

Destiny 671

Chapter 671 Deathmatch (Part 1)

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Shin was currently waiting inside his room in the Mayor's Residence of Calderock Town. He seemed to be too calm despite him going to face a top Godlike Player a little later.

Moreover, he was not just going to face this top-ranked god in an ordinary battle, but it was in a Deathmatch Battle!

Unlike the match that he had against Immortal which was set in default mode, Shin was going to fight his opponent with their current stats and all of their available skills, including their Awakening Skills.

During his battle against the Lich God, both of them couldn't use those awakening skills which put Immortal at a little disadvantage. After all, those skills were meant to enhance all of the summoned undead that the Necromancers had, which was also why the classes related to this class became too overpowered when they got their respective awakening skills.

Fortunately, warrior-related classes were not as broken as Necromancers even though they got their Awakening Skills. It was just making them a little stronger just like any other class.

But Justin was slightly different. Rumors said that his class was quite a broken one that could even overpower any class that was currently available within the game. And since it somehow complimented his playstyle, the strength that he currently had was much higher than the previous evaluations about him.

On top of that, the current mode of the match was set in Deathmatch which somehow favored the players with warrior-related classes.

Unlike the usual best-of-five matches for Godly Challenge Rights like this, a match that was set in Deathmatch mode could only be held in one round. And the winner and the loser were going to be determined by that very round.

And to compensate for the rounds that the spectators were going to miss, the Health Bars and Mana Pools of both fighters were going to be tripled. That way, the match was going to be a long one to watch because it was practically equivalent to three rounds.

That reason alone immediately put him at a disadvantage since it was pretty obvious that Justin was going to have a much larger Health Bar than Shin since he was in the warrior-class category.

But that didn't mean that Shin was going to lose this battle. All he needed to do was deal as much damage as he could before his opponent could even deal any damage to him. It might be easier to say than done, but Shin was pretty confident that he would be able to pull it off, especially that he was able to go all-out this time without worrying about exposing his dual identity.

Everyone knew that he was the Angel of Death and the Emperor of the Night, so he was free to use all of the skills from his arsenal and show to all what his true battle style really looked like.

Moreover, he was also quite excited to test his newly upgraded equipment sets and weapons. And on top of that, this battle was going to determine whether he already caught up with the top-ranked Gods of the game just like Arthur and Leonard.

Ding!

Not long after, Shin finally got the notification sound that was informing him that it was finally time for the duel.

Shin took another look at all of his equipment and weapons to make sure that they were in perfect condition before putting his signature mask on and hitting the accept button in front of him.

Swoosh!

A few moments later, Shin was teleported to the center of a dense forest with a lot of towering trees around.

And as usual, Shin immediately surveyed his surroundings right after he was transported to the place. He was even using his special combat techniques to detect all of the movements in his surroundings, no matter how small or large they were.

A few moments later, he discovered that there was nothing strange that needed to concern himself.

"Looks like they purposely send us to random places in the arena to avoid having us fighting each other from the get-go," muttered Shin as he surveyed his surroundings a little more.

While doing that, Shin also started moving and roamed around the forest with tactical movements. From the spectators' point of view, anyone could tell that he was quite familiar with moving in these kinds of environments.

Shin was trained by the mafia when he was young and grew up under the guidance of a military family, so it was going to be much stranger if he was not skilled at moving in this kind of place.

Moreover, the environment that he had during his recent special training also had a lot of trees. So, in a sense, a place like this was practically a second home for him. And on top of that, the assassin play style that Shin had on one of his identities, was pretty perfect in an environment like this.

As Shin roamed around the special arena, he was actually drawing the entire map inside his head as he memorized the whole terrain of the place that went through. And after a few moments, he discovered that this battle arena was way larger than the other places that he had seen so far.

"Tsk! Finding each other will feel like looking for a needle in a haystack if things continue this way," muttered Shin after realizing how large the battle arena that they were in.

Having that in mind, Shin quickly looked for the highest tree that he could see in the vicinity before climbing it to see how the view was up there. And when stood on the top of that tree, the thing that Shin saw was practically a sea of trees that was extending as far as his eyes could see.

"Sheesh! If it is not an illusion then there is definitely something wrong with the organizers' head," he said to himself with a bitter tone.

"Should I call that guy over here to make this easier for the both of us, or do I have to continue what I am doing and wait for a little more?" thought Shin while wearing a deep frown.

BOOM!

But not long after that idea entered his mind, his attention was immediately caught by a loud explosion coming from a certain direction which also created a huge cloud of smoke and fire in the sky.

"Heh! Looks like he is also quite impatient to get this over with," said Shin smirkingly before jumping down from his current position and hopping from a tree branch to another as he rushed towards the direction of the explosion.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Naturally, Shin was not an idiot who would throw himself at his opponent blindly and expose his location. And since Justin was confident enough to give Shin a handicap, then he was more than happy enough to welcome it.

Given that, Shin slowed his speed a little as he proceeded towards the location of his opponent. And on top of that, he was also taking note of the terrain in his surroundings as he continued moving forward.

In the meantime, Justin was arrogantly waiting for Shin to arrive right after he sent the signal earlier.

He was sitting on top of a huge rock haughtily right after he sent the signal earlier. And from the confident aura that was currently surrounding him, it was pretty clear that he was looking down at Shin despite the recent rise of popularity of the latter.

But even though he looked like he had his guard down, Shin could easily tell that this guy was only trying to bait him out of his hiding spot. After all, Justin was a warrior who was pretty skilled at frontal confrontation.

Shin was really itching to fight right now but he still needed to test the waters first so that he could get a good grasp of his skills and abilities.

Having that in mind, he quickly released his three clones and sent them in different directions before positioning them in the spots that were perfectly flanking his opponent.

"It's been a while since I manually controlled my clones like this. Let's see if I get a little rusty," muttered Shin to himself before focusing his attention on Justin.

"Since he is looking down on me a little too much, let's play a game with him a bit," he added as he controlled his clones to attack.

The first that made its move was the Phantom Clone who quickly used the Phantom Steps to teleport himself behind Justin while also brandishing its sword at the same time.

Cling!

Unfortunately, its sword stopped a few centimeters away from Justin's head as an invisible barrier prevented it from advancing forward.

"Cheap tricks!" said Justin as he immediately tightened his grip on his glaive before swinging it at the Phantom Clone.

Swoosh!

But a flash of blazing fire flew straight to him all of a sudden, forcing the Demon God to change the trajectory of his swing.

Bang!

And once his glaive hit the incoming flash of flame, the Sun Clone suddenly materialized in front of him, blocking his weapon with its sword.

Shing!

As Justin paused his movements a streak of light suddenly flashed from the corner of his eyes, which signified yet another ambush. And this time, the speed of this particular ambush was much faster than the previous two since he could already feel a cold sensation coming from the back of his neck and seemingly trying to sever his head.

Ding!

But before the sharp sword could even reach him, Justin immediately moved his demonic arm and caught the incoming blade with it without even looking in that direction. But at the very least, he could see the Moon Clone materializing beside him from his peripheral vision.

But that was not the end, now that both of Justin's hands were pretty much occupied at warding off the attacks of the Sun and Moon Clones, the Phantom Clone took advantage of that window to swiftly sheath its sword before quickly drawing it out once again.

Immediately after that, the Phantom Clone swung the sword at Justin as its blade was set ablaze with a black flame.

Shing!

'Class Fighting Style: (Modified – Phantom Clone Version) Quick Draw'

The series of attacks were meticulously timed and perfectly linked with each other, leaving all of the viewers in awe. Most of them were thinking that they were already killed by the second or third attack if it was them standing in that field instead of Justin.

And if they somehow managed to survive all of those three consecutive attacks, then they were pretty sure that they would not be able to escape death with this fourth attack that was sent by the Phantom Clone.

Fortunately, Justin was the one who was standing in the middle of those three 'Shins' instead of them. And since it was him, escaping this predicament was not an impossible feat.

Bang!

And he didn't betray their expectations as the invisible barrier that was protecting him earlier suddenly exploded and sent a shockwave in every direction, which also pushed the three clones away from him.

"Heh! I must admit that I underestimated you quite a bit. But if this is how you are going to fight, then I have to say that I am quite disappointed," said Justin as he rested his glaive on his shoulder.

He then swept his gaze on the three clones before saying with a smirking tone. "If you think that your clones are enough to keep me company, then you are gravely mistaken."

But to his surprise, the three clones suddenly raised their heads and stared at him before simultaneously opening their mouths. "I never have underestimated my opponents in real battle. So, I must warn you to keep your guards up if you don't want to regret it later."

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

And when those three clones were done talking creepily, they simultaneously used the Phantom Dance Skill and released their Phantoms all at once, stunning everyone who was currently watching the match.

All of them saw Justin get surrounded by 37 Phantoms alongside the three clones who were standing at the forefront of their formation.

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Bang!

Boom!

Given that Justin was surrounded on all sides, he took the most straightforward way to counter a large number of opponents, and that was attacking everything with his large-scale skills.

With every swing of his glaive, a strong gust of wind was immediately sent towards the direction of his strike, sweeping away everything on its path.

But even if his attacks could turn the place completely devastated, none of them were able to hit the clones that were attacking him. No matter how large his attacks were, he still couldn't hit any of the three as they kept changing their locations by swapping their positions with the other phantoms.

But Justin was able to keep his cool despite the pressure that he was getting from all sides. He was also able to fend off every attack that the three clones were throwing at him no matter how random or complex they were.

From time to time, Shin was also controlling the three clones to do some coordinated attacks that were perfectly linked with each other. Those series of attacks were seamlessly perfect to the point that Shin was making all of the spectators think that there were three different players fighting for him in the field.

