his Sun and Moon Clones, he didn't have any other summons in the field. Even if it was possible to leave the control of their own phantoms to the AI of his clones, it was still going to be meaningless since Immortal could immediately pinpoint which among them were the real bodies of those clones.

Given that, Shin chose to give up those phantoms so that he could focus on controlling his clones.

Fortunately, he was not the only one who was holding on to the last straw in this battle; Immortal was not in a better condition either.

During their earlier battle, Shin managed to kill the Skeleton King alongside the horse of the Abyss Knight while controlling his clones manually. The True Ghoul was also gravely wounded by the scorching flames created by the modified Powers of the Sun.

The black flames created through that power possessed a corroding effect against undead monsters which was preventing them from recovering their injuries.

Meanwhile, Immortal was also in a similar state as Shin. He might have more strength to stand up straight compared to Shin but his MP was very close at getting empty and it was barely able to support the undead monsters that he had on the field.

He was currently doing some breathing techniques to barely recover some of his Mana while also using some of his recovering skills to hasten the process.

As for his pots, he already exhausted all of them a long time ago when he was still battling Shin in the air. After all, keeping the 'Demonic Wings' active was burning a lot of mana. And adding the fact that he was using some of his blinking skills from time to time alongside the offensive spells that he needed to use, it was not a surprise that he exhausted all of his potions.

Shin and Immortal locked their gazes at each other as they were trying to recover as fast as they could. They also kept their Clones and Undead Monsters in front of them respectively, trying to be on guard on any kind of sudden attack.

A few moments later, the two suddenly heard an evil laugh coming from a distance.

"Ku Ku Ku, look at how miserable you look right now, Immortal. Never did I imagine that you are going to be in this state despite being against a mere rookie," said the owner of the voice while walking towards the two.

"Tsk! You being here could only mean a single thing. Those idiots are defeated by those two," said Immortal with a deep frown as he could already identify the owner of that voice without even looking.

Hearing that, Hoawin chuckled once again before saying. "Don't blame them, it is not their fault to be schooled by those two. Both of us knew how strong those monsters have become after all these years."

He then took a brief pause before wearing a huge grin and asked. "But are you not afraid that I am going to kill you right now and absorb your essence? At first thought, it is not a bad idea to begin with."

"Heh! You can come and try. After all, killing me, a Messenger can also mean that your Demonic Church is declaring war with our Corrupted Cult. Especially that you are a high-ranking Apostle of that church," sneered Immortal provokingly.

On the other hand, Shin turned his head in the direction where that voice was coming from to see who was the owner. And when he saw who it was, the expression on his face immediately turned heavy as could identify this newcomer. "God of Carnage, Haowin."

No matter how soft his voice, Haowin was still able to hear him and said. "Oh~! I almost forgot about our guest over here. But how should I address him? Nameless Swordsman? Sickarius? Angel of Death or Emperor of the Night?"

He then took a brief pause and smirked at Shin before saying with a sarcastic tone. "I heard a lot about you, so I feel honored to have this meeting."

'Tch! D*mn it!' cursed Shin in his mind while looking warily at the two.

He already had a lot on his plate when facing Immortal, so it was not hard to imagine what was going to happen to him next when this lunatic joined in the battle.

BOOM! BOOM!

Then they heard a pair of consecutive explosions coming from the center of the Ancient Ruins.

"Looks like that party finally started over there. Will you mind if I lend you a hand here so that I can join those guys there?" said Hoawin grinningly.

Hearing that, Immortal immediately threw a vicious look at him before saying aggressively. "Mind your own business! I still have my pride to protect, so you better not meddle with my business."

"Then let me deal with these new visitors instead," replied Hoawin as he sensed some mana fluctuations in the air.

When those words left his mouth, a spatial tear suddenly appeared in front of Shin followed by his Elemental Spirits walking out from it.

There were six Elemental Spirits in total and they immediately surrounded Shin as they were planning to protect him from his opponents.

Aside from the original trio of Hanzo, Vladimir, and Grimrace, there was another trio that was added to the group. And obviously, those three were the ones who underwent a rebirthing ceremony just recently.

One of them was Solus who was still in her scarlet dress and blazing hair.

Meanwhile, it was not hard to identify which was Whitie and Blackie between the two.

