

Destiny 551

Chapter 551 King Of The Sky (Part 4)

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Roar!

The Three-Headed Snake released a deafening roar, rendering everyone around it immobilized. It even started moving restlessly when it sensed what was happening inside the floating castle.

"Garuda! You cunning bird!" shouted the three-headed snake as it raised its head to look at the sky.

At the same, it also felt some movements inside its stomach, indicating that the sacred items it swallowed were trying to break free from it.

Roar!

With another loud roar, the three-headed snake tried to suppress the sacred items within its stomach.

Unfortunately, an outside variable suddenly interfered with it; three fireballs suddenly fell from the sky and hit the three-headed snake, making it lose its focus.

Boom!

The fireballs accurately struck the heads of the three-headed snake, causing them to fall on the ground due to the powerful impact. And while its mouth was open, the sacred items inside its belly took that opportunity to get out and flew straight to the sky.

Roar!

The three-headed snake obviously was going to be enraged after seeing that. It quickly picked itself from the ground before raising its heads, trying to stop the sacred items.

Whoosh!

A beam of light was released from its mouth and flew straight at the sacred items, seemingly planning to destroy them.

BOOM!

But just like earlier, a fireball suddenly came out of nowhere and blocked the path of the energy beam.

Seeing that, the three-headed snake became even more enraged, making it challenged whoever was interfering with him. "Ah!!! Who are you! Show yourself right now and stop hiding!"

Unfortunately, no one replied to it which made it even angrier.

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Meanwhile, high up in the air, Shin and the group were watching the scene while riding behind Arthur's golden dragon pet.

'Someone is interfering? Could it be that guy who disguised himself as the Head Keeper earlier?' thought Shin while watching everything happened with squinted eyes before sweeping his gaze at the surrounding, trying to find who it was.

Unfortunately, it was practically impossible with his current strength.

"So, what is that plan now, Shin?" asked Arthur without removing his eyes at the three-headed snake below.

"Well, since Garuda is about to get reborn, I guess there is nothing for us to do right but observe," answered Shin after a slight frown before quickly asking. "Can that snake be considered a dragon? I mean, it says that it is a Draconic Serpent from the description it had."

Arthur knitted his eyebrows for a moment before replying. "Nah~! It may have some blood of the Dragon Race but it can't be considered as a real dragon."

"Oh~! I see. Though, I'm still thinking of capturing and transforming it into an Elemental Spirit," said Shin while nodding his head.

"Eh~!"

Meanwhile, the group simultaneously turned their heads at him when they heard those words. And from the expressions that they were making, Shin could decipher it as – "Care to elaborate what you mean by that, Mister?" –

With that, Shin chuckled a little before explaining. "Well, I am also not sure about this. But based on what I've heard from that fake Head Keeper earlier, we are supposed to get something from this battle and I am suspecting that it is their souls or something."

Shin pointed at the three-headed snake on the ground and the giant golden cocoon in the air. "I mean, it is still a suspicion but it is what can come up with given the current track of our quest."

"Though, I am still not sure if we are supposed to catch them separately or together," he added with a slight frown.

"Together, I'm pretty sure that we are going to catch them together. And my Dragons are also saying so," said Arthur all of a sudden.

Hearing that seriousness from his tone, the group suddenly turned their heads at him. They were quite curious why the most energetic and easygoing person in the group became serious all of a sudden.

Meanwhile, Shin saw something different from his perspective. Using his 'True Sight' he could easily see through the camouflage technique that Arthur was using to hide his Elemental Spirits.

'Eh!? They are glowing pretty brightly!?' thought Shin when he saw the three glowing lights circling around Arthur's body.

Sensing the gazes directed at him, Arthur could only take a helpless sigh before explaining. "They are telling me that a dragon is about to be born."

"Eh!?"

The group became even more surprised when they heard those words. Even more so for Shin who couldn't help but ask. "And how is it going to happen?"

Though, he also asked his own question by quickly adding. "Don't tell it is because of the souls of those two over there?" while pointing at the three-headed snake and the 'golden egg' high up in the air.

Arthur nodded his head before replying. "Most likely. But even if the Draconic Serpent has some Dragon Blood running in its veins, it is no is still not enough to give birth to a dragon."

"It still holds true even if it fuses with Garuda's soul," he added with a deep frown on his brows.

Shin trusted Arthur's knowledge when it came to these kinds of things. After all, this guy was a total dragon fanatic.

"So, are you saying that there is another unknown variable that is needed to complete the process?" asked Shin for confirmation.

And when he saw Arthur nodded his head, Shin felt another headache coming. "Tsk! What's with this f*cked-up quest? No! What's wrong with this f*cked-up game!?"

"I'm already amazed that the NPCs can trick the players by giving some suspicious quest, but to think that they are even involved with a lot of unnatural things like this? Tch! It is more ridiculous than intriguing!" he added with a completely annoyed tone.

"That is why this game is considered perfect compared to the previous ones since it has a world of its own," commented Arthur after hearing his brother's complaints.

"So, what do we need to do?" asked Cloe with a slight frown.

"Nothing," answered Shin instantly while messing with his hair. "Even if I hate it much being in a passive state, we have no other choice but to wait for what is going to happen next."

"Though, we don't have anything to worry about aside from keeping our guard against Mammon," he added before sweeping his gaze below.

At the same time, the golden egg-like cocoon finally showed some signs of movement after absorbing all of the mana that it needed.

Crack! Crack! Crack!

Then a series of cracks started to appear on its surfaces, indicating that whatever inside it was finally hatching!

"Arthur, order Goldie to create some distance!" shouted Shin when he sensed something threatening from the golden cocoon.

"Tsk! How many times do I need to tell you that he is not Goldie!" complained Arthur with a sharp glare. Though, he still complied with Shin's command.

Boom!

Not long after, a golden cocoon suddenly exploded which also created a strong ripple in the air, sending everything around it flying.

Fortunately, Shin and the others already distanced themselves away from it before it could happen.

Shriek!

At the same time, a golden bird with a massive size and blazing body suddenly came out of the cloud of smoke created by the explosion, rivaling the size of the giant three-headed snake on the ground.

"Garuda! You cunning bird! Let's end this right now!" roared the three-headed snake before opening its mouths amassing a large amount of mana on each.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

And when the accumulated mana was released, three beams of light suddenly flew out from its mouth and went straight at the golden bird in the sky.

"Hmph!"

Despite seeing how powerful the incoming attack was, the giant bird seemed to smirk at the three-headed snake before flapping its wing a couple of times which created a vortex made of wind and fire.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

,m The collision of powers created yet another explosion which was also much stronger than the previous one.

"D*mn! I guess we need to watch this battle from a much farther location," said Arthur with a stiff smile on his face.

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Meanwhile, somewhere behind the clouds, there was a pair of individuals watching everything unfold with calm eyes.

Despite how powerful and strong the explosions were, it seemed to be nothing serious in front of these two individuals. And one of them was the Wingman that Shin had met earlier.

"I've already done everything I could, Shadow Leader. The rest is all in them now," he aside while kneeling in the air behind the other person.

If Shin was here, then he would be able to recognize this person since he has already met him quite a few times already. Moreover, he was also the one who gave Shin his second class, the Phantom Swordsman Class.

Kentas was staring at the battle with tranquil eyes before turning his head away from the fight. "So, I guess there is no reason for us to stay here any longer."

He then turned around and looked at the Wingman before asking. "But are you sure that your church is not going to complain about this? After all, you guys are supposedly overseeing the two beasts."

The Wingman turned his head at the golden bird and the three-headed snake for a moment before nodding his head. "It is the Supreme Leader's orders anyway, so we don't have anything to say about this matter."

"What's more, he also said that the souls of the Bird King and Serpent King have suffered enough for the past century, so it is time to free them from their sins," he added after a slight hesitation.

Hearing that, Kentas couldn't help but feel a little skeptical and said. "Heh! Free them? It is more like extinguishing their existence completely. After all, their wills will disappear once they fuse together."

He then started smirking and said with a sneering tone. "I guess that conceited is just trying to pick a fight with the other church since he is bored."

He paused for a moment before sighing helplessly and shrugging his shoulders. "Though, it is not my problem anymore."

After that, he took another look at the battle before shifting his gaze at Shin and the others. "Though, I really hope that these kids will get the 'Dragon Soul' after this event."

"Especially that little one from the 'Sanctuary of Dragons'. He will definitely be someone useful in the future," he said after focusing his gaze on Arthur.

Kentas stared at them for a moment before saying to the kneeling Wingman. "Let's go."

Then they simultaneously disappeared as if they had never been there, to begin with.

Chapter 552 Back Then I Am Called-...

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Real World, Soaring Continent, Eastern Sea Region

While Shin and the others were busy inside the game, David was currently 'suffering' in the real world.

"Tsk! Tsk! I am getting tired of running errands for these so-called grown-ups! Talking to them is really hard to bear!" complained David as he walked back towards their house.

A few moments later, he stopped in front of the door before ruffling his hair furiously. "Ah!!! Why do I have to suffer instead of these young 'uns! This is supposedly the job of their parents! Why the heck Master dumping it to me!?"

After that, he opened the door and entered.

"I'm back!" he said right after entering. But no one replied to him which meant that the others were still inside the game. "Eh!? They are still online. Tsk! It is already dark yet they are still playing that game. If they have a lot of free time, then why not put it on training their skills instead?"

He was dragging his exhausted body when suddenly heard a female's familiar voice. "Or they are probably sleeping already."

"Huh!?" Hearing that voice, David couldn't help but turn his head towards the unexpected guest.

"Oh! It's you. Why are you at the boys' house at this hour? Don't you think it is quite improper even if your brothers live here?" said David with an exhausted tone before sitting on the sofa across Shiella.

