

## O Summoner 701

### Chapter 701 - The Plane

"I can no longer eat anything anymore!" Marlon stated as his stomach already bloated from eating.

A few seconds later after saying that, the group could see that Tim is now returning to escort them back to the airplane. He is with the pilot of the private airplane that as she also introduced herself to the group.

"Thank you for waiting. We shall now board the airplane as your baggage are already fully inspected. Please follow me to the jet bridge." Tim stated as he also will be going with the group in order to finish the job that is assigned to him.

"Please do not find offense on my question, Mr. Adrian. I want to ask how long you have been playing the game?" Tim asked as he is actually working for the owner of Atlas Inc. He wanted to know how a teenage player managed to get the attention of the creator of the game.

"Oh! I have been playing for less than a year already." Adrian stated which shocked Tim as a player that has played the game for less than a year managed to become a special guest for the biggest event in the game that is held in real life.

"It seems that Mr. Adrian is very great in the game for you to be invited as a special guest. Also, I thank Mr. Richard for scaring the team manager that handles the game in your area. He is my drinking buddy, and I am very much entertained about his constant rants about your intense aura." Tim stated as he gave a little chuckle.

The whole group arrived at the jet bridge of the airport. Their biometrics were scanned before they enter the jet bridge as this is the only way to pass through. In the current year, security has been the focus of the innovation in technology which is why countries with great instability due to criminals are no longer worried.

When everyone passed the security check, they are shocked with the interior of the airplane that they will be boarding. They expected it to be a normal private plane that has limited seats, but the inside is much different than reality.

The group felt like they came inside a high-class restaurant as the seats were like extravagant couches. There is even a minibar that greeted them upon entry which impressed even Adrian's father. The staff inside of the private plane also exuded the professionalism of those that work in five-star class hotels or restaurants.

"Now this is what you call LUXURY." Mina stated as this is the first time that she has seen something like this despite always using the first-class seating in all her travels abroad.

"This is very different to first-class that I am even doubting that we are inside of an airplane." Adrian muttered as the rest immediately headed to the seats that are given to them.

"Oh! This seat is even much better than my own bed at home. I would be able to sleep in this chair with bliss." Marlon stated.

"I am pretty sure that you will seeing that you ate a lot." Jade stated but she could immediately hear snoring when she looked at Marlon's direction.

"He was very excited about this trip that he barely had time to sleep." Adrian explained which made Tim chuckle a little as he did not expect such cute interactions with a group of players that are said to be leading the game of Pandemonium to its golden era.

In fact, Tim knows the group and their in-game avatars as he is also an avid player of Pandemonium. If one were to say it, he is a big fan of Marlon that is now in a deep sleep. He is also a player that is from the priest class, and he likes to watch the movements of other priest players in order to become better in the game.

Tim is actually a follower of famous priest players, and he could confidently say that Marlon is in the top three in terms of micro-control. He has great healing reflex that does not even increase his aggro due to over heal. In fact, Tim has never encountered the Levin Cloud to ever get attacked by monsters due to the over heal status.

"Please do not be shy when you need something as I made sure that we have everything you need from refreshments and great food. We are going to fly for eight straight hours after all." Tim stated.

Despite the increase in technology, the speed of travel when it comes to aviation has not changed much. It has not changed much as a lot of accidents happened when faster airplanes were created in the past. In the end, the world council decided to increase safety and comfortability of travelers instead of reducing travel speed.

In fact, the travel side-effects like jet lag have been almost reduced to nothing due to this innovation. It was a step in the right direction that they must prioritize the well-being and safety of the customers rather than earning more money from travel time being reduced.

In fact, when a series of accidents happened when travel time was greatly reduced, the people of the world almost boycotted travelling via the air or even sea. This made the travelling industry plummet as only about 10% of the world travelled that year. This became a major turning point for the advancement of technology.

"Before I forget, you can actually access the new Pandemonium Net application in this plane. It is the current virtual reality chat room that is made for the community. It is highly sought out by users right now since its release.

We wanted to install a gaming pod here but there are strict aviation laws to follow which is why only the helmet version of the VR device can be used when travelling via air." Tim stated before resting in his own chair.

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Adrian seated himself in the comfiest airplane and connected his VR helmet to his haloswatch. He wanted to try the new Pandemonium Net application that is available to everyone as long as they have an active subscription of Pandemonium.

He fitted the VR helmet to his head and nodded that it fits perfectly. He wanted to check the new application as is a great buzz among the community. It is also a great application to talk to your friends in the game or just meet new people to share ideas with.

[Diving to the Pandemonium Net. User is being scanned. Welcome MyCraftySon.]

"I should really change that username that dad set up. Then again I am too lazy to do that so might forget it after this." Adrian thought as he is suddenly sent into a cute little house.

[Please design your Pandemonium Net avatar!]

[Your Pandemonium account has been detected. Do you want to have a template similar to your character in Pandemonium for use in the Pandemonium Net?]

"Oh! I want that feature as it is said to be like a chibi version of your character. Then again, the avatars here in Pandemonium Net is chibis. Yes! Create a template that is similar to my character in Pandemonium." Adrian stated.

[Creation of template complete. Now showing.]

A panel then appeared in front of Adrian as a cute version of his in-game avatar popped up in front of him. It kept the blue and white hair motif and even the eyes to a perfect replica. The only thing that is not copied are the clothes as it is not part of the template.

It seems that there are community points and special features in Pandemonium Net. These special features are very useful in giving access to areas in Pandemonium Net. There are actually NPCs in this application that can give hints about whereabouts of certain items and monster as long as you find them.

This is the feature that made this application famous as it is not only a way for players to help each other by giving information. It is also a way for the developers to help players that are stuck in their current situation.

"My cute avatar does not even have any clothes." Adrian stated but a notification popped up.

[Your titles have been successfully assessed and rewards would be given to you.]

Adrian is impressed as a stream of clothing suddenly flooded his house inventory because of his titles. It seems that the application is really a way to give players other content when they are bored or unable to advance to the game.