One of them had the appearance of a young man in his late twenties. He seemed to be wearing an eyeliner due to the thick black lines highlighting the lids of his eyes. His pupils also had different colors as one of them was blue while the other was crimson.

He had long white hair with some black highlights on it. And there was a pair of tiger ears on his head while a tiger's tail was sticking out on his back.

He was wearing scarlet red pants and a white robe that seemed to be worn by the kings of ancient times. The robe was slightly opened which revealed his broad chest that had some tiger stripes on it.

There was also a black fur wrapped around his shoulders, connecting the tiger-looking guards on each of his shoulders.

This young man was currently looking arrogantly at Haowin and Immortal as if they were a pair of lower beings when compared to him.

Meanwhile, the changes that Blackie had undergone completely shocked Shin. Or rather he didn't expect that she was actually a girl and someone with a perfect figure on top of that.

She was wearing tight-fitted leather clothes that were highlighting her figure alongside the pairs of arm guards and shin guards. There was also a steel armor protecting her chest but leaving her stomach bare, showcasing her belly button.

Meanwhile, there was a veil covering half of her face as her long and curly black hair was loose on her back. At the same time, there was a pair of round ears sticking out on the head just like Whitie while her black tail was extended out from her lower back.

Seeing the lineup of Shin's Elemental Spirits, Haowin couldn't help whistle a little while looking at them full of greed. "Look at these guys, aren't they a group of fine Elementals."

On the other hand, Immortal was looking at them with a heavy face. Especially when he thought that three of them were hosting the cores that Shin got from.

"Leave them to us, Master. You can take your rest now," said Blackie with her cold yet caring voice.

Hearing that, Haowin started chuckling a little as he found those words ridiculous. "A mere Elemental dared to look down on me?"

After saying that, Haowin immediately snapped with his fingers to use a special skill that could forcefully unsummon any kind of Elemental Spirits and pets on the field.

He knew that Immortal was not in a good state to use his own suppressive skill, so it was better for him to use his own skill instead.

But things didn't always go according to plan.

Despite using his suppressing skills, the group was still present in the field and seemed to be unaffected by the skill.

Seeing that, Haowin suddenly knitted his eyebrows before trying to find the reason behind it. Not long after, he noticed that there was a spiritual formation surrounding them.

"Oh~! I see, so you guys used the residual energies from the previous ceremony to cast a special formation before setting it up on his place to counter any kind of suppression skills," said Haowin with a sneering tone before adding. "But, so what?"

He was about to cast a spell when he noticed that Shin was starting to walk forward and walked past his 'Reapers' Retainers'.

"Eh!?" his Elemental Spirits were taken aback by his actions and wanted to stop him but they immediately prevented themselves from talking when they heard Shin's next words.

"If you guys want to help, then keep the other guy busy while I'm dealing with Immortal. We are in a middle of a duel," said Shin as he stared at Immortal as he was challenging the latter.

Seeing that, Immortal started grinning from ear to ear before replying. "Fine by me!"

After that, they immediately forgot about the existence of the others as they got ready for the final exchange of this battle.

Chapter 508 Elemental Spirits Transformations

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Shin and Immortal stood at their respective spots for a couple of moments while trying to control the flow of mana inside their bodies using their respective breathing techniques.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

A moment later, both of them simultaneously charge forward before swinging their weapons at the same time.

This time, their battle was a plain martial art exchange and direct brawl with their respective martial insights.

Clang! Clang!

Shin was not using his 'Eclipse Wielding' nor the 'White Dawn Boundary' and 'Black Origin Threshold'. After all, using either of those techniques were putting quite a toll on his concentration, so it was better for him to solely focus on his swordsmanship in his final bout.

Especially when his opponent also had a solid foundation in Martial-Arts.

If Shin was not mistaken, then Immortal's polearm wielding was at least on par with Arthur's spearmanship if not slightly stronger.

Of course, it excluded the fact that it had been a long time since he saw Arthur wielded his spear seriously, so that guy surely had improved his skills.

But at the very least, it was what he could think of after exchanging some blows with Immortal in this melee battle.

Meanwhile, Immortal was also quite surprised at Shin's swordsmanship. He could tell that Shin still hadn't attained the special state of 'being one with the sword'. Even though he was quite close to reaching it, Shin still couldn't fully grasp that state yet.