Shiella raised her eyebrows a little when she saw David's current attitude. 'Huh? It seems like he is not in his 'usual state'. Or is it because he is too tired?'

First impressions last forever, so in her eyes, David was still that perverted guy that she met in their resort before. It still held true even if she knew to herself that he was actually not a bad guy given the comments that she heard from their family servants at home; he stayed in their house for a few days after all.

After staring at him for a few moments, Shiella turned her eyes back to the virtual screen in front of her, reading the reports about their family business.

But she still replied after a brief moment of hesitation. "I'm planning to have my dinner here but I discovered that Shin didn't prepare anything. And I also have no idea that he invited you to stay with them."

"Figures, that kid's cooking skills are really good after all despite his young age," said David as he leaned his back on the sofa while also resting his neck on it.

"And it is not just me staying with them here, they also invited two of their friends inside the game," he added after remembering Jerimiah and Vincent; Lawless and Faker inside the game respectively.

"I see," replied Shiella in a nonchalant tone without taking her eyes away from the reports on the virtual screen.

Then an awkward silence descended on the room as both of them remained quiet.

Seeing that there was no point staying here, David could only release a helpless sigh, especially that he could feel that Shiella had no interest in chatting.

If only he was not tired from talking with Joaquin Geovanni while enduring the pressure that the latter was releasing the entire time then, then he might force himself to initiate a conversation with her.

Unfortunately, he really was too exhausted right now.

Grr~!

He was in the middle of standing up when his sharp hearing picked up a faint sound of rumbling stomach.

"Eh!?"

Hearing that, David couldn't help but pause his actions and look at Shiella with a weird expression on his face.

Meanwhile, Shiella was still maintaining her poker face while continuing to review the reports on her virtual screen.

'Are my sense playing on me or-... Nah~! Let's forget it,' thought David to himself before planning to go to his room, so that he could finally have his well-deserved rest.

Grr~!

But just like earlier, he heard the rumbling sound before he could even leave the living room. And this time, the sound was much louder than the previous one that he heard earlier.

Naturally, David would turn his head at Shiella to see how she was going to react. But the girl was still maintaining her poker face just like earlier.

Seeing that, David couldn't help but chuckle a little at Shiella's effort to maintain her ice-cold attitude. "Alright, alright! I get you, Ms. Ice Queen. So, what do you want to eat?"

Shiella was planning to ignore David, trying to maintain her image. Unfortunately, her stomach betrayed her once again and seemed to be revolting with the sounds that it was making.

But she was still unwilling to bend, especially in front of someone like David. "And who says that I will eat anything that you are going to prepare? I'm not the type to eat food prepared by anyone."

David was unable to hold his laughter any longer when he saw Shiella still unwilling to concede defeat. "I apologize for not being as good as your brother, Young Miss. But with all due respect, I am still quite confident with my own cooking skills. After all, I live on my own while I'm traveling around the world."

"Moreover, I also pick up quite a few skills along the road and learn a thing or two from different cuisines," he added while making his way towards the kitchen.

"As I said-...!" Shiella wanted to reject his offer but she immediately shut herself up when her empty stomach complained once again.

Left with no other choice, Shiella could only clear her throat before accepting his offer. "Alright, if you really insist, then I'll give you a chance to prove your skills."

"But! You better make sure that it is good enough to be served to me!" she warned while throwing a sharp glare at David.

David chuckled a little more when he heard her reply. "Yes, Ma'am!"

It didn't take long for David to prepare a decent but light dinner for Shiella.

"I'm suspecting that you haven't taken your lunch yet, so having a light dinner is better for you since it will make you full without having an upset stomach," said David before sitting across Shiella.

'Quite thoughtful, huh?' thought Shiella to herself before frowning her eyebrows. "Are you planning to watch me eat?"

"Eh!?" David was taken aback by what she had said before smiling embarrassedly while planning to stand up and leave.

Seeing his actions, Shiella further frowned and asked. "Where are you going? I'm asking you if you are not going to join me with the meal. From what I can see, you haven't eaten your own dinner yet, right?"

"Ah! You got me," said David as he sat back on his seat. "Then let's share-..."

"To make myself clear, I'm asking you to serve your own and join me. Don't tell me this is everything that you have prepared," said Shiella, making David's smile turn stiff.

"Ah-... Yeah, that is actually the reason why I'm planning to stand up earlier," replied David embarrassedly.

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The two eat in silence as David felt that there were some needles on his chair, feeling uncomfortable. Though, he was at least thankful that Shiella didn't insult his cooking skills.

And when they were done, David hesitated for a moment before offering Shiella some desert. "Would you like to have some sweets? I think I saw a cake there earlier," as he cleaned the table.

Shiella thought for a moment before nodding her head in agreement.

This time, David initiated a conversation instead of letting the awkward silence surround them once again. "I heard from Junior Brother that there are strong people playing «Destiny's Fate», is it true?"

'Junior Brother?' Shiella knitted her eyebrows when she heard those words but she still replied nonchalantly regardless. "I guess yes. There are a lot of players that I still can't defeat inside that game after."

She then hesitated for a moment before quickly adding. "Even those boys may give me some trouble if I fight them," while pointing at the second floor where Shin and the other's rooms were.

"Oh~! Is that so? I guess this game may be really different compared to the previous ones," said David with pursed lips while serving a slice of a cake to Shiella.

Meanwhile, Shiella slightly knitted her brow when she heard those words. "You also played virtual games before?"

"Yeah, a couple of them. Though, I also quit playing when I started traveling since I don't have the time for it anymore," answered David instantly as he sat across Shiella once again.

Hearing that, Shiella turned silent for a moment while looking at David with a slight frown. And after a few moments, she suddenly asked. "What kind of games have you played before?"

"Huh!?" David was taken aback by her sudden change of attitude which was why he couldn't give her his reply immediately.

On the other hand, Shiella misunderstood his silence and asked something else instead. "How about your in-game name then?"

Though, that question was much personal than the previous one.

Sensing that there was something odd from her questions, David didn't want to answer her. 'It's clear that she is scheming something.'

But after a brief moment of hesitation, he still decided to overlook it since he was confident that he could handle it anyway. "My in-game name back then is... Khing."

Chapter 553 King Of The Sky (Part 5)

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Atlas World (Inside the game)

BOOM!

The battle on the Sky Island reached an incredibly high degree. The scale of this battle was so intense to the point that no player could intervene.

It was a perfect representation of a clash of the titans.

A literal one at that.

The giant golden bird and the three-headed snake with a massive size were fighting without bothering about their surroundings, which was why the whole place was completely devastated.

Their attacks could either blast or flatten a mountain, so no one dared to get near them. They were too afraid to get caught with the crossfire. After all, they would be killed instantly if they were hit even by the residual energy of their attacks.

The players who managed to survive the previous attack of the three-headed snake and the initial clash of the two monsters earlier distanced themselves from the titans clashing against each other.

Greed was still the scariest thing of all, despite knowing that they were no match against those two titans, they still chose to stay and watched the battle from the distance. And they seemed not to have any plan of leaving unless they saw the end of this battle. Or to be more specific, they were not planning to leave until they got their hands on the loots that these monsters were going to drop.

Each of the powerful groups stationed their best and fastest men at the most optimal places where they could reach the potential drops with the quickest route possible while also being safe at the same time.

All of them were waiting for the right time to come and it was already getting near as the gigantic beast was starting to show some signs of weakening.

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"It's about time," muttered Arthur as he watched the battle from a certain mountain peak away from the main battlefield.

They were already waiting for quite some time already, so when he noticed that the movements of the two monsters were starting to get sluggish, he immediately informed the others to get ready.

"It took longer than expected," said Shin as he stood up from the ground while using his sheathed sword as support.

At the same time, the others were also starting to stand up while also having their respective preparations.

Shin swept his gaze at them for a moment, making sure that they were fully ready for battle before turning his head towards Arthur while asking. "What about the thing that we are looking for? Spotted anything suspicious yet?"

Arthur used this 'Dragon's Eyes' to scan the surrounding area around the two beasts battling in the distance before shaking his head helplessly. "I still can't see them – there are no signs of them at all. But whoever it is, I'm pretty sure that they are a Dragonoid."

"Dragonoid?" asked Chaotic Luck with a slight frown.

"Yeah, some of them are basically half-dragon and half-human while the others are beings who either have dragon powers or bloodlines in them," answered Arthur instantly.

"Like that Draconic Serpent over there?" asked Daulla while pointing at the three-headed snake.

Arthur nodded his head once again when he heard that before saying. "Yeah, kind of. But that giant over there is a lesser kind. The real Dragonoids, have a much denser Dragon Blood flowing in their veins."

"So, what's the deal with this Dragoniods then?" asked Cloe with a frown.

Hearing that, Arthur thought for a moment before replying. "I encountered a couple of Dragoniods from the quests that I got from the 'Sanctuary of Dragons' before. They are quite arrogant and too confident about their strengths; even though they are not real dragons."

"At the same time, they are also very greedy when it comes to matters regarding Draconic Powers. Whenever they encounter a situation where they can rob some Draconic Powers from the others, they will surely grab that opportunity no matter what."

Shin knitted his eyebrows for a moment before asking. "But how can you be sure that it is them?"

Arthur looked at Shin as if he was some sort of idiot when heard that question. He then pointed at the flowing specks of lights circling around him while saying. "My little dragons, remember?"

Seeing that look from Arthur, the corner of Shin's mouth couldn't help but twitch. "Alright, I get it. So, what's the problem now?"

"Well, I'm suspecting that there is a Dragonoid lurking somewhere here and waiting for these two monster beasts to weaken themselves," answered Arthur with a little frown.

"With the powerful souls of these two giants, I'm pretty sure that they are more than enough for that Dragonoid to evolve into a real Dragon or a Dragonkin," he added after a quick pause.

