

## Paragon 1391

Chapter 1391: Warrior X Hunter (1)

"Greetings, everyone. It is I, your favourite goddess and interview, Blue Ivy. I will be your host for this monumental battle between our very own Warrior Rouni and the outspoken Renegade Hunter."

Cheers rang out in the arena, and so did everywhere in both the Dark Space and the real world. The arena is large enough to hold one billion spectators. It is one of the many arenas that Heaven's Court has built over the years.

It is a real place in the real world, but it has been digitally constructed inside the Dark Space. This way, when the battle is to test who is the best and not to see who ends up dead in the end, the virtual copy would be used.

Since Klaus and Rouni aren't looking to kill each other for real, they would be using the Dark Space Version of the Heavens Arena.

Many are watching from home, but others choose to pay and be present in person.

Since Blue Ivy had interviewed both Klaus and Rouni, she was elected as the host for the battle.

"I know you are all ready to have some fun. Trust me, I do too. However, before we get on with that, I would like to point out that after the battle, win or lose, there is no need to become bitter.

It is just a battle, and in battles, one wins and the other loses. Do not use the outcome to cause trouble in both the Dark Space and the real world. Those who violate this will face severe punishment.

That said, I would like to introduce some dignitaries we have with us tonight."

The camera moved to a VIP room where five people sat in luxury chairs. They are all Supremes.

"First is Supreme Elder Juo, one of the 14 Supreme Elders of the Warrior Tower. He is here today as a representative of the Warrior Tower."

"The second is Supreme Hunter Mical. To the rest of the universe, we know him by a different name. His exploits are legendary, and in the Mission Hall, he is among the very few to have survived a Hell Mission.

Everyone, welcome the Doom Hunter."

Just as the warriors present cheered for Supreme Elder Juo, the hunters also cheered for the Doom Hunter.

He is a legend among the hunters. He had been on three Hell Missions and came back alive. So he is both respected and admired by all. Even some warriors look up to him.

Every hunter wants to be like him.

"Next, we have Supreme Queen Mirabel from the Universe Bank. She came today to watch how excellent the younger generation has become and also to donate a sum of 400 billion Heaven Crystals and an invite to the Nine Heavens Universe Auction to the winner."

There were cheers everywhere when people heard why Supreme Queen Mirabel came to watch this battle. It is as if she came to prove a point no one saw coming.

But since she came with a big bag, everyone is happy to see who will win and take home such a package.

"Next is Supreme Engineer Winnie from the Heaven's Court. She is also the Headmistress of the Milky Way Engineering Department.

Just like Supreme Queen Mirabel, she also came with a gift. To the winner, she would personally allow them to enter her vault and select any weapon of their choice."

This time, even the Supremes present at the scene were left in great shock.

"No need to be in shock, people. I merely want to spice things up a bit, so yes, the winner will have a chance to pick a weapon from my personal vault."

She let a smile appear on her face, making her fellow Supremes look at her like she had gone mad. In fact, everyone who knew just what goes into creating SSS and SSS+ weapons was left stunned.

In the end, however, there was nothing they could do, and so Blue Ivy introduced the last person.

"And lastly, we have Supreme Scholar Demel from the Dark Space Company. He also came with a gift, and it is a one-time access pass to the Dark Space Techniques Sanctuary.

Whatever technique they can master while inside will be theirs to keep. This offer goes to both warriors, win or lose. Just that the inner will have access to a secret archive."

At this point, everyone was left wondering why this battle was happening. Many legendary battles happen every day, but nobody pays much attention to them, as they are all focused on this one.

The rewards meant for the winner are just too much.

It was as if the five major organizations decided to show off their wealth.

"Of course, the loser will also receive gifts, but that will not be disclosed at this point. That said, I would like to invite you all to tonight's battle between Warrior Rouni and the Renegade Hunter."

After she waited for the cheers to die down, she turned to one entrance. "Now, since we are all hungry for some battle, I would kindly and humbly invite the contestants to the stage.

The challenger will, of course, be first, so without further ado, let's welcome Warrior Rouni to the stage."

From the entrance, Rouni walked out, clad in black armor with two swords sheathed on his back. His steps were confident, a clear sign of someone who has faced many opponents and walked out the winner.

He held a modest smile on his face, arms behind his back, as he walked to the stage. He showed no sign that would suggest the cheers around him were having any effect on him. If anything, he seemed calmer than he should be.

However, nobody questioned that. That had always been his nature, so even if he was pretending not to be affected by all the cheers, nobody cared.

After he walked into the arena, Blue Ivy turned toward another entrance. "Now, let's welcome our next contestant, the Renegade Hunter, to the stage."

For a second, nobody appeared. Then, a second later, red smoke came from the entrance, and from within, Klaus, with a huge smile on his face, walked out.

He was clad in red and black armor, his scythe resting on his shoulder, while a golden razor-sharp disc floated behind him.

His left hand rose and began waving to his fans as cheers filled the arena. One could tell the difference between him and Rouni merely by what he was doing. Unlike Rouni, who walked calmly into the arena, Klaus came in with a smoke effect.

By the time he arrived at his designated spot, everyone realized how carefree he is. While the warriors saw it as a stupid thing to do, the hunters were happy to have someone like Klaus within their ranks.

He is the perfect poster boy for the Mission Hall.

Klaus turned and looked at Rouni, who also held a calm gaze, but buried beneath it was a hunger to humiliate him for what he had said about him and also to make his father happy.

"Before we begin, do any of you have something to say to each other?" Blue Ivy turned to Rouni, but he shook his head. She then turned to Klaus, who nodded.

She handed the mic over to him, and with a small smile on his face, he said the most unexpected thing nobody was prepared for.

"I forgot to say last time, but I am also a fashion model. I have modeled a few times, and so I am open to offers. I do not have a manager yet, but my portfolio will be open to all soon.

That will be all. Thank you."

There was silence everywhere; nobody had a clear understanding of just how shameless one person can be.

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The silence enveloped the entire Arena and even travelled billions of light-years across the universe, leaving everyone wondering if it was worth taking Klaus seriously.

In fact, after a few minutes of thinking, they came to the conclusion that jumping into the arena and giving him a reality check is the next best thing.

There is just no way a person should be that shameless, not when their battle is being watched by five Supremes.

However, looking at his smile, one can tell he is not bothered by the looks he was getting. In fact, he is more focused on how much he would be earning if his modeling career takes off.

Back on Earth, he had a career in fashion modelling, so perhaps taking it universal is the next path.

Inside the VIP room, Supreme Elder Juo sneers and turns to the Doom Hunter. "Some Hunters you have in your organization."

Doom Hunter smiles. "I beg to differ."

"How so?"

"Just look around you. Everyone at the moment sees him as a joke. However, behind that nonchalant nature, you, as a warrior, can tell he is the perfect weapon. He makes it seem like he is not serious, but a slight mistake and he will become your most dreaded opponent.

I think he wanted to make himself appear this way to further tease your Warrior Temple when he wins."

"That would be funny as hell," Supreme Engineer Winnie muttered, a smile playing at the corner of her lips.

"That would indeed be funny. After all, they couldn't have picked a better opponent to humiliate. I wonder how much fun my Hunters will have with your people when the Renegade Hunter is done wiping the floor with your Star Warrior."

"I guess we will see in just a moment."

Just as Supreme Elder Juo said that, Blue Ivy finally managed to regain her composure. She gave Klaus a glance, then asked them to distance themselves.

They moved back 2 km, maintaining 4 km between them. Blue Ivy vanished from the Arena and appeared atop a small platform.

"Since we are here now, then we might as well start."

The moment those words came out of her mouth, Rouni's aura surged. In an instant, he turned from a calm-looking warrior into a battle-ready warrior.

Klaus felt his aura from 4 km away, and he couldn't help but furrow his brow.

"How fancy. Your killing intent is not half bad."

