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Chapter 801 – Philippines Versus Taiwan III

A third golden scaled sword blocked the mighty attack that Nishui used. The powerful energy that gathered in his staff got dispersed when it hit the golden sword. The golden glow of the Secret Sword – Golden Pangolin vanished when it blocked the attack.

Nishui retreated when his attack got blocked and is shocked upon the scene that he witnessed. The three secret swords are floating behind him as if he is moving them with his mind. The audience then saw something strange on Arsenal's forehead.

A third eye could be seen on Arsenal's forehead where a runic word used to be written. The third eye not only feels creepy, but it is also emanating some sort of aura. This proves that Apolaki did not just pick Arsenal without reason as he seems to know the hidden power of his team member.

Nishui started to attack once more as it would be impossible to block his next attack again. He noticed that the sword that blocked his attack earlier lost its glow and is recovering its golden shine. He then covered his staff with the water element once again and extended it using that same energy.

Nishui did not want to use a close-range attack as he is afraid of the swords attacking him from all directions. The extended staff did a sweeping attack, but the three swords gathered their strengths and blocked the attack. A bead of sweat could be seen dripping from Arsenal's face.

Arsenal knew that he might win a drawn-out battle, but his opponent is not planning the same thing. He needed to finish the battle now even if he brings out some of his secrets. He will be the first line of defense for their team anyway.

"Limit Break!" Arsenal stated as all his soulbounds got released.

"Secret Swords: Release!" Arsenal followed up as all his soulbounds turned into swords that gave different elements and effects depending on the attribute of the soulbound.

Seven different swords appeared and circled behind Arsenal with each having different effects. The passive buffs that each sword made Arsenal's power almost double. If the developers did not implement the three soulbound rule, then he would have not been stuck at rank 50 in Arena rankings.

"Isn't that cheating?" Nishui muttered to himself as seven different swords shot towards him.

Under the barrage of the seven swords, Nishui turned into particles of light. Nishui could not even use any of his skills or build up power since the swords did not give him any breather room. His defeat came from him being unable to do anything due to the precise attacks of seven swords.

"Arsenal wins!" the announcer stated, and the audience shouted in response. The match might not have been the flashiest, but it was so intense. They were on the edge of their seats when both of the contestants are exchanging attacks, but the seven swords reached the excitement to the extreme.

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Next is the team match where everyone is now paying attention to. Whoever wins the coin toss for this match could dictate the victory. The two team captains initiated the coin toss and it ended in the favor of the Taiwanese national team.

"We will choose the island battleground." Renyu stated as she needs to win this team match to give them a greater fighting chance.

'Contestants go to your respective gaming pods!' The announcer stated.

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"What the heck! Why are you guys so strong?!" Nishui stated as he is the only one left in his team. They thought that they had an advantage when they chose the map, but it was not enough. Apolaki seemed to hide many of his trump cards.

Even the audience is speechless of what happened in the battle. The whole stadium is basically silenced as they did not expect this result from them. A real dark horse has emerged for this event as they never expected that Apolaki himself is as strong or even stronger than Hou Yiwei.

A few minutes earlier....

All of the teams spawned in the arena without much issue. The Taiwanese national team kept to the water as Renyu started to call upon her most powerful spell that used all her mana. Her plan is to literally sink the island to the ground since none of their opponents can survive in water.

She started calling the power of the God of the Seas as she has received his blessing. Nishui and his other team members guarded her as she will be easily targeted during the preparation. The Philippines' national team noticed this and started to try and mitigate the damage that will come to them.

Dupe noticed that Renyu was not using a normal spell as her power multiplied by a factor of ten and all the water from the surrounding waters seem to be gathering towards her. She used numerous barrier traps, but she surmised that it would not be enough.

"Attack them while I prepare for a counterattack. Can you block her spell for a few seconds?" Apolaki asked Dupe and the latter agreed.

Apolaki started preparation as well as he started to write ancient writings on the ground. As he is writing, he is also chanting some sort of prayer that absorbed power around him. The other team members decided to fight the opposing team.

The match between the two teams hit an impasse but the one who turned the tides (literally) is Renyu. A huge wave five times higher than the tallest hill in the island came crashing down on them. Dupe tried to block the wave with all her traps combined but she also died due to the intense pressure that she received.

The wave would soon reach Apolaki but all his preparations have finished. The large ritualistic magic circle glowed, and he used his blood as a sacrifice. Half his health vanished upon activating the magic circle, but he summoned one of the goddesses that controlled the seas.

"Aman Sinaya, your humble servant needs your help." Apolaki prayed and it is answered.

A beautiful goddess dressed in robes that flowed like water appeared. She was bigger than the wave that Renyu summoned. The Goddess Aman Sinaya looked at Apolaki with a tender gaze and protected him from the wave. She then diverted this back to the Taiwanese national team with double the force.

The Taiwanese national team might have been resistant to water elemental damage, but they are not immune to an attack created by a goddess. The ones who have weak defenses died and Nishui is left lying on the shores of the island.

"Sorry but we need to win as well. My team members need to win. That is the least I can do as a team captain.." Apolaki stated as he pierced Nishui with his kampilan to finish off his opponent.

Chapter 802 – Next Round

With the end of the last fight of the first round of battles, the teams have been given a break. Constant battles in the virtual world might not tire the body but the mind is definitely stressed. Sometimes the mind being tired is more impactful than the body being tired.

The next matches have been posted in the projector screens. The matches have already been determined in the ladder.

Second Round Matches

1. United States Versus China
 2. South Korea Versus Germany
 3. United Kingdom Versus Ukraine
 4. Sweden Versus Russia
 5. Thailand Versus Philippines
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The buzz of the domain skill and Apolaki summoning a goddess are the main talks of the internet. The fact that a player has a domain skill meant that they are a cut above the rest. Hashtags like #PrinceOftheUndead or #DomainSkill are trending due to the cool effect that Creepysoo created.

The summoning of a goddess is also trending as gods and goddesses has been a big deal in the meta now as dark gods exists. The fact that a player can summon a goddess by sacrificing things like health and mana meant that any player could become powerful. Some even had fantasies that they will enter a contract with gods or goddesses and gain the ultimate power.

Players started to research more into the gods and goddesses of Pandemonium due to the power that Apolaki and Cersei shown in the PVP matches. They had an inkling of hope that they would become someone on the level of the rankers.

"For the rankers to force Creepysoo to use his domain means that they are no joke. Even the old man is doing his best which means the pressure is not really easy." Marlon commented.

"The first matches were not really that confrontational and you could win under the right circumstances. When it comes to player versus players, you can only rely on yourself. Still, being chosen by a god or goddess is not easy. The players that have the backing of gods or goddesses in Pandelympics could only be counted with one hand." Adrian stated.