On the other hand, Immortal already reached that state a long time ago and fully mastered this state. But despite him having that advantage, he still couldn't overwhelm Shin with his polearm wielding alone.

In fact, Shin was doing surprisingly well even if he knew that his swordsmanship was pretty much weaker compared to Immortal's polearm wielding.

Little did Immortal know, Shin actually familiar when it came to these kinds of exchanges. After all, he suffered quite a lot of beating when Arthur sparred with him with weapons. And even if those sparring matches ended with a draw, Shin knew for himself that this arrogant brother of his actually played him pretty well during those matches.

At the same time, the thing that troubled Immortal the most was the style of Shin's swordsmanship. It was totally unpredictable and crafty to deal with. It also had an ever-changing rhythm that was hard to adjust to.

Each of his strikes were sometimes powerful and heavy but sometimes they were also light with a shifting trajectory.

At first, Immortal thought that the trick behind those strikes lay on each of his hands. He was thinking that Shin was using his right hand for heavy strikes while the other was for swift and light attacks.

But after a few more exchanges, Immortal immediately realized that it wasn't the case. Shin was able to do such attacks with both of his hands. Meaning, dealing with those attacks was much more troublesome than he originally thought.

Fortunately, he was not a simple Martial-Artist either. So, he also had his own means to deal with these kinds of situations.

First, Immortal readjusted his breathing to keep up with Shin's current rhythm before responding with each of the latter's moves.

And that was when a contest of Martial Insights between Shin and Immortal truly started.

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Meanwhile, Haowin was currently watching the ongoing battle with an amused look on his face. "Interesting, this rookie really surprised me. I wonder how far he can go if he keeps up with this speed of growth."

After that, he turned his head towards the group of Elemental spirits who were looking at him aggressively. "Hey, hey! Relax! We still have a lot of time to play. So, how about we enjoy the show for now and start dancing later?"

Unfortunately, the group was not willing to comply with his suggestion and immediately start attacking.

Swoosh!

The group suddenly separated from each other as they started making their moves.

The one who attacked first was Solus who created a huge group of fireballs around her before sending it towards Haowin with a wave of her hand.

Haowin knew that he couldn't fight this group with ordinary means, so he immediately initiated his Demonic Transformation before sending a powerful punch forward.

Boom!

A strong shockwave was sent out from Haowin's fist and flew straight at the fireballs pouring down at him. And this particular shockwave was strong enough to obliterate all of the incoming fireballs.

But right after he made that move, three of the Elemental Spirits suddenly appeared around him while throwing their respective attacks.

Grimrace appeared on the right side of their opponent while swinging his shadow daggers at Haowin. And at the same time, Blackie appeared on the other side as she brandished her razor-sharp claws.

Coordinating with their moves, Vladimir appeared right in front of Haowin while stabbing his blood rapier forward.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

Unfortunately, all of their attacks were blocked by Haowin's wings as he wrapped himself with it. And right after blocking those attacks, Haowin immediately spread his wings in a powerful manner and sent the three flying.

Bang!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Blackie, Grimrace, and Vladimir flew in three different directions after getting hit by those wings. But they immediately regained their balance midair after doing a quick flip during their flight.

On the other hand, Haowin was immediately greeted by the sight of Whitie taking a horse stance a few meters in front of him.

Whitie's fist was lowered beside his waist while accumulating some holy powers on it. And a few moments later, he suddenly thrust his fist forward and sent a powerful energy beam that was carrying the holy powers of light.

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Light): Judgment Fist'

Boom!

Haowin was able to immediately identify the elemental of that incoming beam based on its color alone. "Holy Light Elemental Powers? These guys sure know how to set things up."

Then flapped his wings towards the ground powerfully, so that he could get away from the path of the raging beam of light.

Bang!

Swoosh!

But despite successfully dodging in the air, Haowin still couldn't feel safe because of the pair of gazes that were coldly locked on him.

Sweeping his gaze on his surroundings, he immediately found Hanzo and Solus flying alongside him in the air while having him in the middle.

Then he saw Hanzo throw a powerful slash in the air and send a crescent energy wave that was able to tear the surrounding space.

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Void): Void Slash'

Swoosh!