He tried different clothes but liked the one given by the First Dragon Tamer title as it is cool looking with the fire and dragon scale effects.. Adrian did not enter Pandemonium Net without a purpose as he wanted to find hints about the light and dark attribute monsters in the game as they are the rarest and most difficult to find ever.

## Chapter 702 - Disappointment And Awe

Adrian looked everywhere and talked to every NPC that he could find that talks about monsters. He even asked some players about it but even they do not know or reluctant to say information about things like the area of monsters.

Adrian used all his eight hours to use all the time in getting hints with regards to monsters with light and darkness attributes. He spent eight whole hours and could not even get a real location, but he expected as much.

The only known dungeon with darkness attribute is a level 20 dungeon that does not even drop a core. Light attribute monsters are basically non-existent because of the fact that they could not be found. He did get vague answers from random NPCs that he helped.

[Outside Notification: Mr. Adrian, we have arrived at our destination.]

"I should just rest as I the Pandemonium Net does not apply the time dilation like that of the game." Adrian stated as he logged out of the game.

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"Someone finally got bored and got of the app." Mina stated as the others are already going out of the airplane.

"Have we arrived at the stadium?" Adrian asked.

"It seems that we will have a pit stop in New York at first because they said that they will scan your avatar for the event. We would stay here for one day before flying to another state for the actual event." Mina stated as she immediately put her shades on as she is now in full vacation mode.

"Are you sure that your boyfriend will not miss you since you are not going to meet him in-game?" Adrian asked as he knows that his sister is already head over heels for the boy.

"You think that I am that weak? It seems that you have been underestimating me, little brother." Mina stated as she showed a smug look.

"Do not tell me..." Adrian reacted.

"I already got him a plane ticket to the America, but it seems that he is in New York right now for some business. He is now going to meet me here in a few minutes. I can already feel his warm embrace as hugging the virtual avatar is not the same hugging the real thing." Mina stated.

"Okay but I am pretty sure that dad will have a good time as well." Adrian stated as he could see that his dad is behind Mina with an expression that seemed that of a great protector.

"It seems that we would need to chat on the way, little Missy." Richard stated as he dragged Mina to sit with him during the car ride to the hotel in New York.

"You traitor! You planned this!" Mina stated but Adrian just waved his hands in a cute but teasing manner.

Adrian's friends noticed this and suddenly had the urge to step backward. They took a mental note that Adrian must not be teased unless you know how to tease back.

"Sometimes, he really scares me so much. He makes elaborate plans like that with a stoic face then smiles like an innocent angel." Jade stated.

"Just be glad that we are his friends." Marlon stated as he followed behind the group with his luggage.

Another limousine escorted the group out of the airport that seemed to be flocked by reporters. It seems that Tim is very famous here in this country despite not being a celebrity. It seems that Tim had guards as a dozen people circled their group and led them out of the airport.

"It seems that Mr. Tim is very famous in your country as you are treated like a celebrity." Jade stated as that treatment in their country is reserved for famous people.

"It is not that I am famous, but I am the secretary of the CEO and owner of Atlas Inc. Some of them want to interview me for news about the event as the tourism in the country increased exponentially for the past week.

I guess I should be thankful for the Pandemonium fans that they are very interested in the game. Their enthusiasm is the source of the sudden surge of people following me. I think they want me to spill where the next Pandelympics will be held." Tim stated.

"Could we know that information?" Adrian asked as he is also curious as many countries will fight for the next venue with the news of the sudden increase in revenue.

"I think I could tell you as that information is not that sensitive. The next Pandelympics will be held in the country that will win the number one spot in Pandelympics." Tim replied.

"That means that the competition is no longer just for the players and the country to gain recognition. It would be such a big event that the country will do all they can to make sure that the next event will be held on their country." Richard stated as he knows that is the case ever since he saw the increase in revenue of the state where the event is held.

"You flatter us Mr. Richard. Coming from you then that is such a great compliment. Your name is famous in our circles after all." Tim stated as he knows of Richard's reputation although it is known to only a small circle.

It did not take long for them to reach the location of the main branch of Atlas Inc. located in New York. The grandness of the building could only be described as something very futuristic that even the future would feel shame.

"Woah!" Everyone simultaneously stated as they are amazed by the greatness of the grand structure.

"It looks like an alien spaceship landed on this patch of land and the humans used it as a new shelter when they killed off the aliens that were inside of it." Marlon stated.

"That is a very accurate depiction of something that could possibly happen if aliens are real." Adrian stated as it already has been a century since aliens have been told to exist, but they have yet to show themselves.

"Aliens are real though." Marlon stated but Adrian just nodded with a stoic face.

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"That is the overall tour of our facility. Please feel free to go and explore as Mr. Adrian and I will head to the developer's room to have a discussion about the event. They will be your escorts for the facility so please feel free to explore the areas that are not labeled as confidential." Tim stated as he guided Adrian to an elevator that sent them up to another floor that is only available for those with high access.

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Adrian and Tim entered a room that is filled with holographic elements like that of monsters and terrains. Adrian found it very cool as it seems that some new monsters are being created as he has yet to see them.

"Everyone this is Adrian. He is the player behind the avatar of Equinox." Tim stated and suddenly a burst of different reactions suddenly exploded in the room.

A part of the clamoring is some who are expressing their frustrations while some are praising him. Some even want to get autographs while the others just greeted normally. Adrian felt a bit overwhelmed by the response as it is not the typical response for a stranger.

"Okay. Everybody please calm down as our guests is feeling a bit overwhelmed." Tim stated as he could see that Adrian spaced out a bit due to the initial reactions of the team.

"How could he get scared that easily when he met the Void Mother face to face. I would already be soling my pants if I saw her face to face." One of the developers stated while the others supported her claim as they know how fearsome looking the Void Mother really is.

"She looked kind of cool though." Adrian thought as he is already used to seeing creatures of grotesque and weird looks due to loving gory and horror films.

\*Coughs\*

"Anyways, I brought our guest here today because of the plan for the Advent of the King event. We must now scan his avatar for the event which is why I also brought him." Tim stated.

"If you were just going to use my avatar, why do you need me to be here? You could just use the data in your servers about my avatar." Adrian stated.