On top of that, the three clones were slowly gaining momentum as time went by. It was as if they were constantly improving the more they fought.

Justin was also starting to feel the pressure despite him not showing it outside. But the slight frown that he had briefly couldn't escape Shin's eyes as he was able to get a glimpse of it during the battle.

And not long after, Shin also noticed that Justin was about to get serious. "It's coming!"

Boom!

Just like he was expecting, a powerful explosion suddenly exploded in the middle of the battlefield where Justin was currently standing. The overlapping shockwaves that were accompanying that explosion also prevented the three clones from getting near him.

It was as if there was an earthquake shaking the ground with Justin being the center of the powerful epicenter.

Rumble!

Due to the repeated shaking of the earth, the dust started to float in the air before forming a thick cloud of it that hid Justin within.

Seeing that, Shin quickly controlled his clones to move away from the spreading cloud of dust as his instincts were telling him that something dangerous was about to come from it.

Swoosh!

Boom!

Unfortunately, he was already a step too late. A golden light suddenly flashed from the middle of the cloud of dust before a powerful gust of wind cleared all of the dust in the surrounding area and swept away everything on its path.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

The good thing was Shin being able to react in time and quickly control his clones to simultaneously raise their sheaths and place them in front of their chest to block the attack.

But they were still sent flying backward as the force behind that particular attack was much stronger than Shin had expected.

And that was not the end yet.

Boom!

Right after the thick cloud of dust was cleared, Shin suddenly saw a gigantic and transparent armored knight standing in the middle of the battlefield. He could also see Justin floating within the chest of that giant knight.

'Equipment Skill (Helm): Divine Avatar'

"This doesn't look good," muttered Shin as he watched Justin raise his glaive with both of his hands while the armored giant mimicked his movements.

Given that powerful pressure that he was getting from the giant knight, Shin knew that his clones would not be able to stand against it if they simply ganged up on it just like earlier.

"Looks like it is finally time to move," muttered Shin as he suddenly disappeared from his current position before reappearing in front of the gigantic knight as it swung its giant glaive forward.

Shin's cloak suddenly transformed into a pair of black wings as he assumed a sword-drawing position while staring at the descending blade in front of him. He waited for a couple of moments before unsheathing his sword and swinging it upwards.

Swing!

A flash of light suddenly illuminated the whole place as Shin pulled out his sword. And when it was gone, a blazing trail was left on the path of his swing before his sword met the gigantic glaive.

'Class Fighting Style: (Modified) Quick Draw'

Bang!

Swoosh!

Bang!

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Shin was sent straight to the ground right after their weapons collided. He also suffered some damage from the collision, but it was quite negligible given the current HP that he had. And despite how strong the force that sent him down, he was still able to land on the ground steadily with both of his feet.

A small crater was also formed underneath him as he tried to redirect the force towards the ground.

Hu!

He then sheathed back his sword and controlled his breathing before raising his head and looking at the armored giant.

Despite having a very large body, the collision earlier still forced the giant knight to take a couple of steps backward to stabilize its footing.

Seeing that the giant was still busy regaining its balance, Shin quickly kicked the ground and flew in the air.

Swoosh!

During his flight, he suddenly flapped his wings downwards to accelerate his speed before turning himself into a streak of light.

'Slayer Skill: (Modified – Flying Version) Moonlight Step'

Justin was able to see Shin's movements within the chest of the armored giant, so he quickly readjusted his position and twisted his waist sideways before throwing a hook punch in the air.

At first glance, he seemed to be hitting nothing but air. But if someone took a closer look at it, the huge fist of the armored giant was exactly heading towards the place where Shin was going.

Realizing that, Shin quickly spread his wings and halted his charge to avoid getting hit by the incoming fist.

He was planning to continue moving forward right after the fist brushed past him. But before he could put his thoughts in action, he noticed that the giant knight used the momentum of his previous movements to spin around alongside its weapon.

Seeing that, Shin quickly flew back a little before circling around the spinning giant while also trying to find an opening.

Naturally, his clones were not doing anything either. The moment he jumped on the prey earlier, he immediately controlled them and distanced them from the battle a little to avoid getting hit in the crossfire.

Shin also wanted to focus on the battle a little, so that he could properly see how much he improved with his newly upgraded equipment.

After circling around the giant knight for a couple of moments, Shin saw that his opponent's movements finally slowed down which also gave him the signal to strike.

Swoosh!

At that very moment, Shin quickly sent a series of energy waves towards the armored giant, rotating his skill set skillfully.

The two fought each other for quite something before Shin finally decided to get his clones involved.

First, he fused the Sun and Moon Clones together to summon the Eclipse Clone with better stats. And together with Phantom Clone, the two quickly flew in the air and joined Shin at his assault.

Being besieged by those three, the armored giant was slowly losing its footing. And adding the fact that Shin was also taking advantage of his Awakening Skill, the Dance of the Sun and Moon, to consistently deal more damage and slowly withered down the durability of the giant knight.

Skill Name: The Dance of the Sun and Moon (Passive)

Skill Rank: Special (Awakening Skill)

Details: Increase the damage that you can deal when switching between the powers of the Sun and the Moon while also increasing its extra effects at the same time.

(From Ice to Fire): Combustion

-Deal extra damage (200% of the total damage of the fire-type skill) if you hit your enemy with a flame-type skill after using an ice-type skill.

(From Fire to Ice): Frozen

-Deal an extra Damage (100% of the total damage of the ice-type skill) and freeze your opponent for 2 seconds after hitting them with your fire to ice combo.

Given that Justin's Divine Avatar had a big size, it was pretty easy for the three to land their attacks cleanly. And because of that, the damage that alternating temperature caused to the armored giant slowly stacked together, causing it to have some cracks on different parts of its body.

Understanding that the situation was slowly going against his favor, Justin had no other choice but to give up the armored giant. But he didn't simply release it as he absorbed it into his body the moment it turned into specks of light.

'Equipment Skill (Helm): Divine Ascension'

Due to that, the stats that Justin currently had was further enhanced, which made Shin wear a deep frown. "Is it a skill that is similar to my 'Spirit Release' and 'Spirit Possession'?"

"Tsk! This is going to be a little troublesome," he added as he could already imagine what was going to happen.

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"Looks like this is going to be a little troublesome," muttered Shin as he looked at Justin who now had enhanced stats.

Swoosh!

A moment later, Justin suddenly spun in the air while swinging his glaive around. Then a golden energy wave was sent out in every direction and formed a ring that was extending outwards.

Seeing that, Shin and his clones swiftly sheathed their weapons and quickly unsheathed them while releasing a blazing sword wave with different colors.

Boom!

Swoosh!

After warding off the three, Justin quickly shot down to the ground. Even though he also had a special ability that could make him able to fly, he was still aware that he would be at a disadvantage if he tried to fight the three in an aerial battle.

Bang!

A huge crater was immediately formed right after he landed on the ground. And the moment he managed to stabilize his footing, Justin quickly twisted his waist a little and held his glaive with both of his hands before channeling a large amount of mana on it.

He also raised his head and looked at Shin and his clone that were currently in the sky. From the look of it, he was inviting his opponent to come down on the ground to face him there.

Seeing that, Shin couldn't help but wear a huge grin behind his mask before readjusting his position in the air. He then flapped his wings strongly and sent himself towards the ground, accepting the challenge.

Swoosh!

He also channeled the power of the Bright Sun on his sword during his descent, activating the 'Sunshine Wielding' combat technique. And quickly after that, he flapped his wings once again to accelerate his descent while also swinging the blazing sword at the same time.

Whoosh!

'Extra Skill: (Modified) Falling Lightblade'

Shing!

At the same time, Justin also swung his glaive upwards right after he saw Shin reach his ideal range to attack. And during the swing of his weapon, a golden light was suddenly released from its blade, creating a shining layer on it.

'Extra Skill: (Modified) Flying Swing'

Swoosh!

Boom!

Then a massive explosion immediately followed right after the opposing forces clashed against each other. The powerful shockwave that was created due to the collision immediately spread outwards, further enlarging the crater that Justin was standing on.

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And despite nullifying most of the forces behind each other's attacks, Shin and Justin still suffered more than a hundred thousand damage from the collision, which also showed the slight difference between their respective strengths.

But Shin just ignored it and he continued to hover in the air in front of Justin while putting more strength on his sword to pin his opponent in place as he controlled his clones to attack from the flanks.

Ta-ta!

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The Eclipse and Phantom Clones suddenly landed on the ground a few meters away from Justin before charging at him with insane speed while also transforming themselves into their werewolf forms.

Ah-woo!

Ah-woo!

The two of them released a deafening howl which made Justin wear a deep frown as an intense headache suddenly assaulted his head as the sounds reached each of his ears.

But he was still able to cleanse that headache by using one of his purifying skills before putting more strength on both of his arms to force Shin away from him.

And immediately after he pushed his opponent away, Justin skillfully twirled his glaive left and right, warding off the claws of the two werewolves that were pouncing at him and also pushing them back.

Cling! Cling!

Shin, who was still in the air, would naturally not miss that window to counterattack. Right after he was pushed back in the air, he quickly sheathed his sword with a swift and single motion before assuming a sword-drawing stance in the air.

A moment later, his feet seemed to step on the air behind him as he channeled his mana on the sheathed sword.

Pa!

'Legacy Skill: Mondi's Jump'

Then Shin suddenly kicked the air and swiftly lunged forward before transforming into a streak of light that flew straight back to Justin.

Swoosh!

And while he was traveling in the air, the [Yamato] was also being pulled out from its sheath before Shin swung it forward alongside his charge.

'Basic Combat Technique: Second Drive'

'Class Fighting Style: Moonlight Splitter'

Shing!

This particular attack was quite fast and perfectly timed once again. It was linked seamlessly with the attacks that his clones just threw previously.