At the same time, Solus was pointing her index finger towards the sky while gathering the surrounding fire elemental mana on its tip. Then a huge sphere made of fire was formed above her finger, mimicking the figure of the sun.

After that, she pointed her finger at Haowin, sending the miniature sun towards his direction.

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Fire): Descending Sun'

Swoosh!

Seeing that, Haowin immediately clasped his hands together before gathering a massive amount of demonic powers on it. And a few moments later, he suddenly separated his hands once again while releasing all of the accumulated powers from it.

'Demonic Skill (Racial Skill): Demonic Fortress'

Then a huge spherical barrier was formed around him that blocked the incoming attacks.

BOOM!

A massive explosion was created when Hanzo's attack and Solus' spell landed on that barrier.

But despite seeing how destructive that explosion was, the group of Elemental Spirits still didn't dare to let their guards down as they all knew that their current opponent was much stronger than their current strengths could handle.

After all, most of their powers were restricted by Shin's current level and powers. Especially with his current Elemental Affinity.

Not long after, they saw their opponent hovering in the air unscratched while the cloud of smoke surrounding him was starting to subdue.

Haowin continued to float above in the air for a couple of seconds before sweeping his eyes at the group with a smirking look on his face. "Not bad, not bad. You guys might be able to entertain me a little. So, how about we give it another try?"

Meanwhile the group was currently looking at him with solemn expression on their face before exchanging gaze with each other.

A moment later, they nodded their heads with each other before activating their respective empowered forms.

Hanzo took the initiative and formed a twin circle behind him which was rotating in different directions. And it was immediately followed by Vladimir who summoned a pair of blood wings on his back and spread it widely.

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Void): Dimensional Traveler'

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Blood): Blood Sovereign'

After that, Grimace and Solus immediately followed after them.

The shadow spirit summoned a group of floating daggers around him as his eyes suddenly turned crimson with black smokes emitting from his body. On the other hand, Solus enfolded herself with gorgeous flame with orange and yellow alternating colors.

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Shadow): Yaksha Transformation'

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Fire): Firestorm Goddess'

And that was when Whitie and Blackie took their transformations.

A third eye appeared at the center of Whitie's forehead which was glowing with a golden color as a spiritual crown suddenly formed on his head.

Meanwhile, a pair of black bat wings grew from Blackie's back while a tattoo on the center of her forehead started to release some dim lights.

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Light): Divine Ruler'

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Dark): Abyssal Monarch'

Seeing that, Haowin started grinning from ear to ear before muttering to himself. "This is what I am talking about.

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"Let's dance!" said Haowin while grinning from ear to ear as looked at the group of Elemental Spirits who took their Elemental Transformation.

After that, he did an inviting gesture with his hand, as if he was provoking the group. And when the group saw that, they immediately made their moves.

It doesn't matter if Haowin was currently flying up in the air, the group immediately used their respective flying abilities and charged straight at him.

The first ones to arrive were the trio of Blackie, Grimrace, and Vladimir. Setting aside the space teleportation abilities of Hanzo, these three were the ones who had the fastest speed among the group.

Just like earlier, the trio did a coordinated attack at Haowin in the fastest way possible. But despite their insane speed and fast-paced attacking rate, the latter was still able to respond to each of their movements and either dodged or blocked each of their strikes.

From time to time, Haowin was also moving rapidly backward so that he could create enough distance between him and the trio which was also giving him enough space to oversee what the other Elemental Spirits were doing.

In the distance, he saw Hanzo and Solus who were preparing for another attack.

Hanzo held his double-headed halberd in front of his chest horizontally while gathering a large amount of Elemental energy on it. A few moments later, he suddenly swung his weapon in a diagonal fashion and powerful manner.

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Void): Dimensional Rending'

Shing!

At first, nothing happened when he swung his weapon. But when the trio in front of Haowin coordinated with Hanzo's move and moved away from his line of sight, a crack suddenly appeared in the space in front of the Void Spirit and extended all the way to their opponent.

Crack!

Haowin's body was split into halves when the spatial tear passed through him. But instead of dying on the spot, his body reattached itself and regenerated its wounds, returning it to its original state.

