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They gasped the moment they saw it. Evelyn, who they thought would participate in the fifth battle, suddenly participated in the third battle. With Evelyn in that position, the audiences immediately knew that they were going to finish the competition as soon as possible.

Alex smirked as he already expected something like this.

"This..." Xiang Bai was still in shock. He did not know whether this came from Evelyn, who did not follow his plan, or he was just thrilled by the fact they could outwit the Rainbow Flower Sect.

"By looking at it, Evelyn must want to end it with only three fights. But the position of Florinda... she truly grew up." Alex shook his head helplessly. He knew she made Florinda participate in the last fight to become their last trump card in case their original plan failed.

"What is this? Heavenly Sword Sect has fooled all of us here. To think we can see Heavenly Sword Sect's captain in the third fight... What a surprise. It seems Heavenly Sword Sect does not want to prolong the fight as they want to finish it in just three battles. What a plan from Heavenly Sword Sect!"

Mina looked at Evelyn while sweating. She never expected she would use something like this. She was already informed that Heavenly Sword Sect was an old school.

In Rainbow Flower Sect's room, Cecilia was also gritting her teeth as she never expected that old Xiang Bai would use something like this.

"That old bastard... He never used something like this in a few decades... is it just so he can use it now?" Cecilia was cursing Xiang Bai.

Beside her, Letizia shook her head. She looked at Alex, who was beside Xiang Bai. She was sure that Xiang Bai would never use something like this. In other words, the one who could make a change like this was someone very influential that could even ignore the order from the sect master.

She remembered when they came to Heavenly Sword Sect. Xiang Bai was very reserved in front of Alex. It was plain to see that Alex had that power, and with that, he used it to fight them.

"No, Mother... This plan must come from Master," Letizia said.

"!!!" Those words immediately jogged her memory. Letizia had informed her about Alexander Sirius's plan concerning the troops in the Rivulet Forest. And she could clearly see how evil that plan was.

She was convinced instantly that the plan was devised by Alexander. She murmured, "What a devil..."

"Mother... Master is not a devil, he is a genius." Letizia corrected her. Half of it was because of the full loyalty thing, and the other half was because she was already convinced she would never win from this person.

"..." Cecilia could not say anything when Letizia corrected her. She just sighed and thought how lucky they were since they had made a kind of alliance with him. She said, "We can only place our hope in our disciples."

"Yes."

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In the arena, they could see six people facing each other. Half of them came from Heavenly Sword Sect while the rest hailed from Rainbow Flower Sect.

As for the others, they were chilling outside the arena as they prepared for their respective battles.

The three disciples from Rainbow Flower Sect were in dire situations. They knew the only way to win the competition was to destroy the Heavenly Sword Sect in 3v3 and 2v2 fights. That way, Mina would get the third win. Obviously, they already lost hope in Nakagawa Hiina as there would be no chance for her to defeat Evelyn.

On the other hand, the afro-mentioned person was sitting while focusing on her battle as she had yet to lose hope. She did not care if the others had lost hope from her. As long as there was still a chance to win, she would do her best to grasp it.

Maya Edwards, Zoe Barnes, Cara Montgomery looked at their opponent. They had a battle plan ready, but it would depend on how the battle goes.

Meanwhile, in Heavenly Sword Sect's side, Hanibal was acting as the vanguard while Kokonoe Shigure was special as he would only target Cara, who was a bow user. It would be hard if Cara could help her team with her bow. As for Yasmin, she was supporting Hanibal and Shigure with her spear.

The match had no referee since killing was legal. So, there was no stopping, and if they killed the surrendered opponent, they would surely die under Honda Sana's hand.

After looking at them, the announcer finally shouted.

"First Match! Begin!"

Hanibal made the first move. He hit the ground hard with his giant ax.

"Prison Stomp!"

The ground around the Rainbow Flower Team started shaking before rising and making a box that trapped them inside. This was the same move that he used to fight Alex. The purpose of this technique was to make the people trapped inside jump. At that time, Hanibal would strike them.

Alex also acted according to what he wanted. Sadly, Alex's strength was far more powerful than him at that time, so he lost in that exchange and led him to disadvantages.

This time, the Rainbow Flower team did not need to do that.

"Single Sword Strike!"

"Ten Thousandth Breaker!"

They blasted the wall open. At the same time, Cara already pulled her arrow. Her target was Yasmin.

"Purging Arrow!"

The arrow flew like a bullet. In an instant, the arrow had arrived in front of Yasmin. Yasmin still had no expression on her face, even in the face of this deadly arrow. Because she felt Kokonoe Shigure from her left.

He came like a shadow and swung his sword to deflect it to the sky. Ultimately, it was flying toward the audiences and made them panic.

It was at this time a transparent barrier suddenly stopped the arrow like nothing.

"What a fierce arrow from Cara Montgomery! But don't worry everyone, as the arena has been constructed with some protections to make sure no one gets hurt."

When they heard that, the crowd felt relieved and continued cheering on them.

Yasmin raised her spear and thrust it toward them.

"Quick Silver!"

However, they did not deflect it like Kokonoe Shigure. Instead, Maya and Zoe swung their swords and broke the attack with their combined strength. This showed them that they were stronger.

