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Chapter 40: Let's Go With This

At this moment, Kaiser was unaware that he had already drawn the attention of multiple factions in more ways than one.

Even though he did not know the full extent, he could make an educated guess. Because of that, he had mentally prepared himself for this possibility long ago.

He had not deliberately concealed his whereabouts, so it was no surprise if someone discovered or approached him.

Thus, as if nothing was out of the ordinary, Kaiser continued his daily routine—eating when hungry, sleeping when tired. During the day, he roamed around town, and at night, he stayed at his inn, delving deeper into the mysteries of the True Longinus. His days remained fulfilling.

But such peaceful days could never last.

The evidence was clear—he had already noticed that the number of watchers around him was gradually increasing again.

"Has Siegfried retreated?"

Kaiser considered this thought but quickly dismissed it.

"No, he shouldn't have left yet."

Until it was confirmed that Kaiser would absolutely not join the Khaos Brigade or the Hero Faction, Siegfried was unlikely to give up.

Within the Hero Faction, Siegfried was somewhat of a notable figure, second only to its leader. The fact that he had personally come to recruit Kaiser was proof of how much they valued this matter.

Given the circumstances, Kaiser did not believe Siegfried would simply withdraw.

"I just don't know if the True Longinus has been exposed yet..."

It probably hadn't.

Otherwise, the Hero Faction, upon learning that the most ancient and powerful Longinus was in his possession, would have sent far more than just Siegfried.

If word of the True Longinus got out, forget just the Hero Faction—the key figures of every major mythological faction would descend upon Kuoh Town in search of him.

"Well, this gives me more time."

Kaiser needed more time to explore the depths of the True Longinus' power.

Due to his Unique Authority, he could wield the spear's full strength with complete mastery, but Kaiser was not satisfied with that alone.

Sacred Gears evolve and grow by feeding on their wielder's thoughts and emotions, growing stronger over time.

They are powered by will, and their strength is determined by conviction.

And when a wielder's will undergoes a dramatic transformation—when their thoughts become strong enough to defy the very flow of the world—a Sacred Gear reaches an entirely new realm.

This realm represents the ultimate form of a Sacred Gear, an unholy aberration deemed too dangerous for the balance of the world. It is a power fueled by the raw intensity of emotions—joy, sorrow, excitement, despair, fear—all merged into one.

A power considered a world-breaking force, something that must be sealed away.

This power is known as—Balance Breaker.

The True Longinus possessed a Balance Breaker form.

Even without knowing the original storyline, the moment Kaiser first grasped the spear, he instinctively understood this transformation and mastered it completely.

He had reached this state effortlessly—without requiring an intense emotional shift, without needing a dramatic mental change. He had even fully grasped the True Longinus' power beyond its Balance Breaker state.

However, putting aside its unique higher-tier ability, Kaiser had specific thoughts regarding the spear's Balance Breaker.

"The spear's original Balance Breaker doesn't suit me."

Kaiser mused.

Balance Breakers generally fell into three categories.

The Crest Side – Enhancing the original power of the Sacred Gear, evolving it into a superior form.

The Abyss Side – Reaching a state of madness where the wielder and the Sacred Gear merge completely, forming an abyssal transformation.

Sub-Species Balance Breaker – A mutation that doesn't fit into the first two categories, resulting in an unpredictable new form.

Most Balance Breakers fell into the first category—simply amplifying or evolving their original abilities.

The True Longinus' Balance Breaker was also primarily of this type. It wasn't weak, but it wasn't what Kaiser desired.

Thus, he intended to follow in the footsteps of the spear's original wielder and develop a Sub-Species Balance Breaker.

A Sub-Species Balance Breaker was an alternate transformation of a Sacred Gear—a second-stage evolution deviating from its original Balance Breaker state.

Within the Hero Faction, many Sacred Gear wielders who had reached the Balance Breaker realm pursued this path, developing stronger and more personalized transformations. Even many members of the protagonist group in the original storyline had ventured into this domain.

Since Balance Breakers had multiple forms, Kaiser had been aware of this possibility for a long time, thanks to his knowledge of the original story. He had also been preparing to take this path himself.

What he was doing now was working toward developing his own Balance Breaker, crafting a Sub-Species Balance Breaker that suited him best.

For most people, this was an incredibly difficult feat.

