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Chapter 841 Godly Display (Part 4): A New Summit

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While Shin was currently immersing himself in the newly found system, Reality Manifestation, the other four gods behind him were observing him very carefully.

They might not be aware of the current state that Shin was currently in, but they could at least see the difference between his current display from his previous performance.

Given their vast experience in virtual games, they could tell that Shin found a hidden mechanic without him telling them. And this particular mechanic was able to help them showcase their real abilities.

After a few moments of careful observation, this group of gods finally figured out something. From what they could see, Shin seemed to be moving his body as if he was in the real world. It looked like he broke away from the restrictions of the game that was preventing them from showcasing their real strengths.

"Breaking away from limiters, huh? Interesting!" muttered Faker as if he finally understood what Shin was currently doing.

Zero, who was standing right beside him, also nodded his head. "I see."

On the other hand, Leonard was looking at Shin in a new light. His face was full of disbelief and blurted out. "That is also possible?"

Arthur was the only one who was not clear about it. But he was not as impressed as the other three, even saying that it was not something special. "Moving as if he is in the real world? Hah! I can do better! I already recreated my Martial Arts in this world!"

Unlike them, Alucard and Black Hand who accompanied them couldn't understand what was happening. They were having a hard time comprehending the scene that they were seeing.

"That should be enough. Let me join next," said Zero as he walked forward while unsheathing his swords.

He also walked in a leisurely manner just like what Shin did earlier. But despite the similarities in their movements, each of their steps was completely different. If Shin seemed to be walking as if he was taking a casual walk in the park, then Zero was moving like a real swordsman, straightforward and steady.

Then the people behind him saw the movements of his arms. It looked like they were lifting his swords in a very slow manner, creating an illusion where they were leaving a series of afterimages behind.

Because of those strange movements, the wolves around seemed to become stunned as they stared at him blankly. They couldn't even feel any threat from him, it was as if he was the most harmless person in the world.

Due to that, they failed to realize what happened to their bodies. They didn't even know that they had already been cut by Zero's swords.

Then they fell to the ground lifelessly as Zero continued his way ahead.

"It looks fun!" shouted Leonard as he quickly charged ahead while taking out a pair of war axes.

But unlike the first two who tested out using their basic movement first, he directly used his Martial Arts Skills from the very start. He might not fully understand the hidden mechanic but his bestial instincts straight-up guided him on how to enter Reality Manifestation within an instant.

He just followed his instincts and his accumulated experience in virtual games to mimic the state that Shin and Zero had.

Boom!

His method of fighting was entirely different from the two swordsmen. If Shin and Zero eliminated the wolves in a very clean manner, then Leonard slaughtered his way forward. All of the wolves blocking his path were either chopped by his war axes or turned into a meat paste after getting slammed on the ground.

Seeing that, Faker smirked a little before disappearing from his current position without leaving a single trace.

Then the wolves on the other side opposite the previous three started falling one after another. Those wolves still had their eyes wide open when they died. They didn't even know what killed them despite their sharp senses.

"This is really interesting!" said Faker as he briefly appeared in the middle of the wolves. He seemed to be very excited as he could now use all of the assassination techniques that he had in the real world.

In the meantime, the wolves around him seemed not to notice despite him standing near them. Faker did not only hide his presence entirely, but he also erased his scent perfectly, making the wolves unable to smell him.

This was one of the techniques that his family created. And this was the technique that made the Valentine Family become the most feared even among all of the Assassin Families.

"Maybe I should experiment more," he added as his arms seemed to disappear for a brief moment.

Thud!

Then a series of soft sounds could be heard as the wolves around him earlier started to fall one after another.

Arthur was currently wearing a confused look on his face. He didn't know what had gotten into these guys but he was sure that he would miss the fun if he didn't join them now.

He then picked up his spear and shield and quickly sprinted ahead to join the party. It looked like he ignored the fact that the other four were much stronger than usual.

The only thing that he had in mind right now was not to lose against them. And for him to do that, he needed to bring out his very best.

Arthur was playing the virtual games much longer than everybody else in the group. He liked playing games since he was young, even before Shin arrived in their place. As a prodigy who didn't have a worthy rival during that time, he could only enjoy the intense competition that the virtual games had.

Given this, Arthur should be the one who had the most experience with virtual games. Even more, experienced than Faker since that guy was obligated to carry the legacy of his family as the young master and the most talented assassin that was ever born in the Valentine Family.

Together with the competitive spirit that he had and the current atmosphere of the battlefield, alongside his vast experience in virtual games, Arthur unconsciously entered the ideal state that was needed for Reality Manifestation.

The golden aura covering his body took a sudden change. It became much fiercer and more majestic.

Arthur even felt that he could feel every micro-movement of his body.

This was a strange feeling for him. But he completely ignored it since he was too focused on fighting wolves and not wanting to be left behind by the group.

Then he started perceiving everything from a different point of view.

Everything around him. It looked like he could see all of them. The wolves, the ground, the snow, and even the state of the battle where the other four were fighting. All of them were very clear to his eyes.

He could even feel that he had grown a pair of eyes at the back of his head as he could clearly see what was happening behind him.

"What is this?" thought Arthur to himself as he started to notice the strange event happening to him.

He was not sure what it was but he continued to fight regardless. He even started utilizing this strange ability that he suddenly gained out of nowhere to the fullest.

Each of his movements became more solid and much steadier, his spearmanship became more refined, and his utilization of Mana reached a whole other realm – it looked like he was manipulating it just like his Internal Qi.

"This is amazing!" Arthur started to enjoy this feeling.

He raised his head a little higher and looked at the wolves ahead of him. All of them were looking at him and growling. But despite all of that, they refused to move from their position.

They were looking at Arthur very ferociously but also seemed to fear him at the same time. They wanted to pounce at him but their bodies refused to move after seeing the pair of eyes that he currently had.

Those eyes with golden pupils and vertical slit irises were clearly warning them that they were going to die if they make any sudden moves.

Ding

A system notification rang in Arthur's ears but he completely ignored it.

He looked at the wolves in front of him and spoke. "What's wrong little puppies? Aren't you enjoying chasing after us before? Where is your previous 'enthusiasm' go? Playtime is not over yet."

The wolves couldn't understand what he was saying, but their instincts were telling them that a higher being was currently standing right in front of them.

They couldn't see it but they could sense it through his eyes. A golden dragon was definitely standing behind Arthur and currently looking at them with its majestic eyes.

Then Arthur swung his spear at those wolves, releasing a crescent golden energy from its tip that swept through everything.

Roar!

A loud and majestic roar could even be heard alongside that swing, creating an illusion where a dragon was swinging its claws at those wolves.

With those four gods on the loose, the whole wolf den turned into a slaughterhouse where those wolves were being butchered.

They seemed to have forgotten the reason why they were in this place. It looked like it was not important anymore as they were more focused on the new summit that they had reached.

Chapter 842 Godly Display (Part 5): Problem Children

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Roar!

The deafening roar of a dragon attracted the attention of the other members of the group and made them turn toward Arthur's direction. But after looking at him briefly, they just slightly shrugged their shoulders before continuing what they were doing.

But unlike the other three, Shin, who was the most familiar with Arthur, stared at him a little longer.

He observed Arthur very carefully while dodging the wolves pouncing at him from every direction and cutting them down one after another.

Given his current senses, Shin was able to sense all of the changes in Arthur's every move. He could also feel a different atmosphere surrounding the latter, especially when he saw the current eyes that Arthur had.

"It must be his Mythical Innate Talent just like mine," muttered Shin as he could instantly tell the difference between the current Arthur and the previous one that he knew. "Pinnacle Omnipotence, isn't it?"

Shin couldn't help but feel a sudden urge for competitiveness. He really wanted to have a duel with Arthur at this moment.

Unfortunately, he also knew that it was currently impossible. It was because he could now feel the burden that the Reality Manifestation had.

They were still new to this particular mechanic, so it was natural for them to feel the negative reaction that it could give them. Just like the Combat Techniques that they had, Reality Manifestation burned their willpower and required a lot of concentration.

The consumption rate was much faster too, which was why they couldn't be in this state for too. At least for now, where they were still trying to get used to this particular state.

No one said that it was impossible to continue to be in this state naturally.

Shin could feel it. He would be able to maintain this state for as long as he wanted when his body and mind get used to it.

He could now understand why Professor Henry told him that this game was a perfect training ground for everyone. Especially for someone like him who possessed special talents.

He moved to the side, dodging yet another wolf before cutting it with his sabers. He then turned his attention to the battlefield and saw that the respawn rate of the wolves dropped drastically.

They were still spawning but they were already taking a long time before it happened. Shin and the other already slaughtered quite a lot of wolves before a single one could even respawn.

With this, the group already achieved their purpose of coming here. They could now go back and inform the others of their discovery.

But it didn't mean that their problem ended here, this was just the start. This might solve their problem with the endless spawn rate of the wolves but the problem regarding the berserk nature of these wolves still remained.

Every time they killed a wolf, its energy would still transfer to the surrounding wolves and strengthen them. It might be a little better than strengthening all of the other wolves whenever they died, but given the number of wolves in the area, Shin could already guess how strong the final wolf would absorb all of the energies of wolves that died.

The group was even starting to feel the pressure of the strengthened wolves. On top of the burden that they were getting from keeping themselves in the state of Reality Manifestation, the endless assaults of the wolves around them were starting to tire them out.

Shin frowned deeply at this situation. After all, they were still in the outer circle of the wolf pack, so they still didn't have the chance to fight the most elite wolves. This gave them the idea that going deeper into the formation was going to be more troublesome than they had thought.

"I guess it is time to retreat now," muttered Shin as they already achieved their goals.

He then turned to Arthur once again and saw the latter enjoying the feeling of being able to constantly use his Martial Art Skills inside the game.