But right after he healed his wounds, his eyes suddenly caught a glimpse of Solus waving her hands in front of her as if she was conducting an orchestra with those hand gestures. And while she was doing that, a group of magical circles was rotating rapidly behind her before sending out a barrage of energy beams that flew straight at Haowin with tricky trajectories.

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Fire): Solar Symphony'

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Haowin wanted to dodge the incoming beams of light but he currently couldn't move his body due to that regeneration skill that he just used. So, all he could do was to use another defensive skill even though it would weaken him for a short period of time.

Whoosh!

Then an energy field was released from Haowin's body before transforming into a double-layered spherical barrier that was going to protect him from the incoming beams of light.

'Demon Lord's Servant Skill (Tier 2): Demonic Pulse'

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The first layer of that barrier immediately collapsed when it was bombarded by the beams sent by Solus earlier.

But right after breaking through the first layer, the beams of light were unable to penetrate the second layer waiting underneath it.

Boom!

Regardless, continuous explosions bombarded the barrier protecting Haowin which created yet another cloud of smoke due to the consecutive explosion created by the collision of powers.

Roar!

When the bombardment stopped, Haowin immediately released a deafening roar while spreading his arms and wings powerfully which sent a strong shockwave outward. And because of that, the cloud of smoke surrounding him was immediately swept away by the strong current of wind that appeared alongside the shockwave that he created.

But right after he cleared the area, he was immediately greeted by Whitie who was floating right in front of him and currently preparing to throw his glowing fist on Haowin's face.

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Light): Royal Punishment'

Bang!

And before Haowin could even react to that, Whitie immediately swung his fist powerfully and sent the former straight to the ground with a loud sound.

Boom!

In there, Haowin was still able to hold his ground and stand on his place straight despite being hit by that powerful punch directly and receiving all of the force behind him. The ground beneath him even formed a huge crater when his feet came in contact with it.

"Fighting these creatures sure are troublesome," muttered Haowin while relieving all of the stress that his body received from the previous impact.

But while he was doing that, he suddenly sensed something and quickly raised his head to sweep his gaze on his surroundings. And that was when he discovered that he was now being surrounded by the group who were preparing their respective strongest skills with their current strength.

Hanzo pulled his weapon backward while accumulating all of his Elemental Mana on it. A moment later, he suddenly charged forward and entered the astral plane for a brief moment while swinging his double-headed halberd in the process.

Shing!

And when he appeared on the physical world once again, a spatial tear seemed to be formed along the path that he took which also created a long trail of purple light that suddenly appeared alongside his re-appearance, connecting his starting point and current location.

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Void): Astral Step'

At the same time, Vladimir opened his left hand widely, showcasing his razor-sharp and steel-like fingernails. Then he swung his left arm powerfully and sent an energy wave that looked like a claw of a demon who came from the depths of hell – especially with the strange and eerie wailing sounds accompanying it.

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Blood): Claws of Asura'

p Roar!

On the other hand, Grimrace spread his arms outwards and summoned a large group of shadow daggers floating around him. After a slight pause in his breathing, he suddenly swung both of his arms forward, commanding all of the daggers to fly straight at Haowin with unimaginable speed.

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Shadow): Shadow Carnival'

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Meanwhile, Solus was currently floating up in the air while pointing her finger at the sky. A moment later, a phoenix suddenly formed behind her while spreading her blazing wings outwards.

After that, she pointed her finger towards the ground where Haowin was currently located and ordered the phoenix to attack him. And complying with her order, the phoenix drew a beautiful arc in the air before diving down towards the ground with unimaginable speed.

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Fire): Dawn'

Shriek!

Alongside all of those attacks, Blackie also coordinated with the group and used her strongest skill that she could use with her current strength.

First, she crossed her arms in front of her while spreading her bat wings outwards. She then lowered her hips and leaned her body a little forward, getting ready to take a sudden charge at any given moment.

A moment later, her claws suddenly set ablaze with a shadowy flame that was giving a cold aura. After that, she suddenly disappeared from her spot as a group of phantoms appeared around Haowin which immediately assaulted him from different directions.

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Darkness): Doom Verdict'

Whitie was not lagging behind the group either as immediately stomped his foot on the ground and quickly took a Martial-artist's stance the moment he fell back from the air. His right hand was currently lowered beside his waist as clenched it into a fist.

