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### Chapter 731 - Thailand Versus Taiwan II

The player that is named Xinthri is of the Garuda race which is said to be a proud humanoid warrior bird race. They are said to be race that has been created by a god of order so that they can preserve the beauty of the world. Although, they are very few in numbers due to the fact that they are practically immortal like demons.

Adrian has known about Garudas since even the demons think highly of them since they preserve natural order. You can say that they are a race that will never wreak havoc since they are one of the most intelligent and benevolent races in Pandemonium.

Although they are intelligent and benevolent, they also become the fiercest fighters when natural order is broken. Adrian had a glimpsed of their power or at least one of them during the battle against the dark god. They also are able to tap into the natural forces of the world in order to strengthen themselves.

Adrian actually thought that it is funny that a Garuda and a Naga are on the same side because the former are said to be snake eaters or the enemy of all snakes but then again Nagas are just likened to snakes. Xinthri looked imposing as he seemed to be a martial artist since he carries no weapon with him.

The most noticeable feature of Xinthri's body is his eagle like head. The next would be the wings on his back like that of a bird but each wing is twice his size. The last noticeable feature is the talons that he has for feet. There is also a pulsing green energy coming out of his body that comes from the bead on his forehead.

The audience that has interest in the battle of different races focused on the match between Thailand and Taiwan. Both national teams want to conquer the eastern part of the map because their races are perfect for this part of the map.

The water movement of the sea suddenly changed when both Renyu and Ngu reached the bay part of the sea. The sea itself could feel their control over it as descendants of water elementals. The Mermaid and the Naga looked at each other as if they are long time rivals as their races have always been.

In the unforgiving oceans of Pandemonium, there are always fights for territory as each of the races that live in the waters want to be the king. The sea that started raging became calm as soon as Nishui walked beside Renyu as if the god of the sea came to choose a side.

Ngu noticed this as she could feel that her control over the sea suddenly diminished. She looked at Xinthri and then looked at Nishui as if signaling the Garuda to take care of the monkey. Their other team members also got ready as they knew that a clash will be inevitable.

The ones who started the clash is none other than Xinthri as he came crashing down towards Nishui. Xinthri's fist is covered with some sort of light purple energy that enhanced the power of his fists. Each of his hits actually caused a shockwave that left Nishui no choice but to evade the strikes.

The moment Xinthri and Nishui got into a fight, Ngu did not hesitate and slithered towards Renyu that is supposed to buff Nishui. Renyu noticed that the Naga player is now coming towards her which made her cancel her spell to buff Nishui.

Ngu then lunged with her spear that seemed to be made of a sharp type of coral that can only be found on the deep oceans. Renyu had no choice but to command the seawater and create a water shield to block the spear lunge.

"I guess you are mistaken but I can also control water." Ngu stated as her eyes glowed and the water shield that Renyu created suddenly weakened.

"Do not think that is the best that I can do." Renyu stated as she spun her trident and shot a burst of high-pressured water towards Ngu that knocked her back just a few steps.

Renyu immediately took this chance in order to dive towards the sea as she will be more powerful on deep waters than on land. Ngu saw this and also dove towards the ocean in hopes that she could knock out the mermaid in the enemy team.

Ngu does not want to admit it, but she is not a mage which means her control over the water element will be lower compared to Renyu who is actually a Hydromancer. Her trident is also not for show as she could use it to perfectly shape the water around her.

Renyu is using the water pressure in order to keep her distance against Ngu that is clearly aiming to finish her off once she reaches her. Renyu knew that she will also not be able to take out Ngu as she is highly resistant to water elemental magic as well. She could only hope that Nishui will be able to join her at sea.

"You are good." Xinthri stated towards his opponent.

"And you are annoying." Nishui retorted as he noticed that his opponent is not letting him get near the sea.

"I will not let you escape to the ocean or else it is us who might lose." Xinthri stated as he blocked every attempt that Nishui made to escape to the sea.

"That weird energy on your fist is definitely scary to say the least. What is it?" Nishui stated as he looked at his abdomen that caved in with just one hit from Xinthri.

"You have to die in order to find out." Xinthri stated as the fight between him and Nishui continued.

The three members of both teams could not easily meddle in the fight between Ngu and Renyu which is why they supported the fight between Nishui and Xinthri.. The fight between both of them is ending up in a draw because Nishui is getting better support compared to Xinthri.

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Xinthri is actually using a unique source of energy that is called Prana. It is a branch of life force or life energy that draws from the excess life around him. The Garuda race also has a special core that can store Prana passively as it is built up.

Mana and Prana are both similar, but their essence is very different. Mana is also a life source while Prana is also a life source, yet they are both different. Mana is life source that is used to induce change in Phenomena as it could become any element that the caster can use.

It is also the reason why using all of a person's mana could make them go into shock or Mana Overload. The person that used all of his mana will not die despite it being a life force because the body has something like a preservation mode. The body will never let itself get drained of mana completely as mana is also the thing that binds the body and the soul.

Prana is different as it is the very essence of life or the vital principle that holds the spirit and the body. It is also a life force, but it must never leave the body in large quantities. The reason the garuda race are powerful warriors is due to their innate masterful use of Prana.

They have a special body granted to them by their creator god that enables them to recycle life energy. They can also take excess life energy from their surroundings in order to create order as too much of something good is still a bad thing. This is the secret to their immortality as they siphon the unneeded or excess life energy from everything.

They could still die if they get killed or cut off from life energy all together, but they are one of the most powerful races that have sturdy bodies. The way they use Prana makes them able to deal great damage to enemies as they could enhance their bodies with it which will make them almost invulnerable.

The vital essence of life is a double edge sword when handled incorrectly. There have been other races that have tried to copy the garuda race, but they suffered from wasting their life force. The garuda race are the sole race that could control Prana masterfully that they will not hurt their bodies.