"Well, you could say that every avatar is actually the intellectual property of the player. We only have like 50% ownership of your avatar and the other half is already yours. We are here because we are going to test the modifications that we applied on your avatar.

We do not want you to not be at peak performance when the event comes. Here we have initial modifications to your character and also your soulbounds. Look at them and tell us if you are satisfied.." Tim stated as he showed the holographic images of the modification that left Adrian speechless as they are very amazing.

### Chapter 703 - The First Day

"Welcome to everyone present! This is the official start of the Pandelympics! A large crowd has surely gathered here in the stadium that is specifically created by the people working for Atlas. A lot of love is pouring for the game of the century! Now everyone let us say it! Welcome to..." The announcer stated as the crowd got riled up and shouted the next word with him.

"PANDEMONIUM!" Everyone shouted as the excitement of the games has finally started.

"Let us now look at the list of countries participating in the games that we have prepared for all of you!" The announcer stated as the list of the countries participating is flashed in the screen.

1. United States
2. United Kingdom
3. Germany
4. France
5. Italy
6. Ukraine
7. China

8. Australia
9. Japan
10. Russia
11. South Korea
12. Sweden
13. Brazil
14. Finland
15. Canada
16. Philippines
17. Thailand
18. Poland
19. Malaysia
20. Taiwan

"These twenty countries will go head-to-head in a fierce clash to see who will reign supreme and be victorious. For the opening remarks, let us all welcome Adam Smith!" The announcer stated as a series of holographic images of the happenings in Pandemonium suddenly flooded the entire stadium to make the crowd even more pumped up.

The holographic images that the people have been seeing are the past accounts of players or special events. The top ten most viewed videos in Pandemonium are projected by the holograms as if they became real events in real life but the last holographic video that played is the most talked about.

The last holographic video is about the player named 'The Demon'. It is none other than him becoming this true self as the others already knew that he always shouted the words 'true form' when he becomes a gigantic mass of smoke.

The crowd cheered so loud that the stadium shook as they felt the tingle on their skin as if 'The Demon' really descended on the stadium and became his true form. The hype for the game affected everyone that even the parents that just escorted their children have been ignited with the passion and liveliness of all the people that loved the game.

"Thank you everyone for being here in order to support Pandemonium. The past year has been a big ride for everyone as we started with the beta. We honestly did not think that we could come to this point but the love and support of everyone made it possible.

I will not keep you all for long as I know that you are as excited as me. I am pretty sure that all of you wants to see the best of each country against each other as I am. I expect many great things to all the players that attended but I want everyone to value sportsmanship above everything else." Adam Smith stated as he passed the spotlight back to the announcer.

"Thank you for the wonderful Mr. Adam Smith for that wonderful speech. Without further ado, let us see the players of all the countries that will participate in the events that we have prepared! Come on in and greet the crowd!" The announcer stated as each of the players from each country entered in the ordered number that flashed to the screen.

When each of the players entered, a holographic image of their in-game avatar walked beside them that made the moment so cool. Others even shouted louder as they did not expect that some people were actually more beautiful in real life than their avatars.

Some even look vastly different than their avatars as their features disappeared when they are no longer in their humanoid forms. There are even some races that players could not recognize as it is the first time that they have seen them but the general reaction of everyone is none other than extreme excitement.

The social media sites were all flooded with posts about the different players that joined the Pandelympics. Even the news of each country is centered on the Pandelympics as different predictions of who will ultimately win the whole competition is a hot topic.

"First of all, let us give the players that have accepted the invitation for this event a big round of applause and our love! It is certainly not an easy task to be the representative of their own countries. They trained vigorously for the remaining months ever since the announcement has been made!" The announcer stated which made the crowd give the players encouragement.

"Let me then explain how each game will be awarded! For our five events, there are three medals which are none other than gold, silver and bronze. Each medal will have a different point system to make sure that the clash for the top is spicy!

A gold medal gives one country about five points. Three points for one silver medal and one point for one bronze medal. Also, there are special rewards that will be thrown in each event. An MVP will be awarded which is equivalent to two points.

The MVP is not necessarily the one who won the gold medal but the one with the best mechanics. They might not even be one of the medalists. This award has been created so that everyone will use the best of their abilities. Anyone could become the MVP so everyone, try your best!" The announcer stated as the players suddenly became shocked.

"The MVP award is also considered as an individual award so everyone will be battling it out for this award. There are also five MVPs as there are five events that will be held in a span of five days. Is everyone excited!" The announcer stated which made the crowd erupt with great cheers.

[Players! Please go to your stations. The first event will commence in ten minutes.]

A total of one hundred gaming pods then rose up from the stadium and each of them have stickers of the countries. The game pods that are on the stadium looked vastly different than those of the ones that even the richest players use.

"Let me explain as this are the latest game pods that have been created just for this event. It boasts the factor of 99.9% synchronization rate. It is also so comfortable that no damage to the body will incur even if the player uses it for the whole day.

These type of gaming pods will be available after the Pandelympics are over. Pre-order is also available right now for those that want to get one. You will immediately receive one after three days that the Pandelympics are over!" The announcer stated as he used his incredible marketing skills to make the new gaming pod's popularity skyrocket.

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Each of the players entered the game pods that have been installed on the stadium as they are now going to participate in the first event. The first event that they will participate is none other than Sharp Shooter. It is a group event, but it is also considered as an individual event because they must compete for the MVP position.

The players did not expect that there will be a custom game pod that will be used in this event as they practiced in the diamond game pod that the Atlas Inc. sold. Then again, the difference might only be in decimals but that could also factor in those who would win.

In E-sports, there is no predetermined victor as it is the most unpredictable sport in existence. One small wrong move could mean that the whole team will lose. The fine line between victory and defeat is ever present in the history of e-sports.

This is also the reason why people love to watch them as they do not know who will really win the games. It is always boring when you already know the ending of the show even though you are only watching the premiere.

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"This VIP lounge is definitely something else." Adrian stated as they are currently located in a VIP room that is very near the stage.

