

Destiny 511

Chapter 511 Conclusion (Part 2)

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A few moments before Shin and Immortal's battle came to an end, the two 'monsters' were currently enjoying their battle against their respective opponents. It has been a while since they fought someone at this level, so they were quite excited at this current battle.

Both Trynd and Amu were high-ranking Apostles of a Demonic Church similar to Haowin. And even if they were a little weaker compared to the God of Carnage, their strengths were still something that couldn't be trifled with.

These two were not official Godlike Players since they needed to play within the shadows where the other people couldn't see them. After all, they were part of the Organization which was considered the 'villains' of the game.

This was the very reason why most of the players were watching the ongoing battle in front of them with an astounded look on their faces.

Who was 'Dragon God: Siegfried' and 'War God: Simba'? They were such players who were standing on the peak of the gaming world; they were Gods among men, a monster in human disguise, and a pair of legendary players who were being looked up to by everyone.

So, it was natural for most of the players to become curious about the identities of this particular pair, especially that they were able to stand toe to toe against this duo of legendary players.

Right now, Trynd and Amu were currently in their respective Demonic Transformation. They originally wanted to hide these forms from the public's eyes. But given their current predicament, it was pretty much impossible to hide it from those players since they were going to be brutally slaughtered by Leonard and Arthur if they didn't use these forms to protect themselves.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Explosions could be heard from everywhere as the four players kept on appearing and disappearing in different places as they battled across the Ancient Ruins. And whoever got caught by the crossfire of their skills was surely going to get killed, especially the undead monsters in the vicinity and the Necromancers controlling them.

And due to that, the members of the Undying Guild had no choice but to retreat away from the battlefield as they all knew that they couldn't afford to stay in this place anymore.

But unlike them, there was a certain group of players who refused to leave this place as they were currently recording the battle from different angles.

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Earlier, Miss Bunny got a certain 'tip' from the 'Dragon God' himself, saying that there was something more about the war that was taking place in the Blind Abyss Empire.

To make sure not to get left out by her competitors in the entertainment industry, she immediately contacted her personal team and asked them to head to the Blind Abyss Empire as soon as possible. And at the same time, she also told them to record all of the battles that were worth watching for.

The group managed to arrive at the Ancient Ruins just before the Central Order people got defeated by the Undying Guild members. Given that, they were able to record some of the battles of the most noteworthy individuals.

The group chose to stay in this place even if the Undying Guild chased away the Central Order and patiently waited for what was going to happen next. And their patience immediately came into fruition as a stunning sight immediately greeted the members of the Undying Guild when they broke the barrier blocking them.

And what came next was the group setting up their equipment for the live feed of what was happening right now. Not long after, they immediately went live on Miss Bunny's personal channel which immediately attracted a lot of attention from the players.

DJ Miss Bunny was monitoring everything as she was giving out some orders from time to time. And when she saw the current rating of her channel, she couldn't help but wear a huge grin with her lips, especially when she saw that it was continuously rising.

As soon as she arrived in her place, Miss Bunny immediately hopped in her Gaming Cabin and quickly logged in the game. After that, she immediately headed to the Blind Abyss Empire to regroup with her team.

Unfortunately, she got lost a little when she was going to the Ancient Ruins. And because of that, she got a little worried that she would not be able to arrive in time to witness the world-shaking battle personally.

But she was not expecting that she would encounter a wonderful surprise while she was roaming around the Ancient Ruins – what she saw was another amazing battle that was taking place away from the center of the Ancient Ruins.

Seeing that, she quickly released all of her spying stones (drone-like things inside the game) and spread them in the whole area. After that, she immediately started recording the battle while meticulously controlling all of her spying stones to make them as sneaky as possible. Then she started enjoying the show in front of her.

At first, she thought that it was a rematch between the Lich God and the Nameless Swordsman. And if that was really the case, Miss Bunny was sure that the latter was going to lose no matter what since Immortal now had some access to his awakening skills.

But upon taking a closer look, Miss Bunny discovered that the Nameless Swordsman was not 'alone'. Beside him was another famous player of the Saint Heaven Kingdom, the Emperor of the Night: Sickarius.

Seeing that, Miss Bunny immediately became excited as she could already see the huge audience that she could get from this battle. Just thinking about the title that she could give this battle alone was giving her some goosebumps.

– "Twin Stars of the Saint Heaven Kingdom against the Monarch of the Blind Abyss Empire" –

Or

– "Angel of Death and Emperor of the Night versus the Lich God" –

Just thinking about that was making Miss Bunny excited. And because of that, she immediately became serious at recording this battle even though doing it was quite difficult. After all, this showdown needed to focus on two different battles. One was the Sickarius' battle with Immortal's summon on the ground and the Nameless Swordsman aerial battle up in the air.

Trying to record these battles was going to be impossible for most of the scouts of the game. But for someone like Miss Bunny who was famous for her skills in recording these kinds of battles, this was something that was quite easy for her.

She was skillfully controlling all of her spying stones accurately as if they were parts of her own body.

A few moments later, the battle was about to arrive at its conclusion as both sides were already reaching their limits. But that was also the time when Miss Bunny felt that heart seemed to stop beating as she saw Haowin's arrival.

Miss Bunny immediately became worried about the 'two' as she was fully aware of the strength of the God of Carnage. But before she lost all of her hope, a group of Elemental Spirits suddenly arrived in this place and stood around Shin.

After that, she saw the Nameless Swordsman walking forward before engaging in another round of battle against Immortal. It might be just straightforward close-quarter combat, this final round of battle was still quite satisfying to watch.

Meanwhile, another stunning battle was taking place on the other side of the battlefield. And that was where Miss Bunny witnessed the God of Carnage being 'beaten' black and blue by a group of Elemental Spirits.

That scene shocked Miss Bunny as this was her first time seeing such a group of powerful summonses that could contend against a top player of the game. And not long after, the conclusion of this battle was finally determined.

With Haowin being defeated and Immortal suffering his third consecutive defeat of the day, the victors of this were practically obvious.

Then Miss Bunny saw the Nameless Swords and Sickarius shaking each other's hand before leaving the place.

She watched the two left with meaningful eyes and her hands in front of her chest. And immediately after that, she started collecting her spying stones before organizing the videos that they had recorded.

After that, she quickly stood up from her hiding locations before heading towards the center of the Ancient Ruins to regroup with her team.

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BOOM!

Going back to that place, Tryd and Amu were forced by Leonard and Arthur into a corner once again which put them in another dangerous situation.

At the same time, it was also the time when they received an order from Haowin, saying that they needed to immediately retreat as soon as possible.

Seeing that message, the two couldn't help but frown their eyebrows as it was hard to believe that both Haowin and Immortal were defeated by a 'rookie' Titled Ranker.

Regardless, they still didn't have any choice but comply with his order as they both knew that there was a reason why this cunning and stubborn guy wanted to take a step back right now.

On the other hand, Arthur and Leonard wanted to prevent the two from getting away. Unfortunately, they were not fast enough to stop them.

"Tsk! Those guys sure have a pair of legs for retreating," said Arthur with full of complaint.

"With them retreating, that means Shin Bro managed to win his battle, right?" said Leonard while sweeping his gaze at their surroundings, trying to see if the remaining members of the Undying Guild in the vicinity were going to try doing something funny.

'Unfortunately', those guys were not foolish enough to gamble their lives.

And that was when a Shin walked out from his stealth and stood beside them with his 'Sickarius' identity.

Shin swept his gaze on the surroundings and saw how these two made the ruins become even more ruined. Then he turned his head back at the two before saying. "It is time to leave."

"Let's see how many Mana Stones and Crystals Big Sis and her group got," he added before turning around and using the remaining powers of the formation surrounding the place to open a void gate connected to their rendezvous point.

Then Shin stepped on that gate with the two following behind him. But before fully entering the void gate, both Arthur and Leonard simultaneously turned their bodies around and looked at a certain location before saying with a soft voice.

"We are going to play with your group the next time we meet."

"I'll hunt you some other time."

Then they turned back at the void gate once again before entering it immediately after.

Chapter 512 Conclusion (Part 3)

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Swoosh!

The trio of Shin, Arthur, and Leonard walked out of the void gate that Shin had created earlier and arrived at the designated location where they were going to meet with Shiella and her group.

"They are still not here?" said Shin while sweeping his gaze at their surroundings with a knitted brow.

At the same time, the other two also swept their gazes on the whole place, trying to see if there were other people present in this place.

"Maybe they are caught with some traffic?" joked Arthur after making sure that there was no ambush waiting for them.

And that was when the trio heard some mechanical sounds coming from a certain direction.

"Look like they also arrived in time," said Leonard while turning his head where those sounds were coming from.

In there, they saw a group of mechanical vehicles that looked practically like a fully-armored military vehicle from the real world.

Whistle~♪

"Whenever I see those Magical Wagons, they always remind me of those vehicles in your family's military base," muttered Leonard while looking at the incoming vehicles.

"Well, those are the main models that Big Sis uses when she asked Tinker to build those Magical Wagons," replied Arthur while shrugging his shoulders.

And that was the only time Shin managed to react and asked with a surprised look on his face. "What!? Those are the Magical Wagons that you guys are talking about!?"

He then took another at the incoming vehicles before continuing. "No matter how hard I tried to look at them, they still look like a group of military vehicles in my eyes."

Hearing that, the two couldn't help but nod their heads as they practically felt the same way when they saw those vehicles for the first time.

A few moments later, the Magical Wagons arrived in front of the trio before one of them opened its door as Shin and her chiefs walked out from it. And right after she got out, Shiella immediately swept her in the whole place as if she was looking for someone.

"Where is he?" asked Shiella with a deep frown when she couldn't find the person that she was looking for.

Understanding who she was implying to, Shin immediately replied. "He already left. He said that there are a few urgent things waiting for him back in the Town, so he needs to head back as soon as possible."