Hearing that, Shin slightly nodded his head before falling into deep thought. 'We are still missing something here.'

He started recalling everything that happened since the beginning, trying to find the thing that they might have overlooked. And while thinking about this, his thoughts suddenly fell into the things that happened recently.

'It is pretty obvious that whatever is happening right now, that strange Wingman with golden wings set everything up. After all, he is the one who gave the quest to Arthur and Leonard.'

'Considering this track, then what if Mammon also gets his own quest from that NPC? I'm pretty sure that I heard him say that he was too late earlier. It seems like he also has an idea that Garuda is going to be reborn.'

'No, he even beat us on collecting the sacred items left by Garuda before he died. So, he clearly knows what is happening.'

He then paused for a moment to turn his head towards Daulla, 'I follow his pattern, then is it possible that Archimedes and Daulla also get their quest from the NPC?'

Trying to confirm his suspicion, Shin walked towards the mage and asked. "Daulla, can I ask something?"

Daulla knitted her brows when she heard that, confused. But she still nodded her head, indicating that it was fine.

Seeing her nod, Shin didn't hesitate any longer and asked. "Where did you get your quest to revive Garuda? Is it from his spirit itself?"

Daulla was still confused why Shin was asking this now. But based on what she had witnessed so far, she was sure that there was a reason for Shin to ask that question at his point in time.

So, she fell into deep thought, trying to remember everything as much as possible before replying. "From what I can remember, we didn't immediately get the quest to revive him."

"In fact, we didn't even know that he is Garuda during that time; we thought that we only picked up an ordinary pet when we first encountered it," she added after a quick pause.

"You didn't even get the quest that gives Archimedes those wings?" asked Shin with a deep frown.

"Oh! The Class Promotion and Conversion Quest? We get it from a different time," answered Daulla almost instantly. "We got that quest when we brought that injured bird to a certain temple."

"Though, our main purpose at bringing it in that temple is to heal the strange injuries that we couldn't cure with healing skills," she quickly added.

"Then?" asked Shin.

"Then we suddenly get the quest when we encounter Sildra with his newly acquired Class," answered Daulla instantly.

"But now that I think about it. It is really a strange quest since the first step that it instructed us is to go back to that Temple, where we get the rest of the quest details," commented Daulla to what she previously said.

"Do you remember the name or appearance of the NPC that gave you the quest?" asked Shin.

Daulla was slightly getting tired of the series of questions that Shin was asking her, but she at least remained patient and answered. "I'm not sure about its name since that NPC didn't have one. What he has at that time is some sort of title-..."

She trailed her words a little as she was trying to recall the name before continuing. "Ah~! Yeah! I remember! What he calls himself at that time is 'The Exiled One from the land of Glowing Feathers' or something."

Shin's thoughts suddenly paused when he heard the title and quickly opened his quest panel reviewing the details of their quest. And that was where he saw the words 'Land of Glowing Feathers'.

'Assuming that that guy is the same NPC who disguised himself as the Head Keeper earlier, then we practically received our respective quest from the same person!' thought Shin to himself before asking himself. "Then what about Sildra and the three-headed snake? Is it only a coincidence that they got involved?"

It only took Shin an instant to quickly reject the idea. "Nope, it is definitely not."

'Then what if Sildra also got his quest from the same NPC? Before or after he encountered the three-headed snake?' he thought to himself before a sudden idea entered his head.

"Arthur, what is the difference between a Dragon and a Dragonkin?" asked Shin while turning his head.

Arthur was taken aback by the sudden quest but he still responded instantly. "Dragons are Celestial Beings who are close to being Divine given their unrivaled powers."

"Meanwhile, Dragonkins are Transcendent Beings who are slightly weaker than the real Dragons. And instead of having a massive and gigantic body, what they have is a humanoid form which is housing a battle prowess that can almost rival a real Dragon when they reach their peak."

Hearing that, Shin immediately had a realization before mumbling. "I think I now know who we are looking for."

Chapter 554 King Of The Sky (Part 6): Surrounded

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While Three-Headed Snake and Garuda were battling against each other, there was another battle that was taking place not too far from them.

Bang!

Sildra was sent flying one of Archimedes' attacks after he blocked the arrow with both of his daggers. The power behind that mana-infused arrow was quite strong but Sildra knew that it was much weaker compared to the previous attacks.

"Looks like your attacks are getting weaker and weaker, finally reaching your limit?" asked Sildra with a provoking tone even though he was trying to stabilize his breathing.

'D*mn it! The battle between Garuda and the Snake King is already reaching its end. I need to wrap this up as soon as possible,' he thought to himself after taking a quick glance at the clashing titans in the distance.

After that, he looked in his inventory to check the spherical object resting in a corner. 'Base on what that strange NPC, all I need to do is capture the souls of those two Beasts while they are at their weakest and everything is going to be fine.'

'Though, I also need to be cautious about Siegfried since he seemed to have some control over Dragons based on the information that I got from that Information Merchant.'

'So, he may be able to snatch the Dragon Soul before I can even use it to convert my race into Dragonkin,' he added inside his head before turning his focus back to Archimedes.

On the other hand, the Wingman Archer was trying his best to remain calm and collected as he was aware that he was already reaching his limit.

Keeping up with Sildra's speed was already plenty enough to make his hand full. Archimedes didn't have any space for mistakes since he was aware that he was going to be dead if ever he got caught by his opponent.

Even if he also had a quick speed, he couldn't fully utilize it due to the annoying snakes that kept on chasing and attacking him from different directions.

Given that he needed to split his focus between dodging the snakes, keeping Sildra in check, and finding a clear window to counter-attack. And because of this, Archimedes had more mental exhaustion compared to his opponent.

If only Archimedes could fly in the air more freely, then the one dictating the flow of this battle was most probably him. Unfortunately, he couldn't do it now since his instincts were clearly warning him not to use his wings to fly up in the air.

Meanwhile, Leonard who was watching from the sidelines since the beginning of the fight was starting to get bored sitting around and doing nothing. "This fight is dragging longer than what I've expected."

"Should I get involved now?" he muttered to himself after seeing Archimedes was trying so hard to catch his breathing.

"Oh~! So, this is where you are hiding, Simba! We finally found you."

But while he was still in the middle of thinking about what to do next, an unexpected voice suddenly disturbed his thoughts.

Turning his towards the direction where the voice came from, Leonard couldn't help but knit his brows quite deeply as seemed to recognize the uninvited guests. "Tsk! I was wondering when these guys are going to show up, so they still chose to appear at the most crucial time in the end."

In that direction, Leonard saw a trio of players walking towards him while clearly emitting a hostile aura. It looked like they had no intention of hiding their ill will.

The three of them were all Tigerkins with Master Berserker being their Class. And they seemed to be top-class experts given the aura that each of them was releasing; they might be as strong as Leonard based on that aura alone.

"Hey~! Long time no see, Simba. Remember us?" said the leading Tigerkin with a sneering tone.

Meanwhile, Leonard suddenly raised his eyebrows when he heard that before sneering. "Heh! Stop acting tough. If you guys want to give it a go, then come at me already. I don't have much time for small fries like you."

"Hah~!"

Hearing those words, the faces of the Tigerkin trio immediately became solemn and started taking out their weapons.

"Hahaha! I see that you three are still hot-headed as always!"

And that was the time when a laughing voice suddenly interrupted them.

Looking in that direction, Leonard saw yet another group of experts that was being led by a Wolfkin Master Hunter. "Tsk! Yet another problem is added to the list."

This newly arrived group was composed of eight members. Aside from the Wolfkin on the forefront of the group, there were three more Beastmen in their party; a Tigerkin and Lionkin Master Berserkers, and a Foxkin Master Shaman.

The remaining members of the group were from different races. Standing at the rear was a Human Bishop alongside White Elf Elementalist. Then there was a Fallen Human (Undead) Swordsman standing in front of them.

From the expression that Leonard was making, these guys seemed to be more troublesome than the Wolfkin trio who arrived first earlier.

But the headache that Leonard was having didn't just end there as another group arrived. And they seemed to be no weaker than the previous two.

"Ho-ho! Looks like it is quite lively here. Can we join the fun?" said a Master Berserker who was holding a huge claymore in his hand and resting its blade on his shoulder.

But compared to the other Beastmen known to the public, this particular guy had a different sub-race unlike them. Based on the distinct features that he had, this guy seemed to be a Bearkin if someone tried to describe him in a single word.

Following behind his man was a group of 4 Beastmen of different kinds; a Wolfkin, a Tigerkin, Lionkin, and a Foxkin. And their classes were also the common classes available to Beastman Race, which were Hunter, Tamer, Berserker, and Shaman.

"Tsk! Even these guys are here?" grunted Leonard before looking at them while saying. "Since it is already like this, how about you also invite the 'Twin Claws' too?"

As if responding with his words, a pair of players suddenly appeared from a different direction. And one of them suddenly answered. "I think I heard our name? Is someone checking attendance?"

"Now I think I'm in deep sh*t," cursed Leonard as he watched the new arrivals make their way toward the 'gathering'.

These two seemed to also have a different type of Beastman. They had slender bodies with yellow furs and black spots on different parts of their bodies.

This duo looked completely identical as even the equipment that they were wearing was also the same as each other. The only difference that they had was the weapons that they had. One of them was holding a pair of daggers on each of his hands while the other was carrying a long spear on his back.

"The 'Cougar Brothers', the 'Great 8 Mountain Dwellers', and the famous 'Predators' – such a dynamic gathering. Even the 'Twin Claw's are even here! This place sure is lively," said a hooded guy who suddenly popped out of nowhere.

"I hope I'm not late for the party," he added sneeringly a brief moment of pause.

But despite hiding his appearance, the other players present in the place seemed to be aware of who he was.

He looked like an easygoing and carefree person, but the surrounding air suddenly turned ice-cold as the others cast their gaze at him.