"I feel like being in the crowd would be much better as you would feel the adrenaline pump more than actually being here. Although being this close to the stadium is also great." Marlon stated as he could see the holographic projections on the stage.

"Are you ready for your event though? We know that it is on the fifth day but even we are curious of what you will actually do in the fifth day. The only thing that they said is that you will become the raid boss." Marlon stated as he managed to get information from Tim after a few minutes of being annoying.

"You should just wait but it is true that I will be the raid boss of the event." Adrian stated as the secret is already out, and he no longer need to keep shush about something obvious.

"Your normal avatar is already a raid boss though.." Jade muttered as she could only pray that the boosted Adrian is not overpowered.

#### Chapter 704 - Sharp Shooter I

The first event of the Pandelympics is none other than Sharp Shooter. Each team that participates must destroy targets scattered in the air in a wide area. Each of the targets have different points as they increase in difficulty.

Targets that are just immobile or suspended in the air give one point. The immobile targets number up to a hundred. The next target is a bit more challenging as they move in a designated pattern. A target moving at a moderate speed with a designated pattern counts as five points.

There are about ten of these targets scattered in the whole area of about ten kilometers. The targets that are moving in a predetermined pattern amounts to fifty points. The next target is the second most difficult target which are the fast-moving targets that still have a pattern but the whole area of the match is utilized for their pattern.

The fast-moving targets number to about five and each of them costs about ten points. The total amount of points for the fast-moving targets are fifty points. The last one of the targets that is also the one that is the most difficult to target due to its unpredictability is none other than the Golden Sprite.

The Golden Sprite is like an intelligent lifeform that is able to avoid the attacks of those targeting it. It is also ten times as fast as the second fastest target. It also has no predetermined pattern which makes it a pain to target or even find.

The Golden Sprite is also about two times smaller than a normal target that is about one foot tall. Although, the reward for destroying the Golden Sprite is worth it as it is worth a hundred points. Which also means that it is the most difficult obstacle that they will face.

Each team is only given about two hours real time or six hours game time to collect as much points as they can. Of course, the game could end early if all targets are destroyed before the given time, but it is not that easy.

The rules of Sharp Shooter are very basic and is as follows:

1. The Team with the most points will win the game when the time ends, or all targets are destroyed.
2. Each team could use any method to destroy the targets. (Soulbounds, Pets, and Mounts are included.)
3. You can attack another player but that will not give you the points that they have collected.
4. The use of potions is prohibited during the match unless your job class attacks are related to using potions.
5. Any form of cheating will immediately disqualify the team of the participant regardless of whether the other group members are unaware.
6. If two or more players strike the target at the same time, they will divide the point equally among their group.
7. If two or more players strike the target at the same time but they more are from one team then the point goes to the team that outnumbered those that hit the target.

Basically, the first event is none other than a free for all against all of the players from the other countries. The whole map that will be used for the event is none other than a mix of a forest and a canyon.

The targets are not just flying above the air as they could also hide in the leaves of trees of a small crevice in a cliff. The only thing important is that each player must destroy the targets using anything that they touched.

Destroying the target by accident also counts as long as it is affected by an attack, skill or spell. The player in this event is already brewing their battle plans as they could talk in a virtual space for the time remaining before the actual event as the organizers are preparing the stage.

All of the players present in the event are all worried about one person and that is none other than Hou Yiwei. He is the best long-range sniper that the world has as he as never miss a shot when against targets that are very far.

The players of each of the countries are now wary of Hou Yiwei's group because of his threat as he could hit targets that are about a kilometer away with little concentration. Luckily, there is no rule for blocking an attack from the other players which means that their team members that are able to fly could block an incoming attack to a target.

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"Are you all excited for the event to start!?! Let me hear your voices!" The announcer stated as he hyped out the crowd with his over-the-top energy.

All the people in the stadium started to countdown with the timer in order to signal the official start of the event. As soon as the people in the stadium counted down, the avatars of each of the players manifested on the battlefield.

Each of the players have solo cams but they also gave group cams when they converge together. This is made so that those that support a player could follow closely what their favorite player is doing. The holographic screens projected in the arena made sure that every player is covered.

The best part is that the giant area that the players are fighting is also projected like a map just above the game pods. It also shows the location of each player in the map. Some would say that this would make the players see the location of their enemies but the players inside the game pod could not see or hear the outside.

This is made sure so that the players will be able to focus on the game and not be distracted by the cheers of their fans. When the players all materialized on the battlefield, some split up while some moved as a group.. Those that split up are either very confident in their individual skills or just not a team player.

## Chapter 705 - Sharp Shooter II

The players of each country have different views on how they will approach this event. Some split up while others grouped up, but the safest bet would be to group up. They might be easier to target but not everyone will immediately try to start a fight with an opposing team.

The vast majority of the groups did not split up while only about seven countries split up in order to look for the targets. Not even a minute into the match, a startling system notification already gave the players a sense of awareness of the threat of the best archer in the game.

[Player Hou Yiwei (China) has successfully destroyed a target. He earns one point for his group.]

The fact that it has only been a few seconds that someone already scored meant that the groups need to step up their game. Some saw this as a signal to immediately find targets to score while other teams stayed cool and assessed the situation.

"Oh! It seems that player Hou Yiwei kick started our event by getting the first point of the game in less than a minute! He is not the rank one archer in the game for no reason after all. The other teams started to panic and sprinted to make sure that they move faster while the other teams just stayed calm and collected to assess the shocking situation!" The announcer stated as a series of notifications suddenly sounded.

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"Oh! It seems that player Hou Yiwei is on fire as he is now giving their country a four-point lead against the other teams. How will the other players respond to the sudden gap that arose in just a minute!" The announcer stated as the crowd went wild for the performance that Hou Yiwei has shown.

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"To think that monster has already started to score that early!" Blade, the person that treats himself as the rival of Hou Yiwei, muttered as he immediately devised a plan for their success in the event.

Blade is a representative of Japan which Vayu is also a representative of. Others might not know this but Vayu in real life is actually his teacher when it comes to martial arts that uses the katana as the weapon. Blade might not want to admit it but in terms of skill in using the sword then his teacher is far superior to him.