Instead of releasing his own aura, he raised his left hand and beckoned to Rouni as if telling him, "Come get me."

Rouni took offence, and he moved, his body exploding into deadly, fierce speed. In an instant, he was standing before Klaus, one sword aimed at his throat, the other aimed at his stomach.

Klaus moved sideways and ducked. Then, as if taking a walk, he moved farther right, completely evading the attack.

He teleported to 4 km away.

"Again."

Rouni stops and looks at him for a moment before he moves again. This time, however, just when he was before Klaus, three clones of himself appear and cover all escape routes, encircling him on all sides.

Klaus saw this, and a smile appeared on his face. "I excel in the cloning Art."

The next moment, over twenty versions of himself appear all over the battlefield.

Rouni and his three clones manage to destroy the version of Klaus they had encircled. However, it was after they destroyed him that he noticed Klaus had long left the encirclement.

To make it even more shocking and infuriating, when he turned toward Klaus, he saw ten clones waving at him and three clones holding a large banner with some writing on it.

"Put some effort into the battle, Rouni. This is not child's play."

These words got to Rouni, so he exploded with even more aura. He threw one sword into the air, and in an instant, thousands of swords appeared in the air.

Rouni was angry, and so he wanted to end the battle as fast as possible.

All over the arena, everyone couldn't help but take in a deep breath when the swords appeared. The only one who seemed calm was Klaus, who, just as the swords appeared, stomped on the ground, and the Earth formed into a throne for him to sit on.

Rouni didn't mind, and attacked, causing the swords to move, shooting toward Klaus at a deadly speed. Just when everyone started to wonder what trick Klaus was going to play, he did most shocking thing.

He pointed his scythe at Rouni and asked, "Have you ever heard the term back to sender?"

Right when he said that, their positions switched. Rouni, who held one sword pointed at Klaus, found himself seated on the throne, and Klaus was now standing at Rouni's original position.

But that wasn't all. The throne he sat on suddenly turned to metal, transforming the arm of the throne into metallic cuffs.

They grabbed hold of Rouni, restricting his movement.

Gasps spread across the arena and all over the universe. Even Rouni became shocked, finding himself in such a compromising position. However, he had no time to think about it.

The swords were coming so he had to make a move.

He first broke free and was about to deactivate the sword attack when a deadly scythe came from his left. Klaus took the initiative to attack.

His attack came down with deadly force, causing Rouni to lift his sword. But just when their weapons met, Rouni felt a deadly force come from his back.

His other sword moved to meet the sharp edge of the Killing Disc that Klaus was controlling with his mind.

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However, with both hands engaged, he was exposed on his right side, so Klaus's leg found its mark, and with a deadly strike, Rouni was sent flying.

"Deadly Metal Spikes," Klaus gestured, and thousands of spikes formed from the metal element appeared on the ground, shooting toward Rouni as he flew through the air.

Thankfully, he anticipated this, so he teleported and appeared far from the spikes. He took a moment to look at Klaus, analysing everything. He had lost the first exchange, and that was plain from the feeling of pain coming from his side.

The mere fact that happened showed he had lost face, so he wanted to redeem himself.

Klaus, however, held a smile on his face, his scythe resting on his shoulder as the Killing Disc spun slowly behind him.

"What do you think now, Rouni? Do I qualify as a worthy opponent, or do you need some more convincing?" Klaus was not even done when Rouni vanished.

The next second, the clouds formed, and a deadly bolt tore from the heavens, aimed right at Klaus. Inside the cloud, a silhouette of Rouni appeared, forming a hand seal.

Klaus narrowed his gaze at the lightning, feeling a sense of dread.

"That is dangerous."

Sensing the danger, he swung his scythe forward, creating a deadly arc. The two met and exploded, sending a shockwave.

The force from the shockwave pushed Klaus back.

Just as he was pushed back, Rouni appeared from the cloud, holding two swords bathed in green lightning.

"That is Divine Lightning," Supreme Engineer Winnie muttered, then asked, "How can he use Divine Lightning?"

Before her question could be answered, Rouni attacked, both swords taking a stab at Klaus. The aim was perfect and very fast.

Klaus clearly saw it coming, but he had no time to dodge or defend.

Rouni knew that would happen, so he took advantage of it. Seeing Klaus out of options, a smirk formed on his lips.

Then one of his Immortal Rings flared. "Just die already."

Everyone held their breath, watching as the swords came inches from Klaus's skin.

However, before they could stab him, something strange happened.

Rouni mainly activated his Immortal Ring to overpower Klaus by increasing the speed of his stab. However, just when success was within reach, Klaus winked, and then everything came to a stop.

Rouni and his attack stopped, and for a moment, everyone couldn't help but wonder why that happened.

The next second, however, Klaus moved, and instead of attacking, a paintbrush and a palette of paint appeared.

Then, under everyone's stunned gaze, Klaus started painting on Rouni's face.

Supreme Elder Juo's face turned green, his fury rising. However, no matter how angry he was, just the mere fact that there were four more Supreme Elders there meant he couldn't do anything.

The Doom Hunter saw this, and he couldn't help but burst into resounding laughter. "This kid is funny and dangerous at the same time.

To think he can stop time and instead of attacking, he wasted it on something this funny makes me wonder what else he is hiding."

"Quantum Time Looping, huh? It's been a while since I saw someone who can do that," Supreme Queen Mirabel muttered, looking at Klaus spend his dear time painting Rouni's face.

Around his left wrist, a green runic circle with ten nodes spun. As it spun, the nodes slowly started to die, showing his time was running out.

Once the last node dies, time will resume.

"Isn't he going too far?" Supreme Scholar Demel asked, but the Doom Hunter rebuked him.

"I think he is doing just what he said he would do. He is telling Rouni he has all the means in the world to kill him, but he chooses to mess with him.

I mean, what better way to show your opponent you are the best than by having ample time to paint their face instead of killing them?"

"Isn't it a waste, though? He could have just killed him and been done with it."

"Then how else would he use him as a training dummy like he had promised when he accepted his challenge?" The Doom Hunter sure knew what he was doing.

Just like the hunters on the web, he came specifically to mess with Supreme Elder Juo.

Nobody else had anything to say against that. Three seconds later, the time stop ended, and Rouni resumed his stab. It was an empty stab, one that even the air didn't feel it.

Klaus was 100 meters away, holding a large mirror.

"What do you think? Do you like my painting?"

Seeing the skull image painted on his face, his anger exploded.

"AarrgggHH!" He screamed, his aura and all three Immortal Rings activating at once. The next second, he was upon Klaus, his attack growing more fierce.

"Now we dance."

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Rouni's figure blurred, his green lightning tearing across the arena like a raging serpent. The ground beneath his feet cracked as he accelerated, both swords carving through the air in intersecting arcs meant to trap Klaus in a cross-shaped execution.

He was furious, and so were countless others.

For a moment there, nobody saw what Klaus did to Rouni coming. They never in their wildest dreams expected Klaus to waste such a good chance on absolutely nothing serious.

He had the advantage, but he wasted it on something very silly.

The warriors were pissed because what he did was a direct provocation to them and everything they believed in.

However, they also saw that Klaus was no simple warrior. He had proven that he could use the Time Law to such an extent. But to think he used it to paint Rouni's face, they were angry, and so was Rouni.

His attack was deadly in intent, aimed at overwhelming his opponent.

As his attack came, Klaus did not retreat.

Instead, he stepped forward.

Their weapons met in a deadly collision, and sparks, mixed with green Divine Lightning, filled the air. Rouni pressed down hard with brutal force, his muscles tightening, his Immortal Rings flaring brighter as he poured power into his arms.

The lightning bolts traveled along the scythe's shaft and began attacking Klaus. With every attack, he felt a large chunk of his energy taken away.

"Such powerful lightning. Too bad you are facing a monster," Klaus said inwardly before he was attacked again.