"But before that, let me try me try a couple of my Martial Art Skills too," he added as he hopped backward, creating a distance between him and the wolves.

Ta-ta!

And right after his feet touched the ground, he quickly stood straight and regulate his breathing before controlling the powers of the Brilliant Sun and Abyssal Moon according to the Yin-Yang Breathing Technique.

He treated the two powers within him as the Sacred Qi and Demonic Qi, just like what Professor Henry had instructed him.

Shin already tried this before which was why he managed to create the 'Eclipse Wielding'. But at the current moment, he felt it was more realistic because he was in the state of Reality Manifestation.

Shin saw Arthur showcasing the high-end skills under the True Nine Dragon Arts, so he also wanted to show off the same level of Martial Arts under his Yin-Yang Swordsmanship a little.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

The [Dusk Blade] and [Dawn Blade] released powerful energies with opposing properties. One had a cold and freezing black glow while the other was covered with a brilliant white flame.

Then Shin swung the sabers successively as if he was executing the self-created skill 'Eclipse Cross'.

The sabers left a flash of light in the space in front of Shin, a huge cross lingered in that area as if the space itself was sliced by the two energies. And when that flash disappeared, another blinding light immediately followed while being accompanied by a huge explosion.

'Yin-Yang Swordsmanship: Sword Transcendence'

Boom!

The whole area in front of him exploded alongside the wolves standing on it. And due to what happened, the wolves who were fortunate enough to survive, suddenly learned what fear felt like.

They were still growling ferociously at Shin, but that was all in it. They refused to move even for an inch as they could feel the immense threat that was being emitted by Shin's body.

An alternating black and white aura were enfolding his body. His eyes were cold yet also carrying a blazing flare in them.

Real World

World Gaming Organization.

Carlos, the head of the Monitoring Department, was currently sitting inside his offices, fully exhausted. He felt that he aged for decades these last few weeks.

He had been receiving a lot of complaints from the different departments for doing such a 'poor' job. They complained that they couldn't rest properly because of the constant reports that they needed to take care of urgently. And those reports were about them needing to continuously update the game to keep the balance.

Naturally, the report came from the Monitoring Depart who was always keeping an eye on the brightest and most skilled players of the game. Or in other words, the Top Godlike Players and God Rank Mavericks, there were also those Titled Rankers who could hold themselves against such players.

These players were the source of the suffering for the developers. They needed to do a couple of updates to give the average players a chance at catching up to those monsters.

Of course, it was impossible to fill the gap between their skills, but at the very least, the developers needed to make sure that the average players could have a better environment and good grinding spots.

After all, they couldn't afford to let the mainstream players lag behind too much to keep the competitive atmosphere of the game always present. It was fine for the leading players to be ahead of the others but the majority of the players needed to be always behind them.

Moreover, the population of the players inside the game was continuously growing larger. And the number of grinding spots couldn't occupy all of them. And on top of that, the Powerhouse Guilds were constantly expanding their powers, so some of those leveling maps were being monopolized by them.

This was another reason for the development teams to constantly design new maps and release more dungeons for the slightly weaker players.

This was to always keep the balance between the mainstream players who were not part of any organizations and the players who were members of those top powerhouses.

But because of the existence of so-called 'Godlike Players' and the other players who could rival them, the developers were having a hard time keeping up with their deadlines. Especially when those players were constantly clearing the hard contents that they just created.

Due to this, the Monitoring Team would always take the blame for doing a lousy job of not monitoring these 'problem children' properly.

If only they knew how hard to keep these players under their watch. The Monitoring Team were always doing overtime, cutting off their rest just to keep an eye on them.

On top of that, there were also a group of players who needed to be monitored twenty-four hours a day. The Miracle Players, an of players who always surpassed their imagination as well as the calculation of the supercomputer Chronos.

Fortunately, the Major Regions of each race within the game were already been released. These regions could at least keep those problem children busy and buy enough time for the developers to come up with new and much harder content.

"This would at least stop the complaints from keep coming our way. And at least give us enough time to take proper rest," muttered Carlos as he massaged his temples to relieve himself from the headache that he was suffering for the last few weeks.

He was about to close his eyes and relax when one of his subordinates suddenly came rushing inside his office, full of urgency. "Sir! We have a huge problem!"

"F*ck! What is it this time!?" cursed Carlos right after hearing those words.

The young man who just entered gulped a mouthful of saliva the moment he heard his frustrated tone of Carlos.

,m He then braced his ears for the upcoming rage of his boss before stuttering. "T-the R-Reality Manifestation has been unlocked."

The corner of Carlos' mouth couldn't help but twitch after hearing that. But he immediately recovered himself since he already knew that it was about time to be discovered by the leading players since level 150 and the next Class Promotion Quests were right around the corner.

'As long as it was only a single person, we will not have a problem monitoring them,' he thought to himself as a form of comfort.

"So, who among the Miracle Players is it?" he asked with a much calmer tone.

Hearing that, the young man couldn't help but have a sigh of relief. But he also knew that he was only about to say the worst news that his boss could possibly hear. So, he braced himself once again before saying with a very careful tone. "The p-problem is... it is not just one player, b-but...a whole lot of them."

There was a momentary lapse in Carlos' thoughts as if his mind suddenly stopped working. He then closed his eyes and leaned on his chair while cursing himself. "F*ck my life!"

He was starting to doubt his decision of working for this company. "Maybe I should consider submitting my resignation letter and look for a different career."

Chapter 843 A Brief Burst Of Fighting Spirit

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Shin and the others accompanying him went back to their temporary hideout after achieving their initial goal. They seemed to be quite exhausted due to them using the Reality Manifestation for an extended period of time.

Being in that State was very satisfying which made them want to be in it permanently. Unfortunately, it was not possible on their current strength as staying in that state exhausted their willpower and consumed a lot of concentration.

But it didn't mean that it was impossible to achieve. All they needed right now was to get used to that state and gain more stats for their virtual body to support their minds. The stronger their physical ability was, the better they could withstand the burden of being in that state.

There were a couple of wolves who chased after them, but the group was able to finish them off without putting much effort into it even if they were not in Reality Manifestation. They felt that their sense became much sharper than before. Another hidden benefit that boosted their urge to be in that state.

When the group arrived in their hideout, the others were still busy doing their respective jobs. Some were refining the ores that had been mined while others were busy concocting potions with the rare herbs collected.

Shin swept his eyes at the cave and decided to wait for all of them to finish their jobs before discussing their next course of action.

Moreover, he and the other four also needed to take some rest, so it would be fine not to do anything for now.

While resting, Shin secretly opened a chat channel and created a private group in it. He first invited Leonard and Arthur in it, followed by Faker, then decided to also add Zero after a brief moment of hesitation.

The first two didn't mind since they were already used to them having a private chat channel, though, they were a little confused since the three of them already had one. But it didn't take long for them to immediately understand the meaning of that group, especially when they saw Faker and Zero added to the group.

"What's up?" asked Arthur right after the channel was created.

"Is this about the state that you showed us earlier?" Faker had a different response since he already got an idea why they were invited to this group.

Zero didn't say anything but he slightly nodded his head as he had the same idea as Faker.

Shin didn't wait much and immediately responded. "Yes, it is about that. That state is a little special and a hidden mechanic of the game. It is called Reality Manifestation."

"Reality Manifestation." The group repeated those words in their heads as they fell into deep thought.

"What's with the secrecy?" asked Leonard after a few moments.

Shin didn't reply and turned his head towards S.Tigris and Black Hand who seemed to be also talking through a private channel just like them.

He didn't explicitly say it but through his actions, the others instantly understood what he wanted to say.

They might be working together right now but it still remained that those two were a part of a large guild, and those guys would surely look for things that could benefit their guild.

They were still rivals.

Even if Arthur was not that bright, he could also read the meaning of Shin's actions. Even an idiot would know that he wanted them to keep the information about Reality Manifestation a secret.

It was not an issue for Faker, since he could already be one with others, especially when they were living together in the real world. But Zero was not an original member of their group, so he was not obligated to follow him.

Shin clearly understood it, so he prepared a proposition for the swordsman. "I know that you are free to do whatever you have in mind, and I am not going and have no right to prevent you from them doing them. So, how about making a deal?"

Zero smiled briefly before telling Shin to continue. "Let me hear it."

Shin immediately nodded and spoke. "I know quite a few things about that state and this information that I have can help you become more familiar with it."

It was indeed not a bad deal. In fact, Shin was losing much from it instead of gaining anything. But he didn't have a choice since it was more important to keep the information about Reality Manifestation for themselves so that they could create more gap between them and the powerhouse guilds.

He was not part of an Adventurer Team, and one of the most elite ones at that, so he needed to think about the benefits and advantages that they could get from here on out.

Zero thought for a moment before briefly shaking his head. "I will agree to it but I will not take advantage of you. I will give you something in return and with a similar value."

Shin was a little surprised about it but didn't refuse the offer. Then they discussed more details about it before summoning a virtual contract and signing it.

After that, Shin shared some information that he got from Professor Henry about Reality Manifestation and also told them that he would provide more information in the future.

After that, they went back to doing their own thing. Though, the four of them started assessing their previous performance and the sensation they felt at that time.

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Shin got the most benefit in this since he experienced the real strength of Ultra Instincts. This innate talent was the evolution of his 'Immediate Response' talent. And now that he could experience its powers inside the game and learn more about it.

With the help of the Reality Manifestation, Shin might be able to get himself more familiar with its sensation. This would help him reach another level of mastery in his 'Immediately Response' talent, and eventually give him the inspiration on how to also promote that talent in reality.

Having that thought, Shin couldn't help but turn to Arthur. If he experienced the sensation of having the Ultra Instincts, then he was sure that Arthur also had a similar experience with his own evolved talent, the Pinnacle Omniscience.