Prana itself is also volatile which makes the Garuda race unable to carry weapons. If Prana is imbued on a weapon, then it would be filled with life energy, but the drawback would be them not being able to reabsorb it back to their bodies. Prana is not an energy resource that they can just use without minding the consequences.

This made the garuda race discard the value of conventional weapons and opted to turn their bodies itself as a weapon. Their already high durability due to Prana usage has made them even more monstrous because of training their bodies. Naturally, the next generation of Garudas have inherited the intense durability of their bodies.

The downside for this is that the garuda race have a difficult time during infancy as the child could die the moment they are born. There is also a great chance that the child could also not hatch from the egg that they are being nested on.

They suffer from the order that the universe created to control extremely powerful races. The garuda race did not mind it as much as they must keep the order of things. They accepted it as a necessary truth that they must face in order to preserve order in the world.

"His character is basically a cheat!" Nishui stated as he tried to even land a hit against Xinthri.

Xinthri did not even flinch despite Nishui's clown like personality as he also observed that his opponent is not a pushover. Nishui would avoid the most vital hits that would make his head or heart cave in. The only hits that Nishui took are those when he sees a chance to counterattack but fails to do so because of Xinthri's prowess in hand-to-hand combat.

"To think that we will see a great fight amongst two unfamiliar players in the tournament. They are both Nishui and Xinthri!

Let me tell you what I know of both of them from the sources posted about them that is spreading in the forums like wildfire!

Nishui is famed for his undying personality especially when he is inside of a water body. He will never lose as long his feet or even just his tail is dipped in water. Xinthri must know this which is why he is not letting Nishui even attempt to get wet.

Xinthri on the other hand is both famous inside and outside of the game. He is actually the junior Muay Thai champion in Thailand and remains undefeated to this day. He might be young, but he is someone that you should never mess with or else your nose will never be the same the next day.

Some of you might not know this but he is also a person that defeated Ain of the Valor Guild in a match between martial artists that is held in Pandemonium. You can say that he is the best martial artist in the game as his hand-to-hand combat is so terrifying.

The fact that Nishui could still dodge the relentless assaults on him is a testament to how agile he is." The announcer stated as he gulped for air as he almost choked on air from speaking too fast without any pause.

"What the heck! Does this guy not have a stamina bar or something? I am almost at the red from just dodging his attacks. If I did not have a skill that can restore stamina for each successful dodge, then I might have already bit the dust." Nishui thought to himself as he continued to dodge. He would try to counterattack but Xinthri would just flick his staff that made Nishui look like a child.

In fact, Garuda's do have a stamina gauge or bar except that they do not need it because it will always be maxed as long as they could get life energy from the surroundings. In a place that is not controlled by any dark god, they are practically unable to feel tired due to the ush life energy that they can get from the surroundings.

Renyu noticed that Nishui is not able to shake off his opponent and neither could she. Ngu is very dedicated in making her feel helpless as Renyu could only keep her at bay. The support that their other three teammates can only do so little since even they are getting attacked by the enemy team.

Renyu needed to get Nishui to the water in order for the tide to roll in their favor. She is left with no choice but to use one of her most powerful spells. If Nishui cannot go into the water, then she will bring the water to him. Renyu immediately used a spell that knocked back Ngu by a sizeable distance as she started to use the gem of her Tidesinger.

The gem on the trident suddenly started to release a rhythm that is similar to a song being sung by a person. The song is very enchanting and alluring that those with low resistance to Charm will be afflicted by the status ailment. This is what the merfolk uses to captivate their victims as they could not really sing.

The merfolk is not really equipped with a voice box that can vibrate in order to sing a tune. In truth, all of them are unable to sing since their throats are made for underwater activities and not for singing. Instead, the merfolk uses an enchanted stone that is produced by a special oyster.

The special oyster is none other than the monster called the Melodic Bivalve. A special monster that can pick up any type of sound and mix them into something enchanting. They are the monsters in

the legends that makes sailors experience bliss upon hearing their songs because they are monsters that use sound to lure prey.

It just so happens that mermaids use them as well in order to lure their victims or disorient those that come near their waters. The Melodic Bivalve will also produce a magic stone that can release the power of the ocean through the sound that it recorded for about a century.

Only the merfolk has the knowledge to process these special stones that look like pearls. It is also one of the closely guarded secrets of the merfolks that they will even take it to their grave. These special pearls allow the merfolk to have complete control of the waters they inhabit which is why they are feared.

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"Tsunami!" Renyu shouted as the pearl on her trident shined in a rainbow light and the rather wild sea became turbulent.

A huge wave is then formed with Renyu at the center of this giant wave. Ngu knew that the force of that attack will definitely make her get washed ashore but she needed to stop Renyu as fast as possible. Merfolk are very flexible water magic users as they only needed to cast water elemental spells with half the time a normal human mage would do it.

Ngu charged through the water surface like a mad warrior as she needed to cancel the channeling of the spell that Renyu is using. Ngu would have succeeded but the spell called Tsunami is not as simple as it seems.

The turbulent waters also became a natural blockade for Ngu as she needed to exert some force to disperse the waves that is hitting her. When she is about a few feet away from Renyu, the trident glowed in a bright light and the wave that is being built suddenly started to crash down.

Ngu got swept up by the large tidal wave and the water even reached the shores where both Nishui and Xinthri are fighting. The moment Nishui's feet got wet, the Wuzhiqi player immediately smiled as he is now powered up. A water goblin will just be a normal goblin if he is not in water.

"You should have finished me earlier." Nishui stated as he suddenly swept his pole downwards and created a water blade that headed straight for Xinthri.

Xinthri immediately blocked the attack by covering his whole body with Prana but that was just the first attack. Nishui suddenly became a different person as the passive person suddenly became active. It felt like he became rejuvenated just because of the water that came towards him.