"OH~! There is no need for hostility. After all, we are all on the same page right now – we currently have the same target, don't we?" said the hooded person as he raised both of his hands.

He then turned his head towards Leonard before continuing. "Though~... I also doubt that predators of different kinds will get along when hunting the same prey."

After that, silence suddenly enfolded the whole place as the tension surrounding them rose uncontrollably.

The atmosphere surrounding the place even affected Archimedes and Sildra who were currently trying to catch their breaths not far from the so-called gathering of experts. They even felt suffocated due to auras being released by the respective sides.

'I don't know what's happening, but I think this is finally my chance to escape from the grasp of that 'Beast',' thought Sildra to himself while getting ready to leave.

Unfortunately, Archimedes seemed to sense what he was planning, so he quickly assumed a battle-ready position once again, planning to prevent Sildra from getting away no matter what.

Meanwhile, that silence surrounding the place lasted for a couple of moments before Leonard started laughing out loud, seemingly full of amusement. "So, I am being treated as your prey now? Interesting!"

BOOM!

But immediately after that, a powerful and heavy pressure was suddenly released from his body, trying to crush the players surrounding him from different directions.

"This is not bad either. After all, I'm already tired sitting here and doing nothing," he said while taking out a pair of battle-axes from his inventory bag.

He then raised his head and swept his sharp gaze at them before saying. "Looks like I need to remind you why I'm called War God: Simba. And it seems like you also forgot why the Primal Kingdom used to fear my name."

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"I guess you guys already forget the fear you received from men," said Leonard while taking a couple of steps forward.

He was surrounded from all sides but he seemed to be fearless regardless of his current predicament. In fact, he even became more aggressive than his usual self.

Meanwhile, the groups surrounding him suddenly felt that their bodies became tensed when they saw Leonard take his steps; especially that trio of Tigerkins in front of him who unconsciously took a couple of steps backward in response.

"Heh!" Leonard couldn't but smirked when he saw their actions before quickly adding. "But I guess some of you still remember."

Hearing that, the three Tigerkins immediately became furious since they knew that they were tricked. "B*st*rd!"

Pfft!

The leader of the 8-man group tried so hard to suppress his laughter when he saw what happened but failed to do so. "The fearless Cougar Brothers got intimidated!? That's a rare sight to see!"

Hearing that, the leader of the Cougar Brothers threw a sharp glare at that guy before sneering at him. "Oh~! Since the mighty Silver is here, how about you take the lead on this hunt? Let's see if you really live up to your reputation of being the number one Hunter of the Primal Kingdom."

"Tsk! Cowards," muttered the Bearkin who was the famous Commander of the Predators Adventurer Team.

His voice was quite low and quiet but it was still heard by the other players present in the place, especially the Cougar Brothers and the 8-man party in the distance.

"Hah~!?"

Those groups immediately turned their heads at the Bearkin before throwing their hostile gazes at him.

On the other hand, the 'Twin Claws' and the mysterious hooded guy ignored the first three groups and just locked their gazes at Leonard.

Leonard didn't know whether he was going to laugh or cry when he saw that the other groups were trying to pick a fight against each other.

But given his impatient and fearless behavior, he didn't have a plan to wait for them to calm down.

Moreover, he was also in the middle of a quest and was currently waiting for Shin to give him some orders.

'Tsk! I still need to keep an eye on that guy,' thought Leonard to himself while taking a quick glance at Sildra and Archimedes.

'And that should be my current priority,' he added inside his head while turning his attention back to the guys surrounding him.

Ding!

And as if confirming his thoughts, Leonard suddenly got a message from Shin.

Sickarius: Hey, Leo! Make sure not to let the other dude run away. He is our current target.

Reading the content of the message, Leonard couldn't help but smirk a little. "Well, our boss finally gave his word. Now, I don't have time to play with these guys anymore. I need to wrap this up as soon as possible."

"Too bad, I want to humor them a little bit," he muttered to himself before releasing a much more powerful aura than he was releasing before.

Boom!

"Sorry guys, I can no longer wait for you to decide who is going first. So, how about you all come at me together?" asked Leonard in an aggressive tone.

Roar!

At the same time, three of his Elemental Beast Companions suddenly appeared behind him.

One of them was the Golden Mammoth who was in its half-human form. And the other Elemental Beasts were a Bearkin with a muscular body and a Lionkin who had a blazing mane.

'Elemental Beast Fusion: Triple Fusion'

Then the three suddenly fused together right after being summoned.

And quickly after fusing together, they suddenly entered Leonard's body, also fusing with his body.

'Elemental Beast Possession: Supreme Heavenly Behemoth'

Boom!

Then an even more powerful pressure was released from his body and crushed on the bodies of the groups surrounding him.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

On the other hand, the opposing groups released their respective suppressing force as they tried to fight back the pressure crushing on them.

"Ho~! So, he really reached a whole new level just like what I heard," muttered the hooded guy while staring at Leonard.

And after a few moments, he also released a powerful aura of his own, which immediately clashed with the one that Leonard was currently releasing.

Bang!

"Huh!?" Leonard was taken aback when he sensed the sudden appearance of that powerful aura.

"So, this guy is also reaching that stage, huh?" he muttered to himself as he cast his gaze on the hooded guy.

Then his words were suddenly cut off when he sensed a sudden gust of wind coming from his side.

"Heh~! You are still a hundred years too early to catch me off-guard, Junpei," said Leonard while dodging a sword strike that was coming from the side.

Brushing past him was a Fallen Human Swordmaster of the so-called 'Great 8 Mountain Dwellers', one of the most famed Adventurer Teams of the Primal Kingdom.

Then Leonard suddenly swung his right arm downwards, striking down with the battle-axe that he was holding.

His counterattack was very fast and perfectly timed, making it hard for the Swordmaster named Junpei to dodge.

Swoosh!

Bang!

Fortunately, a fireball hit Leonard's battle-axe and changed its course.

"But this has never been a one-on-one battle in the first place," sneered Junpei as he quickly stomped on the ground so that he could halt his forward charge before he completely brushed past Leonard.

"Hup!"

He then held his greatsword with both of his hands before swinging it towards Leonard while pivoting in the same direction.

Junpei was taking advantage of the awkward position that Leonard currently had to throw a deadly counterattack of his own.

"Heh!"

But as he swung his greatsword forward, his eyes suddenly caught Leonard grinning evilly as if he was expecting the incoming attack.

Then Junpei saw that the ground beneath their feet suddenly sank starting from the spot where Leonard's axe landed.

Boom!

Then a powerful shockwave was sent in every direction, pushing everything around Leonard.

"Sh*t!"

Junpei was immediately sent flying right after he was hit by the shockwave explosion. And while he was still flying in the air, he suddenly saw Leonard chasing after him with a single leap.

Swoosh!

Naturally, Jumpie's teammates were not going to let him get taken down easily like that.

The Wolfkin Master Hunter, who was also the leader of the group, suddenly appeared between Leonard and Junpei with his arms crossed in front of his chest alongside his daggers.

On the other hand, the Foxkin Master Shaman and the Human Bishop of his party were giving their leader a series of buffs before he clashed against the monster in human flesh in front of him.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Meanwhile, the Tigerkin and Lion kind of their group simultaneously appeared on each side of Leonard, while brandishing their respective weapons at the same time.

And coordinating with their actions, the White Elf Master Elementalist sent a barrage of spells that were curving up in the air, sealing Leonard's path of retreat.

"Not too bad for a team combination move," praised Leonard when he saw himself being cornered.

But he immediately sneered at them the very next second. "Unfortunately, perfect coordination was useless in front of absolute strength."

Tightening his grip on both of his battle-axes, before throwing them in a circular motion and opposite directions.

While those axes were flying in circles, a pair of gusting winds dragged alongside their movements and created a spinning tornado with dual air currents that were moving in opposite directions.

Swoosh!

The spells flying towards Leonard were immediately shredded into mana particles when they came in contact with the tornado.

On the other hand, the three Beastmen immediately abandoned the idea of attacking Leonard from all sides after seeing the sudden appearance of the strange tornado.

The Tigerkin and Lionkin immediately canceled their respective skills before escaping from the affected area of Leonard's skill.

At the same time, their leader forcefully halted his charge before picking up Junpei in the air before he was dragged by the clashing air currents of the tornado.

"Hahaha! So much for being the 'Great 8', let us brothers show you how it is done!" said a member of the 'Cougar Brothers' as they broke through the gusting winds of the tornado surrounding Leonard.

"As straightforward as ever. But you should have done it better."

Unfortunately, they were immediately greeted by Leonard's mocking voice right after they broke through the opposing air currents of the tornado around him.

BOOM!

With a powerful stomp of his foot, the ground beneath Leonard sank quite deeply before a shockwave was sent outwards, pushing the three Tigerkins backward.

Being caught slightly off-guard, the Cougar Brothers were forced to take a couple of steps backward right after they were hit by that shockwave.

It might not be enough to send them flying but it was more than enough to push them towards the revolving air currents of the tornado behind them.

Understanding what was going to happen, the Cougar Brothers had no other choice but to use their respective movement skills to escape their current predicament.

"Idi*ts," said the Bearkin from the sideline after seeing the first two groups fail their attempts.

"Yep, yep!" said one of the 'Twin Claws' while watching the scene from their own position.

Pfft!

Meanwhile, the hooded person was trying his best to suppress his laughter as he agreed with the remarks of the previous two.

Then they saw Leonard walk out of the spinning tornado casually while carrying his battle-axes in each of his hands.

After that, he looked at the three groups with an inviting gesture before asking. "How about you guys? Also want to test the waters?"

Chapter 556 The Weight Of Being A God (Part 1)

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Leonard was staring at the 5 members of the Predators Adventurer Team, trying to see if they were going to respond with his provocation. He was even looking more warily at the Bearkin guy who was also looking back at him with an aloof gaze.