These two talents were said to be one of the peak talents that ever existed in history and neither of them was better than the other. Aside from 'Godly Intuition' which was supposedly the combination of the two and 'Clairvoyance' which had the ability to foresee the future, these two were undoubtedly the best talents that anyone could ask for.

Shin was now very curious about the result if those two talents clashed against each other. And when he thought about it, he couldn't help but feel an urge of wanting to fight Arthur right now. Their earlier sparring matches would undoubtedly pale in comparison if they fight with their current strength.

Moreover, they were not standing on an equal footing. They had the same level, possessed a set of high-quality equipment, similarly strong skills, and most importantly, they had evolved innate talent.

One possessed a Battle Genius Talent with Ultra Instincts while the other was a Martial Art Prodigy wielding the Pinnacle Omniscience.

His Battle Genius Talent was always making him hungry for battle and this urge seemed to be awakened the moment when he thought about fighting the current Arthur within the game.

His fighting spirit was fully stirred up. He was very excited!

Unfortunately, he could do nothing but suppress that urge since they were currently in the middle of an Empire Quest, so this battle could only wait until everything was over.

After calming himself down, he closed his eyes and started to meditate.

Everyone inside the game was an expert, so no matter how brief it was, they could sense that burst of fighting spirit from Shin. Especially the most sensitive ones.

Leonard with his Bestial Instincts scented it, Faker and Lawless who were top-notch assassins were able to sense it, Zero who was keeping an eye on Shin saw it, and most importantly, Arthur who was the receiver of that indirect challenge naturally knew about it.

Arthur shot a glance at Shin and smiled. Just like Shin, he also wanted to know who would emerge victorious between the two of them given the current strength that they had.

They had been treating each other as rivals since they were young, so his competitive spirit would naturally not less than Shin's.

He couldn't wait for all of this to be over so that they could fight to their heart's content.

After that brief episode, Arthur also calmed himself down. And when he was about to take a quick nap, the corner of his eyes suddenly got a glimpse of a blinking bell. This indicated that he received a notification from the system.

He knitted his brows since he couldn't remember when he got it, but he still opened it regardless. There were two notifications in total, one was about his Battle Physique while the other was an update to his quest.

After skimming through them, Arthur couldn't help but laugh as he felt that his wheel of fortune was finally spinning in a positive direction.

He then turned to Leonard who was sitting beside him. He nudged the latter and whispered. "Hey! Do you want to do something fun?"

Chapter 844 Operation Starts

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Shin and the others were back at the edge of the wolves' territory. They looked at the army of wolves in front of them with their calm gazes.

Even Black Hand, Ara, and S.Tigris, who were a little worried when they logged back in the game, were also the same. The latter two heard from Black Hand how the four gods of their team demolished these wolves in the previous exchange.

Shin was currently standing in the forefront of the group while gauging the distance between them and the center of the wolves' den where the Alpha Wolf was located. The distance was pretty far, so it was definitely not going to be easy.

The time was not on their side in this since the longer they fought in this area and the more wolves they had slain, the more dangerous it was for them.

They needed to move as fast as they could and reached the Alpha Wolf in the shortest time possible. Their speed was the main essence of this operation since the slower they were the longer they needed to fight those wolves. And with their berserk skill, these wolves would only grow stronger.

This was also the reason why they needed to kill as less wolves as possible. They needed to prevent the Alpha Wolf to absorbed the energies of the dead wolves and making itself stronger.

Given that, Shin assigned the roles of each member of the group. He even created small teams among them and focus solely on the jobs assigned to them.

The assault group was composed of Shin, Leonard, Arthur, Zero, and Lawless. Their main job was the break through the formation of the wolves and create a path for the remaining members.

The support group was still the same. Black Hand was responsible for buffing and healing alongside Cloe. Though, the latter also needed to throw a couple of spells since her holy power was very effective against the undead.

Beside them were Charlotte, Ravier, and Embers, the three mages of the group. They were practically glass cannons. But their jobs changed a little since they were now responsible for protecting the two healers instead of supporting the frontline with their firepower.

Seven, Alucard, Ara, and S.Tigris were also there to support them. Seven was responsible for protecting the rear while S.Tigris would be guarding the front of the group. On the other hand, Alucard and Ara were positioned on the left and right respectively.

Ara was an Archer, so would definitely be in danger if some of the wolves managed to reach her. Due to that reason, the three mages were instructed to prioritize covering her side than Alucard. After all, that vampire was an expert in both ranged and close-combat fighting, so he would not have a problem protecting himself.

In the meantime, Faker was left on his own. He was free to do whatever he wanted. He could either assist the assault group or support the others at the rear.

With his speed, it was more beneficial for the team if he worked based on their progress. He was free to make decisions according to how the situation was calling for it.

But based on the lineup of the assault team, his main job would most likely be protecting the support group who were following them.

Shin turned his head to the side, looking at the others over his shoulder, before saying. "Let's get this started already. We still need to explore a lot of places on this frozen land."

After that, he started sprinting forward to lead the charge while the members of the assault team were closely following him.

The support team waited for a few moments before chasing after them. The two priests on their side simultaneously gave the group a series of buffs as they charge forward.

Awoo~!

The wolves immediately noticed the approaching group and started howling. Then they started running towards them while having angry growls

Shin looked at them with a calm expression. He then unsheathed the [Dusk Blade] and [Dawn Blade] during his sprint. He was not planning to use the Reality Manifestation immediately this time since it would consume a lot of concentration.

No matter how much they need to move fast in this operation, they still needed to be prepared for the most unexpected situations. He burned all of his concentration and became tired before they even reach the inner circle of the formation, then it was going to be more dangerous for them.

It might even risk them failing the entirety of the Empire Quest. Forget about the negative impact that it would cause on the Saint Heaven Kingdom, the penalty attached to the quest alone was more than enough for them to be cautious.

Character deletion, this reason was more than enough to make them move cautiously on this mission and prevent that from happening.

Swoosh!

But it didn't mean that Shin needed to be reserved for his actions. He immediately gave his all on the first collision alone.

'Slayer Skill: Eclipse Slash!'

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

A pair of skills with very strong destructive powers were released by him consecutively. It immediately greeted the incoming wolves that were charging at him ahead. And since they were sprinting at full speed, it was impossible for them to dodge in time.

The first energy wave flew in a straight line, devouring every wolf on its path. Given the health bars of those wolves, it was natural for them to survive it despite the power that it was carrying. But the cross-shaped energy following closely behind it slayed all of them.

Immediately after that, Shin turned into a streak of light and flew through the path that his previous skills had created, arriving in the middle of the pack.

'Slayer Skill: Moonlight Movement'

He then activated the special skill attached to his equipment set to suppress the wolves surrounding him before starting to slaughter them one after another.

The opening that he created was pretty big, so it was pretty easy for the rest of the group to follow him.

Arthur and Leonard also threw a large-scale skill parallel to the previous skills that Shin threw to further widen the path that had been created.

Then they charged forward, preventing those wolves from re-organizing their formation. These wolves might not be intelligent, but the Alpha Wolf situated at the center of the pack possessed very high intelligence.

They already confirmed it earlier. This wolf boss could command its minions and it was also capable of using a couple of battle formations that could give them some trouble.

Lawless didn't join those two in intercepting the wolves. Instead, he slowed down his pace and vigilantly looked around. His current job was to take down the wolves that would miraculously survive the onslaught of the three.

If ever they needed his help, then he would immediately lend them a hand. Though, the chances for it to happen were very slim. Moreover, Zero was also running right beside him further limiting his job.

Zero was supposed to join the leading group too. But since he was aware of the strengths of those three, he chose to also slow down his pace and let them lead the charge. And whenever he saw an opening, he would always swing his swords and send a wind blade forward to take down a couple of wolves.

His main job was to limit the number of wolves to a certain degree and create more gaps in the formation of the wolves. And due to this, the Alpha Wolf would have a hard time reorganizing its defense.

Everything went according to plan and the team advanced steadily without encountering any problems.

They broke through the outer circle with ease, but their speed dropped drastically when they reached the inner circle of the formation.

The wolves in this area were much more powerful than the previous ones. And adding the fact that their battle prowess was further strengthened by the fallen wolves, these Lord Rank Wolves gave Shin and the others some trouble.

Since they couldn't afford to be stacked in that place, Shin commanded the group to start using their strongest combat techniques. All of them were also thinking the same, so they didn't hesitate to follow his orders.

Their weapons and bodies were suddenly enfolded by different kinds of auras. And immediately after that, the whole battlefield was covered by different flashes of colors. It made the place look like a firework show currently happening in this place.

Shin, who was originally leading the charge earlier, switched places with Arthur since it was the real job for knights. He just took the lead earlier because they needed to save Arthur's skills for these kinds of situations.

Given that this guy was a showoff, he was bound to use all of his skills from the get-go, or worse, he might exhaust most of them and give them more trouble.

It was still fine if they were only fighting a single yet powerful boss. But the problem was they were fighting an army of wolves instead of a lone boss.

With his destructive skills, Arthur paved a path for the rest of the group to follow.

They were now deep in the wolves' formation, so they needed to control their pace a little while moving forward. After all, they couldn't let the people at the rear be left behind since they would be surrounded by a large number of wolves in no time.

At the very center of the wolves' den, the Alpha Wolf remained calm despite seeing the group getting near it by second. Its eyes were even beaming with confidence and seemingly mocking Shin and the others at their foolish actions.

Grr!

With a soft growl, the Alpha Wolf seemed to give out an order, making four wolves around it stand up. The size of these wolves was much larger than the others. And alongside their movements, the wolves below them started to stand up one after another.

In the distance, Shin noticed the strange movements of those wolves. He couldn't help but squint his eyes because his instincts were telling him that the next course of events was not going to be easy.