Nishui did not let this chance go and immediately created numerous water blades that pushed Xinthri back as the garuda player is now on the defensive. Xinthri thought that the power up that Nishui would get from being in water will not be that significant, but it seems that he is mistaken.

Xinthri could not even counterattack as the attacks that Nishui used are relentless. Even Xinthri's other team members are getting pushed back by Nishui alone just because he gained direct access to

water. The crowd cheered as it is now time for Nishui to show what he can do instead of dodging all the attacks that Xinthri threw at him.

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"It seems that Xinthri person will lose." Marlon stated.

"I disagree. Garuda's are very difficult opponents that even the elder demons say that they are troublesome foes. They are actually thankful that the Garuda are pretty much keeper of order or else they will be a difficult opponent to defeat.

If you look closely on their match, Xinthri is just pushing Nishui back earlier and is not even using his skills. All he did is reinforce his body with that strange energy he is using. I also use that tactic when I want to test if my enemy is better than me.

People might think that the attacks that Xinthri used earlier are skills, but they are just purely physical attacks. He is using Muay Thai while battling Nishui that seems to be very adept at dodging. To say that the tides of battle will turn just because of Nishui gaining access to water is a bit farfetched." Adrian stated as he analyzed the battle and marked Nishui as one of the individuals to watch out for.

"The fact that his face is that composed despite other people believing that his opponent has gained the upper hand is very worrying. He exudes the aura of a very skilled fighter. I would even say that the Xinthri fellow is a genius at this point." Mina stated which made Adrian's friends have a face of shock.

"If Adrian in his best physical condition were to fight that Xinthri guy in the real world, do you think that Adrian will win? I mean, he does have formal training in martial arts." Jade asked as she is curious.

"That guy will probably defeat me, but I would be able to give a decent fight. If it is Big Sister Mina, then she might beat him if he gets careless. He has no wasted movements from his resting battle stance to his attacking battle stance.

It is difficult to determine since the game, Pandemonium, has many factors involve like stats or titles. We will never be able to say for sure as we have not seen him fight in real life. But the fact that he beat Ain, who is a Taekwondo champion in game, means that he is no pushover." Adrian added which made the others focus more on the match of the Nishui and Xinthri.

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Xinthri easily blocked every attack that Nishui threw at him like he is predicting every movement of his opponent. Nishui never realized that Xinthri started to dodge almost half of his attacks which made the water goblin player worry. He has a trump card but does not want to use it as of now because the event is still early.

"If that is all you got then I am a bit disappointed. You might have become more powerful in the presence of water, but you are already too tired to even fight me on even terms." Xinthri stated.

Nishui realized that his opponent is absolutely correct as his stamina bar is now directly in the red zone. He would die of exhaustion if he does not get rest. The only reason that his stamina gauge did

not fall into the red zone back then is his unique passive skill that restores stamina per enemy attack that he dodges.

"I have been too excited that I forgot that my stamina gauge is limited." Nishui stated as he looked towards Renyu's direction to see if she already took care of her opponent.. He is surprised to see that the famed Water Goddess is being beaten in her own domain.

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The moment that Renyu released the Tsunami spell, she immediately softened her guard which is a great mistake. Ngu dived deeper into the sea and swam vigorously to Renyu' location. Ngu stabbed her spear towards Renyu as soon as the merfolk player relaxed.

Renyu did not immediately react as her muscles tensed up from using a high-class spell. The spear that Ngu wielded pierced the side of Renyu as the latter tried to evade but failed. Renyu then used a water curtain to block Ngu's view of her as she retreated a few meters away from the Naga player.

Ngu did not let this get to her and immediately dove back to the sea as she needed to ambush Renyu once more. Renyu managed to compose herself again but the injury that she sustained is still bleeding which she finds strange.

In myths, mermaids are immortal creatures that is said to be able to heal any type of wound dealt to them. In fact, there is even a story that you will become immortal if you eat the flesh of mermaid. Renyu knew this because mermaids have great vitality as long as they are in water and could heal from the most fatal wounds.

There have been stories of people capturing mermaids and eating their flesh in order to gain immortality, but they only died of poisoning. Mermaids are descendants of water and dark elementals that gained physical form.

Although the mermaids are not masterful in using darkness attribute magic, their bodies are made up of the dark element along with the water element. This is why mermaids can produce a special type of poison that can only be healed by their blood.

If the mermaids did not have this special type of poison, then they will not be able to fend off the terrors of the deep like krakens and scyllas. Ngu is also knowledgeable about merfolk poison which is why she is not getting near Renyu to the point where she could get scratched. She is masterfully using the range of her spear in order to damage Renyu.

Renyu also noticed this tactic of Ngu as the naga player only used thrusting attacks so far. Since Ngu knew that she will not be damaged by water attribute attacks, she is safely wearing Renyu down by chipping at her health slowly.

The material that is used to craft Ngu's spear is very rare as it came from the bone of a deep sea creature called the Deep Urchin. It is a monster that resembles an urchin with glossy spikes that are actually ten feet in height. They can only be found in the deepest parts of the ocean and seas of Pandemonium which is why only races that have water affinities know them.

Renyu also knows of them, but she did not expect that a player would be able to get one as a spike from a Deep Urchin is very expensive. Even the elder merfolk has limited supplies of this material due to how dangerous the deep ocean and seas of Pandemonium are.

Also, Deep Urchins are found in the oceans and seas controlled by the Scylla. The fact that a Naga got hold of a spike is shocking to say the least. Deep Urchin spikes are rare item because of their property that will immediately inflict bleed upon being poked.

Renyu thought that immediate status ailments are not possible, but she is wrong. She cannot even heal the wound that she got from being poked. Her special healing abilities in water is now rendered ineffective due to a troublesome item.

