

Paragon 1381

Chapter 1381: Meeting Lady Ryuu

[Planet Baski]

Klaus sat in a lotus posture, a smile playing on his face.

His ladies were updating him in real time on what they were experiencing on Planet Caelmir. This made him feel as if he were there with them.

Of course, he will go there, but he first wants them to settle in. He also has to meet the Supreme, who invited him to join the Warrior Temple.

Once that is done, he will be free to do anything he wants.

For now, there is still a lot to handle...

"Tell Grandma I will come as soon as I am done here." After transmitting his message to Queenie, he retrieved the Dark Space Connector and activated it.

The next second, he was inside the Dark Space, appearing in front of the mansion where he first appeared when he joined the Dark Space.

As expected, the nine Star Guards were already there, waiting for him.

Klaus is already aware that they will always be there, since from the True Immortal stage onwards, one can send part of their consciousness into the Dark Space while the other remains in the real world.

"Lord Paragon," they surrounded him like a bunch of kids. Klaus glared at them for a few seconds and smirked... "Don't you have something important to do? For heaven's sake, you losers are Celestials."

They smiled. "We are working in more than 10 places at the same time, Master. We are Celestials, remember."

Klaus chuckled and retrieved a key.

He would have to teleport to the meeting location. So when Lord Flux reached out to him after the Supreme accepted to meet with him, he gave him a Dark Key that would enable him to teleport and arrive at his destination in an instant.

He will meet with Lord Flux, then they will head to the meeting site together.

"I have a meeting, so see you guys later."

They nodded.

Klaus also nodded and then activated the Dark Key. In an instant, his body dispersed into sparks of green light. The next time he appeared, he was standing on a landing pad where a sleek spaceship was waiting for him.

"Glad you could make it, Renegade Hunter," Lord Flux's voice entered his head from behind. Klaus turned and met his gaze, letting a smile appear on his face.

"You can just call me Klaus, and I am happy to be here too."

"Are you ready to leave now? The flight will take just a couple of minutes." Lord Flux asked, and Klaus nodded. Soon, they took off and started heading toward the meeting area.

"So what should I expect when I meet this Supreme?" Klaus asked, a little nervous. In the past, he met many Supremes; however, half the time, most wanted him dead.

So this is bringing back memories, leaving him a little nervous.

"Lady Ryuu is an understandable person. She became a warrior from day one, and for millions of years now, she has given her all to ensure the Warrior Tower maintains its integrity.

However, she is a Dragon, so be sure to show some respect. After all, it is a known fact that Dragons are prideful, and well, half the time I knew her, she seemed to take pride in what she does."

"I will be sure to remember that." Klaus had already done his research on all 12 Supreme Elders of the Warrior Tower, so he knew some stuff about Lady Ryuu.

From what he gathered, she is an overachiever. She spent her entire life on the battlefield, achieving one feat after another.

She had killed countless Demons and the Foreign Race. When she reached the True Immortal stage, she was unbeaten among her peers.

She participated in 300 Death Matches and won them all. Later, when she reached the Immortal Lord stage, she killed hundreds of thousands of Demons and members of the Foreign Race to the point her name shot up to the top 10 of the Demon Kill List.

As for the Foreign Race, they want her head on a pike every single day; they try continuously to kill her. Klaus was a bit stunned that she was always under attack, yet she chose to remain in the Foreign Battlefields.

In a way, Klaus respected her for showing initiative and commitment to her role as a warrior. This made him become a bit biased in her favour, so even if he hates some of the warriors at the Warrior Tower, from what he had read so far, she had won his favour and respect.

After flying for a few minutes, they came into view of a small green planet. The Dark Space is just like the real world, only that everything around them is not real.

But if one doesn't know, they will mistake it for something real.

They entered the planet, which is filled with green plants and water. The entire planet's surface is covered with water. The plants stood firm and tall in the water, making them appear both beautiful and a bit funny.

There are places where plants indeed grow from the water. However, Klaus had never seen one where all the plants are standing in the water.

So this was a nice experience. A few seconds after entering the planet's surface, they spotted a mansion standing proudly in the distance.

They moved in its direction. Soon, they landed and moved away from the ship, heading to the house.

Already, Klaus had sensed another presence the moment they entered the planet. And now that they moved closer and closer, he could sense her even more.

Soon, a large wooden door opened automatically, and they entered. It closed the next second behind them. Klaus's eyes landed on a lady seated inside a cushy chair, drinking tea. When their gazes met, it felt like this lady saw everything about him.

Klaus knew that if this was a moment when he could easily be seen as the Paragon, just this mere glance was all it could take. However, the words that came out of her mouth were anything but suspicious.

"Even inside a virtual world, I can tell you are not an easy opponent."

Klaus smiled and nodded. "I get that a lot."

Lady Ryuu also smiled. "Please sit down."

Klaus nodded and sat down. Lord Flux moved away and sat in the corner. He had accomplished his mission of bringing Klaus to his leader. The rest would depend on whether or not she could convince him to rejoin the Warrior Tower.

"Before we start our discussion, I would like to apologise for how we treated you when you came to Planet Fiapre. I will not make an excuse and say I never saw it coming.

In a way, I knew some people weren't happy with you joining the Warrior Tower, yet I let you risk and waste your life. Sorry about that, and I hope when we are done with our discussion, all bygones will be bygones."

Klaus nodded. "No need to apologise, my lady. This isn't my first rodeo with people in authority. Although I was a bit shaken, it is all in the past now."

He came here for a reason, so dwelling on the past is a waste of time. The best he can do is focus on the present and think about the future.

"Now that we have cleared the air, why don't you tell me why you wanted to meet in person?" Lady Ryuu started without even introducing herself.

Klaus didn't mind. In a way, she wanted to know where Klaus stands and what her next move would be. She had already reported to the upper echelon of the Warrior Tower, and as she expected, they too were divided.

However, she had some authority from the Supreme Elder Council and the Celestial Warrior Council. She could take Klaus in, and nobody would be able to kick him out.

However, before she does that, hearing what Klaus has to say seems like a logical move.

Klaus also liked this arrangement.

"When Lord Flux first came to me, he said, with the Warrior Tower, I will have the chance to battle beings that threaten the safety of this universe. That was a huge responsibility, but I took it on.

I liked the idea of fighting for a cause because I believe something is deeply wrong with our universe. However, before I could even join the family, I was sent packing.

That was a bit sad and, in a way, an eye-opener. It shows that some would rather stick to their beliefs than adapt when change arises.

It is sad but true in a way. I never expected to be sent packing, but now that we are here, I can only adapt and swallow my pride.

This was why, after deeper thinking and soul-searching, I decided to join the Warrior Tower, but as a freelancer. I will work with you and only you. So, in a way, I will become a sword you can rely on.

All my achievements will be attributed to your name. That is the best I can do, so kindly think about it and let me know if you accept my offer."

Chapter 1382: Accepting His Offer

Lady Ryuu clearly wasn't expecting Klaus to make such an offer. If there is one thing she knows, then it is the kind of happiness anyone would feel if they had a chance to join the Warrior Tower.

They are a powerful organization whose influence has already reached far and beyond. If he joins them, he is guaranteed to earn more than he would as a freelancer.

Respect, reputation, access, and a whole lot.