Chapter 845 The Four Wolf Generals (Part 1)

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As Shin and the group were getting near to the center-most part of the wolf den, where the alpha was located, four wolves with a huge size started to stand up. And alongside their actions, the other wolves around them also stood up one after another.

The distance was still a little far, but Shin and the others could already sense the threat that those wolves were giving.

Those were the most elite wolves among this pack which was already at the Lord Rank. It was already troublesome to deal with this many Lord Rank Wolves, especially with their numbers. The group was only able to fight them properly because this group was also composed of the most elite players in the game.

Given their experience, each of them could already guess the ranks of the four wolves who could command a bunch of Lord Rank Wolves.

Overlord Rank Boss!

Each of those wolves was Overlord Rank, which was a realm higher than Lord Rank!

Shin activated his 'True Sight Skill' to see the details of those wolves.

Monster Name: Mutated Wolf of the Frozen Land

Monster Rank: Overlord

Bloodline: Contaminated Blood (Berserker and Undead)

Monster Level: 145

HP: 10,000,000,000

Historical Note: Previously a General of a great army

Killing Rewards: Quest will be updated once the wolf army was successfully annihilated.

All four wolves had the same set of information. Aside from the overwhelming ten billion HP, these wolves were not much different from the other wolves that they fighting since earlier.

But what really took his interest was the final two details at the very end of the information panel.

When he saw that, Shin suddenly remembered the nature of their quest. A blind quest that needed them to continuously explore the whole area to get more clues.

Thinking about that, Shin was able to immediately link the information that he got from the wolf generals and the background of their quest.

A general of a great army.

From the background of their quest, this place was supposedly a battlefield of two armies from a great war. The only question was which army do they belong to. From the cursed army and the native of this place? Or from the army that the said Goddess had sent to subdue them?

Shin immediately shared his insights with the other members of the group before telling them to continue according to the plan.

The four overlords might be strong, but the group already expecting that given that the 'normal' mobs that they were fighting up until now were Lord Rank Bosses.

"Zero, Faker, Lawless, and Simba will be dealing with those four overlords and buy us enough time to deal with the Alpha Wolf," reminded Shin as he exchanged glances with the three that he mentioned.

Given that the wolves could absorb the energies of their fallen comrades, the group couldn't afford to kill these four overlords and let the Alpha Wolf grow stronger.

There was a great chance that this King Class Boss would evolve into the next rank if that happened, which would literally spell doom for them. They really couldn't let these wolf generals die no matter what.

The only thing that they could do in this situation was to keep these wolf generals occupied when the rest of the group was dealing with the Alpha Wolf. Fortunately, their group had some members that fitted for the job.

Taking down a High-Level Overlord solo was still a little impossible given their current strength. But if it was only holding them off while also taking care of themselves, then they had more than enough members that could accomplish it.

Shin naturally chose Arthur to be with the team to take down that Alpha Wolf. It was mainly because the guy was the only knight they had and the only person who could tank the boss properly.

Shin needed to act as the secondary tank instead of Simba or Lawless because he needed the brute strength of those two to overwhelm two of the wolf generals.

It was more efficient for the team if he worked with Arthur as they act as the frontline of the group when taking down the Alpha Wolf. The two of them were most familiar with each other compared to the other members of the group, so it was not surprising that their teamwork was more seamless.

It was even better if they were going to work with Leonard. Even Black Hand, Ara, and S.Tigris saw how strong these three of them worked together during their time at the underground dungeon.

Unfortunately, no one in their group could replace him from his current assigned job, so they didn't have a choice but to let him handle one of the wolf generals.

While the group was closely approaching the center of the wolf army, the group immediately saw the three of the four general wolves taking a detour around them, seemingly planning to create an encirclement that would trap them within.

With such an obvious movement, Shin was able to instantly see through their plan. As a strategist himself, it was easy for him to read a few moves ahead of the opposing side after seeing such a basic strategical tactic.

"Go!" he shouted, ordering the four to initiate the plan.

Bang! Bang!

Leonard and Lawless immediately shifted their direction and separated themselves from the group. They were sprinting in opposite directions and their target was the two general wolves who were leading their respective pack around the group.

Bang!

Leonard directly leaped in the air and flew over the blockade of wolves that was preventing him from moving forward. And while he was in the air, he quickly used one of his Elemental Possessions from the get-go.

Roar!

A lion's roar resounded at the whole battlefield as an illusionary figure of a majestic yet also ferocious Lionkin appeared behind Leonard. And after a brief moment, he fused with Leonard.

'Elemental Beast Companion: Crimson Sovereign'

Swoosh!

Then he kicked the air behind him and sent himself launching towards the ground where his target wolf general was located. And during his flight midair, he raised the war axes in his hands while also arcing his body as if it was a bow.

'Beast King Skill (Tier 2): World Annellation'

In the meantime, the general wolf looked calmly at Leonard despite him falling from the sky like a meteor.

It waited for him to reach a certain distance before howling loudly towards the sky and summoning an energy barrier around it.

Boom!

The impact of the collision was so strong that all of the wolves in the surrounding were sent flying by the shockwave.

Leonard looked beyond the barrier that blocked his attack and saw the wolf general looking at him with contempt.

"Hah!" Leonard couldn't help but laugh when he saw a mere wolf mocking him.

"Let's see if you can still look at him like that after I beat you into a pulp," he said with a huge grin.

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On the other side of the battlefield, Lawless took a different approach when facing the blockade of wolves in front of him.

Roar!

A huge illusionary figure of a black tiger appeared behind him as he charged ahead. And after releasing a deafening roar, it fused with Lawless making his appearance change a little, black stripes started to appear on his face as well as his armor.

His battle-axes also disappeared and seemingly fused with his arms. Then his fingers grew a little alongside his nails which also turned sharper.

Before, Shin gave Lawless a special vial that let him change his race into a special one. It might be not as amazing as Transcendent Races but its strength could be as strong as theirs if he managed to nurture it properly.

After doing a series of difficult quests and looking for some special herbs, he finally awakened the real powers of his bloodline, he even evolved it when he cleared his promotion quests.

'Bloodline Awakening: Heavenly Devouring Tiger'

Roar!

He then accelerated his speed and swung his arms at the wolves blocking his way, ripping them apart as he continued moving forward. He looked like a juggernaut on the battlefield who was slaughtering his enemies left and right.

With such a violent method, he reached the wolf general in no time.

Grr!

With an aggressive growl, the wolf general pounced at Lawless with its mouth wide open.

Roar!

But despite how fast the wolf general moved, Lawless managed to respond to it and caught its mouth with each of his hands. Though, he still slid backward back the huge wolf due to the strong force behind its attack.

Lawless wanted to rip its mouth apart. But as an Overlord Boss, the strength that those jaws had was very strong. It was already amazing that he prevented them from crushing him.

In the meantime, the third wolf general successfully circled around the group as it cunningly used one of its colleagues as a cover.

It led its pack to launch a sneak attack behind the backline.

Cling! Cling! Cling!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

But before they could even reach their ideal range to attack, a series of metallic sounds rang out of nowhere followed by the appearance of chains that blocked their path. Some of the unluckiest ones were even sliced and crushed by those chains as they got entangled with them during the charge.

'Abysswalker Skill (Tier 2): (Enhanced) Net of the Abyss'

Then Faker suddenly appeared behind the net created by the chains and looked coldly at the wolves on the other side.

His equipment was releasing a shadowy smoke, clearly indicating that he also used his Elemental Fusion earlier.

Grr!

The wolf general growled angrily at Faker as if it was saying that its perfect plan was foiled by him.

"Heh!" Faker smirked at the angry wolf, clearly provoking it more.

Awoo~!

With a deafening howl, the wolf general ordered its subordinate to circle around the chains and rip Faker apart.

With another smirking smile, Faker made a pulling motion with both of his hands to control the chains and use them to block incoming wolves.

In the meantime, the rest of the group continued to move forward with Zero and Arthur in the lead. The former calmly looked at the final wolf general waiting in front of them while the latter was glaring at it fiercely.

Chapter 846 The Four Wolf Generals (Part 2)

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Grr!

The wolf general waiting in front of the Alpha Wolf released a low growl, seemingly giving out orders for its subordinates.

The wolves around it started to spread out, distancing themselves from their general and leaving it alone to block Shin and his group. But they didn't stay idle after that since they systematically moved in opposite directions and created a fan-shaped formation in front of the incoming group.

Shin quickly swept his eyes at their formation and failed to find a gap that they could take advantage of. Their obvious choice was to continue moving forward where the wolf general was standing alone and patiently waiting for them.

But Shin could see through the ploy of the opposing. He studied the formation of the wolves and he was sure that they would be trapped inside their encirclement if they continued moving forward.

The wolf general was obviously baiting while its subordinates were laying a trap that would hold them off the moment when they took the bait.

But there was a problem with this kind of trap. If the bait were tied at the hook with poor technique, the whole formation would instantly crumble.

But at the same time, this could also mean that this particular wolf general was confident with its strength and thought that it was enough to hold the group down despite seeing their battle prowess.

Shin followed his instincts at times like this since he was confident that they would never be wrong. "We are changing our direction slightly. Avoid direct contact with the wolf general until we break through their formation."

He looked at the formation of the wolf for the second time before continuing. "We are breaking through the right side!"

The group moved according to his instructions without any hint of hesitation. They quickly took a turn and changed their course towards the direction that he indicated.

But to their surprise, the wolves also responded. They moved strategically and circle around the group without breaking their earlier formation. They perfectly matched the movements of the group, making them face the wolf general once again.

This move greatly surprise Shin, or to be more exact, completely amazed.

This strategic move confirmed that these wolves had a certain level of AI compared to the ones that they left behind, especially the wolf general. To do such a maneuver, the leader of the pack needed to be familiar with the formation and the reaction of their opponents.

Those small details might look insignificant on the surface, but it was substantial proof that this wolf army was part of a certain militia before.