This just proves that there being of a special race alone is not enough to dominate Pandemonium. Items are very crucial to a game which is why players often complain about whales when they spend money for the best gears. They can complain but such is the way of games that have monetary exchange and Pandemonium is no different.

Nishui noticed that Renyu is injured and is not healing immediately despite being in water. In that split second of looking away and being distracted, Xinthri managed to close the gap between them. Xinthri's fist glowed in a dark purple color almost like lightning and smashed his fist towards Nishui's abdomen.

Nishui did not expect such a heavy blow like that as Xinthri never used a powerful hit like that earlier. Nishui got flung away for about ten to fifteen meters. Nishui's team members saw this and came rushing to his aid, but Xinthri will not let them off the hook easily.

Nishui witnessed as his team members get pummeled to the ground by the intense energy fists that Xinthri used. Coupled with the support of Xinthri's other team members, one of the three members of the Taiwan national team got eliminated. Nishui forced himself to stand up, but his body is badly damaged as his abdomen caved in completely with that strike.

Nishui debated if he needed to use his ultimate skill, but Renyu warned him to not use it in the first half of the second event. If the other national team players witness his skill, then they might easily find a way to counter it in the first half.

Renyu also noticed that one of her team members is eliminated and know that they will not win the confrontation. She decided that it is better to actually find another area in the east part of the map than all of them getting eliminated here.

She raised her trident, and it once again emitted a song that is beautiful to the ears. Ngu noticed that Renyu's behavior has shifted, and she seems to be trying to escape. She tried to follow her, but the waves became turbulent once again.

The next thing that Ngu noticed is that Renyu is riding a wave towards the shore. This wave then crashed to the shore and carried all the remaining Taiwan national team members away.. They successfully escaped but are badly injured.

## Chapter 735 - King Of The Hill I

"It seems that the winners for the bets have been decided. Everyone that managed to guess correctly will get paid! Someone is dropping money on items tonight! Do not worry as there will surely be more fights to come that will be part of the betting!

For now, our latest betting poll will be the prediction of who will be the winner for this event. Place your coins in the voting bin. A maximum of ten gold coins can be given as a bet. Those that are



luckier than others will need to use their powers on this if you want to strike it rich!" The announcer stated as the competition continued.

The other fourteen teams did not fight against each other or meddle in the fight of the other teams as they knew that it will not serve them well. They knew that they will not get points for killing other players, so they focused their energy on finding hiding spots.

"The prediction of the winner of this event will be closed upon all of the national teams raising their flag. There will be a one-minute buffer after the last flag is raised for you to predict the winner. Once you lock in your pick, you can never pick another national team again." The announcer stated in order to give the voting rules for the audience.

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"I lost all of the gold that I used to bet on the first three matches. I did not even guess one correctly. How did you guys' fare?" Marlon grumbled.

"I only predicted one like your cousin." Jade stated.

"I managed to predict two as I thought the German national team would actually win their confrontation. I guess brains is not always above brawn when forced to battle with someone of pure might that defies the odds." Adrian stated.

"Weaklings. In times like these, you need to bet on your gut instinct. You must bet like me as I managed to perfectly predict all three. A shame that you can only gamble away three gold but the next one is definitely worth as ten gold could easily become a thousand gold if you are right." Mina stated.

"What is your secret in gambling, sis?" Adrian asked in an honest and pure tone that Mina did not even detect a hint of malicious intent.

"I will tell you what the secret is, lil brother. It is about questioning yourself countless times in a span of one second. It is very effective against other people as I have tried for myself, and I never seem to lose." Mina stated as she nodded her head in a triumphant fashion.

"Oh! Tell me where you applied these masterful prediction skills of yours?" Adrian followed up in that same honest tone of voice.

"You see, I will always use this type of things whenever I am bored. I tested them on the people that I have travelled with. I even hit it big time at a casino that they almost threw me out which is why I lost about a million or so.

I do not want to get blocked from my favorite past time. It gives me such a rush to feel something exciting and new. I can actually show it to you when we go to the casino part of the hotel later." Mina stated but she suddenly felt this dark aura looming behind her.

"I see. It seems that we need to have a quick talk about your favorite past time, little missy." Adrian's mother stated as she pinched Mina's right ear and dragged her to the separate room where the comfort room is located.

"I did nothing wrong. I am just giving an example that is not even real. I mean, I am sorry?" Mina stated as she tried to wiggle herself out of the predicament but then she saw Adrian's smile that looked like a fox.

Mina looked at Adrian with the eyes that is perfectly saying the lines, 'You are dead when I get out of my punishment'. Adrian just smiled and did a cute little wave as her sister is dragged away. The reason for Adrian doing this is not that big but because of the limited-edition poster that he got being used as a tablecloth on the night before.

He even used the perks of his current predicament to cut in line just to get that poster. It meant so much to him since he actually used his own money that he earned in the game to get that poster but only to be ruined by his sister's evening coffee being spilled on it.

Adrian's friends actually knew why he did that to Mina as he one that holds petty grudges when necessary. Marlon already knew that Mina is the careless type when it comes to her surroundings unless it is hers. She cares for Adrian and his things but will sometimes be dull as not everyone could be perfect all the time.

The fact that Adrian led this type of actualization with that an innocent and angelic tone without no remorse made them tremble a bit. This guy is getting scarier by the minute as he practiced his acting skills or rather, they are scared that his acting skills are actually getting better.

"You should be careful later as she holds petty grudges like you. I mean you two are more alike than you think you are." Marlon whispered.

"If that is true then she will understand why I put her in that place. She will get an earful at most while my limited-edition poster will never be the same. You can only get that once in your lifetime as the holoswatch is registered when I got it. I can never get the same poster even if there are still in stock as they want it to be really limited to one person." Adrian stated as he faked cried a little and acted (not really believable) like he is about to cry.