Hearing that, Shiella looked at Shin with squinting eyes, showing her displeasure. And when the latter saw that, he immediately. "But he also said that he will meet you at your office as soon as possible. It looks like he wants to discuss a few things with you."

This time, the displeasure on Shiella's eyes suddenly turned into a suspicious one while sweeping her gaze at the trio. And when the three saw that, they immediately held their breaths, trying to hide their anxiousness.

Shiella stared at the trio for a couple of seconds before releasing a helpless sigh before saying. "Well, I can't do anything about it anymore since he already left."

She then swept her gaze at the three once again before saying. "Since he is already gone, I guess we don't have anything to do here anymore. So, are you three going to stay here or are you guys coming back with us?"

Then the three turned their heads at each other before coming up with a tacit agreement.

"We are going back on our own, Big Sis. After all, we still have a place that we need to visit," replied Shin while wearing a smile.

Shiella knitted her eyebrows for a moment before turning around right after saying. "Suit yourselves then."

"We're heading back," shouted Shiella as she went back to the Magical Wagon that she came from. But before the door closed itself, someone suddenly jumped out behind it before running towards the trio.

"Wait! Let me come with you!" said that person as he ran towards Shin and the other two as if was running for his life.

"Eh! That's...!" muttered Shin as he immediately recognized the person that was running towards them.

"Wait! Let me join your group! Or at least take me away from that guy!" said Chaotic Luck when he arrived in front of the three while kneeling on the ground.

Then Shin and the others turned their heads in the direction of the person that he was talking about. And in there, they saw the Chief Miner of the Hand of Midas staring at them with an awkward look on his face.

"What's with him?" asked Arthur while pointing at Walsh.

Hearing that, Chaotic Luck immediately replied. "That guy wants me to work for him and use my special undead summonses on mining."

"How can I agree with that! I've worked so hard and sacrificed a lot just to achieve these powers, yet that guy wants me to work as a mere miner? That is not going to happen!" said Chaotic Luck on the verge of tears.

Seeing the current look on his face, the three looked at him with a confused look on their face. And when Arthur couldn't take it anymore, he immediately said. "Hey! Stop crying, that is not something you can waste your tears for."

But despite Arthur comforting him, Chaotic Luck immediately refuted with a fierce tone. "How am I not going to cry!? That guy defeated all of my strongest monsters despite just having a Lifestyle Class! That's way too unfair!"

Cough! Cough!

This time, the look on the trio's face immediately became different as they couldn't help but look at Chaotic Luck full of pity.

"Who says you can challenge a Chief of that Trading Firm?" – Thought the three while shaking their heads with a bitter smile.

After that, Shin looked at Walsh and others before signaling them that they could leave now. And when the Chief Miner saw that, he immediately became dejected before turning around unwillingly.

After seeing off the Magical Wagons, Shin turned his attention back at Chaotic Luck before asking. "Why do you want to come with us? Can't you stay in this place instead? After all, you already have the strength to protect yourself just like what you have said earlier."

Hearing that, Chaotic Luck immediately wore a look on his face before replying. "If it is just some small fries from those huge guilds, then I'm confident that I can at least protect myself against them no matter how many they are."

"The problem is their most elite groups. Or even those top experts of their guilds," he added with an even bitter tone.

He then took a brief pause before continuing. "What's more, after what all happened, I'm sure that the Undying Guild is going to put a bounty on my head. You should have known that Immortal is most probably aware of me now after you fight him in that hall earlier."

"Given all of that, it is better for me to leave this Empire now and migrate to another place," added Chaotic Luck with a helpless sigh.

After hearing his side, the three exchanged gazes before Arthur asked Shin. "It's up to you. Didn't you say that you exchanged blows with him earlier? So, how skilled is he?"

Shin thought for a moment when heard that before replying. "Well, I'm not sure about that either."

"His skills are quite average and his control over his summoned monsters is only above average. The only thing that makes him different from others is his race and class; especially those strange undead monsters that are unaffected by Holy Powers and other elements. In fact, it seems like they are being enhanced by those powers instead of harming them."

Hearing that, Arthur and Leonard nodded their heads before looking at Chaotic Luck with interested gazes. But it was still not enough to let him join the Adventurer Team that they were planning to build.

Chaotic Luck was able to understand what they were thinking so he immediately begged. "Please! Let me join your group! I promise that I will train hard so that I can be good enough to be part of your team!"

But Arthur and Leonard couldn't be swayed by that, especially the former who already had a picture of the Adventurer Team that he was dreaming of.

Seeing the two shaking their heads, Chaotic Luck knew that he couldn't change their minds anymore. But before he could even lose all of his hope, he suddenly heard Shin saying. "But there is actually an even more interesting thing about him that really piqued my interest."

"And it was a very rare 'talent' that even you two will like," added Shin with a mystifying tone.

With those words, both Arthur and Leonard couldn't help but become curious and want to ask more.

Unfortunately, Shin didn't disclose it with them yet and just said with a mysterious grin. "You know, it is best for the two of you to experience it yourselves."

After that, Shin turned around and started walking before waving his hand at them while saying. "Let's go! We need to wrap this up properly so that we can head back home as soon as possible."

"Hey! That's unfair! Tell us about it immediately. Don't spoil the fun!" yelled Arthur while chasing after Shin.

"Says the one who always wants to do these kinds of mystifying things," sneered Shin.

"What about this guy then?" asked Leonard while pointing at Chaotic Luck who was still kneeling on the ground.

Hearing that, Shin looked over his shoulder before replying. "Let's keep him for now. Who knows, he may become useful in the future."

After that, he looked at Arthur before whispering with an evil tone. "Just train him with Leonard for a little bit. If he really is no good, then we can just 'hand' him over to the Hand of Midas Trading Firm."

Arthur started laughing out loud when he heard that before saying. "You're such an evil guy."

And that was when Leonard and Chaotic Luck caught up with them.

"Thank you, Big Brother! I'll make sure to train properly so that I will not disappoint you!" said Chaotic Luck right after he caught up with Shin.

As they were walking towards their destination, Shin suddenly remembered something and immediately asked Chaotic Luck. "Anyway, how did you guys manage to sneak all of those large vehicles out? And how many Mana Crystals and Mana Stones did you guys get?"

Hearing that, Chaotic Luck couldn't help but freeze for a brief moment before replying. "About that-... Ahm... How should I put this...?"

Meanwhile, inside the cave where the Superior Mana Vein was located, Immortal and his Apostles were currently standing in the middle of that place while looking in front of them with mixed emotions.

After successfully forcing the Central Order to retreat and sending them back to their own territory, the higher-ups of the Undying Guild immediately send their most elite group, aside from Immortal's Apostles, to guard the cave.

But after a long time, they didn't receive any kind of reports from them aside from the first report which said that everything was under control.

p Despite being suspicious, the higher-ups of the guild had no choice but to trust such reports since they could still see the names of those members online in the guild channel.

But at this point in time, these members were lying on the ground unconscious for who knew when.

"It seems like they are purposely knocked down by those people. And based on the moisture in the air and the unknown substance mixed in it, they are most likely knocked out by some sort of sleeping potion or similar item," said Elliot after scanning their surroundings.

Hearing that, the first apostle immediately added. "Those guys are quite crafty. Knocking out these players to prevent them from either logging out or getting respawned? Such a creative way to prevent us from receiving any kind of report."

While they were discussing that, Immortal immediately sprinted towards the inner part of the cave where the Mana Vein was currently located.

Seeing that, the Apostles immediately chased after him even though they were all thinking that it was impossible to harvest everything from such a huge vein in just a short amount of time.

Unfortunately, all of their hopes were immediately shattered when they discovered that the supposedly huge mana vein was nowhere to be found; not a single trace was left behind as if there was no Superior Mana Vein in here in the first place.

"How is this possible!?" were the only words that they could think of after seeing the sight in front of them.

At the same time, Immortal couldn't hold back his anger any longer and immediately shouted while releasing a powerful pressure that shook the whole cave.

"I WILL MAKE SURE TO MAKE ALL OF YOU PAY FOR THIS!"

Chapter 513 The Price Of Betrayal

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The fleeing members of the Center Order were currently hiding in the forest not too far from the Ancient Ruins. They couldn't teleport directly to their main Kingdom since they needed to use the Teleportation Hall of a City.

Unfortunately, they couldn't enter any City for now since they all knew that the members of the Undying Guild were currently keeping an eye on all Teleportation Halls of every City.

And there were only two ways for them to leave this place given their current situations. One was to scatter around the whole Blind Abyss Empire before entering those Teleportation Halls separately.

Meanwhile, the second way was to create their own Teleportation Formation to leave this place. And fortunately, they were already prepared for the worst cases scenario.

At this point in time, all of the Advance Architects and Magical Engineers that the Central Order had brought in this place were currently busy creating that formation.

Originally, they were planning to use these people to create a Teleportation Formation in the Ancient Ruins if they managed to take over that place.

Unfortunately, not everything was going according to plan.

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At the same time, the trio of Shin, Arthur, and Leonard was currently tracking down the surviving members of the Central Order as Chaotic Luck was closely following them.

"These guys sure know how to be cautious. Scattering around while fleeing? Heh! I guess the Undying Guild really scares them," sneered Arthur while surveying the surroundings.

"I'm pretty sure that they are going to win that fight earlier since all of the top experts of the Undying Guild are pretty much occupied with us, so I wonder how they suffered defeat instead?" said Shin as he stared at the footmarks on the ground before following that trail with his gaze.

Hearing that, Leonard immediately answered his question. "Is there even a need to think about it? I'm pretty sure that Haowin and his gang helped the Undying Guild to snatch that win away from the Central Order's hands."