Seeing he was locked down, Klaus quickly looked for a way to escape the predicament he was in. He twisted his wrist, redirecting the pressure. The scythe slid between the two swords, hooking one of them for half a second — just enough to open a gap in Rouni's defense.

Being a seasoned warrior, he quickly noticed it and took measures to cover it.

While he was angry about what Klaus had done to his face, his battle intelligence was still on point. He wasn't letting his anger negatively influence him.

He reacted instantly, releasing the trapped blade and spinning in a quick, decisive motion. His free sword sliced horizontally, aiming to bisect Klaus at the waist.

Klaus leaned back so far it seemed unnatural. But that caused the blade to pass inches from his chest. His heel dug into the arena floor, and he snapped upright with a rising kick aimed at Rouni's chin.

Rouni blocked with the flat of his sword, but the impact still sent him skidding backward.

Before Klaus could press the advantage, Rouni vanished into thin air.

The next moment, he appeared with two deadly overhead attacks, both aimed at his head.

Klaus raised his scythe to block, but Rouni vanished again, only to appear behind him with double stabs.

Klaus moved forward, creating distance between them. But yet again, Rouni vanished and appeared before him, two deadly arcs aimed at his torso.

Klaus managed to evade that, only for Rouni to vanish again and the next moment appear behind him, his swords poised for a deadly attack.

Rouni reappeared in flashes, each appearance accompanied by a blade thrust. Because of how fast he was moving, illusions layered over reality, making it impossible to tell which strike was real.

Klaus quickly found himself on the defensive, moving from one defensive maneuver to the next, making sure every attack that came his way was blocked.

Rouni was running circles around him, and for a minute, Klaus found himself locked on all sides. In fact, the more attacks that came his way, the clearer it became to him that there was more to Rouni's attacks than he made it appear.

Whenever he defended against an attack from him, he sensed that he had fallen into a trap. However, no matter how hard he looked, he just couldn't put his fingers on it.

But the suspicion lingered.

It only grew after defending against about a dozen attacks. If he dodged, that strange sense didn't trigger anything.

However, whenever their weapons met after Rouni vanished and reappeared, that strange sense appeared.

Inside the VIP room, Supreme Elder Juo held a calm smile on his face.

"Something funny?" the Doom Hunter asked, his brow furrowed.

He is a Supreme, so he can see beyond what Klaus could see. This was why, from his perspective, he delved much deeper into Rouni's attack and knew something was amiss.

The only problem is, even with his Supreme mind, he can't tell exactly what Rouni was planning. This can only mean the technique he was using was something even a Supreme couldn't see through.

"Let's just say in five minutes your Renegade Hunter will be defeated, and there is nothing he can do to change that."

The confidence in Supreme Elder Juo's tone made the Doom Hunter feel uneasy.

Turning toward the battle arena, he saw that Klaus was still being pressed down. His Killing Discs had split into a dozen discs, but even with that advantage, Rouni was just fast enough to evade his attacks.

"During the Era of the Paragon of War, there was a warrior named Burning Angel. He came from the Flame Angel Race, and he was measured as someone with the same talent as a Paragon.

It was said that he never learned a technique created by someone else. From the moment he awakened, he had always depended on himself for all his techniques. One of his techniques that made him a feared warrior was the [Beast God Dominion].

They called him the greatest Angel warrior to walk the face of the universe.

From what I know, it takes ten minutes to activate, but once activated, whoever it is used against will be defeated, regardless of how monstrous they are.

Even the legendary Paragon of War was defeated by the Beast God Dominion. So Supreme Elder Juo is right. The Renegade hunter has only 4 minutes left to change the scene of battle."

Supreme Scholar Demel from the Dark Space Company said, causing the other Supremes to widen their eyes.

"No, you didn't," the Doom Hunter muttered in shock, turning toward Supreme Elder Juo. "Tell me you didn't give that technique to your son."

Supreme Elder Juo smiled. "I didn't. The Burning Angel personally gave it to him."

"What?"

Burning Angel is one of the founding fathers of the Warrior Tower. So, for him to give his technique to Rouni, who had only recently made a name for himself, one couldn't help but wonder why he did so.

"Nothing to be shocked about, Doom Hunter. I have to admit that this Renegade Hunter is not a simple hunter.

However, when talent and technique are considered, Rouni exceeds him, as seen in how quickly he was able to comprehend the Beast God Dominion.

Now, watch how he defeats your rising star when he isn't even the rising star of my Warrior Tower."

In the arena, the longer Rouni vanishes, reappears, and attacks, the more Klaus senses the danger brewing just beneath his reach.

He can sense it, and he keeps straining his mind to figure out what is wrong. However, no matter how hard he tried, he just couldn't make sense of anything.

The minutes die down until there is only one minute left. Klaus has so far managed to defend against all of Rouni's attacks; however, he isn't happy about that.

The seconds quickly count down until there are about 20 left. By then, Rouni had attacked him over 500 times.

But just when there are about ten seconds left, Klaus finally manages to see through what Rouni had been up to. When he sees he has fallen into a trap, and even a familiar one at that, a smile appears on his face.

"Ah, crap."

Just as he says that, over 600 runes light up in the air, and a large formation opens in the sky.

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All over the universe, the gods and supremes who were watching the battle gasped when the formation appeared.

Many recognised it as the [Beast God Dominion], so they became super shocked to see a mere True Immortal use it.

It can be considered a technique that has progressed through all stages of cultivation, considering the Burning Angel created it at the beginning of his rise as a warrior.

It had been perfected, and all flaws that came with it were fixed and refined before finally becoming a legendary technique that caused many gods and supremes to fall under its insidious power.

For Rouni to be able to activate it alone is a miracle in itself.

Klaus stood calm, his mind going back to the day he met the Burning Angel during the Paragon of War Era.

Magnus had met many powerful warriors over the years he had lived simply because of who he was. He faced many of them in battle, but at every turn, he always won.

However, the Burning Angel was an adversary he would never forget.

Their battle lasted for just a day, but he had to use a life-saving treasure to escape when the Burning Angel used the [Beast God Dominion] against him.

Magnus came close to death, something he never expected from a mere god back then. So seeing the same formation active—even if much weaker than the real deal—made him feel a slight sense of déjà vu.

At one point, he felt all paths of escape were blocked, and, to make matters even worse, the formation cut off all access to his energy source. This meant all nine cores had been blocked, and, as a result, Klaus had become much weaker.

"You should have killed me when you had the chance," Rouni said, standing in the air 20 meters away from Klaus.

"Where is the fun in that?" Klaus replied, using his scythe to support his body. The longer he remained under the formation, the heavier an invisible force fell on him.

"You can do the same thing, you know. Just deactivate this formation and let us have a good battle like men."

For the first time, a genuine smile appeared on Rouni's face... "I guess I can tell you really are a shameless one. No wonder you are a hunter."

"Oh, are you saying all hunters are shameless?" Klaus asked with his brow furrowed.

"I know and am proud I only use my skills to protect the universe, not to work for personal gain."

"I see. So, me picking a mission with a big payday is a shameless thing to do, according to your beliefs, huh?"

Rouni didn't reply, but it was plain he meant exactly what Klaus said. This made the Hunters very angry. They all wanted to jump into the arena and give him a good beating.

"You know what, why don't you tell me what kind of formation this is and what technique it came from? If I am going to be defeated by it, I might as well know about it."

Rouni thought for a moment, but seeing how weaker and weaker Klaus grew, he didn't mind and chose to tell him.

"It is the Beast God Dominion, created by the legendary Burning Angel. It has no counter, so the moment you find yourself locked down by it, there is no escape route to take.

This is why you should just give up and accept defeat. Regardless of how hard you will struggle, you will be defeated by me today."

Klaus raised his head and looked at the sky. For a moment, a smile formed on his face. After his battle with Burning Angel, he had become obsessed with the Beast God Dominion.

He spent hundreds of years researching about it to the point he sought out the Burning Angel several times but he never came.