Also, joining the Warrior Tower provides some protection that can sometimes go a long way. Naturally, Klaus would be swimming with sharks, but he would have protection against fishermen who would come after him or his family.

The warrior tower doesn't take kindly to anyone coming after one of their own and their family.

So, rejecting all that only to opt to become a freelancer is a bit shocking.

"May I ask why this decision? I know you are angry at what happened a couple of weeks ago. Believe me, I am mad too. However, having a second chance, in my opinion, is better than none.

The Warrior Temple can give more than what I could. They can provide more access than what I could guarantee, so why the interest in becoming a freelancer?"

Lady Ryuu set her teacup down and got serious.

There are many reasons why she wanted Klaus to join the Warrior Tower. If he didn't end up joining, it would be a bummer, but she would understand.

However, that isn't always a good thing.

There are those who want Klaus to join the Warrior Tower and those who hate that idea. If he didn't join, it would feel like a slap in the face to those who are on his side.

"To be honest with you, I don't want to be the reason why there will be a division in such a powerful organization. I have big dreams that one day will reveal what kind of person I am at heart.

When that day comes, I want everyone to come together and be of one mind and heart. I want the entire Warrior Tower to be able to beat its chest and say that this decision was sound and could benefit everyone, not just a few.

However, when division exists from the start, that hatred will only grow and become irreversible. Believe me, when the day comes, it will be a disaster for all of us.

So I would like to make sure my decision today wouldn't be the cause of that. This means I must make some people happy by sacrificing the benefits I will receive.

Of course, since some support me, I want to make sure they are happy by becoming freelancers under your command. I will take missions from you, and if they have any as well, you can send them to me.

I say that is a win-win in my opinion. Everybody will be happy in the end."

Lady Ryuu nodded slightly, understanding where Klaus was going with his decision. It may look like he was making a bunch of excuses in order not to join the Warrior Tower.

However, if the root of the problem is analyzed, there is a good chance that what he said would come to pass. Those who are in his favour will get to take all the credit for his achievements, while those who hate him will only grow even more bitter.

That will become a huge problem for him in the end.

However, if he does not join the Warrior Tower, there would be no reason for them to keep hating him, not when his future achievements will be under his name, not the Warrior Tower's.

Klaus would gain all the benefits he wanted by joining them, but at the expense of his own safety. If he can't trust his employers, then what reason is there to even join them?

He would make a name for himself as a freelancer.

"I guess you indeed made a logical decision. This shows you are a great thinker. Not many would have seen this far into the future."

Klaus smiled, liking the compliment.

Receiving the compliment of a supreme is the most unexpected thing he had expected this early in his journey.

"Of course, if I were to take up this offer, then know the benefits initially prepared to be offered to you will be void. You will be working only for me, so I will have to handle your benefits.

It will be far less than what the Mission Hall is giving you or what the Academy had in store for you. However, since you are joining us in an unusual way, I can pull some strings and give you a good offer."

"Whatever works for you. As for me, I just want to be able to grow as a warrior without stepping on anyone's toes. The universe, as I was told, is very vast, and there are dangers everywhere, so I want to be on the good side of those I can't afford to offend."

Lady Ryuu nodded. "That is a sound decision." She paused for a few seconds, then added, "I will accept your decision to become a freelancer. And for now, I can offer you this."

She produced a screen and handed it to Klaus.

It seems she had already anticipated Klaus asking to work only for her, and so she prepared a good offer for that decision.

Klaus reviewed the list, and while he will not be making billions or receiving SS-class spaceships, it is still good enough.

The best one yet is the offer of him having indefinite King-level access to the Foreign Battlefield. From what Icon had gathered for him, there are levels of the Foreign Battlefield.

The Master level is for Real Immortals and below. Grandmaster is for Immortal Kings and below. The Saint level is for Immortal Monarchs and below, while the King level is for Immortal Lords and below.

No one knows how they did it. But the battlefields where the Foreign Race can be found are all restricted by something beyond anyone's understanding.

There are limits on them. Limits that prevented the warriors to have the freedom they need.

The warriors of this universe had managed to clear some of them. Whenever they manage to clear a battlefield, the restriction will be removed.

However, of the many battlefields, especially, the ones at the King level, they can be considered the most dangerous of them all.

This is because while the warriors of this universe are restricted to the Immortal Lord level, the Foreign Race has Pseudo-Demigods within their ranks.

Because of this, many had already given up hope of venturing there. However, while the danger level there is already staggering, there are many treasures there as well.

Because of this, the Heavenly Council made it extremely difficult to access such a place.

So having access indefinitely to such a place will undoubtedly be great when he ventures there one day.

"Great offer." Klaus smiled. "I have already received so much from the Mission Hall, so having something different is always welcomed. I will be sure to make good use of what you have given me and, if possible, make those who hated the idea of me joining the Warrior Temple regret their decision."

Lady Ryuu nodded, then she produced another tablet. "As a matter of fact, you can do that right now if you are up for a battle inside the Dark Space."

She handed Klaus the tablet, which only had a picture of a High Human male.

"His name is Rouni Jamel, an undefeated True Immortal and a disciple of the Supreme who gave the order to deny you from joining the Warrior Tower."

"Oh, really?" A grin appeared on Klaus's face.

Chapter 1383 1383: Accepting A Challenge

"Warrior Rouni, congratulations on finally making it to the Top Ten Grandmaster-Level Chart of the Foreign Battlefield. You are the only True Immortal among the top ten. How does it feel to hold such a spot?"

An interviewer asked, her smile showing she was clearly infatuated with the handsome, High Human warrior she was interviewing.

Rouni smiled and answered, "It feels great. It feels like I have finally reached that level as a warrior, where I can be proud of my achievements. Being among the top ten and holding that spot on such a harrowing battlefield is great."

"That it is. I have reviewed some of your battles and saw how much you had put into them, even defeating the undisputed Green Dagger Fiend."

Rouni smiled again. "That was a good and dangerous battle for sure. However, as someone who had killed many good warriors of our dear universe, having the chance to kill him was the only way I could repay those brave warriors for their services in ensuring the universe is a better place for all of us."

Klaus smirked, knowing every word Rouni spoke was merely an act.

He could tell it from his face; the bastard is proud of his achievement and, if not for maintaining decorum, he would have already started beating his chest and praising himself.

However, he is keeping his composure and making sure he appears benevolent before the countless people watching him.

She is farming for their favour and respect.

The interviewer, who seemed to also realised his bullshit, smiled cutely and asked Rouni a question that widened Klaus's grin.

"While you were away, a Hunter by the name Renegade made the news when he single-handedly faced an Immortal Lord while only at the Peak of the Emyrean stage for 30 minutes and lived to tell the tale.

Many are calling him the Ultimate Warrior, while others couldn't help but claim he will one day cause trouble on the Foreign Battlefields.

What is your opinion?"

The look in Rouni's eyes changed slightly. He clearly hates Klaus, not because he is more handsome than he is, but because when he reached the top ten, he expected his achievement to make waves.

Unfortunately for him, Klaus was already on every front page, so slowly, his achievement was pushed back, and like smoke, it vanished.

That soured his mood, and so he most certainly did not like Klaus. In fact, the interview was organized so he could address his feelings.

"I think he had done something no mortal had ever done. I myself have never done such a thing. However, it is one thing to use underhanded means to win a fight—something Hunters love to do, by the way—and another to actually fight and win fair and square.