At the same time, Arthur started laughing out loud as he couldn't help but imagine what happened in the cave where the Superior Mana Vein was located. "I really love to see the expression that those guys are making when they see how 'clean' that place is."

After that, Shin stood up from his crouching position before saying to the three. "Let's go, I found their traces."

Hearing that, the other two immediately stood up and stretched their waist before following after Shin while Chaotic Luck followed behind them silently.

"Sigh~, this is going to be much easier if only we have a good pathfinder on our team. The Archers' tracking skills and Thieves' tracing techniques are perfect in these kinds of situations," muttered Arthur as they followed along the path of the footprints that Shin saw earlier.

"Take it easy. We will find a skill pathfinder for our team later. A skilled tracker is not like a cabbage that can grow anywhere, so be patient," said Leonard chucklingly.

Not long after, the group arrived on an edge of a cliff where they could clearly see the surviving members of the Central Order regrouping up.

"Oh~! These guys really have some talent for survival. To think that they still have a lot of players that survive when those lunatics from the Demonic Churches are coming after them?" said Arthur while looking down at those players with a grinning look on his face.

"So, when are we going to make our moves?" asked Leonard who couldn't hide his excitement for slaughtering the members of the Central Order.

Shin stared at the group for quite some time before replying. "Let's wait for a little more. It is best to spoil the fun of the other side when they are about to achieve the most exciting part."

After that, he moved away from the edge of the cliff before asking the two. "Where are the vials that I asked earlier?"

Hearing that, Arthur couldn't help but click his tongue before saying to Shin. "You're really such an evil guy. To think that you are able to see this far? You really are a scary one when you start planning these kinds of schemes."

Meanwhile, Leonard took out three vials from his inventory bag before dividing them among themselves. "These high-grade disguising potions cost a lot of gold, alright? So, make sure you pay me later."

"Tsk! You are still stingy as ever. You already accumulated a lot of gold after all this time, yet you are unwilling to spend a very small portion of it?" said Shin sneeringly.

After that, he turned his head towards Chaotic Luck before saying. "We are originally going to disguise as undead monsters summoned by the members of the Undying Guild, can you also do it for your undead summonses?"

Hearing that, Chaotic Luck thought for a moment before releasing a helpless sigh and smiling bitterly. "I'm afraid I can't. It is not going to be a problem if I don't have a mutated class and race, but it is not possible right now."

Shin knitted his eyebrows for a moment after hearing and was about to drop that idea. But before he could put that thought at the back of his head, Solus suddenly broke away from the circling specks of lights around Shin before taking her humanoid appearance.

"Then let me take that power away from you for a moment," she said right after taking that form.

Chaotic Luck was not surprised at her sudden appearance since he already saw her earlier at the hall within the Ancient Ruins. But it was a little different for Arthur and Leonard.

Those two were aware that Shin got a new Elemental Spirit earlier but they were not expecting that it was such a beauty.

"D*mn! Such a lucky b*st*rd!" muttered Arthur when he saw Solus' perfect figure.

Whistle~♪

After that, Arthur walked towards Shin and stood on his side before patting the latter's shoulder. "You better now show her to Cloe, or else you're dead."

Hearing that, Shin looked at Arthur with a knitted brow, showing that he couldn't fully understand the latter's words.

But if every Shin knew what his brother was implying then he would probably say. – "Then what would happen to me if she also saw Blackie in her Human form?" –

Meanwhile, Solus waved her hand casually and took away the blessings that she gave to Chaotic Luck. And due to that the latter immediately went back to being a player with Demon Race as his class became a Demonic Lich once again.

Seeing Chaotic Luck's sudden change of appearance, the three immediately nodded their heads before simultaneously wearing a huge grin.

"Now, let's give those guys a free ticket to their respective respawn points," thought the three while having an evil look on their faces.

Meanwhile, the Engineers and Architects of the Central Order were about to finish building the Teleportation Formation.

"Sir! The Teleportation Formation was about to be ready," reported a member of the guild to Legolas who was currently resting under a nearby tree.

Hearing that, he immediately stood up and quickly ordered. "Tell everyone to be ready. We are heading out now."

Receiving his order, the subordinate immediately gave him a bow before excusing himself.

On the other hand, Aragon was still sitting lazily underneath a tree shade not far from him.

"Look at what Elrond had done. If only we didn't break the contract, then we should be the ones who emerged victorious in this war!" cursed Legolas while turning his head towards his friend.

Aragorn just shrugged his shoulders despite hearing the tone of his friend. "There is no point crying over spilled milk. We can't do anything about that anymore. What's more, none of us is expecting that the Nameless Swordsman is being backed by that trio; especially that pair of monsters."

"I told them that the Nameless Swordsman is not simple as he seems," added Legolas.

Hearing that, Aragorn became a little annoyed and said, "As I said, there is no..."

But before he could even complete his words, he suddenly sensed a sudden change in the atmosphere surrounding them.

"We are surrounded," said Legolas with a solemn tone.

"How come these guys manage to track us this far?" nodded Aragon while wearing a heavy look on his face.

They never felt anything strange since the moment they arrived in this place so it was quite a surprise for them when they sensed the large number of enemies surrounding them.

Then the undead monsters hiding from the shade of the trees started revealing themselves one by one. And naturally, the members of the Central Order immediately assumed a defensive formation, getting ready for battle.

"Godd*mn it! These guys sure are persistent," said Aragorn while unsheathing his sword.

"More like determined to wipe us out," refuted Legolas as he was loading an arrow on his bow.

And while they were preparing themselves for battle, the two surviving commanders of the Central Order suddenly noticed a couple of powerful presences mixed among the group of undead monsters.

Casting their gazes towards the directions of those dangerous auras, the two immediately saw three strange Undead Monsters from different locations who were staring back at them hungrily.

Chapter 514 The Bitter Arthur

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Ugh!

Aragorn and Legolas fell on the ground with their knees as both of them were defeated by the undead monsters in front of them.

Earlier, they were ambushed by a large group of undead monsters while they were preparing to leave this place using the Teleportation Formation that they just prepared. And what came after that was something that all of them didn't expect.

They were fighting against the Undying Guild for quite some time already, so it was natural for them to know how to properly fight against the majority of undead monsters with different types. It was even

more true for Legolas and Aragorn who studied how to counter these kinds of monsters especially that they were mostly fighting against the higher-ups of the Undying Guild.

But at this point in time, there was something different about this trio of undead monsters which were too strange compared to the other monsters that they'd ever seen.

Not only were they too strong and possessed some skills like the high-leveled undead summoned by Immortal and his apostles, but these three also had the battle capabilities that were comparable to the top experts of the game.

In fact, Legolas and Aragorn would think that these trio of monsters were Top-ranked Players in disguise if not for the fact that their ocular skills were telling them that these three were indeed undead monsters.

Little did they know that they were actually right about their suspicion.

Given all of these, all surviving members of the Central Order were immediately wiped out by these undead monsters within a very short period of time. And even if Legolas and Aragorn tried to salvage their current situation, all of their efforts were in vain as the trio of undead monsters was too much for them to handle.

Just two of those undead monsters were more than enough to make them fully occupied, which was why one of those monsters was able to freely do whatever it wanted when slaughtering all of the remaining members of the Central Order.

Cough! Cough!

Aragorn started coughing hardly as he suffered a devastating blow from one of the undead monsters. His HP Bar was already at the critical point where even a slight graze of any kind of attack was more than enough to kill him.

Meanwhile, Legolas was not in a better state either as he was barely hanging with a sliver of health.

These two Godlike Players were currently in a very miserable state where they could die at any given moment. But despite that being the case, both of them were still stubbornly holding their ground and glaring viciously at the trio of monsters standing in front of them.

Legolas looked straight to the eyes of one of the undead monsters before saying. "Heh! You guys may have won this war. But make sure to be prepared since we are going to exact our revenge on you sooner or later."

Given how strong these undead monsters were, coupled with the fact that they were moving strangely skilled compared to the others, Legolas was suspecting that these monsters were being manually controlled by their summoners.

Meanwhile, the undead monsters that he was looking at seemed to smirk a little after hearing his words.

A moment after that, that particular undead seemed to nod its head a little as if saying. – "We will be waiting." –

Then it raised its claws in the air before swinging it at Legolas, killing him in an instant. And alongside his actions, one of the other undead monsters also killed Aragon off by using its front paw to stomp on him.

A few moments later, the trio scanned their surroundings to make sure that they didn't miss anyone nor overlooked someone hiding in the dark. After that, they cleaned up the battlefield and looted up everything that the members of the Central Order had dropped before removing their disguise.

"Don't let your guard down. Go ask your undead monsters to further survey the surroundings to make sure that everything is clear," said Shin to Chaotic Luck who was currently hiding behind a tree not too far from them.

After that, Shin went to the Teleportation Formation that the Central Order had prepared alongside Arthur, planning to observe it.

On the other hand, they left Leonard to organize all of the loot that they got from the members of the Central Order.

"So, what do you think? Can we use it to go back to the Saint Heaven Kingdom?" asked Shin to Arthur who was currently looking at the Magical Circle drawn on the ground.

Arthur tilted his head to the side a little before replying with a knitted brow. "I'm not sure about that. After all, I'm not an expert on this kind of thing. But based on what I know, this is only a one-way Teleportation Formation with a fixed destination."

After that, he turned his head at Shin and asked. "How about you ask your Void Reaper to access this formation? Maybe he can help us with this."

Hearing that, Shin shook his head helplessly before replying. "Unfortunately, he is currently in a slumbering state since he over-exhausted himself earlier. He may need a couple of days (In-game Time) before he can become 'functional' again."

Arthur pursed his lips a little after hearing that before nodding his head. "Well, that is reasonable. After all, he is the one who did most of the work earlier."

After that, he pointed to the Magical Circle on the ground before asking. "So, what are we going to do with this? It is pretty much useless for us – we can't even use it. Should we destroy it instead?"