Today, he had the chance to experience it again.

"I count 100 million arrays. If I am not mistaken, this is a Celestial-level formation. To break free of its hold, I need to decipher every last array.

But since there are 100 million arrays, even if I have 500 minds, I wouldn't be able to decipher 10% of them before I run out of energy."

Rouni seemed a bit surprised that Klaus saw through the formation at one glance. It took him 200 years to see all 100 million arrays and another 2000 years to master 1 million of them.

He could use the formation alright, but at the moment, he can control only 1 million arrays. So, for Klaus to see through that so easily, he was a bit stunned.

And it wasn't just him. Seated somewhere very far from the universe, a red-haired angel furrowed his brow when he heard what Klaus said.

"Who is this kid, and how could he see through my creation? Not even Magnus was able to tell the nature of my technique."

He sighed, then a thought popped into his mind. "Can he break it though? If he could, then I must at all costs get my hands on him."

Back inside the arena, Rouni got serious. He formed a hand seal, and 1000 arrays moved, merging together. The next moment, a 200-meter-tall wolf with one horn on its forehead appeared in the arena, exuding the aura of a Peak True Immortal.

"Now do you have any last words, perhaps an apology?"

Klaus smiled and sat in a lotus posture. "As a matter of fact, I do. You see, a very long time ago, there was a young boy who only wanted one thing—the freedom to pursue a certain Ice Princess.

However, because of the life he was thrust into, love and affection were considered limitations. It is good to love, but not like this brat wanted.

So what did his uncles do? They locked him in a room full of books. Until he read every last book, he wouldn't be allowed outside the room.

At first, he cursed them for being shameless, but after a few days, he decided to engage his mind by reading.

In no time, he fell in love with the books, and for the next year he would read thousands of them.

It was through that reading marathon that he discovered an ancient manual written by none other than Buddha."

Klaus clapped his hands together in a prayer pose and closed his eyes. "On the cover of the book, it reads, 'The State of Oneness of the Mind, Soul, and Body.'"

"Basically, what this meant is, when the mind, soul, and body become one, there is nothing you can't do. " Klaus formed a hand seal and smiled.

"So why don't you try defeating me when I have long achieved Oneness of the Soul, Mind, and Body?" Just when he said that, a large silhouette of Buddha's statue appeared behind him showing he had regained the connection to his cores.

Rouni's eyes narrowed when he saw this. Clearly, Klaus was supposed to be out of energy, yet he managed to manifest an avatar. That wasn't something he expected to happen while under the influence of the Beast God Dominion

"KILL HIM!"

He gestured toward Klaus, and the wolf's horn glowed bright green. Then a beam of condensed divine lightning shot out.

Klaus smiled and opened his palm, pointing the right one toward the incoming attack. Buddha did the same thing, and just when the attack came close to him, a large black metallic palm manifested before him.

The beam landed on it, sending a shockwave flying. When the attack ended, Klaus's body was revealed, seated, unscattered and a smile playing on his lips.

"You see, just like how your formation has never been broken before, so is my Ultimate Buddha Palm. From the Manual, nobody has ever broken it, so maybe put some effort into proving me wrong."

He gave Rouni a wink, which infuriated him, leaving him in a state of shock. But he wasn't the only one in shock; Supreme Elder Juo was the same, and so was the red-haired angel.

Chapter 1395: Warrior X Hunter (5)

"Impossible..." Rouni exclaimed, his expression filled with shock.

Looking at Klaus perfectly fine after his attack was blocked left him in a state of shock. The same can be said for Supreme Elder Juo and millions of others who knew the mechanics behind the [Beast God Dominion].

Although it is a technique created by a celestial, its fame had already reached every corner of the universe.

Klaus was supposed to lose all access to his energy, which included his Immortal Rings and any other energy source. So the mere fact that he was able to activate a technique shows he wasn't being affected by the formation.

"How can you use a technique?" Rouni asked. "That shouldn't be possible, not while the Beast God Dominion is still active."

Klaus smiled. "I already told you. I have attained the Oneness of the soul, mind, and body. Your technique merely blocked my access to spiritual Qi. But I still have Soul Qi and Mind Qi.

So instead of looking shocked, figure out a way to defeat me because as long as I have the Ultimate Buddha Palm technique active, all your attacks will be blocked regardless of how much energy you put into it."

Rouni's eyes narrowed.

He pointed up, and 100,000 arrays moved, forming into a large fang. It's about 300 meters long and very thick. The moment it formed, Rouni turned pale. This sight made it clear he was using more than he could harness.

That was clear from the Immortal Emperor's aura coming from the fang. Even if an Immortal Emperor were to be subjected to such a power, they would buckle under it.

The second reason why the [Beast God Dominion] technique is powerful is because of how one can dynamically form any beast construct that can harness powers far beyond their level.

Rouni is a True Immortal, but he can form an Immortal Emperor-level construct.

The fang trembled, releasing a terrifying aura that made the air grow even heavier.

Klaus harnessed his mental energy, trapping the pressure in one mind while the others worked in sync to fully understand the true mechanisms of the Beast God Dominion.

When Magnus faced the Burning Angel, he made sure he captured as many arrays as he could before he escaped. This was so that when they met again, he would have a much better chance of resisting and, if done right, breaking the formation.

Although he came close to death, he left with something.

Too bad he never got to face the Burning Angel again.

Today, it seems he has a good chance to end what he started billions of years ago.

Rouni formed a hand seal, and two Immortal Rings appeared around the fang.

At once, it changed from a mere array construct to a real beast fang, something that caused everyone watching to widen their eyes.

They had heard that the Beast God Dominion could create real items by merging mere arrays. This means if Rouni wanted, he could have turned the wolf into a real one.

Until today, they had only heard rumours. However, finally seeing it firsthand left them all in a state of shock.

Rouni gestured forward, and the space around the fang started to break. As it moved, the void trembled and shattered.

Klaus closed his eyes and clapped his hands together, muttering some complex words. Behind him, Buddha opened his palm and held it as if accepting a blessing from above.

The next second, a red and gold lotus flower appeared on his palm and started spinning. Just when the fang came within range, the lotus flower moved and met it in a thunderous collision, one that caused the void to shatter, opening its insidious maw.

A terrifying shockwave appeared, pushing Rouni back a few hundred meters. However, Klaus remained seated in the same space, still muttering those strange sentences.

"That is impossible."

Supreme Elder Juo muttered, his expression ugly. He knew just how much Rouni had poured into his attack, yet Klaus was able to defend against it.

"Nothing is impossible, Juo," Doom Hunter said, a smile playing on his face. "On my last hell mission, I had the privilege to face a Calamity Beast that had just reached the peak of Godhood.

Our battle lasted for 10 hours, but within those short moments, I came close to death countless times. I, a Supreme who had long mastered Supreme Qi, came close to death under the assault of a god level Calamity Beast.

That should tell you it is not always about who is strong, cultivation-wise. Sometimes, it is all about comprehension of one's technique."

"Doom is right," Supreme Scholar Demel stepped in. "From what I have observed so far, it is clear that the Renegade Hunter's comprehension ability is far superior to Rouni's."

The mere fact that he was able to achieve Oneness of the Soul, Mind, and Body shows he had long transcended the limits of the mind, body, and soul.

I would be surprised if Rouni manages to turn this around."

The other Supremes turned and looked at Scholar Demel.

"Are you saying the Renegade Hunter will win this battle?" Supreme Queen Mirabel asked.

"I am not saying; it is something I saw from the start of their battle. In fact, if you four have an idea of just how monstrous the defense technique he was using is, you would come to the same conclusion."

They all became stunned.

Turning to the arena, they saw Rouni bombarding Klaus with all kinds of attacks, but at every turn, Klaus always had a defense in place.

But while that is shocking to even think about, the mere fact that Scholar Demel came to such a conclusion shocked them. It can be said that among the Supremes, he is considered the most intelligent.