I am not looking down on him, but I think a true warrior wouldn't play dirty just to gain an advantage. Of course, if he disagrees, he can always meet me inside the Deep Space or wait for me to return from the Foreign Battlefield to show him how real warriors do it."

"Oh, is that a challenge to the Renegade Hunter?"

Rouni smiled and replied, "However you want to interpret it. Just know that I am ready for him whenever he is."

"You heard the man. If the Renegade Hunter wants to justify his stance, he can come for a demonstration from a real warrior. Of course, as to whether the Renegade Hunter is up for it, we can only wait and see if he will accept this challenge."

Klaus paused the video and turned to Lady Ryuu. "He is arrogant."

"He takes after his master; they are both arrogant. Of course, to the rest of the Universe, Rouni Jamel is a rising star warrior; however, I know he has the support of Supreme Elder Juo. He gave the order to send you away when you came to Planet Fiapre.

He wants what was meant for you to go to his disciple. Of course, he deserves it, considering what he has achieved so far as a warrior.

However, defeating him just as his ego starts to swell will make me and many others very happy. I know it is petty to ask this of you, but are you up for a duel?"

Klaus smiled. "I like petty, and yes, if putting this brat in his place is what it would take to show the entire universe the Renegade Hunter is not a bluff, then why not?"

Lady Ryuu nodded and turned to Flux. "Call her over."

A minute later, the same interviewer who interviewed Rouni appeared as a hologram holding a camera. When she saw Klaus, a wave of happiness washed over her.

"We finally meet, Renegade Hunter," she said.

"I guess we did." Klaus had no idea he was speaking with a god. However, watching the smile on her face, he could feel some calm and composure that keep tugging on his heartstring to tell her his deepest desires.

This triggered Klaus's defense mechanisms. 'Looks like she is more dangerous than she looks.'

"You have been challenged by Warrior Rouni. What is your response?" After a few minutes of talk, she got down to the main reason why she was called over.

Klaus first sighed, then put on a grin. "I am not that eager to become even more popular. However, if someone want to make me even more popular, why not.

Now that I have become an Immortal, I need to see how strong I have become. And since someone is willing to be my training dummy, why not?

He should set the time, date, and location. I will be there with a smile on my face."

Lord Flux smiled on the side, clearly amused. As for Lady Ryuu, she merely shook her head, a bit happy that Klaus had decided to take the petty path and teach the brat of her rival a lesson.

While Rouni can be said to be among the top True Immortals in the universe, she saw Klaus's battle with Blood Shadow and knew, handicapped or not, Klaus had done something nobody had ever done before.

Even if he were to lose against Rouni, she wouldn't mind. After all, Rouni is no simple warrior.

"Those are some bold words to say, Renegade Hunter," the interviewer said, her smile enchanting.

"What can I say? I am an overachiever."

"I can see that. In any case, I will be leaving now. Your response must be made known to the countless people waiting to hear from you."

"I will wait to hear some good news."

The interviewer nodded. "See you later, Renegade Hunter. When you come to Planet Delulu, ask for the River Goddess. I will make your stay a memorable one."

After saying that, she left.

"I look forward to watching a good fight." Lady Ryuu also stood up, ready to leave.

"I will be sure to put on a good show."

She nodded and turned to Lord Flux. "Take him back and be sure to provide him with the items I have offered him."

She was gone the next second. Klaus and Lord Flux left the green planet and headed for the landing pad.

"Once the date and location of the battle are set, I will send you the Dark Key. I will also send your rewards to Planet Baski."

"I will be waiting then."

Klaus activated the Dark Key, which took him back to the mansion where he first appeared.

After spending a few minutes talking with his Star Guards, he returned to the real world just in time for news of his accepting Rouni's challenge to break out.

Chapter 1384 1384: Challenge Accepted

The news broke out so fast that before Klaus even opened his eyes after leaving the Dark Space, billions had already booked tickets to watch the deathmatch between him and Rouni that would be taking place in the Dark Space.

Klaus sensed a presence enter the room almost at the exact time he opened his eyes.

"Tell me you didn't just accept a challenge from Rouni Jamal," Rory asked, her expression narrowed at Klaus. She was having a good time meditating when her communicator started chiming.

She got annoyed, but given how intense the chimes were, she decided to look, only to find an announcement posted on the academy notice board.

Klaus had yet register at the academy, but because he had already accepted their offer, they were treating him as a disciple. That is their way of telling everyone Klaus had joined them.

However, what shocked her most was Klaus's response to Rouni's challenge. It was as if he had already foreseen his win against someone who had spent close to 70% of his life on the Foreign Battlefield.

Klaus smiled and stood up, "I am a petty person, Rory. That guy tried to look down on us Hunters, and so I suppose he had to learn not every hunter is afraid of him."

"But you should be afraid of him. If you don't fear him, at least fear his brothers, or sister, or father, and worst, fear his mother damnit. Not even father would offend that brat."

"Oh," Klaus furrowed his brow, a bit taken aback by how serious Rory's tone was. He didn't expect her to make this a big deal. However, from the way she sounded, it seems he underestimated Rouni's power.

Klaus took her hand and flew away, heading toward a garden not far from the mansion he was staying in. Along the way, Rory kept her gaze locked on him.

She had only known Klaus not that long ago, but those few moments with him had made her wonder if Klaus truly values his life.

First instance was when they went to the Mission Hall headquarters, where he accepted an Advanced mission as if it were the most normal thing in the world. The mere fact that he did not think but accepted it left her in shock.

Now, he had accepted a duel from someone whom he should not have even dared to reply. Of course, he would lose some fame and receive a couple of mockeries if he decided to ignore Rouni's challenge.

There would be some backlashes, but after a while, he will recover.

But what did he do? He went ahead and replied in a rather disrespectful tone, something that had already sparked another wave of discussion that would probably go on for weeks.

That is just not what someone with no major backing should do.

Klaus may have the mission hall, but would that even be enough to stop Rouni's family?

"So, why are you riled up about this. I merely accepted a Deathmatch that would happen in the Dark Space anyway. If he dies, he would remain alive on the outside after all, so what is the big deal?"

Rory looked at Klaus long and hard, then she sighed.

"The big deal is, Rouni will be a nobody if he were from a family like yours."

"Ouch, that hurts, Rory," Klaus clenched his chest in a playful manner.

Rory smirked and continued, "The problem here is, Rouni's father is a high-ranking member at the Warrior Tower. His mother is the same. In fact, forget about the rest and focus more on his mother.

From what I know and will forever remember, they call her the Dream Queen. She is a supreme who kills using Dreams. So if you sleep tomorrow and never wake up, know she was the cause."

"Oh, how intriguing," Klaus smiled, and added, "You know, I once knew a Dream Killer. Billions of years ago, she was sent to kill me, but I had Buddha on my side. She failed and nearly died, so I will be fine."

Rory tried to speak, but her words escaped her. For a moment, she remained mute. Seeing this, Klaus chuckled, "No need to be stunned. I am the paragon, remember."

"Paragon or not, the mere fact that you had messed with someone who is respected within the Warrior Tower means your days of being a member of the Warrior Tower are over.

His father is a member of the Supreme Elders, and his brothers - three of them to be precise - are powerful gods who have so much merit that their mere words will blacklist you from many places and even put your life at risk.