The group then talked about the matches of each national team. They could say things like 'if they did this then they would have win' but they knew that the result of the match can never be really determined with things like that. As much as spectators have their 'expert opinion', the real thing can never be predicted unless you are the one in their shoes.

"The one that caught my attention is that Arsenal fellow. His Job class is very interesting as he turns his soulbounds into swords with different elements depending on the nature of his monsters." Jade commented.

In fact, Arsenal's job class is trending right now as the weakness of the summoner is now partially covered. If he is proficient in close combat and could also use mid-range attacks using his telekinetic control.

"His job class is almost like mine as he can also utilized weapons but his is unique. His soulbounds that become swords also give him a stronger passive boost. It also stacks from the look of that Nishui fellow being unable to do anything." Adrian commented.

"Your job class is still a big cheat when you categorize yourself as a summoner." All of his friends thought but only Marlon voiced it out.

"We have returned from the break! I hope all of you have prepared yourselves for the next round of matches! But before that, we have a teaser for the last even that will be played for all of you!" the announcer stated as the projected screens vanished.

The whole stadium showed a holographic teaser of the next event. The contestants and audience all focused on the three-dimensional images being broadcasted. In a dark abyss, a red crystal glowing in a combination of green, red, and yellow could be seen.

Chains made of shadows suddenly clasped on the red crystal with a shadowy hand reaching out to it from the dark abyss. The shadowy hand then dragged the red crystal down into the depths of the abyss.

The holographic image then changed to a cocoon made of shadows pulsing eerie light. The red crystal then fused with this cocoon and a monster that is three times the size of a man emerged. The monster placed the red crystal on the center of its body while its form resembled that of a wraith.

The shadow monster then completely released its form and it now looked like a dark knight. The only difference is that its arms are not present but four large shadow hands are floating next to it. Its feet are also non-existent as it is floating one foot from the ground like a wraith, but it is not an undead.

"The depths of the abyss have been my home when the king fell from grace. The time for his awakening is upon us." The shadow monster stated as it felt something call for it.

In the depths of the abyss, a bright light suddenly flashed and the dragon that made the two headed dragon from hell helpless suddenly appeared. The dragon of light and darkness then looked at the shadow monster and spoke.

"I have come to fetch you, my brother. The seal on the king is weakening and it is time for him to rise once again and claim the world as his own. The gods and goddesses are already weakened

which meant that there is no longer much of a hindrance to the revival of our king." The dragon of light and darkness stated.

"If that is the case brother, we shall need the help of our other siblings that have also been trapped by the foolish gods and goddesses." The shadow monster stated as the red core on its body started to absorb the energy of the abyss.

"You are right brother! We shall free our siblings from their shackles and bring forth a new era!" The dragon of light and darkness stated as it once again used its powers to bend light itself.. The two powerful monsters vanished from the abyss.

Chapter 803 – United States Versus China I

The speculation for the two powerful monsters started happening but the contestants could not do so leisurely. The next round of matches already started with the map chosen being the jungle as the solo match has already started.

Just like what the audience expected, the solo match is between Totem and Hou Yiwei. The two team captains are destined to clash sooner or later but they did not expect that it would be this early into the event.

Totem picked the jungle as he is a druid that specialized in the powers of nature. He knew that he could not afford to be complacent when he is against the player currently sitting at the top of the leaderboards. He might have witnessed Ain defeating Blade, but he cannot expect the same response from Hou Yiwei.

Hou Yiwei also did not expect that the match would be easy and decide to stick with long range attacks. He knows that his opponent is proficient when it comes to melee combat, and he could be defeated if he is not careful.

The jungle that provided cover for Hou Yiwei aided his long-range attacks, but it also proves to aid his opponent more as it provided Totem cover.

"I ask the help of the Guardian of the Forests. Entangle my opponent so that they will no longer be a threat. Call to the Forest Guardian!" Totem stated as he poured his mana into the ground.

A silhouette of what seems like a leshy appeared for a brief second and the branches of the trees shot towards Hou Yiwei. Upon seeing that he could no longer trust the forest, Hou Yiwei spread his wings and took to the skies.

Hou Yiwei thought that he would be safe, but the branches stretched far beyond what they could possibly do. A group of trees in a three-meter radius all shot their extended branches towards him which made him to aerial evasions. The tips of the branches shot like spears that want to pierce his body into millions of holes.

"Phoenix Shot!" Hou Yiwei stated as his arrow became coated in flames.

Hou Yiwei released the arrow and it exploded into flames in the shape of a bird. The tree branches that aimed for him became ashes when the skill passed through it. The trees below that launched their branches also turned to ash but Hou Yiwei lost vision of his opponent.

"Call of the Wind: Sylphid!" Totem's voice echoed.

A wind elemental then appeared behind Hou Yiwei without him even noticing. The wind elemental created a strong burst of wind that sent the Hou Yiwei crashing down to the ground.

"Spirit of the Mammoth!" Totem stated which made a silhouette of a mammoth appear behind him.

Totem charged at Hou Yiwei with great speed and strength that he left deep foot marks on the ground. Hou Yiwei is still being pushed down by the wind elemental using its magic which meant that he cannot stand up. Hou Yiwei knew that he could potentially die from the chain of attacks that Totem will release if the latter gets close to him.

"Dragon Force!" Hou Yiwei muttered with a slightly breathy tone.

A burst of tyrannical energy is released by Hou Yiwei that slightly pushed back the rampaging Totem. Hou Yiwei arose from the ground as the wind pushing him down is getting burned by the draconic aura that is covering his body.

Hou Yiwei then changed his bow into two blades as Totem continued his charge. The two powerhouses clashed against each other as their auras reached the climax. The one that came out on top was Hou Yiwei as his Dragon Force overpowered the Spirit of the Mammoth.

"That would not be enough to defeat a dragon!" Hou Yiwei stated as he charged towards Totem with his two blades clad in the aura created by the Dragon Force.

"Spirit of the Boar! Spirit of the Tiger!" Totem rushed casting two skills at the same time in order to block the attack.

With an aura that coated his body using a thick hide and claws that extended from his hands, Totem blocked the two swords. Hou Yiwei noticed that Totem could not use the skill that he used to become a giant if he is preoccupied which is why he did not stop the barrage of attacks.

Druids often relied on communing with nature which means they get power from prayers and chants. The longer their prayer or chants then the more powerful their skills would be. The main way to counter druids is to prevent them from using their main way of getting power but that does not mean they are powerless.

Since druids are in tune with nature, so too is their own body which is why some have tattoos in their bodies. Totem is the same as he has yet to utilize the unique markings on his body as he only used the small totems hanging around his neck before.

"Spirits of the Forests! Bless me!" Totem stated as his tattoos suddenly glowed in a bluish white light.