He is someone who has dedicated his time to acquiring knowledge. Thanks to his success, whenever he says something, people take him seriously.

It can be said that he sees beyond what others can perceive.

So for him to come to this conclusion means he had seen something he wasn't saying. But if what he said is indeed true, then the question would be just what kind of monster they are dealing with.

"What technique is that? I have never seen it before," Supreme Elder Juo asked.

"For that, I can't tell any of you. It has to do with a secret of the Monks. Not even the Supreme Monk will reveal it, so I have no business revealing it either. But what I can say is that if this kid knows this technique, then there is a chance he is related to the Monks."

"That is..."

Everyone was left stunned, unsure of what to make of what Scholar Demel said. If Klaus is indeed related to the Monks, then perhaps he is someone from a Primordial Family.

Only they would possess such a monstrous technique.

Unbeknownst to these five Supremes, the Monks were even having a more panicked discussion. There is just no way they wouldn't know if someone dared steal their technique.

The Ultimate Buddha Palm is one of their legacy techniques, and as long as they knew, it was locked behind a powerful restriction.

Only a few were allowed to learn it, and Klaus wasn't one of them. So the mere fact that he could use it left them in shock.

But then again, if they had the slightest idea of the scheme Klaus was using the battle to plant in everyone's mind, they would go down on their knees and bow to him.

Klaus has many techniques he could use, but he picked this one for a reason. A reason that will be revealed somewhere in the future.

Rouni continued to attack for an hour straight, but Klaus managed to defend against all of them. The more time passed, the more shocked everyone became.

However, after 2 hours since the Beast God Dominion appeared, something even more shocking happened.

Just when a giant horn bounced off Buddha's palm, Klaus smiled and spoke excitedly.

"I have figured it out."

Chapter 1396: Warrior X Hunter (6)

Klaus stood up, a smile on his face.

Rouni frowned even more deeply, a wave of panic settling in. Seeing the smile on Klaus's face and the mere fact that he was now on his feet made him even more uneasy.

He couldn't help but wonder if Klaus had figured out a way to break the formation.

But that was just impossible, so he wiped it from his mind. Entertaining such a thought is an insult to the creator of the technique.

"No need to wonder, I have indeed figured out a way to break your technique." Klaus's bold words resonated with everyone, and they just couldn't believe their ears.

"Did he just say he can break the [Beast God Dominion]?" Supreme Engineer Winnie asked, her expression filled with shock.

"That is indeed what he just said," Supreme Scholar Demel responded, also wearing a stunned expression.

"But that is impossible, right? Nobody has ever managed to break the [Beast God Dominion]."

"Yes, it is indeed true. But you are forgetting who is using it now. Rouni has only limited control over it. It can be said that he has just 1% control over it.

So, breaking it if one knows what they are doing would be possible. But the question still remains: has the Renegade Hunter really managed to learn all 1 million arrays Rouni had mastered? And if he indeed learned all, how then would it help him break the entire formation?"

Hearing what Scholar Demel said, everyone was left wondering many things. They couldn't quite place their finger on just what gave Klaus the confidence to say such words.

However, seeing him standing there with a smile on his face, some of them were inclined to believe him.

"You are bluffing," Rouni said, staring daggers into Klaus's eyes.

"I don't bluff, my friend. I have indeed figured out how to break your formation. If you don't believe me, we can place a bet."

"On what?"

"On the fact that I can indeed break your formation within a minute. If I can't, I will accept defeat. If I manage to break it, you will accept defeat. Of course, if you don't want to, then I will gladly show you I can do more than break it."

"I don't have time for bets," Rouni rejected his offer, but Klaus didn't seem pissed. He waved his hand, and a rune knife appeared in his hand.

"Then watch carefully what I can do because this is the only chance you will get to see greatness at work."

Just as Klaus said that, his expression changed, and then three more copies of himself appeared. The next moment, they started drawing array symbols (runes) in the air.

Rouni wanted to attack, but he hesitated and stopped himself. A part of him wanted to see if Klaus could indeed dismantle his technique.

After a minute, if he failed to break it, he would resume his attacks. Of course, a minute is enough time to catch his breath.

Everyone wanted to see if he could indeed do it. So as the seconds ticked down, they held their breath, all waiting to see the outcome.

Exactly 54 seconds later, Klaus stopped, and the clones vanished. In the air, thousands of runes hovered. He took a deep breath, and then a smile appeared on his face.

"Now, watch how I break your technique." Klaus pointed toward the formation, and the runes began to move. A second later, they started merging with the formation at random points.

At first, nothing happened. However, just as the last rune merged with it, the formation shuddered, then changed color from green to red.

Rouni, who was hovering in the air, suddenly fell, slamming into the ground with a thunderous boom. A large crater appeared where he landed, causing trillions of gasps to spread across the universe.

"Sorry about that. I wanted to destroy the formation, but before that, why don't I defeat you with your own technique?" Klaus rose slowly into the air, and when he was high enough, he pointed forward.

At once, 100,000 arrays moved from the formation and formed into a large serpent about 2 km long. Then, under everyone's stunned gaze, Klaus finally activated his Immortal Ring, transforming the serpent into a real one.

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It let out a powerful hiss, causing the air to tremble.

"It is too bad you aren't a hunter, and I am not a warrior. We would have been a great team." After saying that, Klaus gestured forward, and the serpent moved.

A second later, Rouni's body disintegrated, leaving not even a bone behind.

The serpent circled around before merging back into the formation. Afterwards, Klaus used his finger to draw one rune.

"Such a powerful formation. If I can get my hands on the complete version, wouldn't that be good?"

The rune flew toward the formation and merged with it.

"Until next time." A crack appeared in the formation, and soon it fractured, then dispersed into thin air.

All over the arena, everyone became quiet, their eyes widened like saucers. There is just no way they expected Klaus to actually have what it took to break the formation.

Even worse, he managed to take control of it and use it flawlessly to kill Rouni. That is just too much to take in. Even the five Supreme were left in shock.

"That was unexpected," Supreme Scholar Demel muttered. Then he turned toward Supreme Engineer Winnie. "Looks like your academy will be getting an intelligent formation expert soon."

She nodded but said nothing. Inwardly, she was still in shock from witnessing how Klaus managed to take over the [Beast God Dominion].

In the billions of years she had lived, this was the first time she was impressed by someone to the point she couldn't even speak.

Scholar Demel, who knew just how chatty Engineer Winnie could be, noticed her abnormal behaviour and immediately deduced that something was wrong.

"What is it, Winnie?"

"I don't know. I just don't know what to think." She sighed. "You all saw the runes he used, right?"

All four Supremes nodded.

"Those are Ancient Runes, every last one of them."

"WHAT?"

"That is impossible."

"That was what I said to myself, but despite straining my mind to see if I could see something else, it all ended in the fact that he indeed used Ancient Runes, something not even the best of us can do.

Ancient Runes are the bedrock of modern formations, arrays, and artisanship. Throughout history, only one person was able to master them all, and she died several billion years ago."

"The Formation Queen."

"Yes. She is the mother of formations, and she used Ancient Runes in her craft. Nobody knew where those came from, but after her death, we began to derive the modern runes we use from her works.

However, the Renegade Hunter had somehow managed to learn them and used them flawlessly. The Paragon may be a monster among monsters, but not even he could do such a thing."

The five Supremes turned and looked at Klaus, smiling and waving to his fans as they cheered his win. For a moment, a thought crossed their minds, but they quickly dismissed it.

However, since he had just lost, Supreme Elder Juo asked. He was pissed and a bit angry that Rouni lost to Klaus.

"What if he is the Paragon?"

"That is impossible. The Heavens Court has already checked him, and he came out clean. But if you are not convinced, know that we will check him thoroughly when he comes to the academy just to be sure."

Hearing this, he couldn't help but sigh.