"I guess he is still not that great of an actor as he cannot convey emotions unless there is something to pull from.." Adrian's friends all thought when they saw Adrian's fake cry acting.

## Chapter 736 - King Of The Hill II

Each national team has planted all their flags and the voting prediction for the winner has also been closed. The team that is actually voted as the one with the most probable chance to win is the Russian team that is led by Sveto and Anastacia.

The display of pure power and undying gameplay capability earned them this prediction. Since the King of the Hill event has two phases, photos of the map from the national teams are not allowed. Even the people in the stadium could not take a picture of the holographic videos or rather all they get is a blurred image.

This is to make sure that the opposing teams will not be able to get data on other teams if they have not encountered them prior to the first part of the event. Although, this concern might not be as big of a deal since all national teams are just scouting during the first phase of the event. Some had minor scuffle like warning shots or trying to assassinate players.

Killing other players might seem like a great idea when it comes to protecting territory, but it is also a great red flag. It also gives an impression to players that they are near the base that you are protecting since you would go so far as to kill them when they are encountered.

Those with great tacticians in their teams all warned their team members to avoid giving a hint on their flag location. This applies to killing of other players as it is a dead giveaway that your flag base is nearby. All they needed to do is find the ten-meter area and they will have the location of the base.

The next team that the others voted to be the one to win is actually the South Korean National Team as their flag base is by far the most difficult to find. They could even leave it alone and find other flags because of how they created their flag base.

Unlike the first event, the developers added another thing in the second map as they felt that the necromancers were not giving an adequate fight. They decided to scatter corpses of monsters or human individuals in the map. Among these corpses are five legendary grade corpses that when revived could be a game changer.

Of course, finding just one of these five is extremely difficult so that the necromancers will not overpower the competition easily. The developers even made sure that once these five corpses are raised that they will be unable to be revived again. Each of the five corpses also have a small quest attached to them as there will be small hints in their locations.

This restriction would have been great if one player is not the literal Prince of the Undead. The moment that Creepysoo and his team arrived at the desert area is when he got a reaction that a corpse of a very powerful being is there. All necromancers have the ability to find dead bodies but the Prince of the Undead has an upgraded skill that can even determine their grade.

Creepysoo immediately found the corpse of that legendary class individual. He did not even need to find the small hints to that legendary class corpse' location as he just acted like a radar himself. He rose that corpse and immediately got a named Undead after being raised.

The named undead is raised as Nomad. This powerful undead even has clothes that make it look like a completely normal person that lives in a desert until you look it at its eyes. The named undead, Nomad, could actually control the sand in its surroundings and even has sand gathering at its lower body.

Creepysoo is thought that their base could literally be something buried in the sand with just the undead Nomad guarding it. The rest of his team members agreed as they saw how masterful the undead that is raised could actually use the sand. Their flag is literally buried in a makeshift room that is ten feet under the sand.

Since none of them except for Creepysoo could guard the flag as they needed air to breath, they decided to target other flags without fear of their own being stolen. Creepysoo agreed and decided to wait below the sand with their new undead companion as only he could control Nomad.

It has been decided that Creepysoo will also join the attack squad in the second phase if no one actually finds their flag in the first phase of the event. Creepysoo agreed as having the flag for a

whole three hours is equal to three points and that could actually give them the lead that they need to win.

The other national team that has a peculiar hiding spot is the Philippine National Team because they chose the most traveled part of the map and that is the jungle. The jungle might be the best when it comes to attacking all parts of the map, but it is also the easiest to spot because all the players will most likely pass through there.

They also expected this as they rule never stated that they could not steal other flags from other teams that have also stolen flags. Actually, about three teams thought of this since three teams are stationed in the jungle area. The one that actually gave the suggestion of the flag being raised in the dungeon is the player named Apolaki that Adrian and Mina took note of.

He planted the flag in the tallest tree as he carved it out using his two unique swords. Apolaki has two swords that are different from each other and serve different purposes. One of the swords is called the Kampilan. Also known as talong is a type of single-edged sword that is different from western inspired swords.

It has a distinct profile, with the tapered blade being much broader and thinner at the point than at its base, sometimes with a protruding spikelet along the flat side of the tip. The design of the pommel varies between ethnic groups, but it usually depicts either a buaya (crocodile), a kalaw (hornbill), or a kakatua (cockatoo).

The other sword is what can be called as Kris. Kris is an asymmetrical dagger with distinctive blade-patterning achieved through alternating laminations of iron and nickelous iron (pamor).. Both a weapon and spiritual object, kris are often considered to have an essence or presence, considered to possess magical powers, with some blades possessing good luck and others possessing bad.

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Two distinct blades but he does not wield both of them together. Apolaki carved the tree using his Kampilan then used the Kris to etch some sort of runes that flowed freely which is different from runes that Adrian knows.

The fact that ancient writing that Adrian does not know is shown in the screen excited him because there are still evolved writing letters that he has yet to decipher. He knows that without the aide of the gaming system, he will not be able to automatically save the ancient writing, but he borrowed a pen and wrote it on a tissue paper.

"What are you doing?" Marlon asked as he saw that his best friend is using a tissue paper to scribble the drawings he just saw on the screen.

"I am just writing those ancient writing that I saw and try to find out what they mean. The area that he uses that ancient writing looked clearer when he carved those. It is not just some sort of coincidence. That Kris is also not an ordinary sword but might actually be a magic sword." Adrian stated as he continued to scribble down what he could remember.

"You need to enjoy the match and not focus on the game as much." Jade butted in the conversation.

"No game, no life." Both Adrian and Marlon stated as they gave each other a high five.