Totem's aura suddenly matched that of the aura released by Hou Yiwei. The rank one player is then reminded why the dragons never liked the druids because they use the natural power around them unlike dragons that relied on their own powers. It is the clash between the Arcane and the Natural magic natures.

The two clashed continuously as the surroundings vibrated due to the sheer force of their energies. The difference started to show as Hou Yiwei started to show tiredness, but Totem took more damage. Hou Yiwei knew that he might lose if Totem pulled another powerful skill. As if he read Totem's mind, the latter started to chant while they are clashing and ignoring the damage that he is getting.

Hou Yiwei knew that he needs to use the skill that he wanted to keep hidden but a win must be needed to cement their position in the finals.

"Dragon Force: Draconic Descent!"

Chapter 804 – United States Versus China II

"Dragon Force: Draconic Descent!" Hou Yiwei stated his body suddenly burned into vibrant red flames.

Totem noticed this as well, but he cannot stop the chanting as he wanted to convert all the damage he received into a damaging skill. The vibrant red flame that covered Hou Yiwei's body started to grow in size until it is five times bigger than Totem.

"Nature's Wrath: Reversal!" Totem stated as the tattoos that glowed on his body started to detach from his body in order to create a magic circle mid-air.

The spell that Totem used is a sure hit spell that dealt damage to all the enemies that dealt damage to him. The damage that he absorbed will also be doubled in power and it cannot be dodged under normal circumstances.

The Nature's Wrath: Reversal spell released its attack in the form of a pure spirit beam. The pure spirit beam headed towards the burning vibrant red flame. Totem is assured of his victory as the damage that he received is something that a player with light armor cannot endure.

The pure spirit beam headed towards the inside of the vibrant red flame, but the defeat notification of his opponent did not show up. He also felt something solid hit by the pure spirit beam, but he did not know what it was as the vibrant red flame obscured vision.

The vibrant red flame soon vanished, and the audience saw what is hiding inside of it. Hou Yiwei is no longer in the form of a dragonkin but that of a red dragon. He looked down on Totem as he is impressed by the capabilities of his opponent.

"To think that you managed to break the Draconic Barrier with one spell. I commend you for that, but you lost the moment you did not finish me off quickly. You should be proud that I revealed this skill to deal with you as that meant that I consider you worthy." Hou Yiwei stated in deep raspy voice.

Totem could no longer call upon the spirits around him as the last skill he used is something that weakens the body of a druid since it is considered as a last resort. Totem stood there with dignity as Hou Yiwei used his breath attack to defeat him.

"In a shocking turn of events, Hou Yiwei defeated the team captain of the United States National team by becoming the apex of all monsters!" The announcer stated as the crowd cheer upon seeing the transformation.

Numerous speculations started to appear as the audience is no longer sure who will become the Monarchs. The appearance of a player turning into a dragon, a domain skill, and the power to call upon gods has turned the prediction of the winners into a mess. The number of people using crying emojis for losing their bets are increasing.

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"If you both competed in your dragon forms, do you think you can beat him?" Marlon asked Jade as she can also turn into a dragon.

"His draconic transformation skill is different from mine because mine is something like a toggle skill. His is more like a legitimate transformation so he could be getting better status buffs along with his. We will not know unless we actually clashed though." Jade answered.

"You can say that his dragon transformation skill is like our real forms." Adrian commented to Marlon as their real forms are very powerful and sealed due to them representing a concept in the universe.

"If that is the case then he might be able to win this event as long as he uses that dragon transformation skill in every match. All the cooldowns are refreshed per match anyways." Marlon added.

"We will see as everyone is a strong contender for the championship at this point. It also seems that my match against all of them will not be a piece of cake as it seems." Adrian stated.

"Sir Adrian. The event organizers are calling you for the final check ups for the next event. Please come with me to the control room." The attendant stated as she got instructions to inform Adrian of the final checks before his event.

"Understood." Adrian answered as he stood up from his seat and followed the attendant.

The team match between the Chinese national team and the United States national team ended in favor of the latter. The audience got a full fight between the Ancestral Spirit Totem and the Dragon Hou Yiwei. The battle is hard fought, and the United States national team still lost despite them having the map advantage.

The Twin Blades, Jiang and Ye, played a big part in the victory of their national team as they defeated Null as fast as they could. She was the biggest hurdle they must face as she can cancel skills that required channeling and negate magic.

When Null got defeated, the Twin blades then hunted down Shado that killed their two other team members. The Twin Blades were successful in defeating Shado and Aisha, but they also died in the process because of the monster plants that Poison Ivy used.

But as fate is not shining upon Poison Ivy, all her soulbounds got defeated with one breath attack that came from Hou Yiwei who already transformed into his dragon form. The final moments of the match then turned to be a fight between two juggernauts.

The clash of the two juggernauts ended with the victory of Hou Yiwei but half his health got depleted. The jungle that supposed to be their battleground became a blazing inferno which also aided in Hou Yiwei's win as Totem pulled power from the surroundings. As the forest burned, Totem weakened as a result which decided the match for the two countries.

The team battle between the two countries made everyone hold on to their seats as the audience never thought that something like that would be possible in a PVP event.. They only thought that it is possible during boss raids.

Chapter 805 – South Korea Versus Germany

The next match followed as the South Korean national team and the German national team representatives went to the center of the stage. As expected, the representative for the South Korean national team is Ain while the representative for the German national team is Eis.

The coin flip came in favor of the German National Team. Eis picked the battleground that gives her an advantage as she already saw the capability of Ain in combat. The two players are sent to the icy tundra and the act of staying still will induce frostbite.

As soon as the two can move, they executed the skills that can give them the advantage. Ain used a buff on himself to heat his body and increase his speed. Eis responded by condensing all the ice element around her into shards of ice.

Ain tried avoiding but the ice shards came in the number of a hundred thousand at least. Ain wanted to get close to Eis but the ice shards prevented that as one graze from them would create a slice wound. Even a small slice wound will inject the ice element in the body which would inflict frostbite.

Layers of frost could be seen forming on Ain's body as he tried getting closer towards Eis. She really lived to her name as the Queen of Winter as she controlled the ice element like it is an extension of her body. The ice shards are not the only thing that she set up for defensive measures.

There is a layer of snow swirling around her up to her knees that seems to move in accordance with her mind. Ain managed to reach her when he used a skill called Sage Art: Fox Maneuver but the snow below her feet suddenly formed a shield to protect her from the attack.

"Frost Circle!" Eis stated as the area below Ain suddenly glowed bright as she activated the magic circle.

A burst of cold light could hit Ain and his body immediately got frozen as a result. He still has consciousness, but he cannot move his body as it is frozen in place. Eis then started to chant as a lance made of the purest of ice could be seen forming.

"Pure Ice Spear!" Eis stated as she finished chanting the spell and a beautiful lance made of pure ice appeared above her.

With a gesture of her hand, the Pure Ice Spear struck Ain and turned him into particles of light. The German national team won the first solo match.