Unfortunately, it was still not fast enough to catch his opponent off-guard as Justin suddenly revolved the body of his glaive around his waist before suddenly thrusting it forward, greeting Shin's incoming sword.

His movements seemed to be quite simple but the force behind that strike was actually quite strong, especially that the glaive was being supported by a golden aura around it.

'Class Fighting Style: Penetrating Puncture'

Bang!

Yet another explosion immediately followed the collision of their weapons, showcasing how strong their powers were once again. They maintained their respective positions for a couple of moments before Shin was sent flying by a powerful force for another time.

Shin kind of expected that to happen since his previous skill was quite light and meant for quick elimination. On the other hand, his opponent's attack was obviously a heavy strike given the movements that Justin had made.

Fortunately, Justin was not on the right footing to properly execute that skill because of the previous attacks that he warded off.

Shin drew a large arc in the air as he tried to nullify the force that pushed him backward. And when his body was facing parallel to the ground once again, he quickly flapped his wings to propel himself back to his opponent, continuing his assaults.

Just like earlier, he also controlled his werewolf clones to coordinate with his movements, applying more pressure to his opponent.

Bang! Bang!

Cling!

The battle continued to intensify as the two of them exchanged more blows.

Since Shin knew that he was no match against Justin in terms of raw strength, he chose to fight his opponent with his speed, which was also his advantage over his opponent.

His figure kept on flashing on different parts of the battlefield as he circled around Justin alongside his werewolf clones. And from time to time, the three of them were throwing a coordinated attack that came from most unexpected angles.

But despite them resembling a group of wild beasts hunting for their prey, their synchronized attacks were still being repelled repeatedly by their opponent. It was because this so-called prey that they were trying to hunt was a fellow predator that was as ferocious as them.

Naturally, the two of them were able to land a couple of strikes on their opponents which took quite a large chunk of their HP.

But despite being evenly matched, Shin discovered that he was currently on the back foot.

It was not noticeable at first since it looked like he was winning the trade of blows. Moreover, his DPS was obviously better than his opponents since he was practically attacked with three bodies.

But he seemed to overlook the fact that he was fighting someone with a warrior class. And the classes that fell in that category would naturally have better defensive capabilities and faster regeneration rates compared to other classes.

The Elemental Skills that Shin got from his Guardian Elemental Spirit might give him similar effects, but it still had some limits since his class was not primarily focusing on Vitality and Constitution Stats, unlike his opponent.

What's more, Justin already had a larger Health Bar than him to begin with, so continuing this kind of battle would only exhaust Shin faster. Especially that he was manually controlling his clones during the battle, which was also putting a heavy toll on his mind since it was consuming a lot of concentration.

On top of that, Shin could also see the speck of lights that were circling around Justin. They were obviously his own Elemental Companions.

And if his opponent suddenly used his version of Elemental Possession when he was mentally exhausted, then Shin would put him in an even more disadvantageous position.

Even if he tried to counter it with his own style of Elemental Possession, his mental strength would be slightly worse than Justin's since he already exhausted most of it on controlling his clones.

He might have stronger willpower than most people, but Shin could sense that Justin seemed to also have a similar strength. It might be slightly weaker than him, but it was already enough to fight him comfortably in a battle of attrition.

Having all of that inside his mind, Shin quickly came up with a decision. "If that is the case, then let's go with the simplest route that I have!"

First, he distanced himself and his clones away from Justin before activating the 'Spirit Fusion' equipment skill to fuse the Eclipse Clone to his body, further enhancing his stats.

As for the Phantom Clone, Shin quickly disregarded it since it would only get in his way if he let the AI control it. Moreover, he also wanted to focus on himself right now so that he could use all of his abilities to their full potential.

Seeing all of that, Justin couldn't help but feel a little skeptical of Shin's decision. He was thinking that Shin was handicapping himself by abandoning his current advantage.

But that thought only lasted for a moment because he suddenly felt a very dangerous threat coming from Shin's body right after his clones disappeared. His instincts were telling him that a monstrous beast was about to be unleashed at any given moment.

"That's more like it! After all, crushing you is going to be a little boring if that is everything you have!" said Justin with a huge grin before assuming a battle-ready position.

Boom!

Then an intense pressure was released from his body to negate the threatening feeling that was coming from Shin before saying with a savage look on his face. "Prove to me that you are worthy to be hunted!"

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The moment Shin and Justin stopped moving, all of the viewers watching the match unconsciously held their breaths at the same time as they all knew that the real battle was about to start.

"Hanzo!" muttered Shin all of a sudden as he transformed the sheath of his sword into a longsword. And immediately after that, his 'Ancient Void Spirit' broke free from the other specks of lights circling around Shin before fusing with that longsword, which also changed its appearance.

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

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

Then Shin suddenly disappeared from his current position and reappeared right in front of his opponent while also swinging his swords at the same time.

But in that very moment, Justin was also swinging his glaive downwards, greeting his opponent with a surprise attack of his own. And on top of that, an incorporeal avatar suddenly appeared behind him while also mimicking his movements.

'Elemental Guardian Fusion: Divine General'

Bang!

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A powerful collision immediately happened once again right after their weapons clashed with each other. And just like earlier, the two of them managed to deal some damage to each other. But the gap between their respective strengths was quite close this time given that Shin currently had much better stats than earlier.

And that was only the start.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The two traded blows with each other by swinging their respective weapons as strongly as they could.

As always, a powerful shockwave was being sent in every direction every time their weapons clashed against each other. And because of those the terrain of their surroundings further changed, transforming it into a completely devastated place.

Their exchange of skills and combat techniques was slowly escalating to a higher level as time went by. Both Shin and Justin were showcasing their respective advantages.

Justin was practically showing the raw power and defensive capabilities of the warrior class with his straightforward attacks. He didn't seem to care that he was suffering more damage compared to his opponent. After all, that kind of trade was more favorable to him as long as he could also chunk Shin's HP Bar.

From time to time, he was also shifting his style from mainly using his glaive in the battle to the one that was heavily relying on his armored arm.

Shin didn't know exactly what it was, but he was really getting a very dangerous feeling coming from that demonic armored arm.

On the other hand, his battle style was continuously improving as the battle slowly progressed. At the same time, his movements were also getting more refined the more he became familiar with his newly improved stats. And because of that, his attacks were starting to put more pressure on his opponent the more their battle continued.

On top of that, Shin's complex attacking pattern was really giving his opponent a lot of trouble the longer their battle lasted.

Moreover, Shin was also using his flying daggers in the mix of his assaults whenever he got the chance to attack with them. And with their help, he was able to deal more damage on Justin, gaining himself a slight advantage in terms of DPS.

Bang!

Justin sent Shin flying in the air with one of his most powerful fist skills. But the Demon God was still wearing a deep frown despite him landing that hit. It was because his opponent was able to nullify all of the damage that he was supposedly going to deal on Shin.

In the meantime, Shin took a quick flip in the air to readjust his position. And while he was doing that, he was also changing the form of his left-hand sword into its whip sword form before fusing his 'Eldritch Shadow Spirit' with it. "Grimrace!"

'Legacy Skill: Mondi's Style – Abyssal Form'

'Elemental Spirit Possession: (Shadow Reaper) Soul Eater'

After that, Shin quickly swung the whip sword downwards, targeting Justin's extended arm. And before Justin could even react, the blade of the whip sword was already wrapped itself on his wrist.

Seeing that, Justin immediately pulled his arm backward alongside the chained blades wrapped around his wrist.

Shin would naturally get dragged by it given that he was currently holding his whip sword with his left hand.

But he remained composed despite that being the case and let himself get dragged towards his opponent. In fact, he even adjusted his center of gravity to lighten his body, propelling himself towards his opponent with a much faster speed.

But obviously, Justin would not let Shin do what he was currently planning and quickly threw his glaive towards the latter.

'Divine Warrior Skill: (Modified) Javelin Throw'

Swoosh!

He timed his attack perfectly to make sure that Shin would not be able to dodge flying glaive easily nor deflect it with a sword swing.

But Shin also managed to read what Justin was thinking. And that was why he quickly released the 'Abyssal Form' of the 'Mondi's Style' and immediately used one of his movement skills to appear behind the latter.

'Phantom Swordsman Skill: Phantom Steps'

But before Shin could even swing his sword on his opponent's back, Justin quickly spun around and threw his right-hand fist behind him without any hesitation.

Swoosh!

Unfortunately, he hit nothing but air as Shin already teleported himself on the other opposite once again with the help of another movement skill.

'Elemental Skill (Void): Void Steps'

But despite being in the perfect position to land a clean strike, Shin still didn't swing his sword yet and just squinted his eyes to look closely at his opponent's movements. And when he sensed the slightest threat coming from the latter, he would immediately change his location once more.

Just like what he was expecting, Justin suddenly extended his left arm towards him, seemingly trying to grab him with it.

For normal players, they were most likely going to either move backward or sideways to avoid that demon-like arm.

But for Shin could practically sense every movement within the range of his 'Sensing Circle', that kind of move was a foolish choice. It was because he could sense the incoming glaive from behind and was also flying back to Justin's hands.

Being flanked by those two moves, Shin quickly transformed into a streak of light and passed through Justin's body, repositioning himself on the other side of his opponent.

'Slayer Skill: Moonlight Steps'

Swoosh!

And that was when Shin swung the blazing [Yamato] at Justin with a very strong manner.

'Extra Skill: (Modified – Blazing) Destructive Slash'

Shin's movements were quite fast and made his opponent spin left and right, trying to catch him. And because of his quick changing of position, he managed to create a window where Justin was left unguarded by either glaive and demonic arm.

-595,273 (Stunned)

This very strike signaled the start of Shin's continuous assault.