As for his sister, the Needle Queen, the last I heard, she had bewitched a Supreme Demon and used him to slaughter a planet full of demons. She is like the golden child of the Warrior tower.

Also, she is unreasonable and holds a grudge against the Mission Hall. Are you getting where I am going with this?"

"Loud and clear, my dear," Klaus said with a chuckle. The mere fact that Rory is worried more than he was is a bit funny.

"Did I mention Gorr the god butcher is a friend of mine?"

Rory's expression changed. At once, the scared look on her face turned to fear.

The space twisted, and Lord Victor appeared as well, his expression dark. Klaus is already aware that he was eavesdropping. He could have locked him out while sealing the space, but he didn't.

Seeing the look on their faces, his smile widened. "I accepted the mission because Supreme Elder Ryuu asked me to do her a favour. Also, I decided not to join the Warrior Tower since they don't want me.

For now, I work for Lady Ryuu, and so even if these people wanted to, coming after me would be the last thing they would think about. I also have a Supreme on my side.

But if by some miracle they were to come, then they would be walking to their death. I cannot kill a god yet, but I have people who would be happy to do it on my behalf. So instead of worrying, be happy to witness how I will put a pampered brat in his place."

Just like how the entire Universe knew the Renegade Hunter, so they also know of the god butcher, Gorr.

Hearing his name come out of Klaus's mouth made them all become more afraid of Klaus than Rouni's family.

"In my opinion, instead of worrying about me, focus more on the mission we have coming up in 4 months' time."

Rory nodded, but she was still in shock after learning that the god butcher is a friend of his.

So far, it had been speculations that the paragon and the god butcher are in league together.

Now that it had been confirmed, the shock was just too great.

"So you know the god butcher personally," Lord Victor asked.

"I do. He is a weird guy, but fun to be around. Also, he had never missed a target, so in case you have a god you want dead, give me their name, and it will be done."

Lord Victor scoffed, but his expression suddenly grew serious when he saw that Klaus wasn't smiling.

"Oh, you are being serious."

"Dead serious."

Lord Victor turned to her daughter for a few seconds before he took off. "Let's talk inside."

"Be right back, Rory," Klaus said as he left with him, unaware that his name was trending once more.

Chapter 1385: Date Set

[Dark Universe Channel]

Inside a spaceship travelling through the Dark Universe Channel, Hunter sat comfortably in his chair, a smile playing on his lips as he watched Klaus's reply to Rouni.

"What is so funny, bastard? This is all your fault," Elysia said with a smirk, also watching the same video.

"He is my son after all. If he didn't have the balls to make such a statement, I would have been disappointed."

Klaus's mother, Elysia, chuckled.

After Klaus visited them through Maud, his mom wanted to stay up to date on all the happenings involving her son, so she made them take a detour to buy some devices.

Thankfully, Hunter had the means to infiltrate a planet without triggering any alarms. So for months now, while still en route to the Beast Universe, they had been keeping track of Klaus's activities online.

Initially, Elysia wanted them to turn back when news of Klaus's offense against an Immortal Lord broke out.

She was so scared her son would die that, if it were up to her, she would have exposed her identity, making the entire universe go after her again, if it meant saving her son.

However, Hunter stopped her.

Now, while things aren't that serious, the mere fact that Klaus had arrogantly accepted a duel from a true immortal whose family can be considered a major family in the entire universe just left them all feeling different emotions.

Well, Klaus's uncles and father are happy the brat is doing well for himself. As for his mother, she was more afraid of what would happen when Klaus actually defeated Rouni.

"Relax, Elysia, he is a Hunter now; those losers will protect him long enough until we become gods and can protect him ourselves."

"I know, it's just that he sometimes does things that make my blood boil."

"What do you expect? He is a paragon, someone who doesn't follow the rules." Hunter was even more eager to watch the duel since it would be streamed to the entire universe.

"We are only 6 months away from the Beast Universe. Once we get there, we will find a way to call him without drawing the attention of the Heaven's Court."

"Okay," she nodded and started reading the comments under the video. While she was a bit scared her son would be going against someone like Rouni, she was a bit excited that he was fine and free to do as he pleased.

[Planet Caelmir]

The first thing Queenie and her sisters did when they arrived on Planet Caelmir was buy communication devices to connect them to the Uniweb.

They have not yet received their IDs, so joining the Dark Space is not an option. But with access to the Uniweb, they started looking up information about Klaus.

They had already met Klaus's grandma, uncle, and Queen Leah. So the only thing left to do was get familiar with the universe.

They were given an entire mansion. It came with a training ground and hundreds of trainers. However, before they could start anything, news of Klaus accepting Rouni's challenge reached them.

"So you mean to say the Renegade Hunter is the paragon?" Queen Leah asked, her expression filled with shock.

The ladies laughed.

"He is the one and only Klaus Hanson, our husband."

She never expected Klaus to be the same person she had planned to reach out to for a mission.

In the past, she tried retrieving an item from a ruined planet; however, the restriction there prevented her. So when the video of Klaus's battle with Blood Shadow spread, she wanted to hire him.

Who would have thought the person she had been preparing for her entire life was actually the same as the most popular hunter in the entire universe?

"Unbelievable. Does he ever slow down?"

"Oh, you've seen nothing yet. This Rouni guy is a mere stepping stone for him. Soon, gods will be running from him," Tifa said with a slight smirk.

As someone who had followed Magnus (7th Incarnation) for years, she knew all too well the kind of terror he was.

The ladies could only watch as various comments flooded the Uniweb, leaving them intrigued. They are now far from home, but it seems that with Klaus out there, they would have something to pass the time with.

[Fractured Heaven - Foreign Battlefield]

Rouni and his team had just returned from a mission and were about to relax when news of Klaus finally accepting his challenge reached him.

Obviously, he didn't receive it well. The tone Klaus used and the expression he wore were just too insulting, and, as someone who values his image, he became furious.

"Bastard. I will teach him a good lesson."

His teammates sat on the sidelines, fuming as well. They respect Rouni not because he is the best. There are many better than him.

Their respect came from his generosity. After every mission, he shares the loot equally among them. So watching how Klaus disrespected him made their blood boil.

"Captain, you must humiliate him and make sure that, after your battle, nobody takes him seriously ever again."

"Hugo is right. Humiliate him and the mission hall. They have grown horns recently. I think it is time you use the opportunity to humiliate them and this stupid Renegade Hunter."

Rouni nodded. He retrieved his communicator and dialed a number. A few seconds later, a hologram of a lady appeared.

"Warrior Rouni, how can I help you?"

"Book the Heavens Arena and arrange for a live broadcast. I want the entire universe to watch how I humiliate that brat from the mission hall."

"When do you need it?"

"As early as possible. I want him brought down a peg while the word is still out."

"Okay. Hold on for a second; let me check when it will be available." The lady spent a few seconds checking through her computer.

"It will be available in three days. I have booked it and even allowed the Dark Space company to stream it live inside and outside the Dark Space."

"Thanks." He hung up and dialed a second number. As if the person had been waiting for his call, it only rang once, and she answered, her camera already in hand.

The hologram of the interviewer appeared.

"Make the entire universe know that in three days, I will be facing the Renegade Hunter in the Heavens Arena. All bets are off, so he can come at me with all he's got. All are invited to watch."