"A wolf with a strong defense, enough to block a devasting force. A wolf with an absolute strength that boasts to crush its enemies directly. A wolf with a very cunning personality leads a group for assassination purposes."

"And lastly, a wolf with a certain degree of military knowledge and strategical techniques. This sure is amazing."

It might surprise Shin a little but it was only for a brief moment since he immediately recovered himself within an instant.

"On my signal, we will change our course towards our left and crush the formation," he said, instructing everyone.

"We still are going according to our plan. Zero, hold that wolf in place. Arthur, create a path for us," he added as the distance between them and the wolf general continued to shirk.

"Copy, boss~!" replied Arthur in a nonchalant manner while Zero slightly nodded his head.

"Go!"

With that signal, everyone aside from Zero sprung towards their left, running with all they had. Of course, they couldn't run too fast since they had two priests in their group, but they at least had a decent speed that would give them enough time before the wolves could respond.

The wolves would naturally attempt to adjust their formation when they saw the sudden move of the group. Unfortunately, even if their AI were pretty high, they were still a little slower compared to this elite group of players.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Both Zero and Arthur quickly sprinted forward and went to the designated targets given to them.

Roar!

As usual, Arthur, who loved to always be at the center of the spotlight, charged forward in the most stylish way. He quickly initiated a Spirit Possession and fused with one of his Elemental Dragons.

"Vulcan!" with his shout, a Dragonkin enfolded with blazing flames appeared behind him before turning it into a light that fused with his body.

Roar!

Then the armor that Arthur was wearing took a sudden change. From gold, it turned into crimson red color. His shield disappeared while the spear on his hand grew in length. The cape behind him transformed into a pair of dragon wings as his helm turned into a dragon's head.

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

Roar!

Then a blazing flame enfolded his body as he started accelerating forward. The then turned into a flame dragon that opened its mouth widely, flying towards the group of wolves blocking its path.

Seeing that scene, the wolf general immediately spirited at the dragon made of fire, planning to save its subordinates.

Swoosh!

Unfortunately for it, Zero was also making his move.

The moment when the wolf general was in midflight of its charge, it suddenly sensed an immense threat coming from below. It turned its head beneath and saw a swordsman holding his swords on his side parallel with each other while the air around him was being attracted by them.

Hu~!

He spun around and also swung his swords at the same time. His swords were glowing with a jade light, attracting the air from every direction and slowly turning into a gust of wind.

A moment later, the gusts of wind grew larger and started to spin alongside Zero's movements. It didn't take long until it transformed into a huge tornado that pushed the wolf general higher in the air.

'Class Fighting Style: (Origin Skill): Blooming Tempest'

At the same time, the wolves that failed to react in time were pulled by the tornado and also threw them in the air alongside their general.

Grr!

An angry growl came out from the wolf general as it skillfully adjusted its body in the air, and got ready to launch itself towards the directions where Arthur was slaughtering its subordinates.

But right after the tornado disappeared, clearing the line of sight of the wolf general, a flash of light came from the direction slightly away from Arthur.

It briefly attracted the attention of the wolf general and threw a quick glance in that direction.

Swoosh!

But what greeted it was a powerful energy wave, flying straight in its direction.

'Slayer Skill: Eclipse Slash'

Shin threw a skill with great accuracy, delaying the plan that the wolf general had. It was as if he was able to read the mind of that particular wolf.

His actions also buy enough time for Zero to climb that high from the ground. The swordsman used the scattered wolves in the air, pulled by his tornado, as a platform to reach the wolf general.

"That guy sure knows how to make things convenient," Zero was confident that he would be able to stop the wolf general in time even without Shin lending him a hand.

But since he already got the help, he didn't mind changing his plan a little. He also had more than enough time to prepare for a much stronger skill and send this seemingly smartest and most cunning wolf general out of the four further.

Zero sheathed one of his swords and held the other with his hands. He gathered a lot of Wind Elemental Mana in it before swinging it with all he got, it was as if he was swinging a baseball bat.

Bang!

The blade of his sword seemed to collide with a mental wall as it failed to penetrate the fur of the wolf. But Zero was still wearing a calm look on his face since he already expected it to happen. Instead, he put more strength on both of his arms, forcing them to push the wolf general away.

'Self-Created Skill: (Tier 2 Combined) Roar of the Raging Storm'

Boom!

The wolf general was sent flying in the opposite direction where the group was heading. A powerful wind vortex pushed the giant wolf away and made it spin in the air during the process.

Boom!

The wolves on the ground failed to react in time when the wolf general landed on the snowy field. They were either crushed by the giant wolf itself or sent flying in the air due to the powerful impact.

Grr!

The wolf general was furious despite it seemingly unaffected by the previous attacks. It managed to land on the ground on all of these feet.

Awoo~!

Then it howled towards the sky, making the area around it shake violently. Even the wolves that managed to survive the previous fall were trembling with fear.

Swoosh!

But the man, who was responsible for its anger and currently falling from the sky like a meteor, didn't care about the scary pressure that it had.

Boom!

Yet another shockwave made the whole already tremble as Zero's swords and the shadow-like energy field around the wolf general clashed. All of the snow on the ground was even sent flying in the air as a growing crater on the ground was revealed.

The poor wolves in the vicinity were caught in their collision once again. Their sliver of health that was barely holding on was emptied.

Regardless, Zero and the Wolf General didn't pay any attention to them as they were already engaged in a fierce battle.

Chapter 847 Lupus, The Ruler Of The Snowy Field

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After assisting Zero for a moment, Shin quickly shifted his center of gravity to dodge the attacks of the wolves. He also started cutting them down one after another. And immediately after that, he sprinted towards the others to catch up with them.

Arthur was charging ahead and slaughtering the wolves to create a clear path for the group. In the meantime, Shin was covering their rear by killing the wolves that were trying to get near them.

With Arthur in the frontline and Shin at the rear, Cloe and the rest of the group didn't need to concern themselves about anything. All they needed to do was to continue moving forward, following Arthur's lead.

Just like that, Shin and the others reached the center without much of a problem. And right after arriving, Shin started giving out orders. "Start organizing our formation!"

"Arielle start setting up the 'Holy Field'. The rest of you protect her until she is finished laying out the energy barrier."

"Siegfried, hold the Alpha Wolf for the time being and buy them enough time. I will join you once I am done clearing the area," he added before activating one of the signature skills of the 'Emperor of the Night'.

'Phantom Swordsman Skill: Phantom Dance'

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Shin released nine phantoms and scattered them in different directions. They created a circular formation around the group, seemingly protecting them.

He then started cutting down the wolves that were trying to get near the group. He kept switching places with his phantoms whenever a wolf would try to get past them.

"I know it already!" shouted Arthur in a complaining tone before accelerating forward and engaging in an intense melee battle with the Alpha Wolf.

The rest of the group was also not idle. They quickly followed the instructions given to them and swiftly get in position.

S.Tigris positioned himself in front of the group to act as an extra layer for defense if ever the Alpha Wolf managed to break free from Arthur and suddenly started charging at them. Behind him, Blank Hand kept on waving his hand as he gave every member of the group a series of buffs.

Ara and Alucard were positioned at the left and right of the rest and provided cover to Shin. Their firepower might not be as powerful as the three mages of the group, but each of their attacks was lethal and perfectly hit the vitals of the wolves.

The three mages, Charlotte, Ravier, and Ember, formed a triangular formation around Cloe as she quickly Cloe quickly kneel on the ground and started praying. They kept firing different kinds of spells at the wolves that were trying to get near them.

But despite their powerful attacks, Shin and the others didn't kill any wolves purposely. They only dealt enough damage to incapacitate those wolves, making sure that they would not be able to move for a certain period.

Shin's attack was the most effective since the power of the Brilliant Sun and Abyssal Moon had special effects that made the healing abilities of the wolves useless.

After a few moments, the holy powers within Cloe started to grow for every verse of the prayer she chanted. The surrounding started to carry a holy aura because of her prayers, specks of golden lights were even starting to appear in the air.

This was their trump card for this operation.

Fighting the Alpha Wolf was going to be troublesome if they needed to constantly keep an eye on their surroundings.

Trapped in the middle of a wolf army, their group would need to endure a continuous attack from every direction. And if they continuously only kill the wolves that were trying to harass them, then the remaining wolves would constantly get stronger.

Taking this into account, Shin came up with a plan. They needed to somehow isolate the Alpha Wolf from the rest of its minions while they were trying to take it down.

Doing it was not going to be easy, especially when they didn't have any engineers in their group that could build a sturdy barrier with their special tools and gadgets.

Fortunately, Cloe had a special skill that could create a certain field that would help them isolate the Alpha Wolf. The only problem was it needed a very long time to be set up. And she would be very vulnerable to any attack when setting it up.

That was more than enough for the group than fighting a much more troublesome battle where they needed to constantly worry about the wolves in the surrounding.

The sudden change in the atmosphere was immediately noticed by the Alpha Wolf. It sensed a dangerous being that could threaten its existence.

Casting its gaze towards the direction where the threat was coming from, it saw a priestess kneeling on the ground with her hands clasped together, praying. There was an overwhelming quantity of holy powers coming from her body.

Awoo~!

Sensing the threat coming from Cloe, the Alpha Wolf attempted to break away from Arthur and start to run towards her.

"Hey! Hey! Don't you dare forget about me?" Arthur immediately anticipated its plan, so he quickly positioned himself in front of the Alpha Wolf and prevented it from going anywhere.

The truth was he, himself, knew that it was impossible to pin this Alpha Wolf in place alone. Not only it was a King Class Boss Monster, but it also had a powerful bloodline. Might be called 'Lesser Fenrir', but it was still the bloodline of one of the strongest being in the game.

Based on the legends within the game, a Fenrir had the ability to swallow the moon and possessed a strength that could threaten even the gods. It was not any weaker compared to Great Giants, Ancient Dragons, and Primordial Beasts of the distant era.