He first transformed the sheath on his left hand into another form while also summoning one of his Elemental Companions. "Vladimir!"

'Legacy Skill: Mondi's Style – Conviction Form'

'Elemental Spirit Possession: (Blood Reaper) Blood Thirster'

Right after the bloody rapier manifested on his left hand, Shin quickly thrust it forward and accurately hit his opponent on the chest to a continuous crowd-control skill.

Swoosh!

'Extra Skill: (Modified) Heart Seeker'

Puchi!

-3,982,992

He then pulled the rapier out of his opponent's chest before stabbing it again multiple times and hitting all of the vital parts of his opponent with great precision.

Shu! Shu! Shu!

'Extra Skill: (Modified) Multiple Stabs'

-1,800,925 (Critical) x6

A large chunk of HP suddenly disappeared on Justin's Health Bar in an instant right after he got hit by that series of strikes.

It might be a little negligible because Justin currently had more than seventy million health points due to the mode of the match. But all of the audience couldn't help but gasp deeply the moment they saw the sudden drop of his Health Bar. It was because this was the first time that one of them managed to land a clean on their opponent since the start of the match.

Moreover, Shin was obviously not done yet. In fact, every viewer knew that this was just the start. They already watched quite a lot of Shin's battles before, so they obviously knew some of the basic combos that he usually used in these kinds of situations.

But unlike what they were expecting, the development of the battle was not the same as what they had pictured inside their heads.

Justin was also a renowned expert and a top-notch player on top of that. So, he would obviously study his opponent a little before the start of the match. He might be looking down at Shin a little, but that didn't mean that he was going to overlook the fact that this particular guy was quite skilled.

What's more, both the Dragon God Siegfried and the War God Simba acknowledged him. So, he would naturally give Shin a little credit in this battle.

Given all of that, Justin was also somewhat familiar with the moves that Shin was usually used in battle.

He was also aware that even though those strings of attacks were quite fast and could deal a lot of damage, there was still a little gap between the transition of Shin's skills since the combo was currently lacking in terms of crowd-control skills.

It was because of this reason why Justin remained calm despite suffering a lot of damage from the previous series of attacks. And when he saw that Shin was already done with the first assault, the Demon God quickly revealed his fangs and immediately showed his countermove.

Bang!

First, the apparition of the golden-armored general behind him suddenly changed into an armored knight that seemed to be fully armed with a set of heavy armor. There was also a pair of huge shields on each of his hands, signifying that he was an Elemental Spirit that focused heavily in defense.

'Elemental Guardian Fusion: Heavenly Protector'

Boom!

Then Shin suddenly felt that he was hit by a huge sledgehammer as he was sent flying by the invisible wall of energy that came out from Justin's body.

'Class Fighting Style: Revenge Counter'

-20,287,262

On top of that, Shin also suffered damage that took more than half of his current total HP. And such large damage made him wear a solemn look on his face. "D*mn!"

Fortunately, he was able to recover most of it by using one of the Elemental Skills that he got from Whitie, immediately after he got hit by such a powerful counterattack.

'Elemental Skill (Light): Regenerative Counter'

Skill Name: Regenerative Counter

Skill Type: (Active) Elemental Skill

Skill Rank: Special

Skill Details:

Restore 90% of the damage that you suffered from a powerful attack.

Note 1: This skill needed to be activated immediately after getting hit by the skill of your opponent.

Note 2: If the skill was not activated within a second after suffering the damage from your opponent's skill, then the restoration of your health would be a failure and the skill would start its cooldown.

Skill Cooldown: 20 minutes

It might be another broken skill that was added to his arsenal, which also had a pretty straightforward requirement for activation. But it also had an obvious weakness, he needed to activate the skill immediately after he got hit by a powerful skill. So, he obviously not be able to use it if he was immediately immobilized after getting hit by his opponent's skill.

Fortunately, most of the skills that could deal fatal damage didn't have any crowd-control effect, or else this skill was destined to be useless.

"That was close," muttered Shin as he looked solemnly at Justin while also observing the new apparition behind him. "So, I guess this one is meant for absolute defense this time. The one that he has earlier is obviously for offensive purposes."

He stared at his opponent for a few seconds before shaking his head and muttering to himself. "I think normal means are not going to work anymore. Especially that he seems to be quite familiar with most of my skills."

He trailed his words in the air for a couple of moments before continuing. "And from the looks of it, this Elemental Possession seems to be a tough nut to crack."

"I guess I have no choice but to take out this big guy now," he added while releasing the 'Conviction Form' of his 'Mondi's Style' Legacy Skill and changing it to another form.

And when the viewers saw the new form of his left-hand sword, they couldn't help but gasp very deeply because they couldn't believe what they were seeing.

"Is this guy crazy!?"

Chapter 675 Deathmatch (Part 5): Judgement Form And Summit Shaper

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"I guess it is this big guy's turn to shine," muttered Shin as he raised the sword sheath on his left hand before transforming it into a greatsword.

'Legacy Skill: Mondi's Style – Judgment Form'

It was pretty natural for everyone to be shocked after seeing such a huge sword being wielded by a swordsman who was known for his speed.

Moreover, Shin was also welding another sword and a katana on top of that. Wielding such a strange combination of swords was really odd in the eyes of everyone.

Given that, all of the viewers couldn't help but look at Shin as if he was some sort of crazy person. After all, how he was going to wield such a heavy weapon alongside his other sword.

Naturally, Shin had his own means to deal with such an issue. A greatsword might really be a heavy weapon and swinging it with one hand was going to be hard, but it was a different story if he used his 'Telekinesis Elemental Skill' to assist his left hand at lifting it.

Shin swung the greatsword a couple of times, trying to see if he would have some problem with it. And when he was done, he nodded his head before resting the great sword on his shoulder before summoning his 'Guardian Elemental Spirit'. "Astaroth!"

Then the huge and bulky guy with steel-like skin suddenly appeared behind Shin before transforming into a speck of light that fused with the greatsword that Shin was holding. And just like his other Reaper's Retainers, Astaroth also changed the appearance of his sword the moment he fused with it.

'Elemental Spirit Possession: (Guardian Reaper) Summit Shaper'

In the meantime, Justin was also looking at Shin with a strange look on his face as he was not expecting this kind of development. And at the same time, he was also feeling a little skeptical at Shin who was currently wielding such a heavy weapon.

"Heh! Is he an idiot?" said Justin sneeringly while looking at Shin with a mocking look on his face.

But that look only lasted for a moment because he immediately saw the tip of Shin's greatsword magnifying right in front of his eyes.

"What?!"

-754,255

Justin was taken aback by that sudden attack from Shin which was why he barely dodged it by leaning his head to the side at the very last moment. And even if the sword just grazed his shoulder, it dealt him quite a considerable amount of damage.

On the other hand, Shin quickly lunged forward right after he threw the greatsword towards his opponent. And with him following closely behind it, he was able to reach Justin at the moment where his guard was slightly down.

Justin's current posture was a little awkward due to the previous attack. And because of that, he was not in a good position to properly dodge nor block the sword that was falling towards his head with his weapon.

Fortunately, his current Elemental Possession was meant to be used for defensive purposes. And due to it, he was able to easily activate one of his defensive skills to protect himself. It might be a waste to use one of his life-saving skills in this kind of situation, but he didn't have any other choice if he didn't want to lose this battle.

Clang!

A transparent spherical barrier around Justin, warding off the descending sword. And based on the strange runes swimming on its surface, Shin could tell that it was not an ordinary defensive skill.

But Shin was already expecting that and quickly jumped back to gain a little space for his next attack.

Unfortunately, Justin would not let Shin continue his assault without putting up a fight. So, the moment he saw Shin jumping away from him, he quickly tightened his grip over his weapons before swinging them horizontally in a very powerful manner.

But in the middle of his swing, Justin heard a smirking sound coming from Shin, which also sent a shiver down to his spine. And immediately after the thought of danger entered his mind, the corner of his eyes suddenly caught a glimpse of Shin's hand gently waving downwards.

Seeing that, Justin quickly forced his arms to change the trajectory of his swing and redirect it upwards. And right after he did that, the blade of his glaive immediately collided with the falling sword from above.

Bang!

"Ugh!"

Right after their weapons came in contact with each other, Justin couldn't help but groan painfully due to the heavy force that he just received. It was as if a mountain-like boulder was pressing down at him.

His feet even sank on the ground quite deeply due to how heavy the force was crushing at him. Fortunately, his class focused majorly on his strength stat, which was why he was able to withstand such a powerful attack.

But the main problem that he had was Shin who immediately lunged at him while thrusting the [Yamato] forward.

Swoosh!

'Extra Skill: (Modified) Sword Rush – Thrusting Dash'

Bang!

The barrier that was protecting his body managed to block that strike but not without a price. He was pushed pretty hard by the force behind Shin's charge while the barrier itself was shattered right after the collision.

And before Justin could even stabilize his footing, Shin was already moving forward while also swinging his sword at the same time.

Swoosh!

'Extra Skill: (Modified) Sword Rush – Slicing Dash'

Shing!

Cling!

Seeing that, Justin quickly held his glaive in front of him vertically, blocking the incoming sword. He was pushed back by Shin's charge due to the strong force behind it.

Bang!

With a powerful stomp on the ground behind him, Justin was able to stop himself from further sliding backward. And when he was able to do that, he was planning to immediately retaliate with one of his skills.

But before he could even put his plan into action, he suddenly saw Shin extending his left hand in the air, seemingly trying to catch something.

Seeing that, Justin immediately remembered the greatsword that he sent flying in the air earlier right before he blocked Shin's first charge.

On the other hand, Shin quickly swung the greatsword at Justin right after he caught it. And during his swing, the blade of the sword was suddenly set ablaze with a white flame, enhancing its power behind his attack.