He hung up and took a deep breath.

His communicator rang a second later. When he saw the person calling, he straightened up before answering, "Father."

"I hope you saw the video," Supreme Elder Juo, his father and master, asked. Not many are aware of this. In fact, aside from his team and a few others, nobody knew he was a disciple of a Supreme.

"I have already made arrangements, Father. In three days, I will teach him a lesson."

"Good. I want you to destroy his confidence and ensure that, after the battle, he will never dream of becoming a Warrior ever again."

"Rest assured, Father, I will make sure he will never forget it."

One might ask why he is interested in a battle between immortals, given that he is a Supreme.

Of course, since this battle was initiated by him in order to undermine Klaus and, in a way, gain the favor of the Celestial Warrior Council, he wants Klaus to be humiliated.

If Klaus were to lose, Supreme Elder Ryuu would lose some merits, which is a big win for him.

Chapter 1386: Offer of a Paragon

Klaus spent an hour talking with Lord Victor, who, as he suspected, indeed wanted a god dead. It turned out that 200,000 years ago, a god tried to kill him but ended up killing his wife instead.

He had been looking for a way to get revenge for as long as he could. However, because of his ambitions and a promise he made, he placed a pin in it.

His wife wanted him to one day become a Supreme, so, putting his wife's wishes above his revenge, he remained an Immortal Lord, forming one immortal ring after another.

However, the bastard who killed his wife had become someone important in the Heavens Court. This means that even if he were to wait until he becomes a god, the chance of getting revenge is slim.

The heavens court would not allow one of their own to be killed that easily.

But if Gorr were to be the one to do the killing, then all the blame would go to him.

Klaus, of course, accepted the mission, which he would pass to Gorr the next time he talked to him. Soon, news of the death of a True God would hit the universe, and Gorr would be there to take all the blame.

After the meeting, he returned to the garden to continue his conversation with Rory. A few minutes into that, news that Rouni had set the date and venue for the battle reached him.

Lord Flux called him a few minutes after the news broke out. He sent the Dark Key, which would take him to the Heavens Arena in three days.

"Thank you, Lord Flux. I will be sure to teach that brat a lesson," Klaus laughed, then asked for a favour. "Tell the interview lady I am ready to grant her an interview. I have a few things I want to get off my chest."

"I will arrange it."

"You are the best, Lord Flux." After hanging up, Klaus grinned and turned to Rory. "Do you want to watch from here or be at the venue?"

Rory looked at him long and hard and sighed. "You really planned on poking the bear, huh?"

"They had already poked me when they chose to target me to prove a point. I had no plans on challenging anyone, but since they came after me, then I will be the bigger person and snap them back to reality."

"And I wonder why the universe hates the Paragon."

Klaus laughed. "They hate me because the Heavens Court sold them lies. This time around, I will show everyone how rotten their so-called protectors really are."

Rory looked at Klaus for a few moments before she asked a question she had been hoping to ask for a while now.

"So how does it feel to be the Paragon?"

All her life, she had heard stories about the Paragon. Some say he is stronger than the heavens. Some say he grows stronger by devouring children and the innocent.

There are all kinds of rumours about him, each hoping to paint him as a bad seed that should be banished from the universe.

Many believe what they want to. She herself believed that the Paragon was bad news for the universe. However, after she learned how their family came about, she had a change of heart.

But hearing rumours and believing what was told to her is different from hearing it from the person himself.

Klaus is the Paragon, so she wanted to hear from him directly.

"Being a Paragon is having the freedom to do anything I want. I don't have to abide by the rules of the heavens. They have no hold on me, so I can do as I please, and they would have no choice but to watch me.

Maybe that is why they want me dead. They are afraid of what I can do, and so they are mad. They have no hold on me, and that scares them."

He laughed, amused at something. "You know, I never wanted the heavens dead, not when I had always tried my best to protect this universe.

I faced harrowing odds just to ensure the innocents were protected. However, no matter how hard I try, there are always those who want me dead. There are those who want to destroy my image and defame me.

For fuck's sake, I led the freaking Cavalry of Defiance against the gods during the Divine Era. I was the one who made sure mortals had a voice of their own.

I freed the universe from the grip of the gods.

But an era later, they slaughtered my entire family. I did nothing wrong, but they turned against me.

So believe me when I say this time around, they will feel what I felt, and when I am done with them, not even the thought of pointing their fingers at me will come to mind."

Rory turned to her left, looking in the direction her father was. She wanted to see if her father was paying attention to them.

Seeing the look in his eyes, she knew he heard everything. However, compared to the stunned expression on her face, her father seemed more expectant of what the future holds.

Klaus smiled. "I can break you free from the heavens if you want."

"Huh?"

"Yeah. I have a way to make sure the heavens have no hold on you. I can make it so if you want; the heavens will have no say in how your life plays out.

Becoming a Celestial in this universe can be achieved."

"You can do that?"

"Yeah. I am the Paragon, my dear. Making sure the heavens cry blood is my full-time job."

Rory turned and looked at her father again, but all she saw was a calm look. He heard what Klaus said, yet he remained calm.

"So, can you make it so my father wouldn't have to go to the Forbidden Universe to become a Celestial?"

"Yeah. However, until I fix what is rotten in the heavens, stopping at the Supreme stage would be fine. But if you want to climb the ladder much faster, then I can easily make it happen."

Rory said nothing for a few minutes. She stood up and turned to Klaus. "I will talk to you later."

She vanished from the garden, leaving Klaus alone with his thoughts. He merely smiled, knowing she had probably gone to her father to discuss things with him.

She had always followed her father's lead, knowing he had more experience than she did. Thanks to him, she had grown much faster, becoming a great warrior while most of her peers were still stuck at the True Immortal stage.

So if anything, she has a deep respect for her father.

Klaus just wanted to help her, just as he intended to help all whom he could trust. He planned to offer Niva his blood, just as he would give it to Seraya, Desmond, and the Monk. For now, Rory is the priority.

Their mission to the Jade Ant Queen's Nest is a big one, so he wants her to be at her peak before then.

Klaus knew she and her father could be trusted completely.

This was because the item his past self left them, aside from aiding them in identifying him, also binds them to a soul contract that prevents them from revealing his secret to anyone.

Klaus is meticulous, so he wanted to give them the Star Monarch blood. This way, even if the item wasn't enough, the moment they take his blood, they would be bonded to him even more.

So for now, he would let them have their discussions. Once they made a decision, he would know what to do.

A day later, the interview was set, and Klaus went back into the dark space. He used a Dark Key to teleport to the studios of Blue Ivy Media, where he met with Lord Flux, who came to support him.

Chapter 1387: Fanning The Flames

"Greetings, beautiful people. It is I, Blue Ivy, bringing you an exclusive interview live from our Deep Space studios." The beautiful interviewer said with a smile, her face appearing on countless screens all over the universe.

Even the demons are watching her.

"As communicated a couple of hours ago, I will be interviewing a special somebody today. I am happy to announce that the moment has come, so do well to stick to your screens, for it will be a one-of-a-kind interview."

The camera slowly panned out from her, showing an empty chair opposite her.

To prevent people from leaking the identity of the person they would be interviewing, they made it mandatory for everyone, even the workers, to find out only when they walked onto the stage.