Given this simple background, it was normal for its descendants to have a similar level of strength if they reached adulthood.

This was the reason why Arthur was having a hard time pinning this powerful wolf in place. He even sacrificed the high damage output that his 'Lava Walker' form had and switched to his 'Tide Bringer' form since it had a move survival ability than the previous one.

Moreover, his water clone was greatly helping him since it could make up for the openings that he failed to cover.

Regardless, Arthur couldn't let his guard down even for a moment. Not only did this King Class Boss hand an immense strength, but it also had a very fast speed that was hard to deal with.

Cloe needed three whole minutes to finish setting up the holy field. It was definitely not short since a lot of things could happen in that period.

Arthur was only fighting this Alpha Wolf for a few seconds yet he felt he was stacked with it for an entire hour already. He couldn't imagine the suffering that he was going to experience in those three minutes.

He really wanted to use the Reality Manifestation right now and teach this troublesome 'dog' a lesson that it would never forget. Unfortunately, he also knew the consequences that could possibly happen if he exhausted himself before they could take down this particular King Class Boss.

"Its strength and speed are still manageable. The problem is the hidden abilities that are not shown yet," muttered Arthur as he looked at the information that the Alpha Wolf had.

Monster Name: Luples (Wolf of the Frozen Land)

Monster Rank: King Class

Title (Temporary): Ruler of the Snowy Field

Bloodline: Cursed Being, Lesser Fenrir

Level: 160

HP: 20,000,000,000

Historical Note:

A Great General of a 'certain' army.

He was cursed by a Celestial Being after breaking the contract.

He was abandoned alongside his 'Master' after they were accused of being traitors.

Status 1: Betrayed, Sorrow, and Regret.

Status 2: He had been trapped in this place and almost forgotten who he really is.

Quest Update Reward: Defeat Luples to get more clues on the Empire Quest.

A named and titled monster, this two alone were enough for Arthur to have a solemn expression.

He could ignore the astonishing amount of health bar since it could be chunk down as long as they had steady damage, and they didn't lack any of that.

But a named monster with a title was much stronger than ordinary ones, much less it was a King Class Boss Monster. Its power and ability should be very strong, especially when it had a special bloodline.

Arthur already experienced the strength of a monster that almost had all of that. The cyclops that they encountered in the underground dungeon. But from what Shiella had told them, that monster was slightly weakened, though it also had the Berserk Ability that could absorb the energy from the dead.

But during that time, Shiella showcased an overwhelming power. She actually had a critical role during that battle since aside from assisting them during that time, she was also dealing a lot of damage to that cyclops.

Moreover, Arthur could also tell that this wolf was much stronger than that cyclops. It was mainly because this cunning wolf was seemingly hiding its true form.

Dragons were said to be able to see the truth. They could see through the souls, nature, and everything.

Arthur might not be at the level where he could fully utilize that power. But as a Dragonkin, he could at least feel the real nature of every monster that he encountered. And right now, he could sense that this giant wolf in front of him had two of them. One had an overwhelming force while the other was being suppressed.

Even if he was not that smart, he could at least tell that this was related to the 'cursed being' indicated in its information panel.

He pursed his lips for a moment before muttering. "Well, what is the point of wracking my brains about it when Shin can do the thinking for me?"

"Anyway, all of it still falls on one thing, and that is to beat this dog in submission," he added before getting ready for another round of battle.

Chapter 848 Who The Hell Are You?

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Real World, World Gaming Organization Headquarters

Carlos was looking at the record where four of their problem children were slaughtering a pack of Lord Rank Wolves. With how they killed the wolves with ease, anyone would think that they were only fighting a bunch of normal-type monsters.

But to the developers watching the recorded battle clip, these people were only able to do such a feat because they unlocked one of the hidden features of the game. Though, they were also surprised at how easy for these children to unlock that special mechanic.

The expression on Carlos' face was very weird as he didn't know how to feel. If it was only a single person, then it was still understandable since it was about time for the Reality Manifestation to appear in the game. But the fact that all of them were able to discover it at the same time was definitely strange, especially when they were fully aware of how strong these young men were just a moment ago.

Earlier, just before these kids logged out of the game, the Monitoring Team already assessed the strengths of each member of the group. And from their assessment, they were sure that this group was still far from unlocking the Reality Manifestation. But right after they logged in back in the game, they suddenly started using the hidden mechanic out of nowhere.

Carlos studied each of them carefully and concluded that each of them had a different method of entering the special state where they could use the Reality Manifestation. This troubled him really hard.

After observing them for a few more moments, Carlos finally gave up and just instructed. "Keep an eye on them properly and immediately report to me if another strange event happened."

Urgh!

The people around him couldn't help but groan painfully when they heard those words. He was telling them to monitor the group 'properly', but their eyes never left these people since most of them were listed in the 'Miracle Players' category.

With so much 'care' that they were giving these young people, the developers didn't know how much more they needed to do more 'proper'.

"The boss definitely wants to kill us now," this was the thought that was running inside the members of the Monitoring Team.

Carlos ignored the pleading look that they were giving him before pointing at the young man battling at the forefront of the group. "And this guy! Give me a detailed report about him every time he logs in to the game and also a regular update about his progress."

"From the looks of it, he is the reason why the other three are able to achieve Reality Manifestation. They seemed to get an inspiration from him and become enlightened," he added before taking another look at the virtual screen.

He frowned for a brief moment before continuing. "And once they clear that quest, make sure to update the system and announce the new 'Battle Status Feature' that will be added."

"But Sir-...!"

One of the developers around him wanted to say something but Carlos immediately silenced him with a sharp glare. "I don't want to hear any of your complaints. Since those kids already unlock the Reality Manifestation inside the game, it is only a matter of time for the others to learn about it too."

"We need to be prepared for it before it could even happen, so we need to release the improved version of Battle Status Features in advance."

"I will head to the director and report this matter to him directly, so there is no need for any of you to be worried."

After that, he quickly turned around and exited the monitoring room.

Bang!

Arthur was sent flying to the ground as he tried to block the attack from Lupus. But to his surprise, that particular attack was much stronger than what he had expected.

"-30,200"

The ground where he landed sank a little, creating a small crater on it. There was also a huge chunk on his Health Bar, signifying that he suffered quite a lot of damage.

"+500, +500, +500"

"I thought I blocked it properly, but it looks like I am greatly mistaken," Arthur used the special ability of his 'Tide Bringer' form to heal himself.

Even though he found it a bit of a waste, he had no choice since he was sent flying away from the group. And due to that, Black Hand's heal could reach him at that distance.

Lupus wanted to ignore Arthur and charge at Cloe who was still in the middle of her prayers. But Arthur controlled his clone pretty well to block it off.

He then glanced at the digital clock in the corner of his eyes and saw that only a minute had passed. He clicked his tongue and shook his head. He closed his eyes to keep himself steady before charging at Lupus once again.

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His battle against the Alpha Wolf extended for a few more seconds, making his appearance more pathetic. He might be able to chunk down a decent amount of damage over the course of the battle, but all of them were healed by the powerful regeneration ability of the Alpha Wolf.

Hu~!

With another deep breath, Arthur glanced at the digital clock once again and saw that he only needed to hold it for at least 40 more seconds.

But at that very moment, the momentary lapse in Arthur's concentration seemed to be noticed by Lupus and suddenly started charging.

"What!?" Arthur was slightly taken aback by its sudden attack but immediately able to recover himself.

Bang!

He successfully withstood the charge after creating a barrier made of water. That barrier even turned into a huge bubble that was slowly growing and trying to devour the huge wolf.

But when the growing water bubble was about to completely cover the Lupus body, the shadow under it suddenly moved and sneak beneath Arthur's feet without notice. And when he finally noticed that there was something wrong, it was already too late.

"F*ck!" after cursing himself, he quickly turned around and started running towards the group while shouting. "Careful!"

Arthur quickly used Charge Skill to catch up with the shadow traveling on the ground with great speed.

Grr!

Lupus used a skill to travel through the shadow and emerged from the ground pouncing at the group. And its eyes were completely locked on Cloe who was still in her prayers.

The others were completely prepared for such an unexpected to happen. Which was why they were already casting their skills and spells, ready to throw them to the giant wolf that suddenly jumped out from the ground.

But the moment they started focusing their attention on the Alpha Wolf, the surrounding wolves suddenly turned berserk and started charging at them like crazy. They even ignored Shin who was trying to stop them through his phantoms.

Shin quickly creased his brow as he saw it happened. He was sure that the Alpha Wolf used a large-scale buff skill that made the surrounding wolves more powerful.

"Tsk!" he clicked his tongue before quickly increasing 'his' numbers.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

He released the Sun and Moon Clones and controlled them manually after activating Phantom Dance for each of them.

He didn't want to use this skill for the time being since he needed to conserve his concentration when he used the Reality Manifestation later.

As for leaving them to be controlled by the AI? He would not be satisfied with the AI's mechanics no matter what. He already tested it before and discovered that the AI would have a certain limit no matter how high it was.

Not only their combat powers were limited, but their decision-making was also still not that great, so they would never be able to cut in with the current situation. Especially when it was already impossible to stop the crazy wolves from charging at the group because of the current state.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Shin left his post and just controlled the two Clones to hold off the surrounding wolves for the time being as his main body sprinted towards the group, going to save them from the current crisis.

"Forget about the Alpha Wolf and cast large-scale skills at the surrounding," he shouted as he activated the 'Moonlight Steps', consuming all of its three charges consecutively.

He left a streak of light behind as he flew straight back at them, reaching their location within an instant.

The group hesitated for a moment but still trust him and started throwing the skills and spells that they prepared to attack the charging wolves instead.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Arthur was still a little behind Lupus and already knew that he wouldn't be able to make it. But he still continued to chase after the Alpha Wolf since he trusted Shin completely.