A moment later, he absorbed all of the sacred mana that he could find in the air before gathering them on his fist. And when the accumulation of energy reached its peak, he suddenly took a forward step with his right foot while thrusting his fist forward alongside it.

Boom!

And that was when a golden beam of light was released from his fist which was also much stronger compared to the previous energy that he created earlier.

'Elemental Spirit Skill (Light): Sacred Retribution'

BOOM!

All of those attacks landed on Haowin simultaneously, not giving him any time to react. All he could do was stand on his ground and wait for all of them to land at him.

And given how destructive those attacks were, it was not hard to imagine for anyone to imagine what was going to happen to the guy who was unfortunate enough to get hit by them. Especially if they saw what kind of calamity was currently happening right now; it was as if the end of the world was currently taking place at this point in time.

And alongside all of this, there was a guy who was clueless about a system notification that he received due to how focused he was on his current battle.

Ding!

System: Due to some special circumstances you have been granted a special skill under the 'Elemental Skills Category'!

System: Congratulations! You now have possessed a new skill called 'Ragnarök'. Please, check your Elemental Skills panel to see more of its details.

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BOOM!

A huge crater was left behind on the spot where he was standing when the attacks of the group landed on him.

There was no trace of him left in that place, signifying that he either got obliterated by those attacks or fled with some unknown method.

From the other people's perspective, they would surely think that it was the former given how powerful those attacks were.

Those attacks were not only strong enough to destroy everything on their path, but their speed was so fast to the point their target would not have enough time to dodge such attacks. Especially the skills that came from Hanzo that pierced through space.

But despite that being the case, the group was still knitting their eyebrows while staring at the huge crater created by their attacks.

"Did he manage to get away?" muttered Hanzo while wearing a deep frown on his face.

After that, the Elemental Spirits regroup with each other before looking at the place where Shin and Immortal were having their final battle. And from the looks of it, the victor was about to be determined.

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Bang!

On the other side, Shin managed to force Immortal to take a couple of steps backward with one of his sword strikes.

Seeing that, he immediately grabbed the opportunity and quickly threw a pair of consecutive slash with each of his swords.

Immortal tried to regain his balance as fast as he could before positioning his bone scepter in front of his chest to block the incoming attacks.

Clang! Clang!

Then Immortal immediately felt the strong vibration on his scepter the moment it collided with the swords of his opponent consecutively. And before his hands could even recover from those strikes, Shin immediately followed it with another swing of his sword which was much stronger than the previous attacks.

Clang!

Since Immortal was still experiencing the strong vibration on both of his arms, Immortal was unable to withstand the final strike and was forced to let go of his bone scepter.

Immortal was planning to take advantage of the brief pause on Shin's movements to immediately move away from his opponent and create some space between them.

But Immortal just hopped away from his previous location when Shin suddenly kicked the ground and launched himself forward, chasing after his opponent.

Shing!

Then Immortal suddenly stopped moving when his feet landed back on the ground because Shin was currently pointing his sword in front of his neck.

"Looks like you lose once again," said Shin with his eyes locked at Immortal to make sure that he was not going to use any kind of sudden movement.

But Immortal didn't get intimidated and just sneered at him. "Heh! So, why are you still wasting your time? Just end this now."

Hearing that, Shin started chuckling a little before replying. "Well, I really loved to kill you right now if not because of that strange curse you cast on me earlier."

He then took a brief pause before continuing. "So, how about you remove it now and I'll spare your life. After all, both of us know how important a single level is for players like us."

"What's more, I'm pretty sure that you have a couple of precious items in your inventory that is going to drop once you die," he added while pressing the tip of his sword on Immortal's neck.

"Hehe... Do you think that you have the advantage on this transaction?" replied Immortal with a mocking tone.

Shin knew that this was not going to be easy. If it was just him, then he was going to kill Immortal right away. But based on what Arthur and Leonard had said earlier, the cursed mark that Immortal put on his body was not simple.

Not only was it able to track his location, but it also had a special ability to corrupt his mana over the course of time. And that corruption was going to slow down his progress little by little to the point where he couldn't improve anymore.

Given that, Shin consulted the two about that matter and also asked if their respective organizations could lift it. Unfortunately, they said that they couldn't help him with that matter since it was not the specialty of their organizations.

