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From the start of the battle, Yasmin, who Vira was protecting since that was the job given to her, was doing only two things.

First, she was using her first technique to expand the effect of Lucy and Anna's skills. This was a technique Klaus had given her before leaving for his training.

It allowed her to multiply the effects of the skills used by those she used it on. She expanded Lucy and Anna's skills by three since she had mastered the technique to the third stage.

However, that wasn't the only thing she was doing. In addition to the boost, she was using her healing technique to heal Kilian and Kilian alone.

She was meant to help Anna in the health department, but she was healing on Kilian for this particular battle.

This was because of the combined attack Lucy, Anna, and Kilian were executing. Lucy had calculated it would take ten minutes to set up, but it took Anna 15 minutes.

But it was now done, and looking closely at all the Tier 8 and 80% of the Tier 9s left, one could tell Anna had done what she was meant to do.

Her face was pale, and Klaus, who saw that, knew something big was about to happen. This was confirmed when he met Lucy's gaze, and she smiled.

"That is the last one, big sister," Anna said, handing everything over to Lucy. Lucy looked away from Klaus and gave a command.

"Team 2 to 6, execute shadow steps!"

Danny was in the middle of attacking a Tier 8 with his axe, but the moment he heard Lucy's command, he abandoned the attack and moved back.

But she wasn't the only one.

Except for Kathy, Nia, Lulu, Nuna, Miriam, and Aoi, everyone else moved back, with only one moving forward. Kilian moved forward and stopped when he was far enough.

He raised his sword, which was immediately engulfed in dark flames.

"Twisting Vine Queen", Lucy activated her skill, causing a green beauty to appear towering behind her.

She immediately turned pale when the skill activated. However, she instantly recovered when the green beauty placed a green crown made of vines on her head.

"Absolute bind, twisting within the domain of dried woods."

She used another skill, and instantly, the marks left on the bodies of the ants by Anna activated. From the ground, vines shot out, binding the thousands of branded ants.

She waved her staff, and all the monsters were dragged to the side, immediately enclosed in a domain of dried wood.

"Make it count, Kilian." Her voice was weak, showing her exhaustion from using the skill.

Kilian nodded as his eyes began to exude black flames. His sword also radiated the same energy.

Then, up in the air, a dark, colossal sword appeared identical to the one he was wielding.

"Dark Impurity Sword." His voice was eerie as he spoke.

The sword in the air shuddered, and with one powerful swing of his blade, the dark sword in the sky shot down at incredible speed and jammed into the ground at the centre of the dried woods.

Boom!

The ground exploded, and dark flames engulfed every living thing inside the domain, forcing painful screeches from the unfortunate ants bound within.

The dark flames engulf them and continue to rise as the temperature intensifies.

"Damn, Kilian, that's just too evil," Danny couldn't help but comment, watching as every last ant caught inside the domain of dried wood burned to death.

"Yasmin, heal him." Kilian stepped back with shaky steps, his eyes returning to their normal hue, and his sword ceased burning.

However, the flames that burst from the ground continued to burn hot.

"Handle the 23 Tier 9s left and some of you should go help Kathy and the rest," Lucy gave another order, and the rest of her teammates sprang back into action.

Meanwhile, a few kilometres away from the battlefield, the ant lady, who had been looking for an opening to counter the growing threats aimed at her queen, became conflicted about who to attack first.

She saw Asha using the two ant Queens and knew this was the fate that awaited her queen.

But when she saw how Kilian killed most of her ant army, she realized the need to handle him before he could do the same thing again.

However, watching the odds turn against her, she knew she would be going against odds she couldn't handle despite her being at the peak of the Ascendent stage.

Her chances were basically non-existent.

This left her standing as she watched her army get killed one by one.

In no time, all remaining Tier 9 ants were wiped out, and soon, the last of the Tier 10s were eliminated.

This caused her to frown, and then, looking closely at Asha and Kilian, she moved away and travelled deeper into the forest.

The deeper she went, the more terrifying the aura of the beings she passed by. After moving several kilometres, she approached a structure surrounded by metallic coatings.

It was the colony of the ants, where their queen resided.