Swoosh!

When the giant wolf opened its mouth widely and was about to reach the group, a shadow suddenly flew over the heads of the others and collided with the Alpha Wolf, creating a loud explosion.

Boom!

The powerful impact failed to send Luples flying but it was more than enough to push it back.

Grr!

The Alpha Wolf growled angrily at the person who stopped it. It was baring its fangs while glaring at that person.

It was at that moment when Arthur finally caught up with it and forced Luples to dodge away the trident that he threw from the air.

Boom!

"I knew that you've got it," said Arthur as he picked up the trident from being impaled on the ground while raising his head.

But when he looked in the direction where the certain person was standing, he couldn't help but blurt out. "Who the f*ck are you?!"

What he saw was an unfamiliar Wolfkin who was standing in there and holding a pair of sabers in each of his hands.

Chapter 849 Upgraded Lycanthrope

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Arthur looked at the 'unfamiliar' person in front of him, failing to hide his surprise. What he saw was a Wolfkin wielding a pair of sabers of different colors, a black and a white one.

But despite the unfamiliar appearance of that person, Arthur could still feel the sense of familiarity with that Wolfkin. And after taking a closer look, he couldn't help but exclaim. "You! What the heck happened to you!"

His index finger was trembling uncontrollably while pointing at that person. "Don't tell me you can now change between two bloodlines, you bastard!"

Shin, who now had the appearance of a Wolfkin for some unknown reason, rolled his eyes at Arthur before replying. "What are you talking about? This is just the improved version of my Equipment Skill."

The corner of Arthur's mouth suddenly twitched when he heard those words and took another look at Shin. 'An Equipment Skill? Then why does he look so cool with that?'

Shin's current appearance was really different from how he looked earlier. He still had grey hair, but its length was not pretty long as it was extending all the way to his waist. Then a pair of dog ears on his head.

He was also not wearing anything on top, making his upper body completely bare and showcasing his properly trained muscles, especially his abs. Then his arms were covered with grey furs, extending up to his shoulders.

He was wearing martial-artist pants and a pair of black Tai Chi shoes to complement it.

A Wolfkin instead of being a werewolf. It was the improved version of his 'Lycanthropy' skill attached to his equipment set.

Shin didn't know how Black Hammer did it but the chief blacksmith of the Hand of Midas Trading Firm indeed did a great job on rebuilding the [Dusk and Dawn Equipment Set]. Truly worthy of his title as being the best blacksmith in the game.

In this form, Shin could do a lot of things compared to his Werewolf form. He had more freedom in this form since this humanoid form removed all of the restrictions that the previous form had.

His skills were also no longer limited to dark or shadow-related elements when using 'Lycanthropy'. He could use all of the skills under his arsenal regardless of their elements.

Equipment Set Skill: Lycanthropy

Description: Used the power of the Wolf God hidden within your equipment and cast it into your body.

After changing form, you would be able to wield the powers of a certain 'Fenrir' who shook heaven and earth from the distant era.

Effects: Double all of your Stats.

+50% to all resistance.

+20% movement speed.

+10% power to all of your skills with dark attributes.

Duration: 15 Minutes

Cooldown: 2 hours

Extra Passive Skill:

- Wolf Sovereignty: This had a significant effect when fighting wolf-related monsters, particularly suppression.

Note: this skill would vary defending the rank of the monster, the stronger the monster, the less effective it would be.

- Berserk: The more damage you took, the stronger you become.

Note: 2% increase in damage for every 5% of HP loss.

Extra Skill Note: more skills would be unlocked after meeting certain conditions. (Required a Master Blacksmith or higher rank Blacksmith to further improve this set).

Restrictions: You will not be able to use this skill for at least daily if you use the 'Reaper State'.

This was one of the shapeshifting and buffing skills that Shin had.

Just like the description implied, his [Dusk and Dawn Equipment Set] now possessed two types of transformation skills, the 'Lycanthropy' and 'Reaper State'.

Each of the states was powerful and might even be better than his 'Nephilim Ascension' to a certain degree, especially when it came to special occasions. But it didn't mean that neither of them was better than the other.

These Berserk and Transformation skills had a charm of their own which fitted certain situations. And right now, the 'Lycanthrope' Transformation Skill was the best choice that Shin had in their current predicament.

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Shin ignored Arthur's envious gaze and quickly charge forward. It was because the Alpha Wolf was already planning to attack Cloe once again.

He swung the [Dusk Blade] and [Dawn Blade] in front of him, doing a quick sword shuffle during his charge. And after a brief moment, he quickly summoned his special Elemental Spirits to possess his sabers.

"Blackie! Whitie!"

With his shout, a majestic white male Tigerkin in an elegant king's robe appeared behind him alongside a seductive female Tigerkin with black furs and a scorpion tail.

They briefly showed behind him before turning into specks of lights that fused with his sabers, Whitie with the [Dawn Blade] and Blackie with the [Dusk Blade].

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

'Elemental Spirit Possession (Dark Reaper): Abyss Conqueror'

The sabers on his hands took drastic changes in their appearance, taking a few features from the elemental spirits that fused with them. Their current appearance and color completely complimented the auras that were covering them due to the combat technique that he was using, the Eclipse Welding.

Swoosh!

Shin left a pair intervening trail of lights on his path as he continued to sword shuffle during his charge. And when he reached the ideal ranged that he had in mind, he suddenly leaped forward, spun in the air, and executed two different skills with each of his sabers.

'Extra Skill: (Modified) Falling Lightblade'

'Extra Skill: (Modified) Destructive Slash'

Swoosh!

Shing! Shing!

Lupus was already looking warily at Shin since the time he was blocked earlier. It also scented the familiar smell coming from the latter.

The Alpha Wolf even felt some pressure earlier when Shin first appeared in his Wolfkin Form. But it was only for a brief moment since Lupus managed to brush it off immediately. Instead, it felt a little uncomfortable due to its bloodline, it looked like something was provoking it.

Awoo~!

Due to that unseen provocation, Lupus seemed to forget about Cloe and started charging at Shin instead. And when it saw Shin jump toward it, the Alpha Wolf raised its front paw and swung it at Shin with great force.

Bang!

The air surrounding the two exploded due to the powerful collision. The violent gust of wind created by it cleared the snow on the ground below them and scattered them in every direction.

Swoosh!

Their collision seemed to create a small blizzard due to the veil of wind and snow blocking the view of the others.

Shin was sent flying outside of the blizzard. He seemed to underestimate the strength of this King Class Monster Boss a little. Even with the boosts that he was getting from 'Lycanthrope' and 'Elemental Spirit Possession', he was still a little inferior with it.

"It becomes much stronger than earlier," muttered Shin as he immediately figured out why he lost in terms of strength.

No matter how careful the others from not to kill the surrounding wolves, it was impossible for them to always had perfect control over their spells and skills with such a chaotic battlefield, they were bound to accidentally kill a wolf or two during their attacks.

Fortunately, they only need to hold this for a dozen more seconds before Cloe finished setting up the Holy Field.

Grr!

The veil of scattered snow in front of Shin was suddenly split-open as a giant wolf appeared from behind it, opening its jaws and planning to crush him with them.

"Heh!"

Shin was still completely calm despite being in a state where he couldn't counterattack nor protect himself.

He was not even in a hurry to escape his current predicament since he knew that he was not in danger yet.

Swoosh!

The veil of snow beside the Alpha Wolf was also broken as a huge dragon head made of fire suddenly broke through it and bit the exposed neck of the giant wolf.

Roar!

"-500,224"

A huge number appeared on top of Lupus' head appeared as it got bitten by the flame dragon. But given it had an astronomical amount of HP, that kind of damage was pretty negligible.

Fortunately, the force behind that attack was more than enough to push the Wolf Boss away from Shin, giving him enough time to prepare a strong skill.

"If you can't handle it properly then, stop acting cool as if you are the main character or something," At that time, Arthur finally arrived beside Shin, mocking him.

He now switched back to his 'Lava Walker' form. Since Shin was not assisting him, he could now solely focus on facing the Alpha Wolf, no longer concerning himself with protecting the others while fighting.

Shin laughed at Arthur after hearing that remark. "What are you talking about? Without me cleaning up your mess, then his operation is completely been ruined just now."

"And thanks to me acting as bait, you finally able to land a clean hit on that Alpha Wolf," he added, chuckling.

"Tsk! Cover me!" Arthur couldn't refute those words and decided to avoid them instead. He charged ahead and cased after Lupus who was pushed not too far from them.

Shin laughed again when he saw that before coordinating with Arthur. He finally released the skill that he prepared just earlier when he was conversing with the latter.

He locked on the position of the Alpha Wolf before swinging his saber downward with all his strength.

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

Swoosh!

Lupus immediately sensed the threat behind Shin's movements. It ignored its burning furs, due to the previous attack, causing a series of "-1000" on top of its head.

It wanted to move away from its current position to escape the impending doom. But unfortunately for it, Shin already locked the skill on it which was why it was impossible to get away from it.

Boom!

"-2,003,923"

A powerful energy wave fell from the sky and crushed the body of the Alpha Wolf, devouring a significant amount of health bar.

Swoosh!

It was also at that moment when Arthur appeared in the air, holding his spear with a throwing posture. That spear suddenly grew in size as a blazing flame covered its entire body.

Roar!

When Arthur threw the spear toward the ground, it suddenly turned into a blazing dragon that flew down straight to where the Alpha Wolf was located.

'Dragon Knight Skill: (Tier 2) (Modified) Dragon Slaying Harpoon'

Boom!

"-1,542,266"

The attack further impaled the giant wolf on the ground, making the already large crater on it much larger.

Boom!

"1,000,883"

Then a huge explosion occurred, forming a towering pillar of fire that shot toward the sky. The surrounding snow was also evaporated due to the immense heat behind the two consecutive explosions.