Chapter 1397: Compliments from Supremes

The battle was over, but everyone was left in shock.

From start to finish, everything Klaus did was so shocking that it could not be explained in words. He started by proving he could have ended the battle in under ten minutes when, instead of going for the kill, he used the Time Law to stop time and paint on Rouni's face.

Afterwards, he proved he could go toe-to-toe with a technique created by a Celestial.

While that alone was super shocking, the mind-blowing part came when he took control over the [Beast God Dominion] technique and flawlessly used it to defeat his opponent.

That was the highlight of the battle, and now, everyone was having a hard time coming to terms with everything they had seen.

But while they were in shock, Klaus was happy that the battle was finally over and that he had won. He never knew this silly battle would give him this much exposure and reward.

Away from what the Supremes brought, the mere fact that he had finally managed to win against the [Beast God Dominion] made him happy.

He never had the chance during his seventh incarnation, after his initial clash with the Burning Angel. That failure had plagued him for years.

But thanks to Rouni, he fulfilled that desire this time around.

Blue Ivy flew into the arena, a smile playing on her face. She landed before Klaus, already happy that the battle was over and that she could ask more questions.

"First of all, congratulations on your win, Renegade Hunter. You have proven yourself to everyone that indeed, you deserve all the fame and recognition you are getting."

"Thank you, I suppose." While he did not care much about what people thought of him, having such a platform to cement his name in every heart sure worked in his favour.

So he was grateful.

"Now, before everyone snaps my neck, I think we all want to know one thing." She paused and turned toward the VIP room as if asking for permission to ask the question.

A few moments later, she turned back to Klaus and asked, "How did you manage to take control over the Beast God Dominion formation?"

Klaus knew that was the question she wanted to ask, so he had already prepared an answer. "Very straightforward, actually. I merely learned the arrays Rouni had mastered and created a few of my own that cut off his connection to it and gave it to me."

"You made it sound simple, but we both know there is nothing simple about what you have just done. If I am not wrong, the arrays contained in the Beast God Dominion formation that warrior Rouni used are one million. So are you telling me you managed to learn them all within the two hours he had used it?"

Klaus chuckled. "If you put it like that, it indeed makes no sense. But that was indeed what I did. I comprehended the one million arrays in two hours. It is not that difficult if you find the pattern."

He smiled and added, "I have to say, though, the creator of the technique is a genius. I have never seen a formation so beautiful yet complex."

Blue Ivy gave Klaus a long and hard look before asking a silly question, "Are you even human?"

"I can assure you, Lady Blue Ivy, I am every bit human."

She laughed. "You know, in moments like this, I find it extremely hard to believe you are actually less than 30 years old. Nobody with less than 30 years of life should be this monstrous. That just shouldn't be possible."

"I don't know what to say. But I can assure you I didn't lie about my age. As for how I accomplished all these things, I would say I have a rather powerful ability to comprehend just about anything I set my sights on.

You can even say my brain works differently from the average person's. I can connect dots where the average person would only see lines."

"That explains it then." Blue Ivy seemed overwhelmed. There was just no way a normal person would not be overwhelmed thinking about all Klaus had just shown the entire Universe.

Thankfully, before she could be crushed by everything, the five Supremes appeared in the arena, their gazes locked on him. Every last one of them held a gaze that spoke volumes.

Doom Hunter was the first to speak. "Congratulations on your win, Renegade Hunter. I am happy to have a competent hunter like you on my side."

"Thank you, and thanks for the compliment. I will do my best to further elevate the good name of the Mission Hall and every last Hunter," Klaus replied with a smile on his face.

"Oh, I have no doubt you will."

Supreme Engineer Winnie spoke next. "Congratulations once again, Renegade Hunter. As promised, I will allow you entry into my personal vault." She extended her hand, and a dark key flew toward Klaus. "Whenever you are ready, come over, and I will give you a tour."

There was more on her mind, but that could be said when Klaus came to visit. He stored the key and gave Supreme Engineer Winnie a gentle nod.

"You know I came here to have fun, but you left me in shock instead, Renegade Hunter," Supreme Queen Mirabel said with a small giggle. "You are one of a kind, kid."

Klaus laughed. "Glad I could impress a Supreme such as yourself."

"Well, I sure am impressed. However, as promised, the sum of 400 billion Heaven Crystals will be wired into your account. Also, here is a Dark Key to our headquarters.

Whenever you are free, come over so I can personally give you the VIP invite to the Nine Heavens Universe Auction, which will be taking place 100 years from now."

Klaus accepted the Dark Key and thanked Queen Mirabel, who was the current manager of the Universe Bank in the Human Universe.

Supreme Scholar Demel was next to speak. "You have surprised us all, kid. I have lived for billions of years, but I can't say I have met someone like you before.

But now that I have, I will not want to see your talent go to waste. So, standing as a Supreme Scholar of the Dark Space Company, I would like to extend an invitation to you to join the Knowledge Tower."

His words left the four Supremes beside him and countless others listening wide-eyed.

"You can't be serious, Demel. The Knowledge Tower, really?" Supreme Elder Juo exclaimed, his expression turning ugly.

"What is there to question, Juo? You saw what he can do, so tell me why he doesn't qualify to join the Knowledge Tower."

"I think you and I both know why. But since you ask, how about I point out a few things? A few months back, I received a report that a talent had emerged in the Underworld who calls himself Blood Sword.

A few days after he emerged and even won a Blood Tournament, the Renegade Hunter also appeared. Coincidentally, both of them were at the Empyrean Stage back then.

If that isn't enough, just five years ago, the black and red calamity smoke appeared, signifying the rebirth of the Paragon. Despite our efforts, he remained hidden.

So tell me, don't you think this kid's sudden rise is a bit suspicious?"

Supreme Scholar Demel tried to speak, but his words caught in his mouth. It seemed Supreme Elder Juo's words had struck a chord with him.

And he wasn't the only one; the rest also seemed to sense some truth in what he said.

#### Chapter 1398: Identity Revealed

One moment, everyone was celebrating the Renegade Hunter; the next second, they all started looking at him with suspicious gazes.

Even Supreme Engineer Winnie and Supreme Queen Mirabel, who had just complimented and sung his praises, now looked at him with eyes filled with suspicion.

Seeing this, a wave of anger filled Klaus's heart, and that could be seen from the gaze he was giving Supreme Elder Juo. It had been a long time since he felt this much anger toward anyone or anything.

He was on track to earn more than he expected, but Supreme Elder Juo had to use his big mouth to destroy everything.

Even if he managed to prove his innocence, which he could, the seed of doubt planted in everyone's hearts and minds would forever remain.

If he even manages to clear his name, Supreme Elder Juo would still win, for everyone would be suspicious of Klaus from now onwards, even if they didn't want to show it.

Klaus chuckled. "A friend of mine once said, enemies are not made, they are raised." His gaze narrowed at Supreme Elder Juo. "You have managed to become my enemy, old man. And for that, only one of us can live.

All that I have done since leaving home has been to help people and make a name for myself. I wanted to carve my own path.

I have succeeded in some way, but because of your overinflated ego and inability to accept defeat, you had to spout loads of crap just to feel something. I even pity you because, from what I know, only those with poor performance in bed behave like this.

Ah, I pity your wife instead; she may have suffered for who knows how long."

The anger in Klaus's voice could be felt by everyone. However, considering his current rank and the fact that he was saying those words to a Supreme, everyone, including some of the Supremes, turned pale.

Supreme Elder Juo's expression turned green, a wave of anger bubbling in his heart. There was just no way he would take this lying down. But Klaus wasn't done with him...

"This all started because you couldn't accept that I was better than you when you were my age. Shit, when you were my age, you were probably still playing with your pinky.

You rejected me from the Warrior Tower, which I accepted gladly. You then went ahead and used your son to try and humiliate me—and yes, I know Rouni is your son and disciple.