Shin thought for a couple of moments before shaking his head while saying. "Wait, give me a little more time to think."

A few moments later, he suddenly asked. "Can we hide this place or at least this teleportation formation?"

Arthur was about to shake his head when Leonard joined them and immediately chimed in. "It is possible, but it will take a little bit of time before I can hide it completely."

"You can?" asked Arthur with a little skeptical tone.

Hearing that, Leonard couldn't help but chuckle a little before replying. "I'm still a Beastman who is an expert at tracking and hiding trails. Even though I'm not that skilled when it comes to it, I can at least hide this Teleportation Formation without leaving a trace."

After that, he looked at Arthur with a skeptical look of his own before saying smirkingly. "You are the one who is supposed to do this kind of job if you have a Mountain Dragon Elemental Spirit."

"Ugh!" Arthur could feel that Leonard was rubbing some salt on his old wounds as he knew that the latter was well aware that he was trying so hard to find a Mountain Dragon but all of his efforts were all in vain.

"I'm just a little unlucky when it comes to finding a suitable Elemental Spirits," he added before throwing a vicious glare at Shin while saying. "I'm not a lucky b*st*rd who is practically picking up his Reapers wherever he goes."

On the other hand, Shin ignored that look from Arthur before asking Leonard. "How much time do you need?"

"Half an hour at least and a whole hour at most?" replied Leonard after thinking for a little bit.

Shin nodded his head after that before asking. "What about the loot?"

Leonard just shrugged his shoulders before saying in a nonchalant tone. "All trash, there is nothing that we can use. But you probably can give them to the guards of your town and provide them with better equipment."

If the members of the Central Order heard those words, they were most probably going to faint out of anger. And to make it even more ridiculous, Shin pursed his lips a little as if he was giving it some thought before agreeing. "That sounds good, let's do it then."

After that, Shin and Arthur gave Leonard some space to do his job.

And while waiting for Leonard to get his job done, Arthur immediately opened a virtual screen in front of him before taking a look at the most trending topic on the official forums of the game.

Right after opening it, he was immediately greeted by a bunch of topics about the things that just happened in the Ancient Ruins of the Blind Abyss Empire.

But contrary to his expectation, he didn't get the top spot as the current spotlight was focused on a 'pair' of players who were against the infamous Lich God of the Undying Guild.

As if rubbing more salts on his wounds, the battle videos of Shin were personally edited and posted by Miss Bunny herself. And with her famous 'Bunny Magic', the battle videos were attracting a lot of attention and harvesting a lot of views.

"Godd*mn it! This lucky guy once again!" cursed Arthur the moment he saw 'flooding' topics about Shin.

"Come on! He is not even interested in this kind of thing. Can you at least give that spotlight to me instead!" he added with a bitter tone.

After that, he threw another sharp glare at Shin who was about to take a seat under the tree not far from him.

Sensing that gaze, Shin couldn't help but paused his actions before looking at his brother with a confused look on his face. "What?"

But what Arthur gave him was a middle finger which confused him even more. Then the bitter guy turned his attention back to the virtual screen in front of him while mumbling a few more curses with a low voice.

Meanwhile, Shin was still stocked with his awkward position while confusedly wondering what was that about.

But after seeing that Arthur was not planning to explain himself, he had no choice but to take his seat cluelessly while asking himself. "What did I do wrong this time?"

Chapter 515 Unexpected Guests

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Real World

Shin got out of his Gaming Cabin.

He immediately logged out of the game right after making all of the necessary preparations that he wanted both in Calderock Town, alongside that certain place on Blind Abyss Empire where they hid the Teleportation Formation that the Central Order had created.

And this time, he was quite surprised that he was not assaulted by the foul smell that used to 'greet' right after he logged out of the game.

"Is it already fixed? Or has my nose gotten used to the smell?" muttered Shin before going to the bathroom for a quick shower.

It was already four in the morning so it was time for Shin and the others to do their daily morning routine. And right after doing his morning training and taking another quick shower, he immediately headed on towards the kitchen to prepare their breakfast.

When he walked down from the stairs, he was quite surprised that the girls were not present in the place to freeload some breakfast.

"Are they not here?" Shin asked Arthur who was busily browsing on the current trending topics online.

"Surprising, isn't it? I am also quite confused about that, especially Big Sis who loves your cooking," said Arthur with his eyes still fixed on the virtual screen in front of him.

Then he turned his head towards Shin after a brief moment of pause. "So, I head to their place to ask if they want to join us for breakfast. But from what I've seen, all of them seem to be quite busy with their own stuff."

"Big Sis has some urgent business to take care of, so she has no time to have their breakfast. Lorraine says that she is on a diet while Alice needs to apply for some leave of absence from her company, so both of them were skipping breakfast too," he explained before turning his head back to the virtual screen once again.

Shin knitted his brow for a moment when he heard that before asking. "What about Cloe?"

"Ah! About her... Hmm... Actually, I didn't see her earlier but the girls said that she was acting a little strange these past few days and only staying in her room," replied Arthur after some thought before quickly adding. "You should talk with her later. I have a feeling that it was because of what happened recently."

Hearing that, Shin pursed his lips a little before nodding his head and heading towards the kitchen to prepare their breakfast.

Meanwhile, there was a pair of young men walking along the streets of a certain neighborhood.

"Hey, are you sure that there is still some Villa available here? From the looks of it, every place here already has its owner," asked Jerimiah while turning his head left and right.

"But the agent aside that there are still a couple of available villas here," nodded Vincent while looking at the virtual map in front of him.

"Then why didn't he come with us?" asked Jerimiah instantly.

"He said that he needs to prepare some papers before going alongside some catalogs of the available villas. So, he will meet us there," replied Vincent nonchalantly.

Then he turned his head to a certain direction before adding. "Oh~! We are here, let's go."

"You know what? How about we just rent a luxury room in the Hotels? We are only staying on this continent for a year or two after all," said Jerimiah while stretching his waist a little.

"You know me, I don't trust those places at all. I prefer having a place of my own rather than being spied on by the neighboring room," said Vincent instantly.

Hearing that, Jerimiah suddenly shook his head before saying. "Tsk! That d*mn over-cautiousness of yours. I've already told you, not everything told by the Clan is true."

"Tch! You and these crazy teachings of your family – that is why I told you to go out a little and socialize with other people at the very least," he added with a dejected tone.

A few moments, they finally arrived at the location that the real estate agent had told them about. But they couldn't find the guy that they were looking for.

"He is still not here?" muttered Jerimiah with a knitted brow.

After that, he turned his head left and right before heading towards a wooden bench not far from them.
"Let's take a little rest then."

He was about to take a seat on the bench when he suddenly saw someone walking out of the villa across the street while carrying a paper bag on hand. "Ah! That's-...!"

Right after having their breakfast, Shin left Arthur and Leonard to deal with the dishes as he was planning to head over to the villa beside theirs to check on Cloe and ask her to eat some breakfast.

He was walking out when suddenly heard a familiar voice calling his in-game name.

"Brother Sickarius!"

Turning his head towards that direction, Shin saw an unfamiliar young man waving at him and running towards his direction.

"Eh!?" Shin was taken aback by the sudden call especially when he couldn't fully recognize the person running towards him.

He was quite suspicious at first, but as the young man got nearer to him, he was starting to feel that he might know this person. And when he finally got a good look at the latter's face, he was finally able to identify who he was. "Eh!? Brother Lawless? What are you doing here?"

Right after arriving in front of Shin, Lawless, or rather Jerimiah Smithson in the Real World, immediately hugged Shin tightly while saying with a loud laugh. "I did not expect that we are going to meet here! I thought you are from the Capital City of the Main Region? Why are you in Eastern Sea Region then?"

Cough! Cough!

Shin felt that he was going to suffocate due to how hard Jerimiah was hugging him. "W-wait! Bro-brother Lawless, I think you are about to kill me."

"Oh! I'm sorry about that! I forgot that I'm not in our country. You are not prepared for our country's customs," said Jerimiah as he let go of Shin.

Then he patted Shin's shoulder while saying. "Hahaha! So, why are you here?"

Ugh!

Shin felt that his shoulders were being pounded by a huge hammer as Jerimiah patted him. 'The heck? Such a strength, is this really who people greet each other in the Lost Soul Continent? I'm afraid normal people are going to get injured just by exchanging greetings.'

Fortunately, Shin was a Martial-Artist with a solid foundation which was why this was nothing to him.

After a slight thought, Shin put up a smile before replying. "To answer your question earlier, I'm here because I am enrolling in the Magical Ace Academy."

"And this is our house, obviously," he added while pointing his thumb behind him.

A few moments later, Vincent finally caught up with Jerimiah and greeted Shin. "It's been a while," as he offered his hand to Shin.

"Oh! Brother Faker!" replied Shin as he extended his hand, shaking Faker's hand. After that, he immediately asked with a joking tone. "How come you are not greeting me with your so-called country customs."

Hearing that, Vincent couldn't help but chuckle a little before replying. "More like how he personally greets people," while shaking his head bitterly.

'I knew it!' thought Shin to himself before turning his attention towards the luggage that they were carrying.

"Did you guys just arrive? And are you two looking for a place to stay?" asked Shin.

"Oh! Actually, we arrived yesterday afternoon. And yes, we are currently hunting for a place where we could stay," replied Jeremiah instantly.

Hearing that, Shin's eyes suddenly turned wide while asking. "Yesterday? And you two are still looking for a place to stay? Don't tell me, you two haven't slept yet since then?"

"Yep! You are right about that," answered Jeremiah while nodding his head. And after a quick pause, he suddenly added. "As for us not having a good sleep since last night, it was not a big deal. After all, we are Martial-Artists so this kind of thing is nothing."

"Moreover, we are even trained not to sleep for at least a month. So, this is practically a trivial thing compared to that," he also added in a nonchalant manner.