'Slayer Skill: (Modified) Solar Cut'

When Justin saw that, he quickly adjusted the position of his glaive, waiting for the incoming strike. And when the greatsword slightly came in contact with his weapon, he suddenly flipped the glaive and redirected the trajectory of the greatsword towards the ground beside him.

Justin was pretty confident that he would be able to do his counterattack this time. Especially that he knew that Shin was not familiar with how to use a greatsword. But something unexpected happened once again, catching everyone off-guard.

Right after Justin redirected the course of Shin's attack, the latter suddenly flicked his wrist before letting go of the greatsword at the same time.

Shin tossed such a large sword behind him, making it flip in the air a couple of times before quickly catching it in the air with his left hand. And right after catching it, he immediately borrowed the momentum that it had and continued the course that it was taking to throw another diagonal strike at his opponent.

'Extra Skill: (Modified) Destructive Slash'

-923,723 (Stunned)

Due to how unexpected that move was, Shin managed to land another clean strike at Justin, stunning the latter once again.

In that instant, Justin didn't even hesitate to use one of his Elemental Skills to cleanse the stun status effect that he got before quickly distancing himself away from Shin.

Naturally, Shin was going to give chase as he didn't want to let this opportunity slip away from his hands. And by riding the momentum that he just gained, he managed to force his opponent to be on the back foot.

Moreover, the current style that he was doing caught Justin completely off-guard. In fact, it was not only his opponent, he also surprised all of the viewers who were currently watching the match live.

What's more, the way he was wielding a greatsword was really odd in the eyes of everyone. Not only was he using it alongside a katana on his right hand, but he was also tossing it around as if it were some sort of light daggers.

With such a very strange style of sword-wielding, it was pretty natural for Justin to become a little confused on how he was going counter Shin's current style in battle.

On top of that, the strange movements of the greatsword in the air were really distracting him during the battle. And adding the fact that Shin was also able to control it at will with the help of Telekinesis Skill, Justin couldn't help but become a little wary of some sneak attacks that Shin might pull off.

Shin got this style during his awakening quest before. Mondi's Clone really gave him a lot of trouble during that time. And since he thought that such a style was quite convenient, he didn't mind using it in battle and shared his painful experience with his opponents.

Additionally, he also got some ideas from Mammon's battle style when he was fighting the so-called Sloth Devil before. So, he adopted that style and incorporated it with the style that he learned from Mondi before applying it in battle.

And as a result, he created a whole new style of swordsmanship for wielding a greatsword.

Bang!

And due to this particular style, Shin suddenly got enlightened on how he would be able to showcase the real strength of the 'Mondi's Style' Legacy Skill!

Chapter 676 Deathmatch (Part 6): Sacred Vanquisher And Abyssal Conqueror

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As the battle continued, Justin was slowly being pushed back by Shin's continuous assault. He couldn't keep up with the complex play style that the opposing side had.

Shin kept on switching the forms of his left-hand sword while also attacking Justin at the same time. On top of that, his Elemental Possession was also coming along with the process of his sword transformation. And this time, the transition from one sword form to another was much more flawless than before.

Moreover, Shin was also changing his battle style and tactics each time he changed the form of his left-hand sword. And with such a complex attack pattern, Justin was thrown in confusion where he didn't know how to properly respond to each of Shin's attacks.

Such a style in battle was really taxing on Shin's mind, especially that he needed to keep using the 'Eclipse Wielding' all the time to counter Justin's specialized mana.

But Shin was still acting calm and composed despite that being the case. In fact, he seemed to be enjoying the battle given that he was currently smiling from ear to ear behind his mask. And even if Justin couldn't see it directly, he could clearly sense what Shin was currently feeling.

Justin tried to contest with Shin by also doing the same switching style every time he changed his Elemental Possession repeatedly. Unfortunately, he was not like Shin who had a monstrous amount of willpower to keep up with such a taxing style.

Moreover, Shin was also mixing some of his sword-drawing skills in his attacks to further complicate the complexity of his attacking patterns. And because of this, he was able to overwhelm his opponent and deal a considerable amount of damage as more time passed.

The so-called Demon God clearly understood that he would lose this battle if he let the current situation continue. And due to that, he didn't hesitate any longer and quickly revealed all of the cards that he was hiding.

Boom!

A powerful aura was suddenly released from Justin's body, forcing Shin to move away due to the sudden threat that came out of nowhere.

At the same time, he also felt that his body was getting heavy because of that particular pressure that was coming from Justin.

"A Domain Skill, huh? Then have a taste of mine!" sneered Shin as he quickly activated his own territorial skill.

'Grim Reaper Skill (Tier 2): Monochrome Field'

The world within the 50-meter radius around Shin suddenly turned black and white as all of the negative status effects that he received from Justin's skill were simultaneously lifted. And alongside it, the domain skill put a series of debuffs on his opponent.

"I'm not done yet!" said Justin as he activated yet another domain skill to counter the one that Shin just cast.

"As if I am!" responded Shin as he also activated another Domain Skill. And this time it was the one attached to his helm.

'Equipment Skill (Help): Ruler's Authority'

Bang!

Justin was at a slight disadvantage when it came to the quality of Domain skills. And because of that, he was forced to use two-fold berserk to compensate for his current stats that suddenly became worse than Shin.

Shin knew that this battle was already coming to an end when he saw Justin start showing his trump card one after another. But despite him being in a clear advantage, he still did not let his guard down even for a moment.

"Since everyone already knew about my dual identity, I guess there is no need to hide my other style too," muttered Shin as he suddenly released the sword form of his sheath before putting his sword back in it.

After that, he swapped all of his equipment with the other set that he had including his weapon and the cloak that he was wearing. And the moment Shin did that, his presence immediately became faint, making Justin wear a deep frown.

"What is it this time?" mutter the Demon God to himself as he locked his gaze at Shin. And from the expression that his face was making, it looked like he was afraid that he would lose sight of the latter if he blinked just once.

In the meantime, Shin took out the newly upgraded [Dusk Blade] and [Dawn Blade] and held each of them, pointing to the ground.

"Whitie! Blackie!" he said with a quiet voice to summon the twin Elemental Spirits.

The two stood behind Shin for a brief moment before transforming back into a speck of light that fused with each of his sabers. Whitie fused with the [Dawn Blade] while Blackie entered the [Dusk Blade].

Just like how the other Elemental Spirits changed the appearances of his swords, these two also transformed the forms of his sabers while also giving Shin an additional boost on his stats.

Aside from their colors, those two weapons were completely identical to each other. One was like the furs of a white tiger while the other had two different shades of black color.

'Dual Elemental Spirit Possession: (Light Reaper) Sacred Vanquisher

– (Dark Reaper) Abyssal Conqueror'

Bang!

The pressure that was coming from Shin immediately doubled the moment his sabers changed their forms. And when he activated the 'Eclipse Wielding' on top of that, the threat level that Justin was getting from him immediately jumped two levels higher, making the Demon God become even warier of him.

Justin knew that just having two-fold berserk was not going to be enough to contend with the current stats of his opponent, which was why he immediately activated two more berserker skills, making his buffs reach the four-fold berserk.

Shin stared at Justin for a couple of moments before directing his gaze at the health bar above his opponent's head. He dealt quite a lot of damage earlier which was why the latter's Health Bar was currently two-thirds of its total.

Regardless, it was still way more than the Health Points that he currently had. Justin had seventy million HP at the start of the match while Shin was only around thirty-two million at most. And after trading blows for quite some time, he now only had fifteen million HP remaining.

Both Shin and Justin had a special regenerative skill that would assist them in recovering their missing health much faster. And given that they were fully aware of it, the two of them quickly made their respective moves to attack.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

A massive explosion of powers immediately followed after the collision of their weapons. And right after their initial clash, both fighters quickly start trading blows with each other.

Boom!

Just like earlier, Justin had a slight advantage in terms of strength, so Shin didn't try to fight him in a direct confrontation. Instead, he used his advantage in terms of speed and circled around his opponent while throwing his attacks.

Given that, Shin also used his own Phantom Dance Skill to maximize his damage potential and to also make his attacks more complicated.

This time, he was not using his switching-sword style anymore. Instead, what he was using in this final confrontation was the typical dual-wielding style, which was also a quite common style in battle.

So, to avoid any kind of accidents from happening, Shin relied on his Phantoms to confuse Justin while also making the latter wary of his 'Eclipse Wielding'.

That combat technique had twin elements that could cause some disturbance to his opponents if he was able to utilize them properly. The interchanging temperature of absolute cold and immense heat was producing some status effects whenever he managed to land a hit on his opponents.

A clean hit was not needed this time, as long as his swords lightly grazed his opponents, the status effects would immediately follow.

Moreover, these negative effects were also being enhanced by his current Elemental Possession. Aside from the bonus stats that he was getting from Whitie and Blackie, the two were also providing him some extra Elemental Affinity that was making him more familiar with Elemental Mana.

The two continued to exchange hits, making their HP Bar drop at an incredible rate. But since their Health Bars were being displayed in the live broadcast, all of the viewers could tell that Justin was currently losing.

Not long his HP Bar was dropping constantly, but he was also barely able to decrease Shin's health points during their exchange.

Justin's speed was also getting slower and slower during the fight. And when all of the audience noticed that, they already knew that the Demon God was about to fall in this battle.

Bang!

But when everyone was thinking that this fight was already over, Justin managed to push Shin backward with a powerful punch of his demonic arm.

Swoosh!

Shin was planning to immediately charge back to his opponent right after he managed to stabilize his footing. But before he could even make his move, he suddenly realized that he was currently trapped within a special formation where he couldn't use any kind of movement skills.