"Heh! Still confident as ever? I see," sneered Leonard before casting his gaze at the other guys who were also waiting patiently for their turn.

"Since that is how you want this done, then let's take this on properly," he muttered as he sidestepped towards his right dodging the spells sent by the White Elf Master Elementalist of the 'Mountain Dwellers'.

"First, let's take care of the range support of these guys," he added as he locked his gaze on the Shaman and Bishop standing in the distance. "Please don't hold this to me, alright? I'm just doing the most logical way to finish this early."

Then Leonard suddenly disappeared as he executed his real-life foot technique which he converted inside the game.

'Epic Combat Technique: Devil's Footprint'

Bang! Bang! Bang!

A consecutive sound of loud footsteps could be heard as a series of deep footmarks suddenly appeared on the ground and rapidly made their way towards the Foxkin Master Shaman and female Human Bishop.

Understanding Leonard's plan, Junpei immediately positioned himself right in front of his teammates, guarding them. "Move back, Sherly, Joanna! Mago, build an Ice Wall!"

Responding to his orders, the two supporters immediately cast their respective Blinks to get away while the White Elf Master Elementals named Mago immediately waved his scepter upwards to summon a thick wall of ice in front of them, seemingly blocking Leonard's path.

They couldn't see Leonard due to his strange footwork. So, they could only guess his location based on the footprints that appeared on the ground.

Swoosh!

Unfortunately, those footprints were a part of the scheme to trick the opponents. Even if they could see the footprints on the ground, it didn't mean that they could keep up with Leonard's speed.

"I see that you are still in battle command of this team, Junpei," said Leonard as he appeared behind the Swordmaster right after the formation of the Ice Wall.

"But it is a pity, you have a right call but it is still way too slow," he added before kicking the ground once again to relaunch himself forward. "You should have known that footprints are left on the ground because our feet departed from it."

"D*mn! So, you are telling me that it is pointless to look at them since you are already away from it," muttered Junpei with a bitter tone before his head was severed from his shoulders.

Meanwhile, Leonard continued moving forward as a series of Ice spikes shot up from the ground, hindering his advance.

"If we can see you, then we are going to attack the place where you are heading to before you arrive," said Mago, the Elementalist, while casting a spell after spell.

Seeing the ice and rock obstacles that suddenly appeared in front of him, Leonard had no choice but to stop using the 'Devil's Footprints' and changed it into a more versatile foot technique.

But because of that, his speed slowed down drastically since he exchanged it to move more freely. And that let the other members of the 'Mountain Dwellers' caught up with him and halted his advance.

Bang! Bang!

Unfortunately, catching up with him and stopping him were two different matters. Even with the combined efforts of the two Master Berserkers of their group, they still couldn't halt his advance no matter what; Leonard was like an unstoppable bulldozer charging at them.

Clang! Clang!

The Wolfkin Master Hunter, who was also the leader of the group, was appearing from time to time to ambush Leonard from the most unexpected angles. And with his aid, the group was able to slightly slow down the advance of their opponent.

And while Leonard was pretty occupied with them, Joanna, the Bishop of the group was currently making his way towards Junpei's body; she was obviously planning to revive him.

"Marion, cover the left side! Don't let him charge that way!" said the leader to the Tigerkin Master Berserker while creating some breathing space for himself, after blocking Leonard's head-on.

His Health Bar almost hit zero when he tried to block that attack. Fortunately, a timely heal landed on him at the critical moment, saving him from his deathbed.

"Marron, limit his movements – buy us some time," he added to his commands to which the Lionkin Master Berserker immediately responded.

But as they were doing their respective task, the three suddenly sensed an immense threat coming from above them.

"Get away from there!" shouted Mago while signaling Sherly, the Foxkin Master Shaman, to cast some protection buffs on the trio to make sure that they were going to survive even if they failed to escape.

Without further ado, the three surrounding Leonard quickly used their respective movement skills to get away from their current spots.

BOOM!

And right after they retreated, a giant blazing sphere suddenly fell from their previous location, causing the two Master Berserkers to break in a cold sweat.

"Sh*t! What was that?" said Marion after seeing the destructive power of the blazing sphere.

The group was still looking warily at the blazing wall of fire in front of them, created by the previous explosion when they suddenly remembered Joanna was currently on the other side.

"This beast in human disguise sure is troublesome! But I thought he is more of a brute force type of fighter than an intellectual one," cursed Marron as they realized that they fell into another scheme.

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"You guys are famed for being a well-coordinated group. Unfortunately, your team tends to crumble easily when you lose your lead," said Leonard with a smirking tone as he brandished his battle-axe at Joanna.

"And who is idiot enough to let their team healer unattended?" said a voice as its owner grabbed Joanna and carried her in safety.

Bang!

With his actions, Leonard missed his target with his battle-axe landed on the ground.

Seemingly not to be surprised, Leonard raised his axe from the ground before resting it on his shoulder in a leisure manner. He then turned his head to a certain direction before saying sneeringly. "So, the reason why you let Junpei handle the commanding is so that you can move more freely around the battlefield, protecting your teammates?"

"If that is the case, I'm now starting to suspect why you let your own strategist get killed instantly," he added after a brief moment of pause.

The Wolfkin Master Hunter put Joanna back on the ground before turning around to face Leonard. "Get killed? Are you sure that you killed him?"

Hearing that, Leonard raised his brows a little as he suddenly realized that he indeed didn't get a notification informing him that he killed Junpei. "Tsk! Such a rookie mistake."

A few moments later, the wall of fire from the previous skill that he used earlier finally subdued, revealing the other members of the 'Mountain Dwellers' from the other side. And standing at the forefront was Junpei who was currently holding his greatsword in front of him in a horizontal manner.

Behind him stood Marion and Marron on each side while channeling their mana on their respective weapons. And right behind them was Sherly who was chanting out some words, casting a spell to buff up the three in front of her.

Meanwhile, Mago was standing at the very rear of the group while also casting a spell of his own. With a wave of his scepter, a pair of serpent-like groups of fire suddenly circled around them, seemingly protecting each member of the group.

At the same time, Joanna suddenly blinked at the center of the group before kneeling on the ground and started praying.

A moment later, a beam of light was suddenly sent out from the group and hit the body of their leader, the Wolfkin Master Hunter standing in front of Leonard.

But instead of being harmed, the leader of the group seemed to gain more powers instead and rivaled the dangerous aura that Leonard was currently emitting with the help of his 'Elemental Beast Triple Fusion'.

Whistle~!

"So, they were planning to use that combination skill that they learned, huh? I wonder if it is enough," said a member of the Cougar Brothers as he sat on a rock boulder.

Not far from him stood the members of Predators Adventurer Team who cast their gazes at him after hearing his words. And after a few moments of silence, the Bearkin of the group suddenly smirked and said. "Heh! So, why did you suddenly stop your attacks, Shere? Suddenly got scared?"

"Tsk! Don't pick up a fight with me now, Kuma. I don't have enough energy to argue with you," said the guy named Shere of the 'Cougar Brothers'.

"Tsk! Tsk! We got here first, so we should be the ones to fight him first!" said another Tigerkin Master Berserker as he stood beside the rock boulder where Shere sat.

Meanwhile, the third member of their group stood on the other side of the boulder before nodding in silence.

"Too bad, all of us want to fight that guy in full strength and not in an exhausted state," said the hooded guy with a slight.

Seeing them chatting with each other, the Twin Claws couldn't help themselves but join as one of them chimed in. "Well, at least we can witness a good show before that and see which one is stronger-..."

"The famous 'Beast Arts' of the War God: Simba? Or the combined forces of the Great 8 Mountain Dwellers'?"

Chapter 557 The Weight Of Being A God (Part 2)

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Unknown God, Lewin.

He was one of the top players who reigned supreme in the Primal Kingdom. He was also the top Hunter of this kingdom. But unlike most of the top-assassins of the virtual world, he was not known for his speed. What made him really famous was his fighting style.

He was a famed Hunter who was renowned for being a cautious player who always making smart plays in every battle that he took part in.

Unlike the other assassin who always played away from their respective groups to assassinate the key figures of their opponents, Lewin was a type of player who mostly took part in a team battle.

He was also known for his one-on-one battle prowess. And with his top-class in-game mechanics, he became a famous player in different games.

It was just a pity that he didn't get a chance to participate in any kind of official tournaments to get his official title. Regardless, he was still regarded as one of the strongest Maverick Rankers of the Primal Kingdom and even earned himself the unofficial title of Unknown God.

Meanwhile, the 'Mountain Dwellers' Adventurer Team where he belonged was also famed for having good coordination. And alongside the right shot calling of Lewin and his right-hand man, Junpei, their team immediately rose to the top of the Primal Kingdom.

Their team might be small for only having 8 members, but they were still not something to be trifled with given how good their teamwork was.

And not long ago, their group came across a special technique where each of their members could share a part of their powers with their leader, reinforcing his battle prowess, enhancing his abilities, and empowering his stats.

This very technique also gave them the ability to reach much higher heights in the Kingdom Rankings. And with all of these, they were even regarded as the 'Great 8' of the Primal Kingdom.

Being the Great 8 Mountain Dwellers, the group became confident of their strengths which gave them the courage to challenge the most renowned groups of the Kingdom alongside the strongest forces residing on it.

But all of these achievements and amazing feats were nothing in front of the guy who was currently standing in front of them. And no matter how strong Lewin had become with the help of their secret techniques that they recently acquired, he was still no match against Leonard.

Boom!

"What an absolute monster! My strength should be much stronger than him given the STR stats that I received from Marron and Marion, he is still fending off each of my strikes casually with every swing of weapons," muttered Lewin as he picked up himself from the ground after being sent flying by one of Leonard's attack.