The only reason that he is currently more powerful than his teacher right now is because of his earlier start in the game and that his teacher is only playing casually. Blade is actually the one who persuaded the Japan team coach to include his teacher in the roster as a player despite him not being that young like the other members that are in their 20s.

"Sensei, we will proceed with the plan. You must discover and destroy the Golden Sprite no matter what. That is the only way for us to win this competition with that archer on the opposing team." Blade stated as he knows that this type of event is basically easy for Hou Yiwei.

They must be spontaneous and a risk taker in order for them to have a chance of winning. Blade himself is not much of a long-range specialist but he is able to take out members of the opposing teams. They have a mage and an archer on their team which is enough for them to get the points to survive.

"Understood. Be careful of other players but I will not stay to far from the team for the first hour. It is the most critical as it seems that there are other teams focused on lessening the competition." Vayu stated as his form suddenly became pure wind and vanished.

"Oh! It seems that contestant Vayu has suddenly vanished into thin air! I meant that in a literal way. What is Team Japan planning when they sent one of their members away?" The announcer stated in order to hype the crowd as they saw that Vayu literally became wind before vanishing.

They are now speculating on what type of assassin Vayu is, but they do not know of an assassin that uses a katana. They are actually more shocked that Blade called Vayu his sensei. This could only mean that the two of them know each other and could pull off great synergy due to their bond with one another.

The other thing that caught their attention is that Vayu seemed familiar, and it is then that one of the audiences shouted that he is the swordsman that accompanies 'The Demon'. In honesty though, the audience is slightly bitter that the player with the nickname 'The Demon' did not enter the competition as it would make the event even better.

But now that they know that Vayu is participating on the event, a lot of people started to keep their eyes on him, but he vanished in the screen as if he became a ghost. He then materialized later about five hundred meters away from his team like a small tornado.

Numerous speculations started filling up the screen on what type of race he is inside of the game. He might look like a human but there is something more to his form as his long hair is freely flowing in the air as if it is the air itself.

The whole arena is now focused on Vayu as he once again vanished like the wind. The next thing that the audience saw is that he destroyed one of the hidden targets in the tree leaves.

[Player Vayu (Japan) has successfully destroyed a target. He earns five points for his group.]

"He noticed that the leaves of the trees were rustling." Adrian muttered which made all those in the VIP room look towards him.

"The audience might not know but the old man is the most sensitive of all the players we know.." Marlon added.

### Chapter 706 - Sharp Shooter III

When it comes to the sensitivity of detecting things then Vayu would be on the top when it comes to their group. If it comes to changes in space, then Adrian would be the most sensitive but if it is in general then Vayu would win hands down.

He could detect things that are a kilometer away from him as long as the wind shifted a bit. This is only possible because of Vayu's innate skill to perceive changes in his surrounding in the real world. The body of a half elemental is basically acting as the magnifier of his own skill.

His unique body gives him the edge in detecting small changes in the shifts of wind. This ability is also true for Soleil that can detect the sudden change of heat in the surroundings, but she is easily distracted which is why she does not always notice it.

The players of the event suddenly noticed that a series of points suddenly started to be gained by Team Japan as Vayu started to move swiftly in a one-kilometer radius near his team. Even Hou Yiwei frowned upon seeing that the points that he gained is now being drowned by one of the players in Blade's team.

Although Hou Yiwei does not say it outwardly, he does not view Blade as a rival since he never once lost a battle against him. The only people that Hou Yiwei views as his rivals are Eldritch, Frey, and Equinox as he could actually imagine losing against them and some have defeated him inside the game.

"Everyone move now. Frey would also start to move after this assault from the team from Japan." Hou Yiwei stated as he started to use a skill that dealt damage in a large area.

"Heavenly Punishing Arrow Rain!" Hou Yiwei stated as he charged an arrow with great amounts of mana and launched it in the air.

A large magic circle then appeared in an area that covered about two kilometers. Every player saw the magic circle that suddenly formed in the sky. They all knew this skill as it is the greatest area of effect skill that an archer class job could use but it should have only be able to cover an area of 500 meters.

A few seconds later, the magic circle suddenly started to manifest arrows made of light and launched them directly in the area affected. Millions of arrows made of light rained down on the area that dealt a little bit of damage on the area, but it is an effective skill that destroyed the lowest point targets.

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With just one skill, Hou Yiwei managed to amass fifteen points for their team. The leaderboard shifted to his team's favor with just one skill. The skill still has five seconds left before it fully deactivates but he noticed that something is amiss as the system notifications stopped.

[Your spell has been erased due to the intervention of someone.]

[Your mana has been reduced by 15% of the total mana used on the magic spell that was erased.]

Hou Yiwei then looked at the sky and saw that his magic circle is already disintegrating as if the mana is losing its power. He could only think of this as the work of someone from Team United States as she would be the only person capable of doing something like destroying magic circle.

"The Anti Mage is actually here." Hou Yiwei stated as the focus of the entire crowd shifted to a beautiful woman in gray robes.

"The Anti Mage has done it again and has easily deleted the enormous spell that player Hou Yiwei created which made him unable to gain anymore points. As expected of player Null! She will definitely have a factor in the decision of who will reign supreme in this event!" The announcer stated as the crowd focused on the beautiful lady.

The player Null is actually from the rare class of Anti Mages which is very difficult to find or even be a part of. They are a secret society that rules some part of the continent and would condemn wizards or witches that use their magic for cruelty. Although some kingdoms only see them as outlaws or vigilantes.

She is also a very famous player, but she would rather play by herself as she deemed having a team would be a shackle to her growth. This is the reason why the United States team decided to split up in the very first start of the event as their egos will clash with one another.

It is basically fine to say that they are helping each other by not actually helping each other. With the deletion of the large magic circle a decent amount of mana has been deleted from Hou Yiwei and he would be unable to cast that skill again for the time being as the cooldown will increase.

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"This is actually the first time that I have seen the Anti Mage in action as they rarely move as an organization. I actually wanted to be part of it but the fact that they are considered outlaws in different kingdoms is a big downer." Marlon stated as he wanted to be an Anti Mage as first.