"You are right. It is time to end this," said Justin as he suddenly swung his demonic arm on the ground in front of him.

Not long after, Shin suddenly noticed that the sky suddenly turned dark. And when he raised his head towards it, he suddenly saw a huge portal opening above him while a gigantic demon-like fist was emerging from it and starting to descend towards him.

Swoosh!

'Demonic General Skill (Tier 2): Doom Fist of Death'

Boom!

Then a massive explosion shook not only the entire battlefield but also the hearts of every viewer that were watching the match.

Chapter 677 Deathmatch (Part 7): Result

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Shin calmly stared at the descending fist up in the sky before wearing a smirking smile. "Not bad for a desperate struggle."

After that, he released his Elemental Possession before fusing the two sabers that he was holding and transforming them into a huge scythe.

'Weapon Skill: The Dusk and Dawn'

Shin immediately entered the Reaper's State right after the sword transformed into a scythe, further enhancing all of his stats.

After that, he suddenly summoned Solus before asking her to fuse with the scythe. "Solus!"

When Solus fused with the scythe, a flame with alternating black and white color was suddenly released from it before changing its appearance.

'Elemental Spirit Possession: (Solar Reaper) Divine Cleaver'

At that time, the gigantic demonic fist was almost upon him, so he quickly tightened his grip on his scythe before swinging it upwards while releasing a powerful wave of Fire Elemental Mana towards the sky.

'Elemental Skill (Solar Fire): Soaring Retribution'

Shriek!

Swoosh!

And right after the blazing energy wave was released, it suddenly transformed into a blazing bird that was soaring towards the sky before colliding with the descending fist.

Boom!

A massive cloud of smoke was immediately created right after the collision of the two opposing powers. And when it was starting to clear, a rain of fire started falling from the sky and set the fallen trees in the surrounding ablaze.

In the meantime, Justin was currently wearing a very solemn look on his face. He did everything he could to set up that final card. He put quite a lot of effort to set that combo up while he was trading blows with Shin earlier.

But that was not the only thing that he prepared for this final moment. Right after his previous attack failed, he quickly pulled his left arm backward before quickly thrusting it forward.

Swoosh!

And right after he did that, a huge spiritual arm was suddenly released in front of his hand, making his arm look like it was extending forward.

'Demonic General Skill (Tier 2): Demon's Grip'

Justin knew that Shin would not be able to use any kind of movement skills since he was still under the influence of his silence skill. And because of that, the Demon God was pretty confident that he could restrain Shin this time before the effects of his skill ran out.

In the meantime, Shin quickly flipped the scythe with both of his hands and let it revolve around him before throwing it in the air as if it was some sort of a boomerang.

Swoosh!

The scythe drew an arc in the air while traveling towards Justin. But at the same time, the spiritual arm was almost upon him.

Seeing that, Shin quickly released a spherical barrier around him, trying to block the incoming attack.

'Slayer Skill: (Modified) Eclipse Pulse'

Bang!

The barrier managed to block the incoming attack but that was not without a price. Shin was pushed back as the barrier itself started to show some cracks on its surface.

Because Shin didn't have any weapon right now since he just threw the scythe earlier. And because of that, he couldn't use any kind of offensive skill to counterattack.

Fortunately, he still had the 'Telekinesis Skill'. And with the help of that skill, he skillfully controlled the scythe that he threw earlier before sending it towards Justin who was maintaining his stance so that his skill would not get canceled.

But after seeing the scythe that was flying straight to him, Justin had no other choice but to release his stance and get away from the path of the incoming scythe.

Swoosh!

"D*mn it!"

But right after the scythe flew past him, it suddenly curved in the air before propelling itself towards Justin who was still in the middle of his jump.

Justin panicked a little when he saw the sudden change of course of the flying scythe. But at the very last moment, he managed to raise his demonic hand in time and tried to catch the incoming scythe with it.

His hand was about to touch the scythe when a sudden unease rose within him. And due to the unexplainable threat coming from the scythe, Justin unconsciously slapped it instead of catching it.

But because of that decision, the blade of the scythe managed to graze him a little before flying back to Shin's hands.

Hu~!

Shin took a deep breath right after he caught the scythe before raising his head and looking at Justin who was standing a few distances away from him. "This is where it ends."

Justin was frowning his eyebrows when heard those words. He glared at Shin before opening his mouth, planning to say something.

But before the words were able to leave his mouth, Shin suddenly snapped with his left-hand fingers to activate one of the skills attached to the equipment skills that he was currently wearing.

'Equipment Set Additional Skill: Death Sentence'

Then the manifestation of death itself suddenly appeared behind Justin while holding a huge scythe. Sensing its sudden appearance and the threat that was coming from it, Justin tried to get away from it as fast as he could.

Unfortunately, before he could even put his thoughts in action, the hooded skeleton immediately swung its scythe at Justin and severed his head with it.

That sight stunned everyone as they did not expect such a sudden change of development.

The sudden appearance of the giant demonic fist in the sky already surprised everyone, much less the soaring phoenix that Shin released at the very last moment before the descending fist crushed him.

Then what they saw was another quick exchange between the two.

They saw the follow-up attack that Justin made right after his first attempt to finish the fight failed. At that time, everyone was already convinced that this was the moment that would put an end to this match.

But when they thought that everything was already over, Shin proved them wrong once again. He successfully blocked such a sudden attack just like earlier and even managed to control his scythe in the air for a counterattack.

Those thoughts only sank in their heads when they saw Justin's head flying in the air. And they stared at the scene in front of their respective screens before their heads finally exploded as they realized what just happened.

"What the f*ck! I almost died from holding my breath for so long!"

"My god! Those final moments almost took my life!"

"D*mn! Sickarius wins once again? And he defeated the Demon God this time?!"

"First was the Lich God Immortal, then it was immediately followed by the Demon God Justin? I wonder who is the next one on his list!"

"I know right? He just took down two of the biggest gods in the game, does it put him on the same level as them?"

"Do you even need to ask? Of course, he is already at their level!"

"Yeah! At this point, he no longer needs to use his other Challenge Rights."

"Am I the only one who remembers that this match is in a deathmatch mode? Now that the Demon God loses, what will happen to his team now, the Silent Night?"

The live chat was immediately flooded with different messages, and most of them were practically praising Shin.

There were also some that were talking about what was going to happen to Justin and his team. But no one really cared about that topic, since in every match, the winners would always be the star of the show while the losers were going to be forgotten.

In the meantime, both Miss Bunny and Mr. Casanova immediately gave their thoughts about the match for the post-match analysis.

"That was a really satisfying match. So, what are your thoughts, partner?" asked Miss Bunny right after she saw the system announce Shin's victory.

On the other hand, Arthur, who was currently in his other persona, pursed his lips a little before responding. "Both of them sure are great players. But in the end, only the better one can triumph."

"The Demon God is still worthy of his name, but our challenger's battle style happened to be the nemesis of his style."

"Justin likes to brute force everything since it fits not only his class but also his habits. We can clearly see in the earlier stages of the match that he has a slight advantage, especially in frontal confrontation."

"But the complexity of Sickarius' style is really intriguing. Not only can he change the form of his swords whenever he likes, but his style of battle also changes every time his swords transform."

He paused for a moment to give Miss Bunny some time to finish her impromptu editing of the match. And since the camera was currently focused on Arthur, no one could see what she was currently doing.

And when the battle clip was finally done, Arthur couldn't help but become impressed at her skills before continuing with what he was saying. "Those early exchanges are pretty much in favor."

Arthur gave some critical comments while the clip was playing, pointing out the mistakes that both sides had made during the match.

Miss Bunny was also giving some comments of her own to make the conversation healthy and entertaining for both of them and the viewers who were still watching their program.

But while they were still in the middle of their program, they suddenly received a piece of certain news that the World Gaming Organization had personally announced.

Chapter 678 The Battle God 'Sickarius'

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"Are you sure about this Chairman?" asked Yasmin Cortez, the head of the PR Team of the World Gaming Organization. She was quite confused about the chairman's decision.

"Isn't it going to be a little unfair to the other Godlike Players?" she asked to make sure that she didn't hear wrong.

Unfortunately, there was nothing wrong with her hearing as the chairman suddenly sneered. "If they are unsatisfied with it, then just ask them if they can also defeat Immortal three times or win against Justin in a deathmatch battle."

Yasmin was suddenly dumbstruck when she heard those words. After all, there were only a very few numbers of players who would dare to claim that they could also do such an incredible feat.

Unable to find any words to refute, Yasmin couldn't do anything but comply with the chairman's words. "I will immediately make the announcement on the game's official website, Sir!"

When Yasmin left the office, the chairman quickly asked the AI of his room to turn off the lights before asking. "What is next on our schedule, Chronos?"

[We are scheduled to observe the Top Miracle Player right now, the Martial God 'Ashurai'. He is currently in...]

In the meantime, Shin was immediately sent out of the battle right after the match ended. But before he could even do his usual routine of reviewing his previous performance right after the match, he suddenly received a request for a direct message.

He took a quick glance at the system notification to see who was the person that was sending the request. But he immediately frowned his eyebrows the moment he saw the name of the person who was requesting the direct message.

Regardless, Shin still accepted the request to see what that person was trying to say. And right after he accepted the request, he immediately received a message from the latter.

Justin: Are you mocking me?

Seeing that message, Shin couldn't help but repeatedly shook his head while wearing a bitter smile before replying.

Sickarius: Don't misunderstand. If it is just me, then I will not spare your account, so that you will not be able to bother Cloe again.

Sickarius: You should thank her. Since she used to play with your team and your family is quite close to hers, she feels bad about your account being deleted.

Sickarius: But it doesn't mean that you can appear in front of her again. Because if you do, I will make sure that you regret that decision.