'I'm not sure if it is actually something that you need to brag about,' thought Shing to himself while looking at the two with the corner of his mouth twitching uncontrollably.

He then took a brief pause to calm himself down before asking. "So, have you guys found a good place to stay yet?"

"We are planning to buy a villa around here but the agent that we contacted earlier is not here yet," replied Vincent while nodding his head.

Hearing that, Shin couldn't help but took a look at the villa behind him and the neighboring villa where the girls were staying. 'I guess I know why those guys don't want to go to this area.'

"If you don't mind, how about you guys get inside for now and have a talk later. I need to do some things first so I can't entertain you for now," said Shin while pointing behind him.

"Sounds good!" said Jeremiah without any hint of hesitation.

After that, Shin invited the two to go inside while calling out. "Arthur, Leonard! Brother Faker and Brother Lawless are here, can you guys accompany them for now? I need to head over to the other house to check on Cloe."

"No problem! Just let them in, we are going there in a moment!" replied Arthur from upstairs.

Hearing him, Shin looked at the two and gestured to them to head inside. And immediately after that, he quickly headed towards the neighboring villa.

"Let's see what is wrong with this girl first."

Chapter 516 Cloe's Concerns

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Cloe was feeling very troubled since the incident that happened just recently. She really didn't want to drag Shin and the others to the problem that their family was currently facing. She chose to leave her home and head over here so that she could lessen the pressure that her father was getting.

She even took quite a number of flights to make some detours, trying to shake off some of the people that were chasing after her. She was even left by one of her flights during that time which was why she didn't arrive at the designated time to meet up with Shin.

Naturally, they were expecting that there were still some people who would be able to keep up with her which was why her father arranged some of his best men to protect her from the dark.

Cloe was expecting that those people were not going to start moving this early since the security on the Eastern Sea Region was quite tight.

But they had underestimated the other side who were bold enough to take a gamble and make their moves this early.

"What should I do now?" muttered Cloe as she lied on her bed while staring at the ceiling.

She immediately contacted her dad on the same day when the opposing side made their moves. But her father just reassured her that everything was going to be fine for quite some time since the mercenaries failed to abduct her.

In fact, it became a blessing in disguise since she was now on the top list of the people that needed to be protected in the Eastern Sea Region.

Originally, they couldn't drag the military or police forces to this place since their current problem was related to their family business. So, as long as the opposing side was not going to make any reckless move, the forces stationed in the Eastern Sea Region were not going to bother them.

But since the failed attempt of abducting Cloe caused some commotion, the military forces were now able to interfere in this matter. Especially that the hired mercenaries of the other side were now identified by the military.

And since those guys did quite a couple of dreadful deeds in this region, the military was now keeping an eye on them.

The Military Circle on the Souring Continent could be considered as one of the strongest forces around the world but there were still some drawbacks in it. The entire 'circle' was being divided by a couple of parties that were under the control of some Military Families.

Each party had a certain area under their jurisdiction, just like the Springfield Family who were practically controlling the majority of matters in the Main Region.

At the same time, there was a certain rule in the Military Circle that they couldn't interfere with the operations on the territories of the other parties. And they could only station some of their forces on the territories of the other parties after getting approval from the party that was controlling that place.

Or at least, if there were some urgent and important matters in that area – just like what happened with Cloe's case.

And since Shin and the others were involved with that incident, it gave the Springfield Family a reason to mobilize some of their units and stationed them in the Eastern Sea Region without concerning themselves with the context of invading the territory of the other party.

Everything seemed to be going according to the arrangements that her father had made, which gave him the freedom to fully focus on the matters on his side; and without concerning himself about the safety of his children.

But even if that was the case, Cloe was still unable to feel at ease since she knew Shin and the others very well. Now that they were aware of their family matters, she was sure that they were going to get involved, especially that their families were close with each other.

Cloe rolled back and forth on her bed as she was unable to think what she was going to do now. "Should I go with mom's place then, and stay there together with Christian? But I will not be able to attend school if I head over there."

After a few moments of thinking, she suddenly stopped rolling and lied face down on her bed. "At least, Shin and the others are not going to be troubled if that is the case."

She was about to make her decision when she suddenly heard a familiar voice that interrupted her thoughts. "Yeah! If that is the best solution that you can think of, then why not forget about us for the time being and head over to your mom's place."

"Eh!?" Hearing that remark, Cloe immediately raised her head and turned around to look over the source of that voice. "Shin? What are you doing here? And how long have you been there?"

"Yo!" greeted Shin while waving at her. Then he pointed his thumb behind him before replying. "I heard that you still haven't eaten your breakfast so I've brought you some and prepared it downstairs."

After that, he pointed at the opened door while leaning on its jamb. "I keep on knocking on the door earlier while calling out for your name."

"But it seems like you can't hear me since you never respond with my calls, so I decided to check if you are still alive," he added with a joking tone.

Cloe was about to say something when she suddenly noticed that Shin was averting his gaze at her. She stopped herself from talking as she misunderstood those actions as him being mad at her.

But she immediately realized that it wasn't the case when she saw Shin rubbing his index finger under his nose with his ears turning slightly red.

She then turned her head downwards and remembered that she was currently in her pajamas which was showing her body a little due to them being partially see-through. "Kyaa~!"

"Idiot! Why are you entering a girl's room without permission!" shouted Cloe while taking her blanket to cover her body.

"As I said earlier..." Shin was planning to explain himself but he immediately stopped himself from talking when he saw a flying pillow towards him.

"Hey! Wait! Let me explain!" said Shin with a single breath right after catching the pillow.

But what greeted him was a few more pillows flying towards him and Cloe's loud voice. "Idiot! Get out right now and close the door, you perverted dummy!"

Hearing that, Shin immediately followed her words before running downstairs while shouting. "Be quick and charge. Your breakfast is going to get cold."

Meanwhile, Cloe was left in her room with her entire face blushing bright red and invisible streams coming out above her head. "That idiot! He saw..."

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Downstairs, Shin was currently preparing the food that he had brought while waiting for Cloe.

A few moments later, he heard some footsteps coming from upstairs which meant that Cloe finally walked out of her room. And when he turned his head towards that direction, he immediately saw Cloe walking down the stairs while throwing him some vicious glares.

Seeing that, Shin immediately put up his brightest smile while gesturing to her. "Miss, your breakfast is ready."

Unfortunately, Cloe was unaffected by his charm and continued to give him some cold glares while saying. "Pervert!"

Cough!

The smile on Shin's face suddenly turned stiff when he heard that, not knowing what to do anymore.

"Ahm-..."

He tried to squeeze out a couple of words from his mouth, but Cloe didn't have a plan to listen to his excuses and just walked towards the table with a hmpf sound.

Left with no choice, Shin could only shrug his shoulders and sat across her while waiting for her to finish eating the food that he prepared.

An awkward silence surrounded the two as both of them refused to say a single word. And after a few more moments of being in that suffocating atmosphere, Cloe couldn't take it any longer and took the initiative to talk.

"Are you not going to ask me anything?" said Cloe with her head facing down.

"Ask what?" replied Shin almost instantly.

"Anything! About the identity of those people or what is this all about! Or what happened at home!" said Cloe, still refusing to look at Shin.

Seeing that, Shin put up a smile and said. "Silly girl. Have you already forgotten what kind of person I am? I'm not going to ask you anything or demand an answer from you if you are not willing to tell me."

"But..."

Cloe wanted to say something but Shin immediately cut her words off by patting her head. "If you don't want me to become angry, then stop talking and finish up your food already."

Feeling the warmth of his palm, Cloe could only nod her head before resuming to eat her breakfast silently.

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After taking care of the dishes, Shin immediately headed towards Cloe and pulled a chair to sit beside her before saying. "Hey! Stop being troubled about it already. I know it is your family matters and I understand that you don't want us to become involved. But you also need to understand that we are also concerned about you."

"What's more, everything is already fine and the adults are dealing with it right now, so you don't need to become too concerned about it anymore. It is their problem in the first place, so why are you stealing their jobs?" he added jokingly.

After that, he placed his palms on each side of her face before turning her head to face him. "Hey, can you do me a favor and stop being so down? I'm starting to miss your cheerful side."

Cloe remained quiet and stared at Shin's eyes silently. A few moments later, she finally came back to her senses and smiled at him. "Thanks."

"Actually, it is quite hard babysitting you," replied Shin with a joking tone.

Hearing that, Cloe started giggling before teasing him. "So, are you done admiring my face?"

Seeing that Cloe came back to being her usual self, Shin finally felt at ease before refuting her. "I should be the one saying those words!"

Cloe started laughing when she saw his actions before saying a word with a sneering tone. "Pervert."

"Hey! I already told you that-..."

Shin wanted to defend himself and prove his innocence but he was immediately silenced by Cloe.
"Whatever!"

Then she ran towards her room, not giving him any time to reply.

Seeing that, Shin could only feel a little helpless but also feel relieved at the same time since Cloe became energetic once again.

"Hey! Are you still going to stay in your room? Are you sure you don't want to hang out a little?" shouted Shin.

"Nope! I'm planning to go online in the game. I haven't played since the update, so I'm planning to catch up a little," replied Cloe instantly before quickly adding. "If you want to hang out, then go online too! You've promised to help me with my quest, right?"

Hearing that, Shin thought for a moment before replying to her. "I have some visitors waiting in our house, so I don't know when I will be going online. I'll just contact you later when I go back in the game, okay?"

"Sure!" replied Cloe before closing the door of her room.

At the same time, Shin took the containers that he brought with him before walking out of the house.

And when Cloe heard the locking sound of the main door, she was finally able to stop holding her breath before leaning powerlessly on the door. "That was close!"

She could feel that her heart was pounding her chest rapidly as she remembered the scene of Shin's face being close to hers.