"Being an Anti Mage is great but they also have a severe weakness and that is their doctrine. Anti Magic is still magic, but they actually advocate for the erasure of all magic but the class is very good if they are against magic class centered fights.

The obvious weakness would be the fact that they are rather vulnerable against opponents that only uses skills of warriors rather than spells.." Adrian stated as this job class is great but has a large drawback as well.

#### Chapter 707 - Sharp Shooter IV

The debut of the Anti Mage in the game made the audience grip their seats with excitement as all the spells that were cast on the air by mages all got destroyed before they are applied. This is the reason why the Anti Mages counters Mages in a battle as their spells take longer to chant and form.

The reason that hails or wind cutters were not being scattered in the whole battlefield is due to the Anti Mage. She only got the crowd's attention when she destroyed the spell created by Hou Yiwei since a lot of attention is focused on him.

"To think that his spell activates that fast that even my anti magic took time to activate. He is not the first rank player for nothing. Please tell the team that I will do my best in holding down Hou Yiwei from scoring." Null stated as she spoke to a small plant like monster that looked like a bell flower.

In the event, the chat system is actually disabled which meant that players that are away from their team would not be able to signal for help unless they do it blatantly. This is to ensure that the planning of each group would be decisive and that they will not rely on pre-established guides that their team coaches created.

The reliance on their own skills is also a great factor that added flavor to the event since it is a survival type of event. The bell flower that seated on Null's shoulder vibrated and released a specific sound frequency and travelled to the owner of soulbound.

A soulbound that is in a living plant that looked like a human sized Bell Flower received the information. It then disseminated the information to the other smaller bell flowers that could be described as part of its body. The owner of this soulbound is none other than a famous summoner ranker with the name of Poison Ivy.

She is a famous summoner player that is also a streamer that plants her own real flower garden in real life. She could be said to be the rival of Mariposa if not for the fact that 'The Demon' is not a summoner as well. Still, she has a steady fan base and that she is also not of the established races in the game.

She is of the Alraune race that is said to be half plant and half spirit, but they are actually treated as monsters. The Alraune are treated as monsters because their methods of plant rearing often used the blood of other living beings which terrorized the humans.

"To think that she actually pulled off what she promised in the start of the match. She is definitely trustworthy enough just like the captain has said. I just hope that the insect lady in Team Japan does not move yet." Poison Ivy stated as she would have a headache if Mariposa started to move.

Not only are they not both summoners but they are also like natural enemies. Some plants eat insects while some insects eat plants. Their rivalry could also stem from the fact that their race is also at constant war with each other, and she disliked the fact that the insect race gained the upper hand in the war.

She does not want to admit it, but Mariposa suddenly had a power spike in the recent war in the planet called Green where the insect race and the plant race people are constantly at war. The sudden power spike of her rival could only be attributed to one person which she now hates.

"That demon guy is lucky that he is not in this event or else I would have killed him myself." Poison Ivy stated as she remembered the events of what happened in the recent War for the Green.

"Ivy! Are you there?!" The bell flower suddenly emitted the voice of a man while Poison Ivy is gathering her thoughts.

"I am here. Sorry, I spaced out a little as there are lots of verbal communication that you have been sending." Poison Ivy stated.

"That is fine but please focus now. Other teams have started to eliminate each other. Be careful and always remain covert as you are vital to our plan to win this." The male voice stated.

"Roger but that would be a bit difficult right now. I have been spotted by the most irritating individual of all. My natural enemy is here." Poison Ivy stated as she could see a swarm of butterflies suddenly converging together and forming the player called Mariposa.

"I knew that the air in the area is tainted by something. It seems that you are releasing those spores again. Thankfully, I am already immune to the effects of that awful allergy inducing powder." Mariposa taunted.

"No wonder it suddenly started to stink in here. The stink of an insect has already polluted the air." Poison Ivy taunted back which made the two ladies look at each other with sharp piercing gazes.

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The teams that are actually predicted to win this event are the teams from China, Japan and Brazil. This prediction is due to the fact that two of them specialize in long range combat while one is specialized in ambushes and speed.

The unexpected meeting or rather the planned head on clash between Mariposa and Poison Ivy got the audience in their seats. This the first battle of the titans of Summoning magic are the battle between the long-time rivals. Even their fan clubs are fighting against petty things online like who is the prettiest or who is more photogenic.

"This is it guys! The two beauties of the Summoner Class have appeared before each other. Will they clash or will they avoid conflict!" The announcer stated to rile up the crowd even more.

"Who do you think will win?" Mina asked as she knew that Adrian helped the player named Mariposa a few days before the actual event.

"It would be difficult to say as the player named Poison Ivy is not a push over.." Adrian replied as he saw how they clashed in the planet called Green.

## Chapter 708 - The Green I

About three days in the real world before the actual start of the competition, Adrian is suddenly contacted by Mariposa as she is now ready to claim the help that he needed from Adrian. The one who is being asked for help is shocked because he learned from Vayu that Mariposa is actually competing for the Japanese team.

He knows that some of the national players are forbidden to actually play the game while they waited for the competition. It seems that the restriction is not placed on the national players of Japan as they are still playing the game until the last day before the competition.

In actual fact, Atlas inc. did not ban any of the national players from playing the game before the competition. The data in their accounts will still be replicated for the fight but their game characters will have a freeze when it is loaded into the gaming pods for the competition.

The freeze is basically a rule that tells them that the first load of their accounts for the event will be the only data that will be used for the event. This means that even if they get new skills in Pandemonium during the actual competition, the new skill will not be reflected for the event as it was not loaded in the first time that they connect in the game pod.

They will still have the skill they received for the actual game but not for the Pandelympics. This rule reveal made all the national players think of the skills that they needed to get for the games. This is the reason for Mariposa suddenly calling Adrian for his help as the mission she needed to clear is for summoners only.

Adrian agreed as he is already healed from the effects of the curse placed on him seeing that his right arm has already regenerated. He almost became the test subject for Koronn as he wanted to learn if he could replicate a curse of that level. Adrian needed an excuse to disappear, and he used the only option that he has at the moment.