"That guy's skills always been flashy no matter what it is," commented Shin with a bitter tone while looking at the disappearing flares of fire in the air.

Chapter 850 An Unexpected Development

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Bang! Bang!

The duo of Shin and Arthur were doing pretty well against the Lupus. Even if it was getting harder and harder every second.

Arthur was repeatedly pushed back due to the powerful strength that the Alpha Wolf had. But with Shin covering his back, he didn't have to worry about getting killed, especially when Black Hand were giving them a perfectly timed heal whenever the situation called for it.

After a few moments, the time that they were waiting for finally arrived!

Cloe opened her eyes, indicating that she finished her prayers. She then faced her head towards the sky while shouting. "O Goddess of Light, please purify this land!"

Swoosh!

'Divine Priestess Skill: (Special Tier 2) Holy Field'

Then a huge gold magic circle suddenly appeared on the ground, covering the entire area within the fifty-meter radius away from her.

The air was also filled with golden specks of lights that were raising from the ground as a transparent light appeared at the edges of the magic circle slowly grew and steadily built an isolation wall.

Based on the movements of that transparent light, it was clear that was trying to create a huge dome that would isolate the group and the Alpha Wolf away from the surrounding wolves.

Awoo~!

Seeing that, Luples immediately howled, making its aura become much more powerful. There was also a strong gust of wind that pushed Shin and Arthur away from it.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Whoosh!

Then it started sprinting towards the direction where Cloe and others were. And while it was running, it sent a barrage of wind blades toward Arthur and Shin, seemingly planning to prevent them from catching up.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

"Hah!" Arthur couldn't help but laugh when he saw the clever move that the wolf boss had executed. He then flipped his spear left and right, blocking and deflecting the wind blades with it.

Bang! Bang!

A thick cloud made of snow swallowed him because of the series of explosions created by the previous collisions.

Whoosh!

Arthur cleared the thick cloud of snow with a powerful swing before dragging his spear as he ran toward Lupus to block its path.

On the other hand, Shin skillfully dodged each of the wind blades that were sent toward his direction, not letting any of them from slowing him down. He even accelerated his speed while activating one of his skills that had been completely modified.

Swoosh!

He turned into a streak of light as he flew forward and held his sabers in front of him. The sabers were positioned one above the other. The contradicting auras that each of them had were intervening with each other, creating a spiraling flow of mana around them.

'Extra Skill: (Enhanced and Modified) Eclipse Sword Rush: Thrusting Charge'

Boom!

Shin flew like a bullet as he continued moving towards Lupus. And when the Alpha Wolf immediately sensed the threat from that direction and quickly turned to Shin, growling.

Grr!

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Then a series of Ice Walls appeared in front of Shin one after another, completely blocking his path. Each of those ice walls was thick, making them have an appearance that was impossible to be broken.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Shin frowned deeply when he noticed that these ice walls were much tougher than what they were dealing with earlier. "This guy is clearly getting stronger."

He quickly canceled the first charge of his skill and changed his course before quickly continuing the second charge almost instantly.

Swoosh!

This time, he had his arms crossed in front of his chest as the saber was continuously releasing a massive amount of mana.

'Extra Skill: (Enhanced and Modified) Eclipse Sword Rush: Slashing Charge'

Seeing that Shin was persistently trying to stop Luples, the Alpha Wolf fiercely turned in his direction, glowing.

Awoo~!

With another howl, Luples gathered the Ice Elemental Mana from the surroundings towards its mouth, forming a glowing sphere.

Whoosh!

It only took the Alpha Wolf a brief moment to finish casting its spell and quickly sent it towards Shin's direction.

Shin slightly raised his eyebrow when he saw the spinning sphere made of ice, especially when he noticed that the mana on its path was spiraling alongside its movements.

But despite seeing how strong it was, Shin continued to move forward, seemingly not thinking too much about it. He bravely accelerated his charge and confidently faced the incoming sphere head-on.

Shing!

But the expected explosion didn't happen since he cleanly cut the spinning ice sphere into four symmetrical parts with two consecutive strikes.

Hu~!

He then slid forward to stop his momentum. He already achieved his goal, so the next turn was for the others.

Swoosh!

The first to arrive was Arthur, who leap forward and cleared the fog blocking his path. And immediately after that, he swung his burning spear down to Lupus' head as if he was planning to smash it into smithereens.

Sensing the threat behind that attack, the Alpha Wolf jumped to the side, barely dodging the descending spear.

Bang!

Arthur's spear hit the ground, shattering its surface. But despite failing to land his ambush, he was still grinning from ear to ear since he was also a distraction just like Shin.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Whoosh!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Boom! Boom!

While Luples was still in the air after dodging Arthur's attack, a barrage of spells and skills landed on its massive body, creating different kinds of lights that looked like fireworks. A series of damages also appeared on top of its head, signifying that it suffered a decent amount of damage.

"-449,220", "-612,556", "-300,223", "-562,112", ...

Shin and Arthur already dealt significant damage to the Alpha Wolf earlier. But despite that being the case, the two of them were still not satisfied since more than half of their damage was recovered by the insane regenerative ability of Luples in just a span of seconds.

But they could now feel less pressure since the others could now help them deal more damage.

Luples slid on the ground and left a long trail on the snow after landing. It glared at the group in the distance, full of resentment.

It then turned its attention to the transparent dome-shaped barrier that was about to be formed. Its intelligent eyes instantly understood that it was already too late to escape from this place, it was now fully cornered.

But despite having its back against the wall, Luples still refused to surrender. A blazing flare within its heart told it that this fight was still not over yet.

Then a series of scenes flashed through its eyes, seemingly reminding it of something.

A majestic army marched towards a certain battlefield to purge the evil forces. The army was extremely large as it had an approximate size of hundreds of thousands of troops.

They fought a fierce battle against the powerful and almost undying forces of a certain demon. They suffered significant losses on their side but the opposing side had much larger damage compared to them.

At the final battle, the Great General under the heaven rode a majestic creature of huge size and fly towards the sky. He bravely led his army to battle.

But instead of fighting against the 'evil forces', the army fought against an army of unknown beings that came from a massive fracture in the sky. The majestic and 'evil' army joined together and fought side by side against the unknown army.

This scene confused Luples. But what confused it, even more, was he saw himself fighting alongside the Great General at the most heated part of the battlefield.

A moment later, the scene changed and showed their defeat. Despite how powerful their combined forces were, the two armies suffered a devastating defeat.

Luples saw himself surrounded by winged beings while golden changes restricted his movements. These chains carried the Holy Powers of sacred beings.

The dome-shaped barrier was giving Luples a similar feeling as those chains. And this situation was reminding it of that particular scene.

"I finally remembered."

His words were extremely soft, almost as if he was whispering to himself. But given that the others had sharp senses, they were able to hear them clearly, especially Shin and Arthur who were already charging at the Alpha Wolf once again.

Those words made the two halt their steps unconsciously. But was because they could clearly sense the deep feelings behind the words. Sorrow, grief, and regret were the emotions that the duo felt after hearing those words.

While Shin and the others were momentarily distracted by its words, Lupus suddenly regained something that it thought would be lost forever, its sanity.

Boom!

But before Lupus could even get a hold of it, a massive pale hand suddenly appeared deep within its consciousness and completely crushed its final hope.

"Ahh!"

This time, the group heard a human's scream instead of a wolf's howl, confusing them even further. They also saw Lupus holding his head tightly as if he was under an unbearable headache.

Swoosh!

Then Shin felt a strong suction power coming from the Alpha Wolf. "Not good! We need to stop it!"

The others also woke up from their daze when they heard his shout. They then resumed attacking Luples.

Unfortunately, it was already too late.

Boom!

A powerful gust of wind pushed Shin and Arthur away, preventing them from getting near the Alpha Wolf. The spells, arrows, and magic bullets also failed to reach Luples since they already exhausted their powers before they could even get near the Alpha Wolf.

Awoo~!

"Sh*t!" cursed Shin as he could do nothing but watch Luples undergo a metamorphosis.

The massive body of the Alpha Wolf shrunk rapidly as if its muscles were being compressed slowly. Shin was very familiar with the form that Luples was trying to achieve, it was the form that he used frequently when was using the identity of 'Emperor of the Night', a werewolf form.

Shin swept his eyes at the surroundings and saw that aside from the four wolf generals, the wolves outside the transparent barrier were starting to die one after another. Then their energies were being sucked towards Lupus' shrinking body.

The group couldn't do anything to stop it since anything that tried to get near the Alpha Wolf would surely be shredded into pieces due to the violent wind circling around it.

"Hey! Don't tell me everything that we did so far is going to be for naught," asked Arthur with a bitter tone.

Shin was also not willing to accept it since they were already this far. He didn't know if this was intended by the system or if they accidentally triggered something without their knowledge. But they had no choice but to the empowered version of Lupus if they wanted to clear this Empire Quest.

Fortunately, based on the life rating that he was sensing, this King Class Monster Boss was not trying to promote itself into the next rank.

If this Alpha Wolf was to be promoted into an Emperor Rank Boss. They would definitely be in deep trouble. They might even say goodbye to all of their progress in the game and their virtual avatars.

"Hey, Arthur. Get ready to use 'that', we are going all-out as soon as it finishes its transformation," whispered Shin while tightening his grip over his sabers.

'If there is something that needs to be considered, then everyone is at their weakest when they just finish this kind of transformation. That window might be very brief, but we need to seize to deal a

massive blow to it before everything else,' thought Shin as he conveyed his plans to the other members of the group.

In the meantime, Arthur couldn't help but smile widely when he heard those words. "Really? Finally! I am already tired of waiting."

"After experiencing that state, I couldn't help but feel a little unsatisfied with everything," he added before wetting his lips with his tongue and grinning excitedly.