Justin read that series of messages with a solemn expression on his face. And even if he wanted to refute them, he couldn't find the right words to deny what Shin had said since he was clearly the loser of the previous match.

All he could do was endure the humiliation and bide his time. He then closed the message panel and clenched his fists. The expression on his face was very solemn right now because even though he still had his level and his personally created skills, everything else was taken from him.

All of his ongoing quests and all of his equipment were taken away from him. It also included everything that was within his inventory.

The more he thought about it the more frustrated he became. "D*mn it! I will make sure that you will regret this decision in the future!"

In the meantime, the members of his team were currently waiting for his orders. And based on the auras that they were currently emitting, it was pretty clear that each of them was eager to fight.

The group stayed silent for quite some time since they all knew that their commanders were currently in a very bad mood. But after a long time of waiting, Jugo finally ran out of patience and suddenly asked. "Are we still not going to make our move? I can't wait to teach those guys a lesson!"

"Yeah~! I am also quite eager to see how strong these so-called Empyrean Talons that the Dragon God and War God have created for that girl to choose them over us," said another member of the group.

Unfortunately, the response that they got was not something that they were expecting. "Start packing up. We are going back."

Huh!?

Everyone immediately turned their heads at their commander with an astounded look on their faces. In fact, they were thinking that they had heard him wrong.

Understanding what they were thinking, Justin quickly glared at them before saying. "You guys know that I don't like repeating myself, do you?"

Seeing the current look on his face, the other members understood that their commander was about to erupt at any given moment. And even though he was currently not wearing any decent equipment, they could still feel the immense threat that was coming from his body.

'D*mn it! Just how did that guy manage to defeat a monster like our commander?' thought Jugo to himself as he remembered what happened in the match earlier.

On the other hand, Elise suddenly pouted her mouth a little before asking. "Then how about our preparations? Are we really scrapping everything just like that?"

"Didn't you hear the orders given to us? He said to start packing up, so it basically means to forget about our plans. Is it really hard to understand?" said the Dark Elf Master Archer of the group with a skeptical tone.

Hearing that, Elise suddenly threw a sharp glare in the direction where that Dark Elf was standing before saying sharply. "Are you trying to pick a fight with me, Miriam?"

,m "Heh! Would you dare to accept it, if I am?" asked the Archer named Miriam.

"That's enough!" shouted Justin when he saw them about to start a fight. He shifted his sharp gaze between the two of them. "You two can fight to your hearts' content when we are back to our hideout. But for now, we are going to retreat and prepare our next move."

"We are accepting the offer from those people," he added while turning his head to Jugo. "Go visit those guys later and tell them that we are cooperating with them."

"Huh!?" Jugo was suddenly taken aback by those words and unable to respond immediately as he was not expecting his commander's sudden decision.

It was the same for the others. They were all looking at Justin with an astounded look on their faces.

Based on the expressions that they had, it was pretty clear that they were currently waiting for their team commander to explain himself.

Unfortunately, Justin just ignored the looks that they were making and said. "I will take care of a few things in the real world, so I will not be able to come with you for now. But that doesn't mean that you can create a mess when I'm gone."

"You better not create any trouble in my absence, or else-..." he added before pausing for a moment and releasing a dreadful aura from his body.

Bang!

The others suddenly felt the air around them suddenly turn heavy, making them have some trouble breathing.

Justin swept his gaze at them for a moment before logging out of the game while saying. "I will be back, so do all the preparations until then."

Swoosh!

Real World, Sun-Moon Continent

Justin walked out of his room and headed over to a particular study within their house. Inside, he saw a middle-aged man sitting behind the table and seemingly having a deep thought.

"Why are you here? If you are not here to discuss what I've told you, then you better go back to your room before I lose my patience," said the middle-aged man in a cold tone when he saw Justin entering the room.

Justin stared at him for a couple of moments before taking a deep breath, replying. "I am going to do it, dad."

The middle-aged man suddenly froze when he heard those words. He then looked at Justin with delighted eyes before asking once again. "Are you sure?"

"But in one condition!" said Justin with a determined look on his face.

On the other hand, his father couldn't help but knit his eyebrows when he heard that. But he still let Justin talk to hear his son out. "What is it?"

"I want-..."

While all of that was happening, Shin who was currently reviewing his performance in his previous match suddenly got a message from the system.

Ding!

System: Congratulations, Player Sickarius! Due to the amazing feats that you've achieved, the 'Game' finally recognized your efforts. And as a reward, we are promoting you to the Godlike Rank.

System: After a heated debate and because of your sensational battles, we decided to bestow you the title of 'Battle God'.

Would like you to accept your title?

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Shin stared blankly at the system notifications as he was not expecting it to receive his own Godlike Title this soon.

Regardless, he still hit the accept button in front of him without showing any hint of hesitation. He didn't care what he was called or what his title was, the only thing that was inside his mind right now was the thought that he finally caught up with Arthur and Leonard inside the game.

But little did he know that his actions immediately created another sensation that shook the entire gaming world. And because of that, different kinds of articles suddenly appeared in the online forums of the game and other social media platforms.

The titles of these articles were eye-catching as always.

"The fastest player to achieve the Godlike Rank!"

"From a Newbie to Gods, it only takes a few months!"

"A New God Is Born!"

Naturally, all of the players were discussing this topic the moment they saw the announcement posted by the World Gaming Organization itself. And to make it even more dramatic, the PR Team of the said company even released an article of their own with a dazzling title of-...

"The Battle God Sickarius."

Chapter 679 Checking The Rewards!

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After reviewing his performance from his previous match, Shin quickly organized all of the things that he got from Justin earlier.

Naturally, everything that Justin had was something that any player would wish to have. All of the equipment that he had was obviously at the top of the game.

Unfortunately, none of them were useful for Shin. He was a swordsman after, so heavy plate armors were not suitable for his class.

"Arthur's equipment is already the best, so these ones are not going to be useless for him too. It was the same for Leonard, that guy also prefers the hybrid combination of leather and light armors," muttered Shin as he was trying to think what he was going to do with the equipment set that he got from Justin.

"Should I just auction it off? I can get a large sum of gold from this," he added while frowning his eyebrows. But then, he quickly rejected the idea and decided to discuss it with the others. After all, they could also use these items to invest in the other members of the team, Owen in particular.

Given that the equipment set from Justin was pretty suitable to Owen's Class, it was natural for Shin to choose him for the set. And on top of that, he also got a pretty interesting item that could be paired with such a powerful set.

Shin took a sealed scroll from the inventory before inspecting it with the 'True Sight' ocular skill.

[Item Name]: The Fallen Commander's Last Order

Item Type: Miscellaneous

Item Rank: (???)

Details: A special seal that the Legendary Knight and Army Commander had failed to accomplish.

-Use this scroll to enter a special dungeon that could convert one's Class and Race.

Historical Note:

After winning the battle against the Demon Army during the Repelling Era, the great general went back to his hometown to celebrate the overall victory of the residents of the Atlas World.

But little did they know, one of the Demon Armies that managed to survive the war had already wreaked havoc on his hometown and slaughtered all of the residents living in that place.

Enraged, the great general led his army to hunt those demons down and slaughtered all of them one after another.

But despite their victory, the general still failed to kill the Great Demon that led the Demon Army during that time.

Due to that, the great general was left regretful up until the day he died. But before he took his final breath, he left his legacy behind, hoping that his descendants would be able to fulfill his dying wish.

Shin skimmed through the details of the scroll before muttering to himself. "So, I also get his special race and hidden class too. I bet this is also a Transcendent Race given that he is on the top of Godlike Ranking List."

After that, he quickly opened his friend list and immediately contacted both Arthur and Leonard to ask their opinions. And after a brief moment of discussion, the three came up with a decision to let Owen have the scroll alongside the equipment that Shin got from Justin.

As for the other rare materials that he got, Shin just organized it a little before putting all of them in his personal storage within the Mayor's Residence. They were going to be quite useful in the future, so he would like to save them until then.

Meanwhile, the quests that Shin got were not that many, there were only 3 of them to be exact. Two of those quests were something that Shin could do on his own since he only needed to clear some dungeons to be cleared.

Shin was suspecting that Justin already transferred all of the important quests that he had to the other members of his group. But at the same time, he also thought that the latter might not be the primary initiator of those quests, which was why they were not transferred to Shin.

Fortunately, the third quest was something really special. Shin didn't know much about the quest since he was required to meet a certain NPC to see all of its details. But since the quest was set in Chaos Difficulty and also had an Empire Quest Rank, it was pretty obvious that this particular quest was going to be very troublesome to deal with.

"Looks like I am going to be busy for quite some time inside the game," muttered Shin to himself after scanning his eyes on those quests.

"But before that, we need to deal with Arthur's quest first before that guy throws a fit about not giving him any priority," he added with a bitter smile.

After that, he set his eyes on the two particular items that really caught his interest since the time he got them earlier.

The first one was a spherical item that was radiating with alternating evil and sacred aura while the other item was a black book that seemed to have a familiar pattern on its cover.

Seeing the black book, a sudden thought immediately entered Shin's mind. "Eh!? Could it be!?"

He then quickly took out the Ancient God Book that he got from Rhaba before. He compared the two books for a moment before being convinced that the two of them were really similar.

After that, Shin quickly activated his 'True Sight' ocular skill to see the details of the book.

[Item Name]: Revelation Book – IV

Item Type: Miscellaneous

Item Rank: (???)

Details:

A mysterious book that possessed an unfathomable power that came from ancient times.

You could sacrifice a part of your life force (Permanently losing VIT) to awaken its sleeping powers.

Note 1: Unlock the Entry Level Ancient Powers to learn more about this item.

Note 2: Sacrifice for unlocking the Ancient Powers.