So when the camera panned out, everyone held their breath. "Without wasting much time, let's welcome the Renegade Hunter to our studio."

A door opened, and Klaus walked onto the stage, a handsome smile on his face. All over the universe, those watching burst into waves of cheers.

After his battle with Blood Shadow, everyone wanted to hear from him. They wanted to learn how he was able to survive an assault by an Immortal Lord for that long.

However, Klaus had been difficult to reach. Today, they were all seeing him on their screens. If their day was going badly, this interview had just brought them a wave of joy.

"Welcome to Blue Ivy Studios, Renegade Hunter."

"Thank you, Lady Ivy. I am happy to be here."

"Before we start the interview, I would like to know one thing. Take it as a way of making a girl happy." Klaus again felt the compulsion to tell his deepest and darkest secrets to Lady Ivy.

However, he recovered the next second, considering he had faced people with more powerful compulsive abilities than hers.

"Ask away, Lady Ivy."

"How old are you, really?"

This question had been on everyone's mind after the video of his battle with Blood Shadow came out. In their heads, there was just no way a 23-year-old should be that powerful.

So now that they had him live on air, the question had to be answered. Klaus smiled. "Unexpected but welcomed. I am 23, soon to turn 24 years old."

Lady Ivy sat there, stunned. Everyone watching from home and everywhere in the universe held the same expression.

"I know, it is a bit shocking when you put things into perspective. However, I am indeed 23 years old. If you don't believe me, you can have me tested."

"That is indeed unexpected; however, I see no reason why you would lie about your age."

"I know. But that is indeed my age."

"Good to have that cleared out of the way. Now, why don't we start with your decision to accept Warrior Rouni's challenge? Does this have something to do with the rumours going around that you want to join the Warrior Tower but were rejected?"

"Rejected, you say?" Klaus laughed and said, "I wasn't rejected, my lady. I was kicked out, sent packing even."

"Oh, so the rumours were true."

"Big time. However, the true story isn't exactly how they are telling it."

"Now I am intrigued, and so is my audience, so why don't you tell us what actually happened?"

Klaus came for this interview mainly to clear the air about what happened between him and the warrior tower.

It seems Supreme Elder Juo and his people had been spreading rumours that he had been rejected from joining the Warrior Tower.

Initially, he had no plans to reveal anything. However, after learning that Rouni had challenged him because of the rivalry between Supreme Elder Juo and Lady Ryuu, Klaus decided to take matters into his own hands.

"I was indeed rejected from joining the Warrior Tower, but I didn't go there on my own accord. In fact, I went there because they invited me to join them in a Unique Role. I was meant to become a Unique Warrior, like how I am a Unique Hunter.

Oh, and while I am here, I guess I might use this chance to say I have joined the Milky Way Warrior Academy too, since they saw value in me and decided to nurture it."

Lady Ivy furrowed her brow. "So if I were to get what you meant, it was that the Warrior Tower, Mission Hall, and the Academy all offered you to become a member in their organization."

"I like smart people." Klaus smiled, and Lady Ivy blushed. "That was what happened. However, when I went to register, they sent me packing. I have a video to prove everything."

"Oh, this is getting interesting." Lady Ivy was practically jumping in her chair. Watching her behavior, Klaus couldn't help recalling the day he met KKKickinIt, who later turned out to be the Princess of the Bast Race.

Princess Eshira always gets excited when there is gossip, so seeing Lady Ivy become that happy, he could only smile.

"Before the big reveal, mind telling us why you decided to join the Warrior Tower in the first place? After all, you were already a respected member of the Mission Hall, so why go a step further?"

"Can't say I was innocent on that front. In a way, I dug my own grave. However, in my defense, I was told that rejecting offers from powerful organizations like the Warrior Tower is bad for a rising warrior like me.

So I guess I was scared of what they would do if I rejected them. I just wanted to make everyone happy, but I ended up shooting myself in the foot."

"Then what changed? Why the sudden compulsion to reveal everything?"

Klaus smiled. "Let's just say I met someone who made me aware that one doesn't need a powerful organization behind him to make a difference. I wanted to become a Hunter to save people and a Warrior to protect the universe from the demons and foreign races.

However, since the Warrior Tower doesn't want me, I can't force them. I will find my own way to prove to them I am not all name and no action."

"So does that mean you would never join the Warrior Tower ever again?"

"I suppose you can say that. I have already seen what I needed to see and know what is best for me. So I will remain a Hunter, and if the heavens will it, I will one day rise to the level where, when warriors are being summoned, they can't look past me."

Klaus said, but inwardly, he was grinning. After all, if he can't become a warrior with this face, who is stopping him from joining them with a different face?

He still has seven faces to spare, so regardless of what the Warrior Tower thinks, he will become one of them, and as he had always planned, he will make a name for himself within their ranks.

The mission had always been to show the universe that the Paragon is not their enemy. His deeds will speak for him.

"That is a great decision if you ask me. However, I can't help but wonder, did you accept Warrior Rouni's challenge because you were rejected from the Warrior Tower and want to prove yourself?"

Everyone held their breath because the answer Klaus was about to give was what they all had been waiting for.

Klaus laughed, a bit amused at the answer he had given himself. He looked straight into the camera and, with a smirk tugging at the corner of his lips, answered.

"Nope. I just hate the way he smiles."

Chapter 1388: Making Some People Angry

"Huh, what do you mean by that?" Lady Ivy asked, her brow furrowed.

All over the universe, everyone watching the live interview was left in a state of shock. Those who supported Rouni and the majority of the warriors in the Warrior Tower were all seething in anger.

It is a known fact in the entire universe that whenever a warrior is rejected from joining the Warrior Tower, they go above and beyond to prove themselves. Millions had died trying to prove themselves.

So for Klaus, who had a chance to fight someone respected in all of the Warrior Tower, the last thing they expected was him saying he accepted the challenge because he hated the way Rouni smiled.

It was both humiliating and disrespectful, not only to Rouni but also to the entire Warrior Tower.

Many people were angry, but Klaus had only just begun.

"I don't know what you want me to say, Lady Ivy. I genuinely hate the way he smiles. It is so fake."

"How fake?"

"Like putting on a show. He wanted to appear genuine, like someone who isn't affected by all the fame and success he was getting, when, in fact, he was so happy and full of pride.

If you don't believe me, pull the video of his interview, and I will show you."

Lady Ivy, already looking to make waves, pulled the video of her interview with Rouni. It started playing for all to see. Along the way, Klaus paused it.

It was when Rouni was asked how he felt now that he had entered the Top Ten Grandmaster-Level Foreign Battlefield Chart.

He only let a smile appear on his face and, in a so fake, nonchalant tone, responded. This was what triggered Klaus.

"A genuine person would give a broad smile, letting it reach their eyes. I mean, he is but a True Immortal who had made it into a ranking that had been charted by only Immortal Kings for millions of years.

Just the mere fact that he had made an appearance there, even if for a minute, he should have been proud of his achievement. I know I would, for it is not simple to achieve something that monumental.

I respect him as a warrior for achieving something that big, but the fact that he tried to play it like it was nothing, in my eyes, is an insult to those who had been working hard to rank on that Chart.

It was like saying, 'Sure, I made it to the top ten, but there is nothing special about it.' That, if I were to be on that Chart, would have pissed me off. So maybe after I defeat him, he will learn to show genuine emotion.