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For the team round, the coin flip went in the favor of the South Korean national team. They chose the stadium map again as well as the enemy team's forte is long range magic. The audience thought that the team match would be a long-drawn-out battle, but it started with a bang to their surprise.

"Underworld Domain: Limbo!" Creepysoo stated as he immediately summoned his domain skill. He also summoned his undead knights to increase his forces.

The German national team responded in kind as Zahnrad set up what he calls as the Artificial Zone. Using a hidden capsule from his magitech suit, he deployed it above them where it split into three. The three shrapnel then emitted a beam that connected on top which created a prism.

The Artificial Zone is what Zahnrad studied when he first learned about domains. He wanted to emulate its capabilities but, in the end, could not replicate the real thing. He did give a buffing effect to his team members and empowered their attacks.

The fight began immediately to which the enemy team could now see Ain rampaging in the battlefield. His previous defeat ignited his fighting spirit to the point that he did not realize that he defeated Schutz despite being the tank of the enemy team.

Eis and Faust's combination of ice and fire made it difficult to approach them while Witwe easily defeated the other members of the South Korean national team except for Ain and Creepysoo. Ain did not hold himself back like again and used his Martial Sage Arts: Fox Hunt to kill Witwe.

With Ain being weakened, the combination of Eis and Faust managed to kill him, but the result is as they feared. The tombstones appeared once again where Creepysoo's team died. With a simple spell that used 40% of his mana, Creepysoo revived all his dead team members into undead.

The revenge of the undead is literally what fights between the South Korean national team are. Even with Zahnrad making his magitech suit explode, he only took out one of Creepysoo's undead knights. The team match ended with the victory of the South Korean national team.

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The last solo match started, and it is a match between Creepysoo and Faust. Even though Faust did not have a high chance of winning, he did his best and exerted fire magic that can gain him recognition. He used spells that obliterated enemies as long as he touched his fire.

All the spectators thought that Faust would lose immediately as Creepysoo used his domain skill again at the start of the match, but he put up a good fight. So good of a fight that his flame elemental companion evolved into a stronger rank due to his strong wish of winning.

His elemental, Salamander, evolved into a Greater Elemental and acquired something special that makes it different from other elementals. Salamander managed to acquire the Elemental King's seed as it wanted to make its master's wish a reality. The small lizard grew in size as it is now the size of a large breed of dog.

The red flame burning on its back also got brighter with some bluish white specks of fire mixed in. Even with this development, Faust still lost as Undead do not get burned despite being getting bonus damage from fire. The combination of all of Creepysoo's undead knights made a solo match against him basically a lost cost unless one can overpower them thoroughly.

The South Korea national team advanced to the next round as a result of the battle.

Chapter 806 – United Kingdom Versus Ukraine I

After the match between South Korea and Germany, the next match continued immediately as the next competitors gathered on the stage. The match between United Kingdom and Ukraine started with the first representatives being Merlin and Cersei.

The match between the two is something that the audience did not expect as Pendragon was the one to represent the United Kingdom national team in the first match. The two beauties stood on the stage and did the coin flip with Ukraine being the winner.

Cersei chose the island battleground as water is her friend since Vepar controls not only curses but water as well. Both of them entered the arena with the intent of winning against each other. In fact, Cersei wanted to battle Pendragon as she is the better counter for him.

She could pile on curses against Pendragon that rarely moves. He is the perfect opponent for curse casters like Cersei, but she got the short end of the stick. She is now against someone like Merlin who is proficient in spell casting like her.

Cersei wanted to summon the aspect of Vepar at the start of the match, but she had no one to buy time for her. Two different spells are suddenly directed towards her which are Lightning Bolt and Fire Ball. She had no choice but to conjure up her broom and fly away as she had no other means of evading the attack.

She then saw Merlin looking at her in the sky and also used a spell to levitate in order to be even against her. Merlin did not need something like an item to fly as her natural affinity with the wind element made her able to fly in the sky with ease. Of course, this came with the downside of only being able to use one element to hit Cersei.

Cersei tried casting her curses and hexes while in mid-air, but it proved difficult to properly aim. She had to evade while chanting her curses which means that she had to perform broom acrobatics. She also had Vepar whispering in her ears to warn her of sudden dangers because Merlin could conjure spells at a faster pace compared to others.

Merlin knew that Cersei must be eliminated as quickly as possible since she is wary of the devil that she summons in the battlefield. She did not use powerful spells that take longer to chant as she might get inflicted by curses.

Cersei now being backed into a corner could not believe that she needed to use the skill that she wanted to keep hidden until the finals. She thought she could find a way to win as long as she could hit Merlin with her curses, but the woman she is in combat with is basically a walking grimoire.

Cersei flew towards the body of water and floated an inch above the water. She then used her Devil Tongue to apply ten different curses on her body in order to strengthen herself for the thing that she is about to do.

Merlin knew that something was up which is why she suddenly called for a thunderstorm. The dark clouds in the sky gathered as lightning crackled. She raised her hand while chanting a magic spell and gathered all the lightning on her hand.

"Great Lightning!" Merlin shouted as her voice echoed.

The giant lightning bolt is then redirected towards Cersei who is still busy placing curses on herself. Cersei did not even notice the lightning bolt approaching her as she is focused on her current task. Cersei finally finished chanting as a dark red magic circle appeared below her feet.

"Devil Possession!" Cersei stated but the lightning bolt struck her body upon doing so.

The lightning bolt hit Cersei's body, and it exploded into blood. The audience felt that her death was a bit too graphic but there was no announcement that Merlin had won the match. Even Merlin thought it was strange that she did not receive the notification for Cersei's defeat.

Merlin is about to use a spell called Pinpoint to detect the whole area for living things, but she suddenly felt a heavy pressure. A huge magic circle suddenly appeared on the surface of the water that is vastly different from the magic circle that Cersei activated.

The magic circle on the water gave off a menacing energy that made Merlin wince. She has never felt such volatile power like that as it was not natural. She then saw the blood that supposed to be Cersei's suddenly pooling in the center of the water.

The blood soon formed into a humanoid figure that is that of a woman. That woman is indeed Cersei, but something is different in terms of her form. She now had horns coming out of her temples, bat-like wings and a pointed tail. She had transformed herself into a devil affiliated with the Devil God Vepar.

Cersei did not waste any second and flapped her wings. Merlin, who is focusing on Cersei, suddenly saw that her opponent is nowhere to be seen. Just as she is about to avoid as she suddenly felt danger on her side, Cersei suddenly whispered.

"Too late." Cersei stated in her provocative tone.

Cersei then slapped Merlin using her right hand which made the latter come crashing down towards the water. The sexy figure of the Devil Cersei could be seen looking down on Merlin who came crashing towards the sea.