Looking around, she counted 18 Tier 10 ant warriors, each at the peak just like her. From their appearance, they were also true beasts, but their appearance wasn't as cute as the one on her.

Of course, the measure of strength was also evident when they saw her; they all bowed. Without even minding them, she entered the colony through the doorway.

After entering, she quickly went deeper until she arrived inside a place filled with 7 cocoons, each exuding a powerful aura.

"My queen," she went down on one knee and bowed.

In response, a figure appeared from behind one of the cocoons.

She was a beauty by beast standards. She was pale in complexion and had two antennas on her forehead. She was clad in what appeared to be exo-living armour.

On her back were three pairs of red wings, hard enough to cut through tough items. She moved and sat down on a bone-like throne.

"Go ahead, Jinx, I am listening," the queen said in a human-female tone. If one were to hear her without seeing her, they wouldn't doubt her nature as a human.

"We have a problem, my queen," Jinx said, causing the lady to focus all her attention on her.

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"The humans are much more powerful than I initially thought. They have already cleared the first and second blockages, and from the look of things, they will be breaking the third," Jinx said, and the queen narrowed her eyes.

"This is indeed troublesome. These seven are far from ready, so being attacked at this time is not good for us. Just who are these humans?" the Ant Queen asked.

"I don't know much about them, but they have a beast on their side. Aside from that, there is one who has two Ant Queens as her slaves. I think they are after you too," Jinx said, making the queen frown this time.

"A beast on their team and one who managed to enslave two Ant Queens? This doesn't sound good. This person must be dealt with immediately," the queen said, her body radiating powerful energy.

"I will take the Diamond Body Ants and go after them. With the force we have, though they are strong, they won't be able to fight back.

Even if they do, the chances of them coming after you will be halted, for I will explode my core, killing all of us before that happens. This will buy you some time to think of something."

Jinx said with determination, showing how much she wanted to protect her queen.

"I don't think that is a wise decision, ladies." Just as Jinx made her plan known, a foreign voice entered the space, causing the two to look in the direction of the voice.

There, Klaus could be seen closely examining one of the cocoons. Jinx retrieved her daggers and was about to attack when Klaus raised his finger, halting her.

"Killing me is pointless. This isn't my real body, so listen to what I have to say first. Perhaps, after this discussion, you two will be gaining more than you can bargain for."

Jinx stopped in her tracks when she heard what Klaus said. She turned and looked at her queen, who was also looking back at her.

"Who are you?" the queen asked.

"You can call me Klaus," he said with a smile, walking to the side of the space and sitting down. "Now, why don't you two ladies introduce yourselves so we can talk about what I came here for?"

The two ladies looked at him closely, and then Jinx spoke. "What do you want, and how did you get here?"

"I want to form an alliance with you two. As for how I got here, I followed you after you spied on my team."

"Nonsense. Nobody followed me here. I made sure of that," Jinx said, though even she didn't sound convinced.

The fact that none of them had sensed Klaus's presence was enough to tell her he wasn't lying when he said he had followed her.

This made her raise her guard once again...

"What do you mean by forming an alliance with us?" the queen asked. Klaus, realizing she wouldn't introduce herself, sighed and got down to business.

"I can tell these seven cocoons are for hybrid types of ants. They are your perfect creations, which means that aside from you two, these seven are the only beings you truly care for.

If you cared about the rest, you would have thought of them when Jinx reported to you just now.

However, instead of thinking about the thousands out there, you only thought of these seven. This means you don't care about the bunch outside.

This also means you wouldn't mind if we kill every last one of them, provided we don't touch you.

So what if I say we can indeed do that? But in return, you will become a companion of one of my team members.

And before you think it's enslaving you, know that it's more like a mutually beneficial relationship."

"I'm afraid I can't do that. I won't become someone's weapon. I am my own living person and would not bow to anyone." the queen said, making Klaus smile.

"You're mistaking something here, ladies. This is good for you. I know Jinx has already reported on the beast lady fighting on my side.

She was once like you, but now, she has become a different life form. Also, before you assume this is slavery, know that we humans aren't into slaves anymore.

Plus, I have a way to make you two evolve again and become over ten times stronger and better than you are now.

Also, if you accept, these seven can be turned into more powerful Ant hybrids than the ones you have in mind."