"What's even more depressing about this is his speed. Given my enhanced AGI stats, my speed should be much higher than him. But how come he is able to surpass me in terms of agility!?" he cursed silently as he quickly changed the direction where he was heading to, dodging a shockwave that was heading towards him.

Bang!

But right after he pivoted towards another direction, Lewin suddenly heard a familiar explosion sound which was indicating that Leonard used the 'Devil's Footprints' once again, trying to catch him for another time.

'F*ck!' cursed Lewin as he used another life-saving skill from his arsenal to get away from his current position.

Bang!

"Tsk! Escape again? This is taking much longer than what I've expected," complained Leonard as his battle-axe landed on an empty ground once again.

He then cast his gaze on a certain place where Archimedes and Sildra were continuing where they left off.

"Well, at least that guy Archimedes fully understands our current situation. I just hope that he can last much longer given that he already exhausted himself from the previous battles," he muttered himself before tilting his head slightly to the side, dodging a flying dagger sent by Lewin.

Swoosh!

"Don't you dare take away your attention from this battle," snarled Lewin as he appeared ducking in front of Leonard while brandishing his daggers.

"Heh! Unfortunately, I'm already tired of this cat and mouse game!" sneered Leonard while taking a couple of quick steps backward, dodging the blades of the daggers.

'I was hoping to learn a thing or two from their combination technique, but I guess it is still way weaker compared to my 'Tiple Elemental Beast Fusion',' he said to himself with a dejected tone before stomping on the ground during his backpedaling.

Bang!

Then the ground beneath his feet sank quite deeply before a large spider crack spread from it before extending 15 meters outwards.

Seeing that his opponent was planning to do something, Lewin immediately hoped away from Leonard as fast as he could. And understanding that he couldn't outrun the cracks spreading on the ground, he quickly used another movement speed boost to escape.

But the moment he tried to use a skill, he suddenly discovered that he could no longer able to use any kind of skills at this point in time. "What!"

And before he could even think of a way to escape his current predicament, he suddenly heard Leonard's sneering voice. "My original plan is taking out your teammates first since they may give me some headache later." "

"But since I can't currently touch them due to the column of fire protecting them, I decided to try taking this on directly," he added while stomping on the ground once again; and with a much stronger force this time.

'Destroyer Skill (Tier 2): Destructive Ascension'

BOOM!

Then Lewin felt that the gravity that was supposedly pulling him downwards pushed him towards the sky instead.

"Sh*t!" – was the final word that left his mouth before he was flipped in the air alongside the rock debris that came from the ground. And the next thing that Lewin knew was himself being crushed by the rocks flying in the air, devouring a large chunk of his Health Bar.

Fortunately, he managed to survive for a long time by forcing himself to do some dodging maneuvers in the air and used some of the flying rocks as platforms to jump around.

But not long after, the reversed gravity turned back to normal and pulled everything towards the ground.

Naturally, Lewin was going to do everything he could to prevent himself from being crashed to the ground. He even did the same thing that he performed earlier and use the rock debris to lessen the impact that he was going to suffer from falling.

Unfortunately, Leonard had a different plan in mind.

Right after Lewin stepped in the first rock debris during his fall, he suddenly noticed that his feet seemed to be magnetized on the rock, making him unable to jump from it.

BOOM!

And before Lewin could even think of anything to free himself, Leonard suddenly swung his arms towards the ground, making everything in the air fall with an even greater force.

Meanwhile, Lewin was crushed under the rock debris, crushed and pulverized.

This time, Leonard made sure that he indeed killed Lewin by looking at the notification window where he was informed of his opponent's death.

Bang!

On the other hand, the column of fire protecting the other members of the 'Mountain Dwellers' suddenly exploded as each of them suffered a backlash from their leader being killed.

Cough! Cough!

And without further ado, they quickly crushed an Instant Teleportation scroll to flee from the scene since they knew that they no longer stood a chance against Leonard with their current state.

Whistle~!

"That was one hell of a skill over there. I suspect that it is a Tier 2 Epic Skill," whistled the hooded guy from the sidelines after seeing the end of the previous battle.

"In the end, the combined efforts of those 8 are in vain. Look how healthy is that monster after going through that battle," said one of the 'Twin Claws' while pointing at Leonard.

"Of course! He is still a Peak Godlike Player of this game after all!" said the Shere of the 'Cougar Brothers' while jumping off the boulder that he was sitting on. "It should be our turn now, right?"

"Heh! That is what they get from underestimating a 'God' of this game," sneered Kuma of the 'Predators' Adventurer Team while also getting ready for battle.

"It is quite disappointing that we are going to fight him right after his battle, but we don't have any other choice since the clash between those two Gigantic Beasts is about to end," he added after taking a quick glance at Garuda and the Serpent King.

"Hey! I said it is our turn now!" shouted Shere as he threw a deadly glare at the Bearkin.

Meanwhile, Leonard just looked at them with a calm face before resting one of his battle-axes on his shoulders while saying. "I also want to play with the lots of you since it is quite rare for me to exercise like this-..."

He then trailed his words for a brief moment before continuing with a smirking tone. "Too bad, a showoff brother of mine wants to join our fun."

Swoosh!

Clang!

The moment his words left his mouth, a spear suddenly stuck on the ground between Leonard and the opposing group, catching the attention of everyone.

Ta-ta!

Then a fully armored knight suddenly landed behind that spear, with the horsetail of his helm and the cape of his back dancing along with the wind.

"D*mn~! So, this is why you are not responding to our messages, huh? Are you planning to hug all the fun by yourself?" said the knight while pulling out the spear in a very cool manner.

Swoosh!

And with a wave of his cape, the said knight turned around beautifully while resting his spear on his shoulder. "How about you let me join the party as some sort of compensation?"

The Dragon God: Siegfried suddenly arrived!

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"Will you mind if I join the fun?" asked Arthur while wearing a huge grin under his helm.

On the other hand, the opposing sides immediately put their guards up while looking cautiously at him.

What they were seeing from their perspective was a huge dragon staring at them with haughty and prideful eyes.

Moreover, the pressure that they were getting from Arthur was much different from Leonard since this showoff didn't even bother to hide his powerful aura, unlike the latter who was slightly restraining himself.

"You're alone? Where are the others?" asked Leonard as he walked beside Arthur.

"Tsk! Shin asked me to head here first since he felt that there is something odd when you are not replying to us," answered Arthur while clicking his tongue.

"Though, they will be arriving soon," he added with a slightly dejected tone.

After that, he turned his head back to the guys on the opposing side before asking. "Anyway, who are these guys? Some of them look good to be a perfect sparring partner."

Overhearing his words, the guys on the opposite side felt an urge to smack Arthur's face; especially when they heard the tone that he used while saying the words 'sparring partner'. Even if their fame was no match compared to someone like Leonard, they were still regarded as top-ranked players of the Primal Kingdom!

And as if rubbing some salt on their wounds, Leonard suddenly added with a smirking tone. "How about you call them punching bags while you are at it."

"Your words no mine," said Arthur with an innocent tone.

"B*st*rds!" cursed Kuma after seeing the exchange of the two.

"This guy is clearly looking down on us," said Shere as he nodded his head while also gripping his weapon tightly.

Seeing that the current situation was turning ugly for them, the opposing group seemed to have a tacit agreement and started getting ready for battle. And from the looks on their faces, it looked like they were planning to fight alongside each other.

Whistle~!

Arthur blew a whistle when he saw the expressions that the opposing side was making. He then took a quick glance at Leonard while asking. "Who are your targets? I'll let you pick first since they are supposedly your prey."

Hearing that, Leonard couldn't help but chuckle for a moment before replying. "Just leave that hooded guy and those two 'Jaguars' to me. I have a score to settle with them. The rest of them are all yours."

"You said it! There is no going back with your words later," said Arthur excitedly as he flipped his spear multiple times.

"Time to kick some *ss, Tempest!" he shouted as he summoned his third Elemental Dragon Spirit.

Swoosh!

And as a response to his words, a white speck of light suddenly moved away from Arthur's body before hovering behind him.

Not long after, it released a blinding light while transforming into a massive figure of a lizard dragon.

Roar!

It had a large body that was covered with silver scales alongside some patches of black scales mixed in. There was a pair of thick horns sticking on its forehead as a smooth white mane covered the back of its head.

Its long tail had a strange tip as it was similar to a battle-axe wedge.

A pair of huge batwings were sprouting on its back with razor-sharp tips. Its claws were like sharp scythes of a reaper, threatening to rip the lives of whoever was trying to question its authority.

The members of the 'Predators Adventurer Teams', the 'Cougar Brothers', and 'Twin Claws' were still trying to survey its noticeable features when the dragon suddenly transformed into a streak of light that fused with Arthur's body.

Boom!

On the very next instant, the pressure that they were getting from Arthur reached a whole other level as his armor and weapons changed their appearance.

Just like the scales of the dragon earlier, the armor that Arthur was wearing now had silver color as a pair of spiked wings appeared on his back. There was also a long tail sticking out from his lower back, mimicking the tail of the dragon standing behind him previously.

On the other hand, the shield that Arthur was holding earlier suddenly disappeared while the spear on his right hand seemed to take an incorporeal form before being enfolded by a bolt of silver lightning. It was also releasing some crackling sounds from time to time as snake-like sparks danced around his body.

'Elemental Spirit Possession (Storm Dragon): Storm Chaser'

Boom!

And without further ado, Arthur immediately initiated an attack, not giving the other side enough time to react.

Crackle!

A trail of crackling light followed through his path as he launched himself while lunging his spear forward.

There, who was the target of Arthur's charge, was fortunate enough to block the sudden attack. But his strength immediately left his body as he was suddenly electrified by the lightning dancing around the body of his opponent.

Bang!