"She is not yet dead, Cersei." Vepar's voice whispered to Cersei.

A huge water column suddenly erupted where Merlin came crashing down on. The sea could be seen splitting into two as if by divine intervention, but it is only due to the mana limiter on Merlin being released.

The screen now showed Merlin but the runic letters on her body now fully visualized. Merlin has a special mechanic where she can redirect the damage she receives to her mana. Just one strike from Cersei deleted her remaining mana which was 70%.. This in turn activated her passive skill called 'Child of Mana' which is a passive skill that all Daemonios are born with.

Chapter 807 – United Kingdom Versus Ukraine II

The screen now showed Merlin but the runic letters on her body now fully visualized. Merlin has a special mechanic where she can redirect the damage she receives to her mana. Just one strike from Cersei deleted her remaining mana which was 70%. This in turn activated her passive skill called 'Child of Mana' which is a passive skill that all Daemonios are born with.

Cersei thought that she has the upper hand in battle because of using the forbidden skill Devil Possession. It gives the user the qualities of the devil that they have a contract with but only something that the mortal body could bear.

"Well, it is only a forbidden skill in Pandemonium because the holy churches would burn you alive if they knew that you have a skill like this." Cersei stated as she saw the column of water shooting towards the sky.

Cersei saw the person that she thought would be dead or close to it perfectly unscathed, but Vepar told her that her opponent no longer has mana. The Devil God told her that there is a special skill that half demons are born with that redirects their damage to their mana which is why the powerful ones managed to defeat demons back then.

[The mana in the surroundings is unstable.]

[There is a slight small chance that spells will not activate due to the mana fluctuation.]

Merlin could see that her innate skilled Child of Mana triggered. This special skill that she received did not often trigger as it is a mysterious skill that has been imprinted on the soul of the half demons. Even Emrys, the strongest of the Daemonios in the current generation, cannot forcefully trigger this innate skill.

"To think that this woman managed to trigger the innate skill means that she is leagues above me in strength. It is said that this innate skill only triggers when we half demons are outclassed. My only fear is that people would speculate that I am really not of the Human Race, but the match comes first." Merlin stated but deep down she is scared of being bullied online for lying.

"Inferno!"

"Blizzard!"

"Hurricane!"

"Thunder!"

"Rock Avalanche!"

Merlin casted five high class spells at the same time as this is one of the effects of the Child of Mana skill.

[You are able to invalidate the chant of spell up to High Class for the duration of the Child of Mana innate skill.]

[You do not need mana to cast the spells that you want as your core will pull mana from the surroundings.]

[The duration of the innate skill 'Child of Mana' is one minute.]

Merlin did not joke around once her innate skill activated as she used five high class magic immediately. She then directed those high-class magic spells towards Cersei. Not only that, but she also conjured up mid class spells as well as follow up in order to be sure that she will defeat her opponent within the given time.

All the spells that came crashing towards Cersei is then blocked by something that she summoned from Hell where Vepar rules. The water below her suddenly turned black and became murky. This water then clashed with the five high class spells and destroyed them by sacrificing the murky water.

Any mage would panic if this happened to them as their spells became utterly useless but not Merlin. She used another set of High-Class spells that she learned as Emrys' apprentice and launched them again towards Cersei.

The smoke from the clashing magic spells arose but Cersei is not in the location. Merlin immediately knew that something is amiss and immediately used five layers of barrier to protect herself. As if she read the future, a loud thud followed by the sound of glass breaking is heard.

Cersei appeared beside Merlin and destroyed three of her barriers with just the force of her kick. This fight is happening at the speed of sound and all the audience could see is flashing lights if the fight was not slowed down.

"Aquatic Demon Cursed Trident!" Cersei stated.

A good chunk of water from the sea suddenly shot up and condensed towards Cersei's arm. The moment she touched the water, its color suddenly changed to that of darkish green hue. Merlin could feel the tyrannical energy from the trident and increased her barriers to ten.

Cersei swung the trident towards Merlin and destroyed two barriers with just a simple swing. The next barrier is then marked with runic letters and disintegrated after two seconds. Merlin did not know what happened to the third barrier which is why she decided to increase her perception with Mind's Eye.

Upon using a skill that increased the perception of one's surroundings, Merlin noticed that the trident that Cersei used applied a curse or hex to the barrier that invalidates the mana gathered.

"A curse that scatters mana!" Merlin stated as she fired off spells in succession in order to gain some distance.

If she ever gets hit by the trident, then it would disable her innate skill as the runic markings on her body gathered mana towards her like a vacuum. Merlin also noticed that Cersei's body looked vastly different compared to before as her strikes started to weaken.

"She is growing weaker. That form is also taking a toll her body since it is too powerful. I just need to draw out more of her power in order to win this." Merlin thought.

As Merlin guessed, Cersei's body is also breaking down because her Devil Possession skill is closer to Devil God Descent as an aspect of Vepar is inhabiting her body. Even if it is just an aspect, it is still that of a god which meant that a mortal vessel would grow weaker the longer a god inhabits the body.

She is holding quite well unlike Equinox and Levin Cloud did as only an aspect possessed her, but her body is showing signs of deterioration. If one looked closely, some parts of her body is already fading into oblivion.

"You must stop this Cersei. Your body could no longer handle the stress. Even with multiple strengthening curses applied to your body. A mortal would not be able to handle a god's power unless they are the perfect vessel born for them." Vepar stated as he is worried for Cersei.

Cersei did not heed Vepar's warning and continued pushing herself to the extreme. She continued the attacks even though parts of her body could be seen rapidly deteriorating. Merlin is having the same problems as well.

Merlin could feel her body shutting down as well since this is the first time that she handled mana in large quantities such as this. Her half demon core could not handle using all the mana in her surroundings. She is basically flooding it as she still needs to convert the mana from her surroundings into her own mana.

She might not take in the mana but transforming the mana around her into her own mana signature. The two women fought bravely until the audience could see their tired appearance. Merlin's body is showing signs of extreme fatigue while Cersei's body could be seen missing some limbs.

Merlin knew that she had one more choice in order to absolutely win the match. One spell that is available to all mages at a certain point when they level up. She has yet to test it to mana outside her body though.

"Mana Burn!" Merlin shouted as the mana in her body plus the mana around her started to manifest into bluish streams of light.

Cersei wanted to escape the area where the spell is getting affected but she is already weakened to the point that she can only swing her trident once. With the last bit of her strength, Cersei swung her trident towards Merlin for the last time.

Merlin did not attempt to dodge or getaway as she is focused in implementing her Mana Burn. The bluish light that the mana around them started to glow brighter and brighter until a huge explosion happened. The whole map is flooded by a bright light with both contestants being enveloped.

When the light subsided, a large void of nothingness could be seen on the map. The island and even parts of the sea has been erased. It is not like it was destroyed but what looked like space being erased is seen. The whole audience is lost for words.