Then she touched her lips before muttering to herself. "I almost did it."

After that, she immediately ran towards her bed and dived on it trying to calm herself down. "Kyaa!"

Chapter 517 Shin's Insane Tasks

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When Shin got back inside their house, he immediately heard the group laughing merrily inside.

"Looks like these guys immediately become close with each other," muttered Shin before entering. "I'm back!"

Hearing him, the four sitting in the living room simultaneously turned their heads towards his direction while also throwing him some meaningful look on their faces.

"Oh! You back already? That was quite fast," said Arthur sneeringly.

Not being able to understand the hidden meaning of Arthur's words, Shin just shrugged his shoulders before saying. "She seems to be fine now, so I give her some time to be alone to relax."

The four wanted to say something to tease Shin a little more, but the latter immediately turned his head towards Jerimiah and Vincent while asking. "So, what are your plans? Already decided to stay in the villa across ours?"

Hearing that, the two immediately shook their heads before Vincent replied. "The real estate agent is still not here, so we are still not sure."

"That is not what Shin was talking about. He is asking you if you want to stay with us," chimed Arthur while chuckling a little.

"He didn't ask you to come in earlier just to chat but also to invite you to stay here since there are still two empty rooms upstairs," seconded Leonard while nodding his head.

Jerimiah was about to tear up for their kindness but Shin suddenly added a little more which made him really cry. "Of course, it is not free. You guys need to pay the monthly rent alongside the shares for the meals."

Though, it was tears made for the opposite reason.

"On top of that, we also need to divide all of the monthly bills that we need to pay," he added, putting the nail in the coffin.

Ugh!

Jerimiah was unable to stop himself to release some painful groans as Shin started pointing out the things that they needed to pay.

Meanwhile, Vincent started chuckling softly when he saw that scene before replying. "Then we are going to accept your offer."

"But our allowance is quite limited, so we are only renting a single room since we only need a place to stay and where we can sleep properly," he added grinningly.

Hearing that, Shin couldn't help but chuckle as he could see that Vincent was able to see through him. Then he sat on the sofa before asking. "So, what about we talk about your purpose for coming here?"

"We already told you about it before. We are exchange students from our country," replied Jerimiah right after he recovered himself.

"I heard there are quite a lot of talented individuals in that so-called exchange program – do you guys have any information about those guys?" asked Shin curiously.

Hearing that, Jerimiah just smirked at Shin before saying. "Heh! Just tell us the truth and say that you want to spy some information regarding those people."

"Unfortunately, we can't give you any new information since most of the informant data regarding them are tightly guarded. After all, all of us can be considered as National Treasures of our respective countries," he added while proudly crossing his arms in front of his chest.

Meanwhile, Shin suddenly fell into deep thought and unconsciously ignored Jerimiah as if he forgot that he was not the only one present inside the room.

Seeing that, the other four chose to remain quiet and waited for Shin to finish thinking. And when they saw that the latter finally collected his thoughts, the four immediately gathered together in front of him, demanding him to share what he was thinking earlier with their meaningful eyes.

Shin was suddenly taken aback by their actions and looked at them confusedly. "What?"

But the four remained quiet and just stared at him with a questioning look on their face. And even if they didn't say anything, Shin could read from the expression on their faces what they wanted to know.

He took a helpless sigh before raising his hands in the air while saying. "Alright, alright. I'll tell you about it, but stop looking at me like that first."

Hearing that, that group immediately went back to their respective seats while waiting for him.

Shin cleared his throat before starting to talk with a serious face. "Actually... I got a special mission from my masters."

The others didn't say anything once again but the expression on their faces was more than enough for Shin to read what was running inside their heads. – "And that is?" –

Shin gulped a mouthful of saliva for a moment before forcing the words from his mouth. "Th-they asked me... to challenge all of those representatives at least once and put up a good fight."

The face of the four started twitching uncontrollably as they didn't know how to react to his words. And after a long time of silence, they started laughing out loud while making fun of Shin.

"Such a ruthless form of training," muttered Vincent as he couldn't hide the huge grin that he was wearing.

"That was way too brutal!" said Jerimiah sneeringly.

Hearing that, Arthur started grinning from ear to ear before saying. "Your master is still crazy as always."

Leonard remained silent as he could somewhat understand what Shin was currently feeling since his own master was practically the same. But he still nodded his head since he agreed that Shin's masters were way too cruel to give him such a merciless task.

Sigh~!

Shin could only release a helpless sigh as he remembered the faces of those two old men when giving him this troublesome task.

And as if rubbing some salt on his wounds, Jerimiah suddenly added sneeringly. "Then it means that you need to challenge us too?"

Ugh!

Shin couldn't help but release a painful groan when heard that since he could sense how strong these two were just by looking at the auras that they were emitting.

Seeing that look that Shin was currently making, Jerimiah started suggesting. "How about we do it now? And let's also make a bet when we are at it."

Ding~♪ Dong!~♪

While Jerimiah was currently making some cracking sounds with his fists, someone suddenly rang the doorbell of their house.

"Eh!?"

The group couldn't help but turned their heads towards the door simultaneously as Shin asked his brothers. "Are you two expecting some guests?"

"Nope!" – answered the two at the same time which made Shin knit his eyebrows a little.

Regardless, he still stood up from his seat and walked towards the door to see who it was. And when right after he opened it, he immediately recognized this unexpected visitor.

"Eh!? Senior Brother? What are you doing here? And why are you carrying some luggage with you?" asked Shin the moment he saw David standing outside with a huge bag hanging on his back.

"Tsk!" David suddenly clicked his tongue when heard that and said with full of bitterness. "I see that those crazy old men still haven't told you about it yet. I am going to be the 'administrator' of your matches against the representatives that you are going to challenge."

"I'm quite acquainted with most of them, so you can challenge them much easier when I'm around," he added while entering the house. "With that being the case, I'm going to stay with you guys for the time being."

"Eh!? David Solomon!"

Right after David suddenly heard a pair of familiar voices saying his name. And when he turned his head towards the owners of those voices, he suddenly started smiling widely while greeting them.

"Oh! Jeremiah Smithson and Vincent Valentine? What are you guys doing here?" he asked as he exchanged a unique handshake with the two.

"You guys know each other?" asked Shin when he saw the three acting so close with each other.

Hearing that, David suddenly turned his head towards Shin's direction before replying. "Yeah! I've met them when I'm staying at the Lost Soul Empire. And we become friends after I challenge them with a match – I even joined forces with them to do some special missions."

Then he put his arms around the shoulders of the two before adding. "These guys are quite a bigshot there. And both of them are insanely strong – they belong to the famous Young Ghosts of their country."

"Young Ghosts? Isn't it the counterpart of the Junior Monsters of our continent?" asked Leonard innocently.

"Then they must be at least as strong as Big Sis?" added Arthur.

On the other hand, David nodded his head without any hesitation and said. "Yeah. I'm not even confident that I can defeat these two in a one-on-one battle. Though, the odds are at least 50-50."

When Leonard and Arthur heard that, both of them turned their heads towards Shin at the same time before giving some pitying looks.

"Such a poor boy." – "That is what you get for being too lucky." – Said the two respectively as if they were enjoying Shin's misery.

Meanwhile, Shin could only release yet another helpless sigh as he could already see how troublesome those challenges were going to be given that he fought David for quite a lot of times already.

"I guess that Old Geezer and Old Fatty are really trying to kill me."

Chapter 518 The Next Desitination

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After a long time of chatting, the group immediately dispersed and went to do their own things.

Arthur and Leonard went to their respective rooms and planned to do a few minor quests in the game while waiting for Shin to complete his preparations for their next destination.

Meanwhile, Shin led Jerimiah and Vincent to one of the unoccupied rooms where they were going to stay. Fortunately, there was already a bed in there so they were not going to trouble themselves on buying. At the same time, they could also move the bed from one of the rooms downstairs since they were not going to use those anyway.

After helping the two settle in that room, Shin left them to unpack their bags before going to the other room where David was also busy unpacking his luggage.

"Do you really need to freeload here? Can you at least stay somewhere else? I already have a lot of mouths to feed," he said while leaning on the jamb of the door.

He then pointed his thumb behind before adding. "At least, those two are going to pay some rent and share some of the bills. How about you?"

Hearing that, David could only release a helpless sigh before nodding his head. "Alright, I get you. I'll also pay for my stay here, happy now?"

After that, he clicked his tongue before complaining. "You're such a stingy person."

Shin remained quiet for a couple of moments before asking. "Senior Brother, have you played any VR games?"

"Eh!?" David suddenly paused what he was doing as he was taken aback at Shin's sudden question. And after a brief moment of silence, he suddenly nodded his head. "Yeah. I've played a couple of games before. But I stopped playing any games when I started traveling to different places."

"After all, I don't have the leisure time to play games when I'm too busy challenging all of the young talents around the world," he added with pursed lips.

He then turned his head towards Shin before asking smilingly. "Why are you planning to invite me to play some games?"

Shin immediately nodded his head without any hint of hesitation before saying. "Yeah, have you heard of «Destiny's Fate»? That game is quite fun and there are a lot of strong people in there. Will you play it with us?"

David thought for a moment before replying. "I'll give it some thought. There are still a lot of things that I need to take care of, so I really don't have time to play any games for now. But I'll make sure to tell you if I'm done with everything."

Hearing that, Shin immediately became overjoyed and rushed towards David before holding his hand while saying. "You've said it, alright? You'll contact me first when you decide to play the game. Make sure to keep your word and don't get swayed by others."

David suddenly wore a weird expression on his face when he saw Shin's actions before saying. "What's with being so worked up? Stop acting like that, you are creeping me out!" while pulling his hand from Shin's grasp.