The other participants tried to find the best area, but they are also wary of their surroundings and the points they could earn. The moment they found an area that they found manageable, they already set up their flag base. The earlier they manage to plant their flag then the earlier they will get that point.

No one dared to plant their flag in the mountainous area except for the two national teams of Russia and China. On the east side of the map where islands are located has about three teams. Two of the teams in the eastern part are on different islands while the other one is in a secluded cove near the beach.

Even the two national teams of Taiwan and Thailand did not notice that the Italian National Team took over that cove because of their intense fight. There are four in the jungle area which are Canada, Brazil, Sweden, and Philippines. Each of the four national teams in the jungle area have more or less known where each other is located but they are warier of each other than those in other areas.

Those in the desert number up to five which are South Korea, Japan, United States, Ukraine, and France. They did not even encounter one another which gives the illusion that the desert area is expansive, but it is actually the second smallest area out of all the other zones with the mountain area being the smallest one. Those that are great in using illusions has chosen this area as they have at least one member that could use illusion magic.

The marshlands are populated by six teams as it is also the largest of the five areas. It is covered with huge plants with some parts having knee deep mud. The six teams that inhabit this area are United Kingdom, Germany, Finland, Australia, Poland and Malaysia. These six teams have already encountered stray members of each group, but they have yet to pinpoint the exact location of one another.

Those with scout job classes already became the team member that did the reconnaissance but not all national teams have scout to search for the enemy bases. Some are actually archers while others are using their soulbounds in order to scout since they could borrow their senses.

The one that has the best surveillance skill out of all the participants is actually the Japanese and United States National teams because of the summoners that are in their party. Mariposa and Poison Ivy are using their skills they garnered when they lived in The Green.

It is a world where only the strong survive or those that are smart enough to survive lived. The two naturally knew of the ways of surviving when in unfamiliar terrain. Mariposa used cute little lady bugs that one of her soulbounds can produce as her miniature drones.

Poison Ivy used the dandelion monster plant that she has in order to spread the spores that looked like they are carried by the wind but are in fact able of flight. She also used another peculiar monster plant in the desert. Her Cactus monster plant is in its dormant mode as it has taken root in the desert.

The audience could see that the cactus knight is actually pulsating as if it is a cocoon. The audience does not know what to expect which is why they are excited of what will happen since they could see a flower bud on top of the rooted Cactus Knight.

Every player from each team did something different that garnered the attention of the audience as the national players used skills in different ways or have skills that do not fit the norm. They also have skills that would be rather useless unless a given scenario. Many of the experts started debunking the skills of the national team players.

Even the announcer of the event has spoke countless times that there are no useless skills or spells but people just lacking the creativity to actually use them. The fact that the national team players have proven that gave every player watching the event a new perspective when it comes to skills.

The audience also noticed that these unconventional skills are actually not in low mastery. They are in the intermediate mastery or even advance which meant that the players that they look up to will often use these skills.

"You can see that each of these esteemed players are even applying some of their battle related skills in unconventional ways. Please remember that the skill description in a skill is just how one usually applies them but that does not mean you should be stuck on those very same words. Pandemonium is a game of infinite possibilities as every player will affect the game whether small or big.." The announcer stated with a meaningful tone.

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The first group of teams that made their moves are those that have quicker team members. This teams included the Japanese National Team, The Philippine National Team and the Chinese National Team. There is at least one member of their team that has great speed and agility with enough strength to carry the flag unhindered.

For the Japanese National Team, Blade and Vayu fit the description. For the Philippine National team, Apolaki is the best one as the others are just of average speed or with speed but not enough strength to outrun others. For the Chinese National Team, the Twin Blades, Jiang and Ye, fit this bill as they are swordsmen that have great strength and agility.

The Twin Blades, Jiang and Ye, met with Hou Yiwei in the bottom of the cliff where he landed and decided to put their base there. It might not have been their first choice, but Hou Yiwei looked at his surroundings and confidently stated that he could snipe anyone before they even manage to drop down.

They remember that they got humiliated by the Russian National team and swore that they will bury that team under. In fact, Hou Yiwei is definitely the best defensive member when it comes to defending their flag as the cliff is really high and he will immediately spot someone descending.

The other four members of the Chinese National Team have abilities that could make them fly which is why descending down a canyon is not that difficult for them. Jiang and Ye could actually ride their swords as a sort of vehicle. This type of ability only exists on the eastern continent where it is only possible for sages or sword saints.

The job class of these two are not just ordinary sword saints as they use special blades in order to cultivate. They might lack when it comes to the number of skills, but they have high masteries in their skills. Some of their basic skills even evolved into a different skill when they cultivated a different way.

The Twin Blades only lost to Sveto due to how the power scaling is against them. The other national teams will also know of Sveto's almost cheat like power. The Twin Blades tried targeting the teams in the marshland area first as they have the confidence in escaping if they get in a sticky situation.

The east would have been an ideal place, but they knew that the eastern part of the map is not that great of an area. They know that only a select number of national teams will choose that place as not every player has the capacity to swim or fly.

Either by a twist of fate or just their luck, the Twin Blades encountered the United Kingdom National Team. The flag of their country is waving ferociously as the guards of the flag glared at the uninvited visitors.

The ones who are defending the flag are Pendragon and Merlin. Pendragon kept a stoic face, but a vicious gaze of a predator could be seen just by looking at his face. Merlin smiled seductively as she stretched her body for the upcoming exercise that she will now experience.

"I think we should test the waters for now." Ye stated as she looked at Jiang to see his confirmation.

"I agree. Those two are definitely on our level but we will still be better. We should still take caution as Hou Yiwei is already in an unpleasant mood due to our blunder of being killed." Jiang whispered back.

The Twin Blades then released an attack using their sword aura. They released a sword swipe with just their aura alone but the surrounding mud on the flight path of the two scattered. The intensity of that attack is nothing to scoff at despite them only testing the waters.