They could not believe that a simple spell and powerful like Mana Burn could erase parts of reality. The audience then saw something like large insect claws come out of the void to start and fix the tear in reality. When reality became fixed, they could see that a feeble body that is almost as dried as a mummy could be seen on the monitor.

"Merlin wins the match!" The announcer announced as Cersei was the one ejected out of her gaming pod first. The audience recovered from their silence and congratulated the two for doing a job well done.. They gave a match worthy of their titles.

Chapter 808 – Sweden Versus Russia I

The next round battles have started after the win of Merlin against Cersei. With what Cersei showed in her match with Merlin, the audience thought that the Ukraine national team might have a hot of winning the team match but that thought flowed out of the air.

The moment the team match started, Pendragon immediately used Caliburn to its max potential and swept the enemy team with one swing. To add more to the strike, Merlin casted Boost on Pendragon three times. The fact that she could stack a buff that doubles the damage of the skill three times meant certain death to the enemy team.

One wide swing and the Ukraine national team turned to ash. Cersei put up a fight by applying a weakening curse to the area but an attack with three stacks of Boost cannot be easily weakened. Boost applied three times is an exponential power increase which meant that Caliburn's skill damage is multiplied by a factor of eight.

The match between United Kingdom and Ukraine ended in the win of the former. Pendragon's attack made everyone curious as to how he will fair in a solo match. He mostly kept his strength hidden in the first three events, but he would surely be a force to be reckoned with in the fourth event.

After the excitement of the last match died down a little, the next match representatives took to the stage. The representatives are none other than Frey of the Swedish national team and Sveto of the Russian national team.

The audience are anticipating on what will happen in the match because they know that the two are built for player versus player situations. One is a Valkyrie while the other one is blessed by a God of War despite its name still being unknown.

The coin flip ensued and the one who earned the rights of choosing the battlefield is Sveto. He immediately chose the stadium battleground as he does not like the concept of trying to find his opponent. He wants to fight them head on without much care of the theatrics. It must have been the influenced of the barbarians in the north that he trained with.

The two climbed their gaming pods and materialized in the stadium. The audience of the stadium is loaded once more which made the others not see the reaction of Ares when the two arrived. Ares first looked at Frey and immediately noticed that she is a Valkyrie. Ares' face made a small smile upon seeing that he will get to enjoy the fight from a Valkyrie.

Ares then looked at Sveto and is slightly stunned as he is clad in the aura that only descendants of the Gods of War are capable of having. His smile even became wider upon seeing that a Valkyrie and a God of War's descendant will battle it out in his own personal arena located in his divine realm.

The sensitive players noticed that Ares smiled more genuinely now compared to other matches, but they immediately brushed it off as coding. They thought that Ares might become more and more excited the more matches being held in his arena.

"I hope that the two of you will thoroughly entertain me. Let the match begin!" Ares stated as the two challengers are no longer being held back by a strange force.

The moment the force that is holding the both of them vanished, the two warriors charged against one another. Frey with her spear and Sveto with his great sword. Just from the clash of the two, a shockwave is produced that the people in the arena felt as a wave of energy swept pass through them.

Just one head on collision made a shockwave so powerful that even the audience felt it. This made everyone so excited as the two started to trade attacks. Frey's attacks could be said as graceful yet powerful as she looked as if she is dancing in the arena from the way she moves.

Sveto is more into brute force and heavy attacks which matched the power of Frey's attacks. He did not want to admit it, but they have the same or almost the same stats when it comes to strength. What made Sveto a bit giddy is the fact that he held the heavier weapon, but Frey is trading equal blows against him.

He did not want to admit it, but he might be outclassed when it comes to the pure strength department. He can also feel that Frey has yet to truly invest in the battle as her face is calm and collected. Despite also controlling his strength to gauge his opponent, Frey is actually matching him which meant that she also did the same.

"No more testing. The real attacks will start now." Sveto stated.

"Is that so? I thought it was kind of boring." Frey muttered as she told what she really thinks about the previous exchange of attacks.

Sveto did not expect the sudden verbal comeback which made him a bit angry at Frey due to her saying that the previous exchanges are boring. If you really look at it from the perspective of Ares,

then the previous exchange is indeed boring. Boring to the point that the satisfaction bar of the God of War did not move much.

Sveto finally started and coated his great sword with the aura of a descendant of the God of War. With one swing, he managed to push Frey back a few feet. Frey admits that the attack that she blocked is indeed heavy and he felt a slight numbing sensation from the vibration of her spear.

Frey did not want to get pushed back like that, so she also started becoming serious. The calm and beautiful face that Frey wore suddenly changed. She is still beautiful but the aura that she released made everyone want to avert their gazes at her.

The attack patterns that Frey used that looked like dancing started to change to something more precise. She no longer wasted movement and only went for attacks that she is sure that would connect. Sveto tried dodging her pinpointed attacks, but he is slower than Frey in that regard.

Sveto did not regret using stronger attacks as Frey is now starting to damage her. A normal player would want to avoid damage but not for berserkers like Sveto as they strive in battle. The more pain that is inflicted on them would mean that they would inflict twice as more to their enemy.

Frey could feel this as well as Sveto's heavy attacks started to become heavier to the point that she let go of her spear once. Sveto thought that this was his chance to finish off Frey, but a Valkyrie is more than their weapon because they are the weapon. Frey suddenly exploded with an unknown power and shaped it into a spear.

She then tossed that spear towards the charging Sveto to which the latter got pinned back to the wall. An invisible force manages to pin him to the stadium wall, and he did not even see the attack. The audience is stunned but Ares stood up in the disbelief in his eyes.

A fledgeling Valkyrie managed to create a weapon using pure power of thought. The fact that she can shape something out of a concept made even the God of War envious of the Valkyries for finding someone so talented. Only rare individuals can create something from a concept in the early stages of life.

This is one of the reasons why there are numerous gods of war as they can shape their killing intent into a weapon just like what Frey used. She is a good candidate to become a god of war, but she is already a Valkyrie which meant that her prospects would be even higher. Ares' satisfaction bar became full upon witnessing what Frey did.

[The individual Frey will have a 5% stat boost for the duration of the fight.]

Sveto saw this announcement and knew that he also needs to show something or else he would get outclassed in front of a God of War.

"Game on!" Sveto stated as he stood up. The imaginary weapon that pinned him already dispersed and he can now move.

Frey did not immediately attack Sveto as she used what the Valkyries taught her as the Weapon of the Mind. It might seem great as you can forge a weapon from a concept, but it also took a toll in the body of those who use it. She got stunned for one second which is why she did not do a follow up attack and instead picked up her spear.

She saw Sveto standing up from the floor and could feel that the air around him suddenly became heavy. The great sword that Sveto used suddenly changed to a war hammer. The hammer even towered over Sveto, and he held the heavy weapon with just one hand.