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Adrian met Mariposa at an area that is called Mysterious Jungle and is said to be the monster haven for summoners that focus in getting insect type soulbounds or monster plant type soulbounds. Like the name implies, the Mysterious Jungle is full of unknowns as it is one of the hybrid types of fields in the game.

The Mysterious Jungle is a mixture of a high-level field and a low-level field. The outskirts of the area is a low-level field that players up to level 50 could enjoy farming up their levels, but the inner

area is already filled with monsters above level 250. A rare scene in the area would be a high-level monster sometimes visiting the outskirts which players detest.

It is not uncommon for stories in the forum talking about their experience of dying to a high-level monster in the outskirts of the Mysterious Jungle. It is both a danger and a blessing as this field type dungeon is teeming with monsters that give decent experience points.

"I am very grateful that you have been able to agree to my request." Mariposa stated.

"It is nothing as I always keep my word but is it fine for you to actually be in this mission? I know from one of my friends that you actually are part of the national team for Japan." Adrian asked.

"It is not an issue as I am bored just waiting in my room as my guild master is not available to chat despite us being the same city right now." Mariposa stated as Anastacia is also part of the national team for Russia, and she is even the vice team captain.

"That sucks. Anyway, what are we going to do?" Adrian asked.

"Do you know of the planet called Green?" Mariposa asked as Adrian is a demon.

"I know a little about it like it is mostly all plant life. Only 10% of the planet's water source is above ground while the 90% of it is below ground. It is basically a more plant haven version of The Wilde." Adrian replied.

"The Wilde? It seems that you have been in far too many planets that people know. Anyways, you are correct about it, but the planet is basically split into two forces. The side of the Insectoids like me and the Plantae race that are plant humanoids." Mariposa explained which made Adrian even more curious as these Plantae are actually vastly different from dryads or leshies.

[The Quest 'Compound Eyes' has been shared.]

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Quest Name: Compound Eyes

Description: The Plantae have managed to steal one of the precious treasures of the Insectoids. Get the treasure Compound Eye Orb and return it to the Monarchs of the Insectoids.

Difficulty: S

Condition: Retrieve the Compound Eye Orb and return it to the Monarchs

Completion Reward: Obtain the skill Compound Eyes (Insectoid only reward) or Carapace of the King (Non-Insectoid Reward)

Failure: -5 levels

Time Restraint: None

Restriction: Can only be done by two people. (Can be an NPC or a Player)

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"You actually want to complete an S rank quest difficulty when the competition is right in the corner. Respect!" Adrian stated as he did not say no because this is his promise.

"I thought that you would back out, but it turns out that you were gutsy. Also, I should warn you that we might encounter a ranker on the planet. She is pretty famous, and you might know her by the name 'Poison Ivy'." Mariposa stated so that Adrian knows what he is up against.

"The summoner that uses monster plant soulbounds. I know of her as she is pretty famous and both of you seemed to be rivals. According to the forums anyway. Should we avoid her if we bump into her?" Adrian stated.

"She is just another female summoner like me. Also, we must absolutely decimate her when we bump into her.." Mariposa stated with a fearsome smile.

## Chapter 709 - The Green II

Mariposa led Adrian to a hidden location inside of the Mysterious Jungle. When Adrian entered the field type dungeon, he suddenly felt that he was being watched but it might have been his paranoia from being trained inside of a jungle while being 'hunted' by your mother feels like.

Mariposa stopped when she spotted an old tree that is almost not that different from the others. Adrian could actually feel that this tree is different as it is full of life despite looking that it would fall down any second.

Below the tree are stones with different patterns with runic letters. Mariposa rearranged the letters until Adrian could make out what the letters meant as they formed a letter. Mariposa is actually shocked that Adrian could read the letters as even she does not know what they meant as she only unlocked the way to activate them but not read them.

"Everything goes back to the Green." Adrian muttered.

"You actually are able to read them? They are a bit different from the letters used by the ancient books in this world." Mariposa stated.

"I might have some wrong words but that is just the rough translation of it from what I can read. It is like a mix of runic and ancient letters. Even language evolves over time after all." Adrian stated.

"Nevertheless, it is amazing." Mariposa stated and the stones that she rearranged finally emitted energy and the whole forest felt like it shifted.

The view of the Mysterious Jungle felt like it is spinning. Even Adrian felt dizzy as his eyes felt tired just by observing the world spinning fast as if the cycle of day and night are shortened to one second. About ten minutes later, the spinning stopped and the next thing that Adrian knew is that he is now in a different planet.

[You have arrived at the planet called The Green.]

[You are not of the Insectoid or the Plantae race.]

[Your stats will not be boosted by 15%.]

[You are the Champion of the Twin Gods and strong life energy is present in your body.]

[You will not suffer the Curse of the Outsider due to your strong connection to life energy.]

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Name: Curse of the Outsider

Effects: 50% Drop in all of the stats. Cannot be dispelled.

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The planet called The Green is just like what Adrian has been told about. He could only see dense jungle like that of The Wilde but more dangerous. The Green is more dangerous as he could see notifications popping about status ailments trying to afflict him like poison, sleep or paralysis.

"That is one nasty curse. Thankfully, I am not affected by it." Adrian stated which gave Mariposa a sense of relief.

"Thank goodness. If you were cursed, then this quest would be extremely difficult." Mariposa stated.

"The curse does not affect those with strong connection to life energy so you could have brought Anastacia along." Adrian stated as he found it odd that Mariposa did not invite her own guild master seeing that they treat each other like sisters.

"We tried this quest together and failed once. The first time that we failed the mission got us one level deduction as penalty. You could already tell that this is not the first time that I have attempted this mission.

There are not a lot of players that are immune to the curse of this world which is why you are the perfect choice. My attack power is not enough to go attack the enemies while I am not sneaky enough like a scout to evade sight." Mariposa stated honestly and Adrian could only sympathize as it is indeed a difficult mission that can only be done by two players.

"Let us commence the mission then as we are in a time restraint since the Pandelympics is only a few days from now." Adrian stated which made him slip a little.