Of course, he can come to me to help him." Klaus laughed, then added, "I majored in Psychology for a semester, so I qualify to give him the roadmap on how to show genuine emotion."

And just like that, Klaus changed the narrative. Many who knew something about emotional intelligence started to notice the fake emotions Rouni gave, and that just left them all wondering how much Klaus had poured into knowing his opponent before their duel.

Some warriors even shuddered, seeing how much detail Klaus had picked up from a mere video. If he could read his opponent like that, then how much could he do when he met his opponent in person?

There were going to be many conversations about what he had just done for weeks. In their opinion, it takes someone years to come close to achieving what Klaus had done from a mere video.

"You are an interesting and scary person, Renegade Hunter."

"I just pay attention to detail. Trust me, with enough insight into your opponent, there is just nothing you can't do. Like they say, knowing your opponent is half the battle won."

"So you like to get under the skin of your opponent before battles, huh?"

Klaus grinned. "If it means winning, then why not? Battle is more than swinging weapons. It has to do with how much you can read and anticipate your opponent.

I have honed my mind to always be a step ahead, so just like how I used my smartness to poison Blood Shadow, in two days, I will wipe the floor with our dear Rouni and show him what being a true warrior means.

He claims we Hunters only know how to use tricks to win battles. That may be true, but if my mission is to kill an Immortal King and, at the end of the day, I manage to kill them using my tricks, isn't that a win?"

Lady Ivy seemed to understand what Klaus was trying to do, so she allowed him to continue.

"You know, I have not yet met a demon, but I know that when it comes to using dirty tricks, they are experts.

I don't hate them for knowing dirty tricks because, at the end of the day, it is win or lose. If they use tricks to kill me today, they win, but if I can outsmart them, that would be my win.

No demon or foreign race warrior would propose that they drop their weapons and other items before a battle. They would always have something up their sleeve.

So if you ask me what a warrior should be like, it should be someone with the ability to use all kinds of means to win. If a demon uses innocents to restrict you, don't run; find a way to save the innocent and complete your mission.

In fact, we hunters mostly go against people who have no problem using innocents as their shield. However, we always find ways to rescue the innocent and take care of the threat.

So if anything, being a warrior should be having the ability to adapt in battle using any trick. He can come for a lesson once I defeat him and prove to him that Hunters are just as good as Warriors."

Many people were angry, but many were happy. Especially the Hunters; they all became happy. Klaus had no fear; he was talking against the Warrior Tower, so they would support him from the background.

In fact, Klaus himself didn't want to do this, but he wanted the Warrior Tower to know he is not someone they can stomp on.

During his seventh incarnation, nobody dared disrespect him. The legendary Paragon of War was a threat to everyone.

So he would not lower his head and let these people disrespect him. He may not be powerful now, but in a few years, his name will strike fear into the hearts of many.

"You are very bold, Renegade Hunter. Aren't you afraid some people will be angry and come after you?"

Klaus laughed, almost as if he had heard the biggest joke of his life. This behavior yet again left everyone in shock, many wondering if he had gone mad.

It is public knowledge that Rouni has three brothers who are gods and a sister who can be considered one of the strongest gods in the universe.

That is enough reason to make anyone scared.

"You know, the main reason why I would never reveal where I am from and what family I am from is for moments like this. If I have a beef with my peer and his family decides to interfere, I would have no guilt unleashing my family on them.

I mean, my uncles would have no problem doing my dirty work for me."

Klaus grinned, and trillions shuddered.

Chapter 1389: The Mysterious Renegade Hunter

Aside from his age, one thing many wanted to know was where Klaus came from and which family he was from. There is just no way someone as monstrous as him would not have a powerful background.

Of course, from the video of his battle with Blood Shadow, he claimed he came from no affluent background.

However, from what he had just revealed, he indeed was from a powerful family, but he had no plan to reveal it.

That alone had caused many to start wondering just what kind of person he really was. There was just no way he would make such a bold statement without actually having the means to back it up.

If he were merely bluffing, he wouldn't have made such bold statements from the start. However, he angered Rouni, which suggests he isn't afraid of him

Of course, he has the background to back his claims.

First, there are his Uncle Monks, who, from what Queenie told him, are all-powerful gods and maybe even Supremes. He has yet to learn more, but he is thrilled to learn they are alive.

The second is the Asura Race. Learning they are still alive gave him all the satisfaction he needed. Even though they are not with him yet, the mere fact that they are alive means one day they will return to the universe.

When the day comes, even Heaven's Court will become scared.

Aside from them, there are also the hidden forces he had scattered across the universe. He had met many people and made many friends in all the nine lives he had lived, and so had his wives, so there is just no way he would be in danger.

They are all just waiting for him to reach out and ask for help. In fact, even if he does not ask for help, the moment he is in danger, they will come.

So a family of two Supremes and four gods would not scare him.

"I left my family and became a hunter because I want to make a name for myself. I have no plans to use my family to intimidate anyone. That goes without saying; if anyone has a problem with me, they can come settle it personally.

However, the moment they start involving external forces, then I will also play the dirty game and make sure that when all is said and done, the one left standing will be me.

Trust me, I have no reservations when it comes to preserving my life. So, the same way I will treat a demon, I will use the same method against anyone if they decide to play dirty."

"Those are some bold words."

"I know. But as the saying goes, it is mere words until it is not."

Lady Ivy smiled. "That is indeed true. However, I doubt you would actually go that extreme when you have plans to make a name for yourself. I mean, what kind of person would you be if you started using your family name to intimidate others?"

Klaus nodded. "That is indeed true. But for safety, when the time comes, I would not hesitate. For now, I will prove my worth yet again in two days when I wipe the floor with him. Afterwards, I will continue walking my path.

Who knows, maybe he and I will meet again and work together to save this universe from the foreign race.

Someone who manages to reach the Top Ten, standing as the only True Immortal among hundreds of Immortal Kings, is worthy of my respect."

There is just no way to genuinely hate someone like Klaus. He said all kinds of disrespectful things, but in the end, he made everyone like him by being real with them.

Showing that he respects Rouni's achievement made those who were angry soften up. And that is what he wanted. He wants people to know the real him so that one day they can relate to him.

To make things even better, Lady Ivy came through for him.

"So if you were one day asked to team up with Warrior Rouni, would you accept?"

"Why not? As long as he has the heart of a warrior, I would not mind teaming up with him against a foe that seeks to destroy this universe."

"That is big of you. Many would take him as an enemy for all eternity." Lady Ivy smiled mysteriously and continued, "Standing on that, I want to know if you will be the same bigger person and forgive Blood Shadow if she comes forward to apologize."

She ended her question with a giggle, a clear indication she knew what she was doing. From the start to this moment, all her questions were engineered to arrive at this moment.

Klaus had 500 minds, but he never saw it coming.

He stared long and hard at Lady Ivy, knowing full well that if he returned to his petty self, people would genuinely hate him. He had just proven to be the bigger person after agreeing to team up with Rouni.

If he reneged on that statement, he would become a joke.

"Of course, I will forgive her if she publicly apologizes. However, she must pay for damages. I suffered both physical and mental damage, so maybe 40 billion Heaven Crystals will be enough to buy medication."