Sadly, that attack was not to show them who was stronger. Because of that attack, no one noticed that Kokonoe Shigure had disappeared from the battlefield. He used his shadow walk to lurk around the shadow and approached the Rainbow Flower team.

Hanibal also started moving forward as their vanguard. But surprisingly, Yasmin still had no sign moving. She just stood there while playing with her long blue hair. She looked very bored.

Even after all of that, she was showing the Rainbow Flower team that they could defeat them even without her.

The Rainbow Flower team furrowed their eyebrows as Maya and Zoe also started marching toward them. They would meet Hanibal first before they could reach Yasmin.

"Hmph, you won't get past me." Hanibal snorted.

It was at this time Kokonoe Shigure appeared behind Cara, who was pulling her bow. She wanted to make another shot toward Yasmin.

"Shadow Slash!" With his ninja sword covered with dark energy, he swung it toward Cara.

"!!!"

Cara finally realized they were taunted by Yasmin and forgot about this ninja. She leaped forward to avoid Shigure's strike. Unfortunately, Kokonoe Shigure never expected he could finish her with this blow, so he never targeted her from the beginning.

His true target was her bow. He shifted her sword and cut the bowstring.

"Tch!" Seeing her bowstring was cut by him, she clicked her tongue. She immediately changed her stance while trying to stab Kokonoe Shigure with her arrow.

Kokonoe Shigure grabbed her hand that held the arrow, but she then used her bow to strike his hand. Sadly, he immediately used his sword to block it.

"!!!" They were in a stalemate. It turned out that Cara's melee combat was not inferior to him. If he could just make some distance and move in the shadow once again. He could win this fight. Unfortunately, Cara grabbed his wrist tight so he would not escape.

Meanwhile, Maya and Zoe were surprised by the surprise attack from Kokonoe Shigure. For that, Cara only said, "Leave him to me. You two deal with the rest... No, defeat the spear user first."

After that confirmation, Maya and Zoe turned their focus to Yasmin. Of course, Hanibal did not let them so. He appeared in front of them and intervened in their plan.

"Axe Cleaver!" He swung his giant ax toward them, but Maya and Zoe avoided it easily.

They used that chance to move past him. After getting through him, they could finally see Yasmin.

"Maya, you beat her first while I buy you time for this big man," Zoe said.

"Alright." After hearing that, Maya nodded her head and leaped toward Yasmin. It was at this time Hanibal shouted. "All of you will lose!"

"Boom!" But before he could do anything. They heard an explosion from the other side.

When they turned their heads, they could see Cara used her explosion arrow to strike Kokonoe Shigure. Zoe and Maya smirked. "We can do this. We shall take the first win!"

Unbeknownst to them, Yasmin made a smile. She murmured, "Never thought, it is really going according to her plan."

She shouted, "Hanibal, now!"

He smiled as he stomped his feet to the ground. It made a small crater in the arena.

"Frenzied Berserker!"

This was the special state he used when he fought Alex. With this Special Art, he could enhance his strength for a few minutes.

"Prison Stomp!"

The ground rose once again and surrounded Zoe and Maya, blocking their line of vision. However, they also had prepared for this. The instant the wall rose, they immediately destroyed it.

Sadly, Hanibal used this Prison Stomp not to trap them, but to separate the arena.

Their position was such, Cara and Shigure were fighting on the other side of the arena. Hanibal was in the middle of the arena, and Yasmin was on the other corner of the arena while Zoe and Maya were between them.

Hanibal used this chance to separate Zoe and Maya from Cara. As for Yasmin, she had been briefed with the plan, so as soon as she saw the ground raised. She immediately slipped through Zoe and Maya from the side and made it to the other side of the arena.

It was at this time, she used her spear and thrust it toward Cara, who was busy fighting Kokonoe Shigure.

"Silver Raven."

"!!!" Cara was surprised by her surprise attack. She immediately shifted her hand to deflect the spear from her. Regrettably, it managed to injure her left hand.

"Argh!"

When her voice filled the arena, Zoe and Maya realized Heavenly Sword Sect's plan. Their target was Cara all along.

"Not good, we need to help her!" They immediately leaped.

"I have been waiting for this." Finally, his normal strategy came to fruition. He appeared in front of them with his powerful strength.

"You bastard." Zoe swung her sword toward him.

"Hmph. In my Frenzied Berserker, I am strong!" Hanibal swung his ax normally, but when Zoe received it, she was blown away.

"Bam!" Because of that overbearing force, she crashed into the wall.

"Ten Thousandth Breaker!" Maya immediately struck him with her sword but to no avail.

Hanibal effortlessly blocked it. Maya and Zoe needed to come back to help Cara, but this gigantic Buffon would stop them. He said, "Although I can only maintain this state for a few minutes, this would be enough to defeat all of you. So, we will play for a while until my team defeats the bow user."

Maya and Zoe gritted their teeth as Cara was under the onslaught of Kokonoe Shigure and Yasmin. With both sides' strategy had come into fruition. The problem would be how long Cara held on or how long Hannibal could hold Maya and Zoe back from coming to help her.