Shin was about to leave the room when he suddenly remembered something. "Oh! Before I forgot. Make sure to contact us first if you are planning to join a team. Me, Arthur, and Leonard are planning to create an Adventurer Team, so please consider joining us first before deciding to join other groups."

"Yeah, yeah! I get it already, so get out right now before I change my mind," said David while pushing Shin out of his room.

Outside, Shin bumped into Jerimiah and Vincent who were about to head downstairs.

"You guys already finished unpacking your bags?" asked Shin.

"Yeah," nodded Jerimiah before quickly adding. "We are going to fetch the Gaming Cabins that we brought with us. We asked the agency to deliver it here earlier. Now, they said the Cabins are already outside."

"Oh! Do you guys need some help at setting them up?" asked Shin, offering some help.

"Nah! We are going to be fine. We can handle setting them up on our own. You can do your own thing instead," said Jerimiah, not willing to trouble Shin anymore.

He then proceeded walking towards the stairs alongside Vincent while adding jokingly. "It's a good thing that you guys picked a good villa. The spaces inside the rooms are wide enough to fit everything in it."

After that, he went back to his room, planning to immediately hop inside the game. Cloe was waiting for him for quite some time already, so he was afraid that she was going to scold him, now that he was coming so late.

"Let's just hope that she is not going to scold me too hard," muttered Shin as hopped inside his Gaming Cabin and waited for it to close its doors.

Immediately after that, Shin closed his eyes and muttered quite loud. "Initiate Login!"

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Swoosh!

Shin appeared inside his room at the Mayor's Manor as usual. He then immediately headed towards the office to ask Ribbit a few things before sneaking out of the place before swapping all of his equipment with his other set.

At the same time, he also put his mask into its invisible mode so that he could hide it from the eyes of others.

p After that, he quickly opened his friend list and contacted Cloe.

"You finally remember me?" said Cloe right after she answered the call.

Hearing that, Shin immediately put up his brightest smile before saying. "Come on~! I already told you that I have some visitors at home, so I can't go online immediately."

"And who are these so-called visitors of yours that you even set me aside?" asked Cloe with squinting eyes.

"Brother Lawless and Brother Faker just arrived. They are going to stay with us until the Exchange Student Program is over," replied Shin honestly.

After that, Shin immediately tried to change the subject since he knew that he couldn't afford to stay on this topic. "So, where are you now? Send me the coordinates and I'll head over there."

But Cloe still insisted and asked. "Are you sure that this is not a form of revenge for making you wait in the airport?"

'I knew it,' cursed Shin to himself as the corner of his mouth was starting to twitch uncontrollably. 'Why are girls so talented when it comes to remembering things and able to connect them with everything?'

Regardless of his thoughts, Shin still maintained his smile before replying. "Come on~! Am I that kind of person? Just tell me you are so that we can start your quest."

"It's done already," replied Cloe with a hmphed.

"Eh!? What did you say? You already finished it?" asked Shin, surprised.

Hearing that, Cloe suddenly threw a sharp glare at Shin before replying. "So, you now understand how long I wait for you?"

Cough! Cough!

Shin couldn't help clear his throat when heard those words as he didn't know how to respond. And before he could even defend himself, Cloe suddenly added. "Actually, there is another thing that made me quite upset too."

Shin's face started twitching even more as he started to feel bad about this matter.

Meanwhile, Cloe ignored the face that Shin was making and continued immediately. "How come the three of you have some fun with the Blind Abyss Empire while leaving me behind?"

'Says the one who locked herself inside her room all day long, sulking,' refuted Shin inside his head before saying. "I really want to ask you to come with us but you're still not online at that time. And since we are in a hurry at that time, we don't have enough time to contact you."

Cloe was about to say something to take advantage of this situation. But Shin knew her too well, so he skillfully dodged the situation by saying. "Actually, we are planning to head on an expedition, you join us if you want. What do you think?"

Suddenly hearing that plan, Cloe couldn't pull her tricks anymore since she knew that the situation was against her favor.

Seeing the hesitant look on her face, Shin put a little more pressure to 'force' Cloe to give up on her tricks. "So, are you joining us or not?"

'This cunning wolf!' thought Cloe to herself before gritting her teeth and saying frustratedly. "Alright! You win! I'll join!"

'Better luck next time, sly fox,' sneered Shin inside his head before saying. "Then you better start making your preparations now as we are heading there as soon as possible."

"Why do I feel that you guys are only going there to make trouble?" asked Cloe while throwing a suspicious look at Shin.

"You guys just made a huge ruckus in the Blind Abyss Empire, yet you are still planning to cause trouble somewhere else? You three really don't know how to become tired," she added with a little helplessness.

Hearing that, Shin couldn't help but chuckle a little before replying to her. "As if you don't know us."

Cloe smirked a little when she heard before planning to end the call. But before she could say bye to Shin, she suddenly remembered something and immediately asked. "Where are we going anyway?"

This time, Shin started grinning from ear to ear before pointing at the sky while saying. "To the Sky Island."

Chapter 519 Negations And Intel

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While waiting for the others to finish their preparations, Shin headed back to the Mayor's Residence first since he got a message that the commanders of the Eternal Hope and Secret Society were waiting for him.

"Finally," muttered Shin as he walked towards the Mayor's Office while switching back his equipment to the set meant for his Nameless Swordsman identity while also putting on the hiding effects of his mask.

Entering the room, he was immediately greeted by a strong pressure that seemed to be trying to crush him.

"Heh!" Shin couldn't help but smirked when he felt the powerful auras inside the room. And as a response, he also released an equally strong aura that was able to ward off the pressure crushing at him.

Seeing that their respective auras were being negated by Shin, the people waiting for him inside were unable to hide their surprise, especially that he was able to walk casually as he made his way towards them.

These people wanted to check if this person was actually worthy of their respect. If he happened to be a weak person who was hiding behind the reputation of the mysterious guild leader of the Hand of Midas, they were planning to reconsider this partnership.

"I already told you, he is capable enough to be the owner of this town," said Gino smirkingly while looking at the person sitting across from him.

On the other hand, Audrey couldn't help but giggle a little when she heard those words from Gino. But it was still true that they were quite shocked at the current progress of this man walking towards them.

Meanwhile, the people sitting across from them couldn't hide the surprise on their faces when they saw Shin casually countered the combined pressure that was trying to crush him.

"It's nice to meet you guys too," said Shin as he took a seat to join the group.

He already knew Audrey and Gino, so he only turned his head towards the other people who were representatives of the Secret Society.

'She is not here? I guess she hasn't logged back in the game yet?' thought Shin to himself as he didn't see the person that he was expecting.

The players in front of him were quite strong and might be as strong as Gino who was sitting right across them, but they were not as strong as the peak experts that Shin had seen so far.

One of the guys was a Blood Elf that was carrying a longsword on his waist. He had a hood hanging over his head so Shin couldn't properly see his face. But from the information that his 'True Sight' could see that this guy at least had a decent strength given that this player had 5 whole levels more than him.

'I hope his level also reflects his strength,' thought Shin to himself before casting his gaze on the other person.

On the other hand, the person sitting beside the first guy was a Female White Elf who seemed to have an Elementalist Class. But just like the previous guy, this elven girl was also wearing a hood to cover her head and hide her face under its shadow.

But at the same time, her strength should be at least as strong as the common Godlike Players that Shin had seen so far.

'These guys are most probably the so-called vice commanders of Secret Society. They sure are Maverick Gods,' remarked Shin inside his mind.

While he was trying to check on the strengths of the representatives of the Secret Society, those two were also trying to access his strength by observing him with their respective ocular skills.

,m Unfortunately, they couldn't read any information about Shin as they were being blocked by the special effects of the [Nephilim's Gemini Mask].

'This Nameless Swordsman really lives up to his reputation. I guess, the commander is right – coming here really is a good gamble,' thought the guy who seemed to be an Elven Swordsman.

'Having remarkable strength is one thing, but being able to build a decent town and striking a deal with the mysterious Guild Leader of the Hand of Midas, this guy sure is not simple,' thought the elven girl while looking at Shin with a serious expression on his face.

To break the awkward silence that was surrounding the room, Shin immediately clapped his hand before saying. "Since we are going to be potential partners in the future, how about we introduce ourselves properly this time?"

"I'm the Nameless Swordsman, but some people call me the Angel of Death these last few days," introduced Shin in a nonchalant manner before quickly adding with an indifferent tone. "As you can see, I'm a nobody."

The faces of the four couldn't help but twitch uncontrollably when they heard those words. Especially that they were fully aware of the crazy events that happened just recently.

Regardless, the representatives still introduced themselves, following his lead.

"Raal, Vice Commander of the Secret Society," said the elven swordsman who was trying to make his words as calm as possible.

"Irina, also a Vice Commander of Secret Society," followed by the Elementalist sitting beside him.

Meanwhile, Gino laughed a little when it was their turn to introduce themselves. Then he quickly said with a joking tone. "Do we still need to introduce ourselves? We can be considered as friends at the very least, right?"

Audrey was about to scold him when she heard that, but Shin suddenly waved his hand during that time and said. "It is fine with me but I'm not sure about the guests that we have here."

Hearing that, Raal immediately waved his hand while saying. "We already know each other, so I think there is no need for that."

"Though, he became acquainted due to some unpleasant reasons," added Irina with a hmphed.

"Rivals, huh? I just hope that your sides are all good now," said Shin, trying to prove the relationship of the two Adventurer Teams. After all, it was going to be quite a problem if he happened to partner with these two teams that were hostile with each other.

Understanding his concerns, the others couldn't help but chuckle a few moments before Gino immediately said. "You don't have to worry about that since we are now at least in a friendly relationship with each other."

Shin was finally able to feel a little relaxed when he heard that before saying. "So, should we proceed on discussing our main business?" while hiding a huge grin behind his mask.

Meanwhile, back in the Real World, David just finished unpacking his luggage and organizing them inside his room.