Merlin's mouth showed a foxy smile as she did not even chant. She just signaled using her two fingers for something to rise up and a mud wall literally blocked the attacks of the Twin Blades like nothing. The Twin Blades are a bit stunned that their attack did not even pierce two different mud walls.

In fact, even just one mud wall managed to block their attack that combined in the strike area. This is one of their skills in effect called Stronger Together. It is basically a passive skill that joins their released sword aura skills when they hit the same area. The damage will then be multiplied by two after adding the power of the two attacks.

This passive skill also affects their basic attacks, but the restriction is that they must hit the area in a consecutive fashion. They must also do so in a time frame of five seconds or else the skill effect will not trigger. This just shows that the coordination of the couple duo is not just for show as they are also childhood sweethearts that know everything about each other that they mastered even the small habits of one another.

The female audience in the crowd melted when they saw the bond that the Twin Blades shared while the single people could only show their displeasure. The Twin Blades followed up on the attacks, but they only used long range attacks for now as they have this feeling that they should not get near the other team.

"Oh! It seems their instincts are better than the scout player that we encountered earlier. They sense something dangerous in the area which is why they are keeping their distance." Merlin stated for only Pendragon to hear.

"They will not show a gap unless we make one for them to exploit." Pendragon stated as he just stood there again with his sword on its sheath.

Merlin then momentarily became serious, but it is all a façade as she only did so to make the enemy think that she is frustrated of them. She conjured up water and fire spells by manifesting the magic circles beside the Twin Blades.

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#### Chapter 739 - The Twin Blades

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The Twin Blades are not just two blades that were forged to be used in tandem, but they are special blades that can share properties when activated properly. The two unique swords are powerful when used together because they can have skill sharing which is thought to be impossible as even married couples in the game could not do so.

The female blade that Jiang carried had a special property of cutting anything that has magic but will be dull to the physical realm. The male blade that Ye carries has a special property of cutting anything in the physical realm but is ineffective in magic or spiritual realm.

If the two swords resonated with each other and have users that can also resonate with each other then they could also swap properties or share them. The Twin Blades used the special property of the female blade to cut anything that has magic and destroyed the magic circles that formed without any resistance.

There is a weakness in this sharing as the two blades will share the same property if they choose to borrow. This means that the sword users will inevitably fall if their enemies attack them when they can only attack magical constructs or physical constructs. They are easily countered as long as their enemies know of their abilities and skills.

This is one of the reasons why the Twin Blades do not stream much as they know that their weakness could be discovered by those with watchful eyes. They are especially mindful of Faust and Eis as two of the best tacticians in Pandemonium managed to team up with each other.

The moment that the Twin Blades sliced through the magic circles, they used a skill to boost their speed and charged towards Merlin. The Twin Blades want to end her immediately as she is the most difficult one to deal with due to her mastery of all the elements.

They were about to slice her down when Pendragon used the sword on his back to block the attack of both of them. Pendragon did bury a bit deeper in the mud, but he managed to block the attack of the two despite Merlin being unable to react from the fast sword swing.



A trace of fear could be seen on Merlin's face as she breath a sigh of relief. She then looked at Pendragon with a complicated expression since he did not save her right away. She has noticed that Pendragon is a player that is on a league of his own because he carries himself at his own pace without getting caught by the pace of others.

He does not want to play to the rhythm of others but creates his own rhythm for only himself. She considered this one of Pendragon's strengths but also a weakness. It is his strength because he does not get caught in the heat of the moment like other people but disastrous for team play.

Pendragon has no capacity to play well with others as they will not be able to match his own pace. This is one of the reasons why Pendragon is the leader but not the brains of the United Kingdom National team. He has the face and the aura of leader but lacks the general charisma one need to lead a group.

The Twin Blades did not try to force the attack and retreated to a safe distance. They noticed something odd when they clashed swords with Pendragon. The Twin Blades noticed that Pendragon's sword did not even vibrate upon colliding with their two swords. They considered this odd as twice their basic attack power is still a lot considering that they have high attack damage.

They felt a bit relieved that Pendragon became buried deeper in the mud but that ominous feeling they got when the swords clashed made them get away. Pendragon noticed that the two have backed off and sheathed the sword he pulled from his back.

"They are not ordinary Merlin. You need to be a bit more serious in facing them. Even if you cannot kill them, make sure that they run away with no intentions of returning." Pendragon stated and Merlin nodded.

The moment Pendragon uttered the words 'not ordinary' then he meant that they are not your average ranker. It also means that they have dealt a fair bit of damage to Pendragon's shield that is not visible to other people without a specialized eye to see magic.

Pendragon's skill called 'Stand With All Your Might' basically lets him generate a shield on his body as long as he is not in combat while in a waiting battle stance. He is not just standing there like a king because that is his attitude but because of his skill.

This passive skill is actually a Mythical Tier passive skill that can generate a 50% health barrier while in idle. It also can boost your next attack by 100% to 500% depending on how much time is used to stay idle. For Pendragon, the shield is equal to another life as his base health is already great, but the attack damage bonus is godly.

He actually used this technique on a dungeon boss once and managed to kill it in one shot using a high damaging skill. But the fact that the Twin Blades made him plunge under the mud means that they have the capability of wiping out the United Kingdom National team if Pendragon is not protecting them.

"Nice sword. It will be a great meal for our swords." Jiang stated as he needed a great blade in order to make the sword, they possess grow into a Mythical Grade weapon.

"Sorry to say this but you will be unable to take this even if you want to." Pendragon stated but he is just stalling for time.

Ye noticed that Merlin did not launch spells at them when they gained distance. Instead, they saw that Merlin suddenly opened four magic circles around her. Each magic circle is then fed a mud doll in order to bring life to four elemental attribute golems.