The number of Sacred Gear wielders who could even awaken Balance Breaker was minuscule. Even searching the entire world, those who had reached this level would likely make up less than one percent—perhaps even less than a thousandth or ten-thousandth of a percent.

Simply awakening Balance Breaker was already so rare. To go a step further and modify it—to reshape a Sacred Gear's Balance Breaker into a unique form—was almost unimaginable.

However, for Kaiser, who possessed the Ultimate Authority Over Weapons and could perfectly master any weapon, armor, or artifact, this was no challenge at all.

If he wished, using his Unique Authority, he could effortlessly craft a Sub-Species Balance Breaker—or even multiple forms of Balance Breaker.

But before that, he needed a framework. He needed to carefully consider what kind of Balance Breaker he wanted to develop before proceeding with its realization.

For the past several days, Kaiser had been focusing on this task. He resonated with the True Longinus, seeking a deeper understanding of its limits and what possibilities he could unlock.

And the truth was, the spear did not disappoint.

A divine relic infused with the will of the gods—it embodied the very concept of miracles.

At its deepest level, the True Longinus could manifest miracles, making its potential nearly limitless. It was entirely at Kaiser's disposal.

"What kind of Balance Breaker should I create?"

This question had occupied his mind for days.

"In the end, this should be the right direction."

After extensive contemplation, Kaiser finally confirmed his path.

"Let's go with this."

With his decision made, Kaiser began working toward his goal.

Days passed once more...

And on the eleventh day of his stay in Kuoh Town, Kaiser met her.

"Good afternoon, sir."

It was a bright, sunny noon.

That day, Kaiser had chosen to have lunch near the shopping district in the city center.

The restaurant he selected was a stylish café, elegantly decorated yet reasonably priced. It was a popular spot, particularly among those who enjoyed leisurely lunch breaks with afternoon tea. As a result, it was often packed with patrons.

Kaiser happened to arrive at a time when the café was relatively empty, allowing him to enter without waiting in line. He ordered a meal and settled in.

The café was filled with fashionable women—wealthy socialites adorned in gold and jewels, youthful beauties in the prime of their lives. Many of them were striking in appearance, their poise refined.

Yet, when she walked in, every other woman in the café seemed to fade into insignificance.

Her striking crimson hair swayed with each graceful step. She walked with elegance and unwavering confidence, her upright posture exuding an aura of pride and composure that naturally drew the eyes of everyone around her.

She possessed an extraordinary beauty, her figure so well-proportioned it seemed almost sculpted—like an artwork of the highest craftsmanship. Every movement radiated an overwhelming sense of nobility.

The moment she entered, the entire café fell into stunned silence.

Even Kaiser was momentarily caught off guard, as if he were seeing a second Claudia Enfield.

Both were mature. Both were noble. Both were stunning. The difference was that Claudia embodied rationality, intelligence, and poise, whereas the woman before him exuded confidence and self-assurance.

A woman like this could not simply be described as a distant flower—she was a radiant beacon high above the clouds.

And yet, despite everything, she walked straight toward him and spoke.

"Mind if we talk?"

The red-haired girl placed a hand on her hip, her piercing emerald eyes locking onto Kaiser as she spoke.

It was a silent declaration—Even if you refuse, I won't be leaving.

"Take a seat."

Kaiser gave her a brief glance before casually gesturing, then resumed eating his meal.

"Then I'll take you up on that offer."

The red-haired girl showed no sign of offense at his indifferent attitude. She took the seat across from him and watched as he ate.

The surrounding patrons, however, were not as calm.

Murmurs filled the café as onlookers began whispering among themselves, speculating about the relationship between the two.

Kaiser even noticed a few well-dressed men, looking every bit the elite professionals, attempting to approach the table—only to be intercepted by a trio consisting of one man and two women.

"Those are your peerage, aren't they?" Kaiser continued eating as he spoke. "You're not going to let them join us?"

"No need." Rias Gremory shook her head, her emerald gaze remaining fixed on Kaiser. "This isn't exactly the best place for a conversation. I'll let my adorable servants handle the distractions for us."

"Only to keep others away?" Kaiser lifted his gaze, meeting hers directly. A smirk played at the corner of his lips. "You sure it's not to surround me?"

"Of course not," Rias replied without hesitation. "We wouldn't do something like that in public."

Her words were spoken with absolute confidence, as if she had nothing to hide.

But unfortunately for her—

She wasn't human.

She was a Devil.