He then went outside to breathe some fresh air while also planning to check how tight the security that the place had.

"Oh~! These guys sure are taking this matter very seriously," muttered David to himself when he sensed all of the soldiers, agents, and some powerful individuals hiding in the vicinity.

After accessing the strengths of the people guarding the area, David suddenly disappeared from the spot where he was standing and headed towards a certain place in Corner City.

A few moments later, he arrived in front of a cottage not too far from the beach across it. In front of this cottage sat an old man who was sitting on a rocking chair and seemingly 'watching' the young girls in bikinis that were passing by.

If not for the 'fact' that he was blind, then any person that was going to see him would surely misunderstand him as a perverted old man in disguise.

David stared at the old man for a few moments before walking forward. And when he arrived in front of the latter, he suddenly took a deep bow. "Greetings, Sir! I'm..."

David was in the middle of introducing himself when the old man suddenly cut him off by raising his hand and saying. "We can talk about that later, little cub. Can't you see that the current weather is perfect to have a relaxing time?"

"So, you better find your own place and don't disturb my rest," added the old man, shooing David to leave.

'Relaxing time my *ss!' cursed David inside his head. He then chose to take a different approach at introducing himself before this perverted old man really sent him away, literally. "The Demon meets the Phoenix. He then breaks the shackles of his past before they choose to jump down in the depths of hell together."

There was a sudden change on the leisure attitude of the old man before turning his head towards David with a solemn look on his face. "And what is your relationship with that Demon and Phoenix."

"I'm the little cub that was picked up by the Phoenix along the way," responded David almost instantly.

"And what's your business with me," asked the old man.

Hearing that, David started grinning widely before replying with another question. "But, how about you drop your disguise first, Sir?"

"You might be able to fool the other cubs but not me who was granted with the Enlightened Eyes," added David while raising his head towards the old man with his eyes possessing a pair of lotus-shaped mandala vectors on his pupils.

Realizing David's identity, the old man slowly stood up from his seat while asking. "So, what does the Phoenix's disciple need from me?"

At the same time, the appearance of the old man started changing into a two-meter-tall muscular guy with his age seemingly becoming younger.

If Leonard was here, then he was going to become shocked that his master was actually much younger than he knew.

Meanwhile, David straightened his back before replying solemnly. "They sent me here to inform you that there is a traitor among the group, Mr. Joaquin Geovanni. And we need your Bestial Senses to identify them."

BOOM!

Hearing that, a powerful pressure suddenly exploded from Joaquin's body. Fortunately, he possessed perfect control over his aura which was why the people passing by were not affected by it.

After that, he suddenly turned his body around and started walking towards the cottage while saying with a heavy tone. "Fill me the details inside."

Chapter 520 To The Sky Island

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Shin walked out of the Mayor's Residence with a huge smile on his face as his 'negotiation' with the Eternal Hope and Secret Society Adventurers Teams went too well. In fact, it seemed to be a one-sided negotiation where he literally took control the entire time.

Since he stated that he was acquainted with the Dragon God and War God, there was no reason to refuse his offer; especially when he added that those two were also planning to stay in his City.

With that deal being done, everything that Shin needed to prepare for the City that he was going to build. Well, aside from a suitable place where he could relocate it.

He would try to look for it as soon as possible. But if he couldn't find one, then he would have no other choice but to let Shiella deal with it. Though, it would give her a little edge on their next negotiation.

After that, Shin went to the Hand of Midas Trading Firm to restock his supplies before contacting the group, telling them that it was now time to move towards their next destination.

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It didn't take long for the group to arrive at the meeting place.

"Ah~! This is going to be interesting. I wonder how strong that pair who discovered the legendary Sky Island," said Arthur while stretching his waist left and right.

Hearing that, Leonard nodded his head before commenting. "I heard that the Wingmen Race was discovered in that place."

"Then why is it still unavailable to the public?" asked Shin curiously.

"Probably those two who discover that place are still in the process of completing the quest to unlock that race," answered Arthur while shrugging his shoulders.

"Who knows, we may be able to lend them a hand at doing that quest?" he added while rubbing his hand excitedly.

A moment after he said that, Cloe suddenly kicked him from behind which made Arthur stumble forward.

"Hey! What's that for?" asked Arthur with an unsatisfied tone while looking at Cloe aggressively.

"You better not cause any trouble when we get there!" warned Cloe sharply while giving a deadly glare.

She then paused for a couple of moments before continuing. "We are going there to explore the place not to wage war with the other Powerhouse Guilds in there."

The corner of Arthur's mouth couldn't help but twitch when he heard that and wanted to refute Shin's words. But he chose to remain silent before giving Shin a bitter look. 'Why not warn this clues guy instead? Most of our problems are caused by him.'

,m At the same time, Cloe turned her attention to Chaotic Luck who was a new face to her.

"Who is the new guy by the way?" she asked while knitting her eyebrows.

Hearing her, the three simultaneously turned their heads towards Chaotic Luck and stared at him for a couple of moments before Shin introduced their 'apprentice' to her. "Oh! This guy? We meet him by chance in the Blind Abyss Empire and he also helps us in our quest."

"We are applying for a position on our team, but we are still testing his skills," added Arthur noddingly.

He then remembered something which made him pause a little. After that, he quickly put his arm around Chaotic Luck's shoulders before adding. "You know, this guy is somewhat talented and there are also quite a lot of things that he can do. Maybe, we really should consider recruiting him for real."

Shin understood what Arthur meant with those words, so he suddenly asked with a smirking tone. "Did you experience it too? So, what are your thoughts?

"Strange, I felt really strange when I experienced it for the first time! At first, I thought it was just a fluke, but after testing a few more times, I really have no choice but acknowledge it as his talent!" replied Arthur instantly as he was trying to remember his little sparring match with Chaotic Luck.

At the same time, Leonard was also nodding his head while commenting. "It is as if Heaven is on his side."

"Exactly!" said Shin and Arthur simultaneously when they heard those words.

Meanwhile, Cloe couldn't take it any longer and shout at the three. "What in the world are you guys talking about! Explain it to human language so that I can understand what you are saying!"

In the meantime, in some corner of the Atlas World (In-game world), there was a group of thirteen players gathered around in front of a ruined church in the middle of a forest.

From the auras that these players were emitting, all of them seemed to be top experts who stood at the peak of the gaming world. Some of them even had a heavy atmosphere surrounding them, signifying that they were some people that could be trifled with.

It was even more true for the person who was emitting the most powerful aura from the group. He was wearing a set of full-body armor with a deep blue color and some mysterious patterns on its surface.

The left arm of his armor was quite similar to a demon's arm with metallic scales that were segregated in a horizontal manner. The gauntlet attached at the end of it possessed razor-sharp claws that were seemingly able to tear any kind of defense.

This guy was sitting on top of a ruined wall with his halberd leaning on his shoulder and the knight's helm placed right beside him. He was sitting silently on his spot as he let his teammates talk among themselves.

A few moments later, he took a quick look at his digital clock, checking the time. And when he saw that they were already waiting in this place for more than half an hour, he couldn't hide his little displeasure by wearing a deep frown with his eyebrows.

One of the members noticed that look on his face and immediately reacted. "I guess she really is not going to join us in this raid, Captain. I suggest we find a substitute for her – we can't always give her a special treatment even if she is the best healer that we can have; there are still a lot of skilled priests out there."

This guy seemed to be a barbarian based on the leather clothes that he was currently wearing and the strange helm that was hanging over his head. At the same time, he was also holding a huge iron club with a lot of metal spikes on its head.

His voice was quite loud which was why the other members of the group simultaneously turned their heads at him. And after a brief moment of pause, they turned their gaze at the guy who was addressed as captain.

On the other hand, the guy that was in the center of attention stared at the barbarian with squinting eyes before warning him threateningly. "You better watch your words, Jugo. One more 'foul' word comes out from your mouth and I will cut off your tongue. Literally, in Real Word."

"Want me to do it for you, Captain?" said a Female Dark Elf who was wearing a set of armor that seemed to be short on materials.

She had a very seductive body – and since she was wearing a set of revealing clothes, any man would surely have a hard time suppressing their inner desires when they saw her.

Unfortunately, this woman was also a venomous snake that would secretly strike down the target she had chosen.

In the meantime, Jugo suddenly felt an intense chill that ran through his back when he heard those words from her. He then turned his head towards his captain and quickly apologized. "Please forgive my incompetence, Captain. I really don't mean those words – I'm just acting without thinking."

Hearing those words, the other members of the group started smirking while looking at him full of pity.

"You already know what kind of punishment that you need to receive, right?" asked the Captain while looking coldly at Jugo.

"Yes, Sir! I will do it immediately right after we are done with this raid," replied Jugo while giving his captain a deep bow.

Nodding his head, the Captain of the group turned his head to a female shaman of the group before asking. "Hannah, what did your friend tell you?"

The Shaman named Hannah hesitated for a moment before giving her a reply. "I'm sorry, Captain. I tried to persuade her many times but it seems like she really wants to play with her friends for the time being."

Hearing her words, another member of the group couldn't help but feel skeptical and said sneeringly. "That is why I told you to make her sign a contract, Captain. She can't be the sole casual member of our group. Look at the trouble that she gave us whenever she is not present."

In a sense, this guy's words were pretty much similar to what Jugo had said earlier. But the Captain couldn't directly refute those words since it was more sensible in comparison.

But he was still quite stubborn to listen. "I'll try to persuade her to sign a contract with us when I talk to her next time."

After that, he picked up the helm beside him and wore it before standing up with his halberd in hand.

"But before that, let's finish our current task in hand first so that we can finally head back to the city," he said while turning around and looking at the entrance of the ruined church.

He then started walking towards it while thinking to himself. 'Let me finish this quest first before I take back what is originally mine,' while clenching his hand.