They said that Cloe might be able to help him since she was the Holy Maiden of her church. But the problem was the quality of the curse that Immortal cast at him. From what they could see, it was going to cost Cloe a lot of merits if ever he asked her to help him lift that curse.

Given Cloe's nature, she would surely help him if he asked her for some favor. But Shin didn't want to trouble her with such a trivial matter, so it was better for him to deal with this situation using his own method.

Shin transformed his left-hand sword back to its sheath form before hanging it on his waist. After, he took a strange cube from his inventory bag before showing it to Immortal. "Then how about we change the conditions a little?"

Seeing that strange cube floating above Shin's palm, Immortal immediately understood what he was trying to say. Shin was planning to capture him and hand him to one of the Righteous Churches of the game.

Immortal suddenly wore a solemn expression on his face the moment he realized what Shin was trying to do. Then he quickly swept his gaze on his surroundings, trying to see if he could find a way to escape his current predicament.

When he saw that Haowin was nowhere to find and he was now currently being surrounded by a group of Elemental Spirits, he knew for himself that there was no other way to escape his current predicament. "D*mn that guy! After all that talk, he is just going to be defeated by a bunch of Elementals."

Left with no other choice, Immortal could only agree with Shin's demands and signed a contract with him.

Shin was originally planning to rob Immortal for more rare items. Unfortunately, the system didn't let him do such a thing as it was only allowing a fair exchange when it came to these kinds of agreements.

After watching Immortal disappear in front of him with an unwilling gaze, Shin took a deep sigh before turning around and walking towards his clone who was now an Eclipse Clone.

Earlier, Shin fused the Sun and Moon clone together before he fought Immortal in a one-on-one duel. It was deceit that he prepared to make sure that he was not going to expose his identity accidentally if ever there was someone watching his fight from a distance.

After all, he had already seen enough battle videos of expert players that were captured from a distance, so it was better to be careful than blow up his cover.

Given that, Shin 'shook' his hands the Eclipse Clone, showing as if they just finished the end of their deal. Then the latter suddenly disappeared after using one of its stealth skills before Shin unsummoned it.

After that, Shin swept his gaze at his surroundings to make sure that he didn't miss anything before signaling Hanzo to teleport the group out of his place.

Meanwhile, in a place not far from the place where that battle took place, a spatial tear suddenly appeared out of nowhere.

Then Haowin came out from that spatial tear and fell on the ground in an awkward manner. Based on his current appearance, he seemed to suffer a devastating blow.

But the strange thing was the injuries that he currently had seemed to be unrelated to the attacks that he received earlier from the group of Elemental Spirits. There were some frost flakes on different parts of his body as if he was just frozen earlier.

"D*mn it! Why is that witch in this place?" cursed Haowin as he was trying to recall what just happened earlier.

During the last moment of his battle against Shin's Elementals, he was getting ready to cast a powerful spell that could counter all of the attacks that were sent towards him earlier.

But before he could even fully prepare himself to use such a spell, he was suddenly interrupted by the sudden appearance of frost elemental mana that came out from the ground and was spreading rapidly on his legs and trying to consume him whole.

Seeing that, Haowin immediately abandoned the idea of using the spell that he was preparing earlier and instead focused on freeing himself from the sudden appearance of strange frost.

With that, he was able to free himself from being locked down by the spreading frost. But right after he did that, the frost fragments that were created from freeing himself suddenly gathered together and transformed into a group of frost swords that were pointing at Haowin.

And before Haowin could even respond with that situation, the swords were already piercing his body and preventing him from moving.

Then it was the time when the attacks of the Elemental Spirits landed at him briefly as Haowin immediately used a sacrificial skill that consumed a certain amount of his HP before sending him out of that place.

Everything happened a little too fast which was why no one was able to notice such a brief exchange between Haowin and his unknown assailant. But with that kind of casting speed to execute such a dangerous spell combination was more than enough for the 'God of Carnage' to identify who that person was.

Having that in mind, Haowin started grinning from ear to ear before muttering to himself. "Heh! Now, this is becoming more and more interesting. Looks like there are a lot of things surrounding this Nameless Swordsman. I guess keeping an eye on him is going to be worthwhile."

After that, he stared at Ancient Ruins for a moment before turning around and disappearing in the shadows of the night.