And immediately upon impact, his body was sent flying by the powerful force accompanying the charge.

"Brother!" shouted the other two members of 'Cougar Brothers' when they saw Shere was sent flying towards the woods.

Then they immediately jumped towards Arthur, wielding their respective weapons and planning to swing it at him.

"Ah-ah~! Don't your parents tell you not to get near someone hit by lightning?" said Arthur smirkingly as he watched the two Tigerkin Master Berserkers get near him.

BOOM!

And when the two reached 5 meters away from Arthur, a pillar of lightning suddenly struck down from the sky and devoured the three of them in an instant.

"Ah!"

The two immediately saw their health bars were rapidly dropping and reaching critical levels.

"Don't underestimate us," yelled one of them as they activated a 'Berserk Skill' unique to Beastman Race. And right after the activation of that skill, their dropping health bars stopped all of a sudden as some unknown strength filled their bodies.

"Ahh!!!" Then the two of them resumed their charge, ignoring the field of lightning around them.

"Undying Rage? Not bad~!" muttered Arthur when he saw what just happened. "Unfortunately, something like this is useless in front of an execution skill."

Snap!

Bang! Bang!

The two Tigerkins felt a sudden explosion on their bodies right after Arthur snapped with his fingers. Everything seemed to stop moving from their perspective before their visions suddenly started spinning from some unknown reason.

Thud!

Maybe they didn't know what happened, but the other guys watching from the sidelines clearly saw how those two were killed.

Right after Arthur made a snap, a ring of lighting was suddenly formed on top of his snapping fingers before extending outwards in just a matter of an instant. And before the two Tigerkins knew it, their heads had already been severed from their heads.

"This trick that Shin has told me really is useful. So, the game enhanced the pain receptors and other nerves of the body, huh? Interesting!" muttered Arthur to himself after recalling the scene where he stunned Shere with his silver lighting.

"Tsk!"

Understanding that Arthur was currently more of a bad news than Leonard, the others decided to quickly eliminate him before their situation turned for the worst.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The four members of the 'Predators' quickly surrounded Arthur from all sides right after the lighting pillar around him subdued.

"Ha!"

Waving her staff for a couple of times, the Foxkin Master Shaman of the group cast a series of buffs on her teammates improving their battle capabilities.

And the moment they received their respective buffs, Kuma immediately gave his orders. "Mako, Bolin, follow my lead! Geno, wait for the window to attack!"

"Roger!" answered the three simultaneously as Kuma charged at Arthur in the very next instant.

"Oh~! Are you guys part of a Military? You look so coordinated," commented Arthur when he saw them moving in a systematic manner.

"This is going to be fun!" he added while flipping his spear with both of his hands while making it circle around his body.

And when Kuma was about to reach him, Arthur suddenly shot the spear forward with great timing. Due to his precise accuracy, his opponent was forced to dodge that attack by leaning to the side while continuing his charge.

"Nice reflex~!" said Arthur smirkingly as he tightened his grip over his spear before slightly flicking his wrist, making the shaft of the spear bend a little before whipping in the same direction where he was directing it.

Kuma immediately put his guards up when he sensed the incoming attack, planning to block the spear with the surface of this claymore.

Bang!

"Ugh!"

But too much of his surprise, the casual movements that Arthur did were actually much heavier than he was expecting.

Kuma could barely hold his ground after blocking the spear. If not for him having a very high STR stat, then he was most likely going to be sent flying just like what happened to Shere earlier. And also thanks to the buff he received from their team Shaman, the electricity surrounding Arthur did not affect him.

On the other hand, Arthur absorbed the repelling force that he got from the previous collision before making his spear revolve around his shoulder and catching it with his other hand.

He then borrowed the momentum of his spear and threw another thrust at Kuma who was right in front of him.

Meanwhile, the Bearkin gritted his teeth and forced his arms to change the position of his claymore and put it in front of him, blocking the incoming tip of Arthur's lightning spear.

Bang!

Despite being able to block the attack, Kuma was still sent flying backward due to the powerful force accompanying the spear.

But at the same time, Mako and Bolin, the Master Berserker and Master Hunter of the group, finally arrived on each of Arthur's sides while also brandishing their weapons at the same time.

Seeing that, Arthur seemed to smirk for a moment before quickly retracing his spear and holding it with both of his hands. And right after twisting his waist, he suddenly spun around towards the opposite direction while also swinging his spear alongside his actions.

Bang! Bang!

His spear repelled the weapons of his opponents while also forcing them to take a couple of steps backward to nullify the force from the previous collision.

On the other hand, Geno, the Tigerkin Master Tamer of the group, just finished summoning his Beast Monsters and planning to join the battle.

But at the same time, Arthur also happened to finish materializing a group of javelins made of lightning and wind behind him while he was in midair. And before Geno could even give his orders to his summoned monsters, the Dragon Knight already sent his javelins towards their direction and struck each of them perfectly on their heads.

"What!?" Geno could only stare blankly at the sight as his body froze due to what he just witnessed.

Meanwhile, Arthur landed gently on the ground before resting his spear on his shoulders while provoking his opponents. "Nice try! Let's do it one more time!"

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"That was a good try! Let's do it one more time!" said Arthur provokingly while resting his spear on his shoulder.

Meanwhile, the members of the Predators Adventurer Team were currently looking at him solemnly. They knew that this guy in front of them was a total monster just like Leonard, but they didn't expect that he was strong enough to nullify their combined attacks with simple movements.

The strength that he had shown earlier when dealing with the 'Cougar Brothers' already shocked them. But after seeing the flawless spearmanship that he used to repel all of their attacks, they were sure that dealing with him was going to be trickier than Leonard.

'Unlike Simba who always wants to face his opponents head-on, this guy seemed to be an expert of counterattacks,' thought Kuma to himself after recalling what just happened.

"This guy both has strength and techniques! Be extra careful with your moves," he said, warning his party members.

Boom!

And while his team members were nodding their heads, they suddenly heard a loud explosion coming from the place where Arthur sent Shere flying.

Bang!

Then they saw Shere land a few distances away from Arthur with a loud sound which also created a cloud of dust upon landing.

"Don't you dare forget about me yet!" he said aggressively while walking out of the cloud of dust with slow yet powerful footsteps.

Seeing that, Arthur started grinning from ear to ear before holding his spear with both of his hands and assuming a battle stance. "Good! So, should we start from the top?"

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Meanwhile, the battle on the other side had yet to start.

Leonard refused to move for a moment as he chose to wait for his opponents to make their moves first.

Earlier he was restraining himself to go all-out since he needed to reserve some of his strength to be ready when the worst possible scenario arose. And that was based on the fact that they still needed to be on guard against Mammon who was now hiding in the dark after escaping the collapse of the floating castle.

They had to be always ready in case they were suddenly ambushed by such a notorious assassin who was infamous for hunting even some of the fearless experts of the virtual world.

Seeing that Leonard was still hesitating whether to attack or not, the 'Twin Claws' decided to initiate the attack; especially that they were itching to fight since the moment they arrived. "Since you are not willing to attack first, then let us take the pleasure of doing so."

Swoosh! Swoosh!

After that, they simultaneously disappeared from their respective spots before reappearing on each of Leonard's sides while maintaining a running pose. Each of them was wielding their weapons as they circled around their opponent.

Given their appearances, the two of them really looked like a pair of jaguars cornering their prey.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Then suddenly pounced at him at the same time.

The one wielding a spear lunged forward while thrusting his weapon alongside his movements. On the other hand, the guy with dual-daggers coordinated with his teammate by also sprinting forward but with a slightly delayed timing.

Clang!

Their speed was quite fast and was able to arrive at Leonard in an instant. But despite them having instantaneous speed, their attacks still failed to hit their target as his battle-axes were already lying in wait to block their attacks.

And despite the tricky timing that the dual-wielding guy did, Leonard was still able to calmly respond with them.

"Looks like you two are getting rusty. Show me how much you improved since the last time we've met," said Leonard sneeringly before stomping on the ground in a powerful manner.

Bang!

A shockwave from his stomp pushed the Twin Claws away but they seemed to be expecting that move, so they were able to escape from it unharmed.

Meanwhile, the hooded figure who seemed to be not planning to move earlier finally joined the battle.

"It has been a while, Simba! Sorry for the late greeting," he said as he appeared in front of Leonard while also brandishing a huge hammer at the same time.

Seeing that, Leonard quickly put his guards up by raising both of his battle-axes and crossing them in front of his shoulders while bracing himself from impact.

Bang!

A deafening sound was immediately created upon impact but the surrounding air seemed to become dead still right after the collision.

Boom!

And right after being silent for a second, a very strong gust of wind created a chaotic ripple in the surrounding air, making it hard for everyone to move.

On the other hand, Leonard and the hooded guy were still maintaining the positions that they had since the collision of their weapons.

"What's wrong, Simba? You seem to be holding your strength a little too much. This is really unlike you!" said the hooded guy, trying to provoke Leonard.

"Tsk!"

But Leonard just clicked his tongue as a response, not letting himself get agitated. He then took a quick glance at Sildra who was still trying to break away from Archimedes.

Noticing that Leonard dared to divert his attention from him, the hooded guy felt insulted. "Don't look down on us, Simba! We're much different from before."

He then put more strength on both of his arms, forcing his hammer to push Leonard to the side.

Bang!

Leonard tried to hold his ground but he was caught off-guard by the amount of force that was trying to push him. And due to him failing to withstand that force, he was sent sliding towards his right while maintaining his balance.

"Tsk! Shin Bro asked me to keep an eye on that guy but I guess I can no longer divide my focus on too many places," muttered Leonard to himself while rolling his shoulders to relieve its stiffness.

"If that is the case, then let's wrap this up as soon as possible," he added while turning his head towards the hooded guy and Twin Claws. "Alright, I'll take you on seriously now just like what you want-..."