100 VIT – Entry level

250 VIT – Intermediate Level

500 VIT – Advance level

1000 VIT – Master level

Note 3: This item would certainly drop when the possessor died. And once it dropped, the 'Sacrifices' that was cast on this item would immediately erase, reverting its powers in its initial state.

Note 4: This item couldn't be traded.

When Shin saw that the book turned out to be the thing that he was thinking, the emotion on his face immediately became weird as he didn't know how he was going to feel. "D*mn it! They are indeed the same."

It was a good thing that he found another volume of the Ancient God Books, but it was more of a burden for him right now since he couldn't benefit from it due to the so-called consequences that he would suffer once he tried to take advantage of them.

Based on what Hanzo had said to him, some of the Gods within the game would take notice of him the moment he used the powers of these books. And when that happened, he was going to be an 'international wanted criminal', where practically everyone was going to chase after him.

Shin also tried to ask some clues about these books from Solus. After all, she was one of the so-called Gods of the game. Even though she was only the servant of the Sun God, she was still a powerful being during her peak – a god was still a god nevertheless.

Unfortunately, the fallen god told him that he was still too weak to know anything about the Great Ancient Era War. She also said that he needed to at least reach Tier 4 if really wanted to know about it.

– "That way, you at least have the means to protect yourself once those insecure Gods take notice of you." – Those were the exact words that Shin got from Solus.

Given that, he could only play as an 'antique collector' and looked for these ancient relics.

Shin then lost all of the excitement that he had earlier after seeing the item. But fortunately, the other item was something that he could use.

[Item Name]: Chaos Stone

Item Type: Miscellaneous

Item Rank: Special (???)

Details:

A mysterious stone that possessed both the powers of Evil Beings and Sacred Creatures.

Even the Great Demons and Gods took interest in this mysterious stone that formed on the plane between Heaven and Hell.

-Crushed this item to unleash the powers that it held. And after being unleashed, the energy contained in this stone would head to the nearest player within the area before fusing with them.

Note: Using this item had some risks in it. If the user failed to control the powers that this mysterious stone contained, then their bodies would be damaged permanently. (Suffered a permanent decrease on personal stats)

Reading the details of the item, Shin immediately realized where Justin got his evil powers. "So, this is where that power comes from. His class is supposedly not compatible with those evil powers given the historical details that it had."

Shin stared at the Chaos Stone on his hand for a couple of moments, seemingly deciding what he was going to do with it.

But not long after, he suddenly started laughing to himself before saying. "What am I hesitating for? Is there really a need to think about it?"

He then crushed the Chaos Stone, unleashing the mysterious powers that it had.

Chapter 680 Return

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Atlas World, Asura Blood Kingdom.

Black Blood City

This place was the home of all dark players who loved PK-ing and robbing other players. In this place, almost everything was legal. Its environment was much worse compared to the Death City of the Blind Abyss Empire.

The security within the city was also almost nonexistent. And due to that, fights could be seen everywhere. There were also robbers in every corner of the streets, patiently waiting for prey to walk by.

"Heh! So, this is what a dark city of this game looks like, huh? It is no different to the other games that I've played before," smirked a hooded person as he walked through the streets of the city.

The players who saw him walking alone couldn't help but lock their gazes at him. Some of them were even thinking that this particular player was an idiot for walking to such a lawless place all by himself.

Due to those thoughts, these greedy players started making their way towards the hooded person in a slow and coordinated manner. It was as if they were a group of hungry wolves that just found their prey.

Unfortunately for these players, they happened to find the wrong target this time. And these were the exact thoughts running inside the heads of the experts within the area.

"Fools!" muttered one of the LionKin Master Berserker when he saw the players who were trying to surround the newcomer.

"Do they honestly think that someone is going to walk around in such a dangerous place alone despite knowing the risks of doing so?" muttered a female Dark Elf while looking at the scene with an amused look on her face.

In the meantime, the Blood Elf sitting across her suddenly raised his eyebrows while looking at the hooded person who seemed to be acting too calm despite being surrounded from all sides.

He stared at the mysterious person for a couple of moments before standing from his seat while saying. "Let's go, Millime. This place is about to become a mess."

"Eh!? We are leaving already? Are we not going to watch? It looks like this one is going to be an entertaining show to watch," said the Dark Elf while pouting her lips.

Hearing that, the Blood Elf paused his actions for a brief moment before replying. "I don't want to be marked by that guy. I am confident that I can protect myself from most of the players no matter how strong they are..."

His words trailed in the air a little while turning his head towards the hooded player. "But that guy over there is an exemption. Even if you gathered all of the players in the Godlike Ranking List and asked them to fight that player, I can guarantee you that none of them would dare to challenge him."

"You know that person?" asked the Dark Elf as she suddenly became curious about the mysterious player's identity.

The Blood Elf was silent for a few moments before replying with a bitter tone. "I am sure yet since it is only a gut feeling and a little sense of familiarity."

"But given that those old veterans were also starting to leave, I am pretty convinced that he is indeed that person," he added while looking at the other experts lurking around the place.

The moment he said that the LionKin Master Berserker suddenly walked past them before commenting. "How can we forget about him after all of the impossible feats that he did before?"

"We also suffered hell personally in his hands," he added as a shiver suddenly ran through his spine.

"We are all wondering if he really retired from playing any games. But from the looks of it, he is finally announcing his return," said another player while following after the LionKin.

"And his reason for coming here is probably to enter the Underground Arena to get some resources that will aid him in his progress," said the Blood Elf before turning his head at the Dark Elf. "You want to

watch something entertaining, don't you? Then you better come with us and head over to the Underground Area to grab the best possible seats that we can get."

The Dark Elf named 'Millime' was confused at first when she heard those words. But when she saw that the others were already walking away from the scene.

In the meantime, the mysterious person suddenly raised his head a little, revealing the smirking smile that he had under the shade of his hood. "Such a boomer. I thought they are at least going to join the fun to make this more entertaining. It has been a while since I saw their faces. Are they not going to greet me at the very least?"

"Well, I guess my reputation is still alive despite me not being active for almost six years," he added with a tone that was obviously praising himself.

Reaching that point, he suddenly remembered some event of the past before laughing with a bitter smile. "Ah~! Such good old days. I was really young back then."

After that, his eyes suddenly turned sharp as he swept his gaze at the players that were attacking him from every direction.

"But before anything else, I should deal with these small fries first," he said smirkingly while looking at the group mockingly. "This shouldn't be too bad for an early exercise."

Swoosh!

After that, he suddenly tilted his head to the side, dodging an arrow that was directed to his head. But despite successfully avoiding the arrow, the hood that was hanging over his head was suddenly lifted due to the gust of wind accompanying the attack.

Then the face of the mysterious player was suddenly revealed. And if Shin and the boys were here, then they would immediately recognize him as he was someone who was living with them.

It was Shin's so-called Senior Brother, David Solomon!

"This is going to be a little interesting!" he said excitedly while wearing a huge grin.

Boom!

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"Hey! Did you hear? A fight broke out in the seventh street!" said a player walking along the streets of the Black Blood City.

"Heh! What's surprising about it? Isn't it pretty normal for this place to have a fight everywhere?" said his friend while looking at him skeptically.

Unfortunately, that player immediately refuted. "But it is not an ordinary battle that we are commonly seeing here. It is a fight between an individual against all of the 'fishers' of that place!"

"What! All of them? That is impossible! Those players are all level 100 and above! They even underwent their own awakening quests too!" said the other guy with an astounded look on his face.

"I bet that guy is dead right now. Poor guy, dying in this place would cost you 10 levels per death and will also drop everything you have," he added while shaking his head.

"Well, that is where you are wrong. He is not the one who got killed. Instead, he annihilated all of the 'fishers' present in that place!" said the first guy while shaking his head.

"Huh! Impossible! Can a single person win against such a large number of elites?" his friend couldn't hide his astonishment when he heard those words

Seeing his reaction, the other guy suddenly shook his head before continuing. "Shocked? But it is still early for that! Because from what I've heard, the player who is responsible for that event is only level 50."

"What?! Is that even possible?" asked the other guy as he couldn't believe what he just heard.

As those two were discussing with each other, David suddenly walked past them while giving them a sidelong glance. 'The news in here surely travels fast, and it is pretty accurate too. The fight took place on the other side of the city yet it already reached here? I guess the information network of these kinds of places is the same as always.'

After a few moments of walking, David arrived at a certain inn with a black triangular flag hanging on its entrance.

"This must be the place. D*mn! Finding them sure is hard as always," he commented with a bitter smile while looking at the inn.

He then walked towards before being blocked by a huge person. "Sorry, but we are currently out of service."

Hearing that, David raised his head a little to take a quick glance at that person. 'They still love to assign huge guys as their gatekeepers.'

"I would like to rent a room," he said with a calm tone.

The bulky person standing in front of him suddenly frowned his eyebrows when he heard those words, before saying with an annoyed tone. "Didn't you hear me? I said we are not available right now."

David ignored the pressuring aura that was pressing at him before replying leisurely. "Your best room available. The price is not an issue."

The bulky guy was about to lose his patience when he suddenly remembered something. 'An old code? Who is this guy? It has been ages since I heard this code. Or is it just a coincidence?'

Having those thoughts, the gatekeeper suddenly calmed himself down before trying to test the customer in front of him. "For how many people and how long is the stay?"

David suddenly smiled when he heard the question before replying. "Just one. As for how long, I am not sure. As long as you can keep me occupied, I don't care how long it is going to take."

"And the mode of payment?" asked the bulky guy while starting to become a little cautious at the person in front of him.

David started grinning from ear to ear when he learned that this place was still operating just like what he remembered. He then wet his lips a little before replying with a mysterious smile. "You still have everything as always, am I right? Then Deathmatch would definitely be perfect."