"Are you also in the Pandelympics since you indicated 'we'?" Mariposa asked but Adrian looked at her stoically.

"Sorry, I thought we were a team, so your problem is now my problem." Adrian stated but inside he is actually panicking.

"Ok then. Maybe I am just a bit stressed out about this mission as this could potentially affect my standing in the Pandelympics." Mariposa stated.

"If that is the case then we better not fail." Adrian replied in order to cheer up Mariposa.

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Mariposa then informed Adrian that they are currently in the outskirts of the Insectoid territory of the planet. She also took out a map and shared it with Adrian and he is shocked that the Insectoids were actually losing this side of the war.

The Insectoids occupy about 35% of the planet while the Plantae occupy 45% of it. The remaining 10% is considered a danger zone due to it being unknown territory. This planet does not have the concept of big bodies of water like seas or oceans since it is mostly greenery.

"When we lost the Compound Eye Orb, we lost about 10% of our territory and that is why we need to get it back. It is a powerful relic that boosts the powers and abilities of the Insectoid race. It is basically like a key in stabilizing the equality in the current standing." Mariposa stated but Adrian felt a bit iffy about it.

"We are actually not supposed to interfere in the events of the worlds unless necessary. But that is only for the planet Nebulon. This falls into a gray area so we must complete it before I get apprehended." Adrian stated.

"The Plantae did not rely solely on their powers when they stole the Compound Eye Orb. They had someone with the same skillset like Eldritch on their side when that happened. You could say that we are only evening out the scales with this retaliation.." Mariposa stated as she was present when that massacre occurred and many of the Insectoids lost their life trying to protect the orb.

### Chapter 710 - The Green III

The fact that someone that is almost on par with Eldritch has helped the other side meant that they must have wanted something in return. Mariposa did not know who that other person was as she died before even putting up a good fight, but she remembered being affected by heavy miasma that came from a follower of the dark god.

"That player will not be in their camp right now, right?" Adrian asked as it will be a different ballpark if there are still remnants of the followers of the dark gods in the enemy camp.

"They should not be here as they appeared about two months in-game time for the last war. I know that we could get other troops in the war, but I did not expect that the other side would actually side with the dark gods or perhaps the Plantae have something that the dark gods want." Mariposa stated but she could only speculate what the followers of the dark gods wanted in exchange.

"If that is the case then we can just sneak inside without much difficulty. As long as you know of the area where that Compound Eye Orb is being held then we could retrieve it. We might not need to fight our way if the place is not defended by something." Adrian stated which made Mariposa wonder about his confidence.

Adrian then explained that they could sneak inside of the place where the Compound Eye Orb is held by Sirius' ability to bend the shadows to his will. They will basically be able to sneak inside undetected as long as the area they will traverse is not blasted by intense light that shadows could not manifest.

Mariposa liked the idea and she immediately pointed to the direction of where she can sense the Compound Eye Orb. It seems that every Insectoid could detect the orb as it is sending continuous unique soundwaves into its surroundings that only insectoids could pick up via their antennae.

Mariposa stated that the Compound Eye Orb will be sealed in a special cocoon if it is not being used. It has the effect of giving great power to the Insectoids that are close to it, but they lost it due to the betrayal of one of the Insectoids. It seems that the only reason they lost is due to one of the moth like Insectoid's betrayal.

The Insectoids would not have fallen that easily since they used the Compound Eye Orb but that was also what the Moth Insectoid wanted. Her aim was the Compound Eye Orb so that she will be amplified by its powers, but she was betrayed by the followers of the dark gods that she trusted.

The Plantae Queen did not like that the Compound Eye Orb will end up in the hands of another Insectoid thus she told the followers of the dark gods to kill their inside man the moment that her guard was down. Just like what the Plantae Queen wanted, the inside man was killed, and the Compound Eye Orb is taken by them as a prize for their victory.

It seems that the Moth Insectoid that died did not fully trust the Plantae and the followers of the dark gods as well since she never told them about the unique properties of the Compound Eye Orb. In the end, the Compound Eye Orb is not without reach but cannot be easily retrieved.

The Insectoids have great camouflage abilities, but they pale in comparison when compared to the Plantae. Any attempt that they made in retrieving the Compound Eye Orb has gone to dust as they would be ambushed as soon as they step foot in the stronghold of the Plantae.

Mariposa already attempted to breach the stronghold of the Plantae with a scout job class player, but they were also unsuccessful since the monster plants are very sensitive to heat and movement. No matter if they become invisible, they will always be detected in the end.

Mariposa brought Adrian to the stronghold of the Plantae where the Compound Eye Orb is being held. The whole fort is actually made of thorny trees entangled together. Mariposa said that the magic of the Plantae could mutate plants for a specific duration, but the Plantae Queen could turn ordinary plants into monster plants.

Her touch could also bring the dead plants back to life, but she needs a source of life force in return. She would often use the life of her prisoners of war for her beloved babies. This is one of the reasons why the Insectoid race and the Plantae would never reconcile as the Plantae Queen already shed much blood of the Insectoids.

"Greater Summon: Sirius." Adrian stated as he already summoned the soulbound that he will need for the operation.

"Greater Summon: Kanlaon" Adrian stated as he summoned Kanlaon which made Mariposa a bit confused.

"I thought that we only needed Sirius for this operation?" Mariposa asked.

"We do but we also need someone to create a disturbance in an area that is a bit far from here. Kanlaon will set fire on that area there where the entrance to the treasury is farthest from. We need to bring as many guards there as possible so that we could escape should there be an unexpected situation to arise." Adrian stated which Mariposa agreed.

Adrian told Kanlaon to initiate the Rain of Ice and Fire in the area that he designated. Sirius then immediately shrouded Adrian and Mariposa with his shadows and they melted into the darkness. The commotion of a huge dragon flying in their stronghold got the attention of the Plantae.

Kanlaon immediately started his assault as she rained shards of ice or balls of fire on the ground without much thought. He just needs to create as much disturbance as possible as the only thing that the Plantae lack is a flying unit.

The commotion is a success as some of the guards of the stronghold left.. They did not notice a dark shadow slipping into their treasury as we speak.