A golem made of pure fire, water, earth and wind suddenly manifested on the battlefield. Each of the golems are three meters tall and are immune to the element they are made of. The audience cheered when this happened as four different large monstrosities are created before their eyes.

The mages in the audience that can only control one element and is limited to one golem creation is definitely jealous of Merlin. The fact that she could make four golems is a thing of envy but each being a different element is another ballpark. All the players that witnessed her ability did not even bat an eye when the announcer said that she is the most powerful mage that he has seen.

A golem is not just a simple spell where you can create anything using the materials around you. A mage must have the perfect mastery of a magic called Substitute Life or else the golem is nothing but a glorified decoration. This skill only controls one golem but since Merlin can control four; then she is definitely using a superior version of Substitute Life. The four elemental golems bare no distinct shape as they are just incarnation of the element they are with.

"Should we press on, my love?" Jiang asked and Ye nodded as she knows that they will not be able to escape. She could feel that the moment they try to retreat will be humiliating and insulting to their motherland.

The Twin Blades then started to separate as they are an easier target when both interlocking hands. When the Twin Blades split up, Merlin used it to test her elemental attribute golem that she worked very hard for.

The elemental attribute golems did not stand a chance against Jiang as his sword cut through the elementals with ease. The raised golems tried their best, but that Jiang is the best magic canceller next to Null. Merlin did not flinch when she saw the Twin Blades charging at her but now in different directions.

"If this is how both of you are then I am a bit disappointed. I expected so much more." Merlin stated as she raised her hand again. The Twin Blades is once again blocked by something. It only took a few hits for the Twin Blades to feel that they are being watched and they are correct.

A mud golem is actually laying dormant on the mud below Pendragon and Merlin.

#### Chapter 740 - Merlin

A genius magic spell caster player is what others call Merlin and they should as she could use all of the four basic elements. Others do not know why she is not telling the whole player base of her real in-game race, but Adrian could more or less deduce why.

"She is afraid that people will tell that all her effort in getting great in the game stem from her being of a race that is unique. Comments like, 'You are only that good because you are like this and that' or 'If you were just like us then you would be a nobody'." Adrian stated as he sipped his tea with his right cheek being red due to Mina's simple revenge.

"I get that people can get jealous and that is an ugly thing but that is part of the process of being in the spotlight." Jade stated as she knows what fame can do as even, she read some nasty articles about herself in the forums that she just wanted to slap those people in real life.

"I get that, but some people are never really the same as you that can just shrug those negative comments out. Some people develop traumatic experiences due to the things that they encountered in their childhood. She might look confident but people like that often show their confident self in order to hide the insecure and small person that they really are." Adrian replied.

"What are you feeling to my grandson that he suddenly became a wise sage. You should act a little spoiled like the young person you are. Your father often brought girls to the house when he was your age just to boast. You should act spoiled in front of your grandpa alright!" Adrian's grandfather stated as he gave Adrian a pat in the back.

"Yeah! You should act spoiled!" Marlon stated but he whispered a sentence in the end that said, "so that we can also be spoiled. Let your blessings rain on your friends".

"Back to the topic and ignore the doofus, is she really that insecure? You must not speak that badly of my idol or else! Then again, it adds another layer to her character that makes her vulnerable. I think I am becoming a die-hard Merlin fan now!" Jade stated as she clutched her heart.

"Yeah. Those two are really meant to be together." Adrian stated as he looked at Marlon and Jade with judging eyes.

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Like Adrian said, Merlin is afraid that all of the efforts that she did will be swept under the rug once people learn that she is of the Daemonio race. She has always been a gifted person but all the people in the surroundings would often say that she got it from her parents due to being rich or she is just like her siblings as they were also talented.

She developed an inferiority complex that made her feel that everything she did is not good enough to define her. This is the reason why she decided to become something for herself that no other person can copy. She found that through Pandemonium by playing as a mage.

In fact, she was not a Daemonio when she started the game as she only unlocked the race when Emrys noticed her talent in manipulating two elements. She caught the eye of the greatest mage in the imperial capital due to her own talents and effort. This is actually the first time that she grew proud of herself and started to regain the confidence that she needed.

A few twists and turns happened, and she became a Daemonio from a special ritual that can only be done every hundred years. She was glad that she turned into a new race as this would certainly get her many views and fans in her broadcasts but one interview that she had triggered her inferiority complex.

"Many players are praising the demon player that appeared and even said that he could potentially be the ruler of Pandemonium. Although, there is also another side that says that the demon player is only powerful because he is a demon. What are your thoughts on the subject of a player's talent is only good if he is of a different race?"

That very question made Merlin stop what she was about to broadcast to the world that she is actually half demon and half human. Her mastery of the four elements is already well known at that point and many wanted to know the secret of her talent.

Merlin did not answer the last question given to her but instead gave an answer that is safe. She said that her mastery of the four elements is a testament to her own effort and tenacity to never give up. In fact, it is true as talent is useless without the effort of the one who has the talent.

She does not know this or refuses to accept this fact as she was never raised in an environment that fostered that type of thinking. She does not have a very strong heart or will to not get carried away by the opinions of others. She is not unique in that aspect as many people are like her that needs the validation of other to feel like a person.

If she just believed in herself more than the voices of others, then she would have already been crowned as the best mage in the game. Instead, that spot is taken by Eldritch.

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"Dual Earth and Aqua Sphere!" Merlin stated as she fired off a combination elemental attribute attack.

The Twin Blades had to slice the magic again in half but the opening they presented made the four elemental golems do direct damage on them. The Twin Blades got pushed to the muddy floor and noticed that something is pinning them down on the muddy floor.

Two giant hands are now grabbing each of them.. They sensed an aura that exploded from a distance and that is none other than Pendragon.