He trailed his words for a couple of moments as he tightened his grip over his battle-axes before continuing. "But make sure to prepare your *ssess to get kicked in exchange."

Bang!

Then he suddenly disappeared from his current position before reappearing behind the hooded guy while brandishing his battle-axes. "But first, let me return your greeting, Valten!"

Seeing Leonard's sudden appearance, the hooded guy who was named Valten, immediately raised his war hammer over his head and blocked the falling blades with the long handle of his weapon.

Bang!

Crack!

Valten greeted his teeth as he tried to withstand the heavy force that was pressing on him. And while he was trying to prevent himself from being crushed by that force, the ground beneath his feet sank quite deeply while some spider cracks started to spread from it.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Valten was about to get buried on the ground by Leonard when the Twin Claws suddenly appeared and came to rescue him.

Leonard took a quick glance at each of them before letting go of his battle-axes while jumping up in the air. And right before he got hit by the incoming attacks, he suddenly twisted his body in the air and dodged the blades of his opponent's weapons with a very small margin.

While he was spinning midair, Leonard extended both of his arms in the air and caught the shaft of the spear and arm of his other opponent, before borrowing the momentum of his spin to throw the Twin Claws away.

And as he was falling towards the ground, he suddenly re-grabbed his battle-axes before using the momentum of his spin once again to smash his weapons at Valten for another time.

Bang!

The entire process happened a little too fast which was why his opponents didn't have enough time to react.

But at the very least, Valten survived that attack despite himself being buried on the ground. And right after relieving the force that he got from the previous attack, he quickly focused a lot of strength on his legs before forcing them to jump upwards.

Boom!

A lot of debris flew in every direction as he flew up from the ground. But while he was up in the air, a shadow was suddenly cast upon him, indicating that someone was above him.

Valten didn't need to raise his head to know who it was. All he needed to do was to tighten his grip over his war hammer before swinging it with all of his strength while spin-rolling in the air.

Boom!

The collision created yet another explosion that also sent a powerful shockwave at the same time.

Bang!

Meanwhile, Valten was instantly sent back to the ground right after the collision but he was able to land on his feet this time as a deep crater was formed upon his landing.

On the other hand, Leonard landed a few distances away from him before walking out of the cloud of dust.

At the same time, the Twin Claws suddenly appeared a few meters on each of his sides, forming a triangle formation alongside Valten as they surrounded Leonard from three sides.

Leonard swept his gaze on them for a moment, taking a look at their solemn faces before saying. "Where is that eagerness that you are showing earlier? Don't tell me you're now having a mouse running in your chest?"

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While Arthur and Leonard were keeping their respective opponents occupied, Sildra was starting to get frustrated with the battle on his side. Not only Archimedes did improve since the last time they fought, but the Archer Wingman seemed to also pick up a couple of tricks under his sleeves that were catching him from time to time.

His original plan was to overwhelm Archimedes with his natural speed alongside the skills that he recently received from the Serpent King.

At the same time, he was also planning to force his rival to use his wings and fly up in the air so that he could use the locked down skill from arsenal before following it up with an execution skill.

But no matter how much Sildra baited Archimedes, the latter still refused to bite it and persistently stayed on the ground while keeping a considerable distance away from his opponent.

Realizing that there was no point in staying here any longer, Sildra wanted to get away from this place and proceed to his original objective. And that was capturing the souls of Garuda and the Serpent King once they weakened each other enough.

Moreover, staying here was not a good idea for him given that the other side had a 'monster' that he was sure that he couldn't take on. And to make it even worse, another 'monster' with an equal strength suddenly arrived.

Now that those two were still occupied with dealing with the top experts of the Primal Kingdom, it was the right time for Sildra to escape.

Unfortunately, Archimedes seemed to be able to read what was running inside his head and started a restless assault, preventing Sildra to run away.

"Tsk! Such a persistent bird!"

Due to the rapid attacks that Archimedes was sending at him, Sildra couldn't create enough breathing space for himself to create a path for his escape.

He needed to retreat as soon as possible, but he also knew that the moment turned his back around, Archimedes would surely grab that opportunity to snipe him down. Even with the cover of his stealth skills, the Archer would still be able to spot him and lock his aim using his special observation skills 'Hunter's Eyes'.

He fell victim to those skills multiple times already when they fought each other at the Azure Kingdom. Just like how he was baiting Archimedes to fly in the air for his trap, he was sure that the latter was also waiting for him to turn his back and run.

Caught with this difficult dilemma, Sildra was now stuck with Archimedes as he already lost his chance to escape due to his hesitation.

But while both sides were trying to feel their opponents, an unexpected guest suddenly joined the party.

"I finally found you, Dragonoid!"

Hearing the unfamiliar voice, both Archimedes and Sildra suddenly stopped attacking each other before turning their heads towards the direction where that voice was coming from; they wanted to know whether it was an ally or foe.

From the distance, they saw Mammon walked out from the shadow of a boulder while playing with his huge butcher knife and scimitar dagger.

At the same time, Arthur and Leonard suddenly paused their respective battles by forcing their opponents to back away from them.

"Tsk! Here is the most troublesome part," said Arthur while clicking his tongue.

"So, how are we going to deal with this?" whispered Leonard on the voice party channel.

Arthur was knitting his brow as he was trying to decide whether to stay on his spot and continue dealing with opponents or leave them behind and charge towards Mammon.

But while he was still deciding what to do, both of them suddenly heard Shin's voice from the channel, saying, "Finish what you are doing on your side, let us buy you some time."

Arthur was silent for a moment before sneering at Shin. "You've grown some balls now? Are you sure you can handle that guy?"

"F*ck! Don't you dare try me! You may be stronger than me inside the game but I can at least beat you to a pulp in Real World!" cursed Shin after hearing those words.

"Hehe, but we are currently talking about in-game stuff here," chuckled Arthur before turning his attention back to his opponents while saying. "But I'm up for a little spar in the Real World when we are done with this."

After that, both Arthur and Leonard resume their battles not caring about Mammon anymore.

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Meanwhile, Archimedes and Sildra felt their bodies were frozen in place the moment they felt the cold aura that Mammon was currently releasing; they both knew that this new guy was as strong as Arthur and Leonard.

Cold sweats broke out from different parts of their bodies as Mammon continued making his way towards them. "Let me give you a piece of advice, hand over the container for the Dragon Soul before I forcefully take it from you."

"Such items are guaranteed to drop when its holder dies, right?" he added as a warning for Sildra while more killing intent leaked out from his body.

Archimedes, on the other hand, was still heisting whether to attack Mammon or not. Based on the words that the latter just said, he was sure that this guy was not on the same side as Sildra. But from the threatening feeling that he was getting, he knew that this person was not on their side either.

Seeing that he was not getting the response that he wanted, Mammon suddenly disappeared from his current position before reappearing behind Archimedes like a ghost.

"Since you guys still don't understand your current situation, then let me put you as an example first," said Mammon as he brandished his butcher knife at the Wingman.

Archimedes' eyes suddenly turned wide as he couldn't respond to the speed of his opponent. He tried to escape his current predicament but his body refused to budge due to his reflex not being able to keep up with the sudden attack.

Shing!

Clang!

But before Archimedes' head was severed from his shoulders, a saber unexpectedly deflected the blade of Mammon's butcher knife and saved the Wingman from the clutches of death.

"Tsk!"

Seeing the unexpected turn of events, Mammon couldn't help but clicked his tongue before quickly retreating from his current position, dodging a couple of slashes from the owner of the saber that denied his assassination earlier.

"You again? You are starting to get on my nerves for getting in my way since earlier," said Mammon with a frown as he saw Shin standing behind Archimedes.

Meanwhile, Shin smirked at his words before replying with a sneering tone. "I don't care if I get on your nerves since it can only mean that you can no longer ignore my presence anymore."

"You know? It quite upsets me that you always run away from me when I'm itching to fight someone at your level," he added provokingly.

Mammon suddenly wore a deep frown as he could sense the insult from Shin's words. "Me? Running away from you? Kid, it looks like you're misunderstanding the leniency that I gave to you."

"I'm just too lazy to fight someone as weak as you, but it looks like I now need to show you the difference of our strengths," he said with a heavy tone before releasing a much denser killing intent.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

At the same time, three more people arrived beside Shin before quickly getting into a battle formation.

But before they could start casting their spells, Shin suddenly raised one of his sabers and prevented them from making any sudden moves.

Confused, Cloe knitted her brow and asked. "Don't tell me you are planning to fight alone? This is not the right time for your so-called Martial-Artist's Pride!"

Hearing her complaints, Shin chuckled a little before replying. "Don't worry, I know my limit. And I'm not planning to fight him with a gentleman's agreement anyway."

After that, he looked over his shoulder and gave out his orders, assuming to be the one in command. "Luck, go deal with those guys running towards this side. Make sure that no one is going to get near the battlefield."

He then paused for a moment to take a quick glance at the Wingman standing on his other side, checking his current state. "Daulla, go help Archimedes capture Sildra – use the imprisonment cube that I gave you earlier."

Daulla opened and closed her mouth, trying to say something but she immediately swallowed back her words when she saw Archimedes' exhausted state. She could only nod her head silently before casting her gaze at Sildra.

Meanwhile, Cloe was glaring daggers at Shin's back, making him smile bitterly.

– 'Don't you dare put me on the same task Chaotic Luck,' – were the thoughts that Shin was getting from her as he could only sigh helplessly.

"You are going to protect me, right?" said Shin with a meek smile after considering the words that he wanted to say.

"Hmph! At least you know what's good for you," replied Cloe before quickly casting a couple of buffs for the group.

"Go!" said Shin with a soft voice right after receiving the buffs. And as a response, the others nodded their heads as they headed over to their respective tasks.