"This is why I hate fighting with Berserkers.." Frey thought.

Chapter 809 – Sweden Versus Russia II

Sveto charged at Frey with his war hammer with all of his strength. The accumulated strength from getting damaged made his attacks heavier than before and it is now Frey's turn to feel the numbing sensation when parrying attacks.

Sveto could see that he is damaging Frey now even without fully hitting her. Frey could no longer just parry Sveto's attacks, but she is also afraid of his regeneration. The damage that she already inflicted on Sveto started to get healed as soon as he dealt damage to her.

"A berserker that can heal the damage he gets from damaging others. And also, the fact that he can still have the damage boost despite that is certainly at the pinnacle of all berserkers. Usually, berserkers will lose their battle strengths when they get healed but Sveto is different.

[Sveto has gained 5% status boost due to the Blessing of the God of War, Ares.]

Ares is enjoying the fight of two combatants that are made to kill humanoid life. Even his personal army generals can learn a thing or two from the battle between them. A Valkyrie is definitely different from people with the blessings of the Gods of War.

Each exchange between the two of them is making the arena quake as a result. This also made Ares pleased with the battle they are doing as it is more on primal prowess. Ares always like the warriors compared to the magical battle that mages used but he does not disdain the use of magic.

"His high regeneration is a pain." Frey stated but she had no choice but to use it now.

A skill that she kept hidden as she wanted to use it in the finals, but she needs it now. A skill that is closely tied to a domain skill but is just a specialized skill that the Goddess Freyja has bestowed upon the Valkyrie.

"Let the sky fall! Area of Judgement!" Frey stated as she plunged her spear on the ground.

The area of the stadium suddenly got covered by a strange magic circle but nothing else changed on the surface. Sveto felt something made his body feel really heavy all of a sudden as the magic circle swept pass through him suddenly and he did not have time to even counteract it.

[You have been affected by the Area of Judgement by a Valkyrie.]

[You have been judged and marked for death due to your anonymity with the Valkyrie.]

[You cannot regenerate health as long as Area of Judgement is casted.]

[All buffs to your character will be invalidated due to the effect of Area of Judgement.]

Sveto almost cursed when he saw the notifications pop out from his screen as this basically depowered him back to a normal warrior. Sveto could only choose another option and that is to restrain Frey while the effect of the skill is present. He changed the war hammer into that of the chain ball he used to restrain the SS rank monsters.

But before he could even restrain the Valkyrie player, Frey already appeared behind him and plunged her spear to his torso. Sveto's armor did not get fully pierced through, but the tip of Frey's spear managed to injure him.

[You have been afflicted with Bleed. Your passive skill Cold Blooded Warrior did not take effect due to the Area of Judgement.]

Sveto's passive skill that made his regeneration high became cancelled just like that. He did not care about his well-being anymore as he would get killed if he played it safe. If the Area of Judgement made him almost invalid, then Frey must be receiving great buffs from it.

Sveto tried to make sure that he must win at all costs. He knows that buying time will most likely be impossible due to Frey's high killing potential as she often raids dungeons alone. She is basically an army by herself and that means a match of attrition will be her victory.

Sveto fought hard but he fell in the end. Frey acknowledged his strive to not look weak or pathetic. In fact, all the intelligent enemies that were subjected to her Area of Judgement often lost motivation fighting.

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"Frey has won the solo match!" The announcer shouted as the crowd went wild.

All the players from both teams then gathered to the middle of the arena. The coin flip is done, and the winner is the Russian national team. They chose the jungle area as a place of combat. The audience thought that they would choose the stadium but then they remembered that Anastacia is an elf.

"So, they wanted to boost the elf player, Anastacia instead of Sveto. Makes more sense since she is literally the backbone of their team. If she falls then we would win." Frey told her team members as she will act as the main source of attention while the others just focus on Anastacia.

The two teams spawned in the jungle area and immediately started preparations. Frey turned to one of her team members that had blank eyes. He looked as if he is blind, but he also looked towards Frey's direction when she looked at him.

"Start with the search Heim." Frey commanded.

"Understood. All Searching Eye." Heim stated as his vision that is already in the 360 perspectives with a distance of ten meters with him at the center expanded.

His vision expanded until he could cover the whole map. He found the location of the enemy team being northeast of their current location. He told Frey that he already found their location.

"Understood. Share vision with me." Frey commanded and Heim nodded.

Heim then touched Frey's shoulders in order to share his sight with her. Frey saw the whole map with her mind as Heim connected his sight with her thought.

"Perfect." Frey stated as her spear started to charge energy and it now became ten times sharper than before as it became enveloped in a mysterious light.

Frey then adjusted her stance as she is preparing to throw the spear towards her opponents. The spear finally stopped accumulating energy as it is now formed fully. Her spear is coated with a mysterious element called the Odinauki.

"Gungnir!" Frey stated as she launched her spear towards the location of the enemy team.

The spear flew true as it did not even destroy everything in its path but pierced right through all of them cleanly. The trees in the path of the spear could be seen having a clean hole that passed through them. Anastacia suddenly felt something that poses a danger to life, but she is too slow to react.

All four of her team members got impaled by the mysterious spear with Sveto being the last one hit. Sveto could recognize the spear as it came from Frey. He already memorized the look of the spear since the light that coated it dissipated upon hitting the four of them.

The three members of the Russian national team that got impaled fell down first as their bodies started to turn into particles of light. Sveto, who got hit last by the spear, only has one percent health remaining as his passive skill Undying triggered. This skill only triggers if an attack can deplete 50% or more of his health in an instant.

"The attack connected and three of their members are now turning into particles of light." Heim stated as his face could be seen smiling but his face suddenly shifted.

"No one is dying on my watch. Gift of Life!" Anastacia stated as 75% of her mana vanished in an instant.

Three buds then appeared in the area where her three team members died. The three buds then collected the particles of light that is going upwards until the buds became humungous. The buds now fully bloomed and upon the audience is shocked upon seeing what happened when the buds opened.

The three members that died are fully revived back to health without a problem. Heim saw all this and reported to Frey and even she could not believe that happened. Even Equinox can only revive himself once, but Anastacia revived all three of her team members.

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"Damn! She revived three of them just like that. Even you can only revive one person once." Jade stated as she knows that Marlon can only revive one person back to full health.

"It is probably not as omnipotent as that because she is a version that focuses on the life side unlike you that is both life and death. She might be able to bend the casualty of life, but she cannot avoid the casualty of death." Marlon stated in a serious tone.

"Are you like trying to sound like Adrian? I suddenly got chills when you said that as it really did seem that it is something he would say at that moment." Jade commented.

"Did I? I wanted to try his brooding tone once as he seemed rather cool doing it.." Marlon stated which made the others laugh.