He failed at that, so you had to resort to this means to humiliate and tarnish my name. News flash, maybe instead of painting a target on my back, use the same effort to locate the Paragon or come up with a different theory because trust me, the last thing you would want is forcing me to become someone I am not, so you can have the justification to kill me" Klaus sneer at him, "as if you have the balls to even do that."

He took a step toward him, a clear sigh of defiance. He wanted to state he was not afraid of him, not even one bit.

"Listen carefully because I will only say it once.

My name is Klaus Hanson Zorvian. And yes, I am from the Great Ancient Zorvian Family. If you have some more questions, you can go ask the Family Head. I am sure Old Zorvian would be happy to give you a suitable explanation that won't end with your head flying off your body."

After saying that, Klaus retrieved the dark keys he was given by Supreme Engineer Winnie and Supreme Queen Mirabel and threw them back at them with a gentle wave.

"Up until today, I have been doing my stuff based on advice from a wise senior. He said the last thing I wanted was to reject an offer from powerhouses. I have followed his words, tried my best to please everyone, but see where that landed me.

So from today onwards, I am only a Hunter. If anyone wants to do business with me, they can contact me in person or via my personal profile on the Dark Space.

I am done trying to make others happy." He turned toward Supreme Elder Juo.

"If I were you, I would start washing my neck. You have no idea how many powerful people you have offended."

The last person he turned to was Blue Ivy. "Nice meeting you again. I hope we see each other again in the future, maybe even in person." After saying that, his silhouette vanished, leaving everyone in the arena and those watching from home in a state of shock.

No matter how one looks at it, there was just no way Klaus should have gone that far. Against an Immortal, perhaps it would have been taken lightly. However, the person he had just disrespected was a Supreme, someone close to the rank of a Celestial.

That was just courting death.

However, despite all this, what left many in shock was Klaus's background. The Zorvian Family is what many call the Ultimate Warrior Family.

They have existed since the Primordial Era. In every era, a warrior comes from the family and dominates the universe.

During the Primordial Era, the Formation Queen came from the Zorvian Family. Then, during the Divine Era, the Scarlet Sword appeared and swept the universe. During the war between Gods and Immortals, she fought alongside the legendary Divine Archer.

During the Era of the Elemental Paragon, they sent out the Red Fury, who can be counted among the few who came close to killing a Paragon.

This shows their reputation is vast and powerful. So, for Klaus to come from such a powerhouse, everyone suddenly started to understand why he is so monstrous.

"From what is known about the Zorvian Family, they mostly send out their chosen warrior every era and only reveal their identity when they reach the God Rank.

However, because of Supreme Elder Juo, he was forced to reveal his identity to clear his name. I wonder how the Zorvians will react to this."

The news media started adding more oil to the fire. In no time, all who hadn't had the privilege to watch the battle heard what happened, and their main takeaway was the Zorvian heir.

Klaus was back in the news again, but this time his achievement had far transcended his former ones. Aside from him, Supreme Elder Juo's name had also started spreading, with many calling him the Caller of Calamity.

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[Private Pocket Universe - Zorvian Mansion]

Meanwhile, inside a pocket universe hidden from those not authorized to enter, a man with white hair and a white beard opened his eyes as if he had been meditating the entire time.

He is the head of the oldest and strongest Primordial family in the universe. The Great Ancient Zorvian family. Those who know him call him Old Zorvian.

He stood up and walked to a garden where two others—a man and a woman in their late 40s—were having afternoon tea. Surprisingly, they also had white hair.

When they saw the white-haired man walk into the garden, they stood up to greet him. "Father, you are awake," the female said, a smile appearing on her face.

"Of course I am awake," he replied and sat down to pour himself tea. Before taking a sip, he took a deep sigh. "After all, that troublemaker has returned."

"Yes. We saw his signal five years ago but couldn't find him for some reason."

"That is because he had completed the cycle. This is the final life and the one we have been waiting for." He took another sip.

"Is that why you are awake?" the man asked, looking at his father.

"No. I am awake because he has just revealed his identity as a member of our family."

"That is impossible. He would never do that unless..."

"He had no other choice," the old man completed his daughter's sentence. "I think it is time we remind the universe who we are. Time for them to know why the Paragon is the most dangerous person in the entire multiverse."

Chapter 1399: Consequences

Long before Klaus even exited Dark Space, news had already spread to every corner of the universe.

Some of the major media houses had even called prominent warriors who had, in the past, fought alongside the Zorvian Primordial Family's warriors sent into the known universe.

A major media house even managed to get one to come live in person.

"This is Paradise Media. I have with me here the legendary Weeping Dagger, one of the finest god level warriors in the universe.

He once fought side by side with the legendary Flame Wolf, the last heir sent from the Zorvian Primordial Family before the renegade hunter.

He is joining us here today to enlighten us on what he knows after spending thousands of years with the Flame Wolf."

The interviewer turned to a green-haired young man whose gaze alone contained the danger of his power.

He was a Universal God and one of the seven warriors who fought in the Flame Wolf's party.

It can be said that in all of the universe, he is one of the few who know something about the Zorvian Primordial Family.

"I will go straight to the point since everyone is dying to know why the Renegade Hunter revealing he is from the Zorvian Primordial Family is such a big deal."

Weeping Dagger sighed. "I can't say much. However, what I can say is that the Zorvian Primordial Family is filled with great warriors. Nobody knows their agenda; however, as far as we can remember, they have existed long before the Primordial Era fell.

That has always been the case as far back as we can remember. From what I know, they only send their best with little to no support. The idea is for them to make a name for themselves before their family gets involved.

In every era, they only send the best of the younger generation. So imagine how it would look if, not long after his journey began, he was forced to reveal who he is."

"What does it mean?"

"It means this is now a major issue that can't be ignored. You see, while the Zorvians pay little to no attention to the heirs they send out to make a name for themselves, they are considered the legacy of their race in every era.

So, for that to be disrupted even before it could bloom, you can only imagine how that would reflect on them.

I am not saying I know what they would do, but I know it wouldn't end well, not when a plan that was supposed to bloom thousands of years from now was interrupted."

"That indeed sounds like a bad thing," the interviewer said, scrolling through millions of questions. "But I have to ask, aren't you a little bit suspicious that the Renegade Hunter is indeed the Paragon?"

Weeping Dagger flashed a small smile. "I can't say I didn't consider that. I mean, from what we all know about the Paragon, he always finds a way to make a comeback, and judging from his track record, what the Renegade Hunter has shown looks like something the Paragon would do.

However, that was my thought until he revealed his background. I think we all know the Zorvians have always maintained their reputation as a no-nonsense family.

At one point, a warrior from their ranks fought side by side with a Paragon to set the universe free. However, we also saw how yet another one of their heirs came close to killing the same Paragon again.

That alone should tell you they are not with the Paragon, and I think that is clear now. So no, I don't think the kid is the Paragon. However, everyone is allowed to express their own opinion, so who am I to clear his name?"

All who were watching this live interview couldn't help but agree with Weeping Dagger. Klaus is indeed exceptional, but there is no way he is the Paragon.

But even if he is the Paragon, he has done nothing but good since he appeared in the news, so what is there to be angry and suspicious about?

The interview ended with so many questions still left unanswered.

However, most of those questions were answered an hour later when someone from the Zorvian Family arrived with a list of demands.

The Zorvians sent someone into the known universe with a list of demands that, when made public, caused many to turn pale.

"I am here at the command of Old Zorvian." The Supreme they sent spoke with a straight expression. He wasted no time and began reading what he was sent to say.

"He would first like to express his disappointment toward the Warrior Tower and also to make a declaration.

From today onwards, the Zorvian Primordial Family has cut all ties with the Warrior Tower. We will have no dealings with them now or ever.

Second, while a wrong had been done, the Zorvian Primordial Family chose to be the bigger person. Instead of killing, as we should have, because of the current state of the universe, we will offer an alternative.