Lady Ivy burst out in uncontrollable laughter along with trillions of others. Those who took him seriously could not help feeling amused, seeing how shameless he can also be.

In fact, his haters could not help but smile. Klaus is a whole mood that, if they were to get more of, would make the universe a better place.

Seated somewhere on her personal planet, Lady Ryou shook her head, feeling amused. Sitting opposite her was another lady with silver hair.

She is also a Supreme, but a glance was all it would take to know she is weaker than Lady Ryou.

"Big sister, it seems your boyfriend is very shameless."

"Shut up, Lyall, he is not my boyfriend." Her cheeks turned red for a second, but that was all Lyall needed. The next couple of years will be hell for Lady Ryou.

Somewhere else, Rouni smirked, staring at Klaus's handsome face. A part of him wanted to humiliate Klaus because his father wanted him to, but after hearing what Klaus had to say, he could not help feeling like the brat was not too bad.

However, recalling what he wanted, he returned to his angry self and started to wait for the day of the duel to arrive.

Away from the Human Unity, seated in a cave somewhere in the Elven Galaxy, was a white-haired man clad in a monk's clothes. His ears are long, showing he has the elven bloodline.

However, many years ago, he was one of the Four Ancestor Monks who took Fruity in and tried to make him a monk. Safe to say they failed, but managed to make him into a fine warrior.

Now, he had become a Supreme. In fact, he is one of the Elven Supremes.

A few days ago, he received word from a reliable source that Fruity (Klaus) is back and has started causing trouble.

He was not surprised by that. He knew the kind of person Klaus is, so he had been keeping an eye on him. Just now, hearing him claim his uncles will come to his aid if anyone dares to play dirty cracked him up.

But hearing how shameless he is, he could not help but wish he were standing beside him so he could give him a good knock.

Monks are not supposed to be this shameless.

Chapter 1390: Day Of The Duel

The interview ended with Klaus making everyone aware of where he stands.

He made sure they all knew he was not someone who would bow to anyone just because of their reputation. The Warrior Tower rejected him, so he made it clear that in the future, he would not accept any offer from them, even if they came begging.

He also made sure he revealed the kind of person he is. He will be facing someone whose motive is to prove to the entire universe that the renegade hunter is a nobody and that the fame he has now is not worthy of him.

Their motive is clear, and Rouni would be the one to do their dirty work for them. However, despite knowing all that, Klaus made it clear that if he and Rouni ever had to team up to fight for a common cause, he would not object.

Then he made everyone aware that his background is both mysterious and powerful enough to stand up to a family with two Supremes and four gods.

Perhaps that was the biggest shock of the interview. He said nothing about where he is from and which family he came from, but his words alone shows he is no simple person.

This reveal had rattled many in the Warrior Tower, Mission Hall, and even the Heaven's Court. They all could not help but wonder if Klaus is a member of one of those Primordial Families.

In the universe, there are many ranks of families. The strongest and most mysterious of them are the Primordial Families. They mostly call them the First Families.

They are well hidden and, over the years, have produced some of the greatest warriors the universe has ever seen.

Now that many knew Klaus had a backing, they all could not help but wonder if he was indeed from one of the Primordial Families.

If he indeed came from such a family, then there is a chance he would one day reveal that. But until everyone becomes aware that he is not from such a family, nobody would go to the extreme of using their family to suppress him.

It is just too dangerous to even entertain such a thought.

Nobody is ready to go against a Primordial Family even if it hasn't been confirmed.

The interview ended with him showing how shameless he is. Requesting 40 billion Heaven Crystals from Blood Shadow as compensation for sustaining mental and physical injuries was just too shameless.

However, he had shown he could be the bigger person.

He promised he would come after Blood Shadow one day, after she attacked him when he killed her assassins.

However, if he can cash out big time from her, then why not? Pardoning her by taking 40 billion is, in a way, okay, all things considered.

He had already started making enemies far more dangerous than Blood Shadow, so her money would go a long way in preparing for what was to come in the future.

In the end, he wanted everyone to tune in and watch the battle. Once that is over, they can judge for themselves and see if he indeed has the right to be offered a Unique role in both the Warrior Tower and the Mission Hall.

After he left the Blue Ivy Studio, he went straight back to the mansion to meet the Paragon Star Guards.

He wanted them to handle some stuff for him, so he met with them. After that, he returned to the real world.

Rory was not back when his consciousness returned to the real world. Klaus is aware that she needs to have a conversation with her father about what he offered her.

His Star Monarch bloodline had become even more powerful now that he had reached the Immortal Stage.

If he were to use it on her, there is a great chance she would become even more powerful than her father.

Of course, he will give it to Lord Victor, too, but he wants Rory to break free from the heavens first before their mission four months away.

Since she is not back with a decision yet, Klaus sat and started meditating. In no time, the day for the duel came.

Klaus opened his eyes after his communicator started chiming. He looked at the caller, and it was none other than Lord Flux.

"Lord Flux, how can I be of assistance?"

"The battle is two hours away, so I was calling to inform you to prepare. When it is 10 minutes to time, you should enter the Dark Space and arrive at the venue using the Dark Key.

I will be waiting for you at the drop point."

"I will do just that, Lord Flux."

He nodded and hung up. Klaus stood up and headed toward his room. He wanted to freshen up and change into a new set of normal clothing.

Although he had already confirmed that his living armor can activate inside the Dark Space, wearing normal clothes can go a long way.

Most of the time, he never gets to wear the things he wants because he is moving from one battle to another. Also, now that he has four bodies out there, he needs to share the living armor among them.

So getting familiar with normal clothes is fine.

This way, he would not have to depend on the living armor all the time. After he finished bathing and changed into a new pair of clothes, he returned to the garden.

Rory was still not back, so he entered the Dark Space to spend some time with the Paragon Star Guards.

This way, when the time was drawing near, he would quickly make his way to the Heaven Arena.

All over the universe, countless people began tuning in to the media channels that had been granted permission to stream the match.

Everybody wanted to see how someone like Klaus would defeat a renowned warrior like Rouni. His exploits are legendary.

He had killed many foreign race warriors over the years, to the point that, if anything, he should have long entered the Top 10 Grandmaster-level Foreign Battlefield Chart.

However, now that he has done so, and given the vast gap between him and the 11th, it shows he is indeed a powerful warrior.

Such a warrior is not someone to underestimate.

But Klaus has also proven to the entire universe that he is not simply a Hunter. He had faced an Immortal Lord, and he walked out smiling.

So this battle will be an exciting one.

They are calling it the Battle Between a Warrior and a Hunter.

Basically, on the web now, billions from the Warrior Tower and Mission Hall are clashing over who is going to win.

Without Klaus even knowing, he had become the tool the Mission Hall is depending on to clear the long-standing feud between them and the Warrior Tower.

The Warrior Tower had always claimed that they were the true warriors. They look down on the Hunters, and so for years, they had been clashing over the smallest things.

Now, it seems they can come to a conclusion depending on the outcome of the battle ahead of them. If Klaus wins, the Mission Hall will have an upper hand to brag, and vice versa.

The only saving grace here is that Rouni is no simple warrior, so Klaus would have a battle to remember. But aside from that, Klaus is prepared to use this chance to cement his name in the hearts of the masses.

He is the renegade Hunter, and tonight, he will prove it.