Chapter 810 – Thailand Versus Philippines

The surrounding forestry all fell and in the middle of it is a woman with wings made of rainbow light. Her spear piercing a man that could be described as a warrior from the northern region of the main world. The man coughed as he tried processing what happened, but he could not believe that they fell that easily.

"Why are you that powerful!" Sveto stated as he turned into particles of light.

"The winner of the team match! Sweden! With their previous win from the solo match, they will now move to the next round of battle." The announcer stated with great clamor as he was mostly quiet the rest of the match.

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"She really is formidable. As expected of the one that managed to defeat Eldritch by herself." One of the audiences whispered as the crowd shouted Frey's name.

The crowd did not expect for Frey to really go all in as she activated five skills in succession. Each of the skill managed to seal the things that the Russian national team a formidable opponent. She first used Area of Judgement that prevented buffs to all those in the area.

The Area of Judgement also affected her team members not just her enemies. The only one immune from the effects of the area skill are fellow Valkyries. The next skill that she used is the one attached to her armor which was forged by Aurgelmir, a demigod blacksmith.

"Battle Maiden: Valkyria!" Frey activated after using Area of Judgement.

Her armor skill Battle Maiden: Valkyria made the streamlined heavy armor that she is wearing into a bulkier and dangerous armor. Despite becoming bulkier, she earned movement speed buffs and her armor became categorized as Light Armor. It also made sure that all attacks against her will have 20% reduced strength.

The next skill that she used is "Critical Spear" which made all attacks made using a spear become critical hits for ten times. This effect lingered for 10 minutes or until she made ten attacks using a spear. As long as she hits something, that is considered one attack which meant that she needed to be careful in using attacks. She also recalled her spear from faraway using this skill.

The fourth skill that she used is "Brunhild's Gridle" which is a legendary buff skill only available to Valkyries. The skill boosted Frey's attack and magic attack by 100% for five minutes or if he uses three attacks. It also boosted her defense by 50% and will be able to reduce all damage to her to a thousand in the duration or until she blocked ten attacks.

The last and most important skill that she used is "The Valkyrie" skill that collected the elements of water, wind, and light in the surroundings to give a significant boost to her. It also made her attacks deal long range and splash attacks. It also doubled her current stats which is already monstrous o begin with.

With all five skills stacked, Frey became the judge of the battlefield and defeated the enemy team. The Russian team did defeat two of their team members but that is fine since they won in the end. When the audience saw Frey's appearance and could not help but etch into their mind why she is the Valkyrie.

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The next match proceeded as intended and the solo match for Thailand and the Philippines also caused some confusion. The audience thought that it would be a match between Ngu and Arsenal, but it was actually a match between Xinthri and Apolaki. A match that the audience once again wanted to know the result of.

The two players arrived in the center of the arena and shook their hands. The two of them acknowledge each other as a strong contender because they specialize in almost the same thing. The coin flip is in the favor of Xinthri, but he did not choose Avalon where he clearly had aerial advantage. He picked the stadium as he did not want to win just because he can fly.

The two materialized in the arena with Ares doing his speech. From the tone of the God of War, it is clear that he is overjoyed of the fight that he will witness again. He did not think that a Garuda and a bearer of a Spirit Sword will fight.

"Show me a fight worthy of your heritages!" Ares stated as he sat on his throne.

The two warriors did not waste time as they immediately clashed the moment that they could move. They each thought that they can gain the upper hand if they attack first but it seems that the two think alike. As expected of seasoned veterans when it comes to fighting, they are mixing real and feints with each of their exchange.

Xinthri coated his fists with Prana that is darker in color than the ones he used earlier which means that it is more solid. Apolaki brandished his kampilan and aimed specifically for Xinthri's neck as he has shorter vision in that area. Apolaki not only analyzed all of the strengths of his opponents but also their weaknesses since he did not know who his enemy in this case will be.

When the exchange between the two could be seen reaching a standstill since both of them are getting used to each other's fighting pattern, Apolaki used his Kris in order to do sneak attacks against Xinthri but that still proved difficult.

With Apolaki's introduction of his second weapon, Xinthri did not hold back as well since he coated his whole body with Prana. After a few more exchanges, Apolaki thought that he gained an advantage because Xinthri swung a bit too wide.

Apolaki thrust the Kris on Xinthri's body expecting that he would scream in pain for feeling his soul being torn apart but that is not the case. The moment that the point of the kris could pierce Apolaki, it emitted a tingling sound that one would hear when two metals clashed against each other.

Apolaki became a bit shaken with what happened that made him lose focus for a few seconds. Xinthri used that chance to hit Apolaki's abdomen with an attack boosted by Pure Prana. Apolaki gagged and got blown away to the edge of the walls.

Xinthri has finally learned that he is truly immune or resistant immune to the attacks from Apolaki's kris. He knew that an attack to the soul would basically be useless against him because training one's Prana is also equal to tempering one's soul. Apolaki's weapon did some damage to Xinthri, but it was not as great as he expected.

Apolaki did not panic when he learned of Xinthri's immunity as he already expected it to some degree. His opponent is actually not that focused on defending even in close combat. With Apolaki's reach, he could easily hit Xinthri if he was a normal opponent.

Apolaki knew that the moment Xinthri evaded his strikes by a hair's breadth that his opponent can somewhat read the moves he is using. He could tell that Xinthri did not make use of a skill to evade but pure battle sense just like him. It made Apolaki smile like a madman as his opponent is someone in his level when it comes to battle sense.

What also excited Apolaki is that almost half his skills are not going to be usable against an opponent like Xinthri. The higher the difficulty then the greater his desire to win grows. Apolaki finally used a skill that nobody has yet to see in the competition.

"Godly Spirit Sword: Bathala!" Apolaki stated as he suddenly fused both of his swords together.

Apolaki's sword transformed from a meter long sword to a two-meter sword flowing with mysterious pale green energy. The pale green energy is so potent that it also transformed his right arm. The tattoos on his body could be seen glowing with this energy.

Seeing that his opponent has finally used a trump card, Xinthri did as well. He collected the prana in his body and redirected it towards his hands. The Prana that gathered on his hands did not look like the normal dark purplish flame but solidified gauntlets with the face of a demon.

"Prana Arts: Heavenly Demon Gauntlets!" Xinthri stated as he finally used a proper fighting stance.

Apolaki is the first one to move with his giant sword. With one swing, the audience in the arena could feel the shockwave of the attack. Xinthri did not back down as the demon face on his gauntlets emitted smoke as if exhaling. The two then clashed against one another which made the stadium floor crack for the first time.

Ares could be seen on the edge of his seat as the two contenders are clashing with Mythical Skills that can grow towards Transcendent skills.. The stadium itself could not handle the residual shockwaves of the fight while both of the contenders looked as if they are enjoying their exchange.