Supreme Elder Juo is to offer a public apology for his role in causing an heir to reveal his background far in advance.

Failure to do that will mean a direct insult to the Zorvian Primordial Family, and as such, the necessary measures will be taken to ensure nothing like this ever happens again.

Lastly, to our heir, since you failed to keep your background a secret, the family will be taking a step back from offering any and all assistance until you have proven you have what it takes to earn our support.

Of course, we wouldn't disown you, but until you can prove you deserve the Zorvian name, never attempt to contact us or any of our allies, which includes the branch families.

If you can kill five Foreign Kings or Queens in the next 300 years, all privileges will be restored. Until then, you are on your own."

The words left everyone in such shock. They couldn't even ask any questions since the Supreme had left long before they could.

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[An Hour Before the Demands Were Read - Planet Baski]

Klaus opened his eyes in the real world, and the first people he saw were Rory and Lord Victor. He wasn't surprised by this side, however, before he could say anything, Lord Victor grabbed his hand and teleported away.

When they appeared again, they were inside a spaceship heading far away from Planet Baski. Klaus immediately knew the reason why he was being taken away.

Many knew he had been on Planet Baski for the last few months, so they had to leave before the danger arrived. As to where they were going, he had no idea, but leaving Planet Baski was a smart move.

Thirty minutes after they were gone, dozens of spaceships started to arrive on planet Baski. Most were media houses that wanted to interview him after what had happened during the climax of the battle with Rouni.

Some were people who wanted to get their hands on Klaus for disrespecting Supreme Elder Juo. Of course, those who wanted him protected also came. However, they were all late. Klaus had already left.

However, while Lord Victor was panicking because Klaus had offended many people, unbeknownst to him, Klaus had already expected this outcome, and so he had prepared for it.

A smile appeared on his face after he heard what the Zorvians had to say. He wasn't really bothered by what the Zorvians did. After all, they wouldn't be living now if it weren't for him.

So coming through for him was their way of saying they remembered what he had done for them and that he could count on them.

Ten minutes after the demands were read, the Dark Space Company made a shocking announcement, one that instantly changed everything.

Chapter 1400: Warrior Candidate

[Two Days Ago]

Just after his interview with Blue Ivy, Klaus decided to spend some time with his Paragon Star Guards.

"You wouldn't call us here without a reason, so why don't you get down to it rather than highlighting how useless we are," Darius said, his smile a little teasing.

Klaus smirked and said, "I indeed called you here because I think someone suspects I am the Paragon."

"Who?" all nine of them asked.

"Supreme Elder Juo, and who knows how many others out there have come to the same suspicion. Of course, I knew this day would come and made sure it happened sooner rather than later."

The nine Star Guards gave Klaus a weird look. They had known him in all nine lives he had lived, and never once did he try to make the universe aware that he was the Paragon.

He had spent a great deal of time hiding his identity. So hearing that he wanted them to know this time around left them all wondering if he had a death wish.

"Relax, everyone. I wasn't actually looking to reveal my identity and put targets on my back. I just want them to suspect me just long enough to reveal my hand.

For now, they are aware that the Paragon is back, but they don't know who it is. So they would suspect me, which actually would work in my favor.

First, I want to reveal my background, which would come in handy one day when my true identity is revealed. The second is to ensure everyone dares not mess with me, and last, to keep the news alive long enough for the real Paragon to appear."

"I don't understand anything you just said, Master, but I have one question," Scarlet narrowed her eyes. "How would the Paragon appear when you are the Paragon?"

Klaus smiled. "You will find out when it happens. For now, I just want people to suspect me. Once that happens, I will use my ace to clear my name.

But doing so will put a target on my back. That is where you all come in."

"You want the Dark Space Company to give you their support," Lux asked, and Klaus nodded.

"If I were to become a notable member of the Dark Space Company, not even the Warrior Tower would dare come after me. Of course, I wouldn't have the freedom I used to have, but with the Mission Hall and Dark Space Company behind me, I am sure nobody would dare play any tricks behind the scenes."

"That would indeed help. But the question now is what role you would qualify for that, in the grand scheme of things, would make sense when we announce it to the rest of the universe."

This question got Klaus thinking for a while...

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[Two Days Later - Dark Space Media]

After the demands were read and everyone tried to make sense of them, the screens changed to Dark Space Media, where a beautiful vampire appeared to deliver another shocking piece of news.

Many recognized her as Celestial Scarlet, one of the founders of the Dark Space Company.

"Hi everyone, I am standing here today as a representative of the Dark Space Company to issue a big announcement." She took a deep breath and continued speaking.

"Two days ago, we had a closed-door meeting with a promising talent who we think would qualify as our Warrior Candidate."

Hearing the words "Warrior Candidate," everyone started paying closer attention to her.

"We all know how rapidly the Foreign Race is advancing. As a result, we need capable warriors to lead the charge against them. We need warriors who are not afraid to put their lives on the line for the good of the universe.

We discussed this proposal with this young talent, and based on what he said, we concluded he had everything we needed. So with a unanimous vote from all nine Founders, we selected Klaus Hanson, popularly known as the Renegade Hunter, as the Warrior Candidate of the Dark Space Company.

Thank you, and have a good day."

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Three minutes after the announcement from the Dark Space Company, an SSS+ spaceship housing ten gods arrived on Planet Baski.

Although Klaus had long left thanks to Lord Victor's quick thinking, they appeared as a show that, when it came to their Warrior Candidate, they would not tolerate any nonsense.

This show of power sent a loud message to all who wanted to take advantage of Klaus's falling out with the Warrior Tower.

Just as he was untouchable because nobody knew his background, now that he had lost the support of the Zorvian family, his protection would come from the Dark Space Company.

They made that clear to everyone.

Inside the spaceship, Klaus was relaxed in his chair when he suddenly sensed his communicator chiming. Turning to look, he saw an unknown person calling. He thought for a moment and answered.

The face that appeared in the hologram was that of Lady Ryuu. "Why didn't you tell me you are from the Zorvian Primordial Family?"

She asked in a tone that suggested she had just found out her husband was an heir to a crime family and had been hiding it from her.

Klaus smiled. "You never asked, Lady Ryuu. Also, revealing my identity would have scared you off."

"What do you care if I run off? From the stunt you just pulled, everyone at the Warrior Tower will forever hate you. Do you know how dangerous that is?"

"Does that include you too, Lady Ryuu?" The smile on his face vanished, replaced by a calm yet dangerous look.

He had already picked Supreme Elder Juo as his enemy, so even if he offered an apology like the demands requested him to, as long as he was alive, there was just no way he would forgive him.

He came close to destroying his perfectly crafted plan, which he intended to use to infiltrate the ranks of the Heavenly Court.

If not because he anticipated this moment and prepared for it, he would have found himself surrounded on all sides by now.

So even if he came to personally apologize, he would never forgive him. One day, he would keep his promise and kill him.

If Lady Ryuu had also turned on him, then even if the heavens intervened, he would one day level the Warrior Tower.

They would not stop coming after him, even after becoming a Warrior Candidate at the Dark Space Company, so he was destined to be their enemy, just as the Heavenly Court was his enemy.

"I am not that petty. Your problem with Juo has nothing to do with me. However, for now, we should not contact each other until things are cleared. I need to do some damage control on my side, so for now, if I want something, Flux will contact you.

You can also contact me through him.

Lastly, be careful when you meet the Burning Angel."

"Oh, is he looking for me?" Klaus asked with a smile.

Lady Ryuu gave him a long and hard look. "He is not looking for you. He already knows where you are, so expect him to appear any moment from now."

She hung up, and the next second, the space around the ship twisted. In the next instant, they appeared in a world filled with nothing but lava.

The spaceship shattered, and they found themselves staring at a redheaded angel, his gaze burning with intense flame. His wings were also engulfed in flames, each spanning about 300 meters wide.

"Burning Angel, I suppose?" Klaus asks, a smile playing on his lips.