This time, the queen and Jinx looked at each other and hesitated. The offer just now made sense, as it would guarantee their safety.

As Klaus said, she didn't really care about the thousands of ants on the outside. Only Jinx came out perfect out of the thousands she had created, so she began creating new ones.

These new ones were the result of studying Jinx and incorporating new ideas to create the perfect soldiers. It had been her project for the past 23 years.

She started with 300 cocoons, but now only seven remain, demonstrating just how much time and effort she had invested in this project.

So, hearing there was a way to complete it and perhaps evolve into a better version of themselves was already enough to make them consider the offer.

"What is the guarantee that you would live up to your end of the bargain after using our forces as training dummies for your team?" Jinx asked.

"You just have to take my word for it. The fact that I entered this place without your notice shows I could have killed you and destroyed these seven cocoons without you having the ability to do anything about it.

Yet, I didn't.

So relax. I'm not here to set any traps for you or your people. I just want to form this alliance. When everything is over, you will get what you want, and I will get what I want.

So, do we have a deal, or shall we go back to killing each other, which in this case will end badly for you?"

"Use the next 8 days to think about my offer. If you don't attack us within these 8 days, I will take it as a yes and visit you again before we attack the third blockage," Klaus said thoughtfully before he vanished from space.

The queen looked at Jinx.

"I am sorry, my Queen. I didn't know he followed me here," Jinx apologized, showing how human she was.

Thankfully, the queen was not unreasonable and didn't hold it against her.

"I would have fallen for that trap, too, so don't worry about it. However, the question now remains whether we can trust that human," she said, and Jinx nodded.

"I can spy on them for a few more days and see if he indeed holds no animosity toward us.

Though there is a beast fighting for him, that doesn't necessarily mean anything. We must know more about him before making a decision."

Jinx knew from what had just transpired that Klaus was someone they could not underestimate. This made her raise her guard even higher, and she wouldn't let any harm come to her queen.

So, she plans to spy on Klaus's team for a while and see if she can find a weakness. Klaus may be strong, but his team isn't monstrous like him.

"Do that and report to me immediately if something happens," the queen instructed.

Jinx nodded and left.

After she was gone, the queen sighed and looked toward a shadow a few meters from her.

"Come out, Linx." A carbon copy of Jinx appeared from the shadows, but she wore white armor and had a sword sheathed on her back, unlike Jinx, who wore dark clothes and wielded daggers.

She was also a peak Ascension-stage figure, but her energy suggested she was much stronger than both the queen and Jinx.

"What do you think, Linx? Can that human be trusted?"

"Yes, my queen," Linx answered without hesitation. She appeared to be someone who would think logically before answering a question, so her immediate response took the queen by surprise.

"Why should we trust someone like him? He is a human, and you know how humans are," the queen said.

"That is because this human is different. I have more knowledge of the outside world than you and Jinx; through that, I have learned of him.

He is someone who stood at the apex of the world's power. While he is only at the Tier 7 stage, he has the power to kill any of us easily."

I have witnessed a lot about him, and I can boldly say he is someone we can trust. He has a reputation, and while that doesn't mean everything, it's something we can count on."

Jinx and Linx are the only true ants the queen is proud of due to their talent and evolutionary traits. They have become reliable subordinates.

Linx handles external threats, and Jinx handles internal ones.

Had Klaus not been part of the team when they arrived in the Forbidden Zone, they would have encountered a terrifying ant warrior a couple of miles away from the Forbidden Zone.

This means she had been aware of Klaus for a while now, which was why she didn't waste her life away. In truth, she had already infiltrated the ranks of the humans and learned a lot about them.

One of these people was Klaus, who is widely known in the entire world.

Now, hearing such a figure want to form an alliance with them, she saw no reason to turn him down. Klaus is a pillar in the human world, so allying with him would be the best thing that could have ever happened to them.

"If you think he can be trusted, then I will listen to you, Linx. But for now, go back and stay out of sight. You can come out when the time comes, and things don't go as planned."

Linx nodded and retreated into the shadows.

"A pillar of the humans, yet he is just a Tier 7. I want to know what kind of human you are, Klaus Hanson." She sighed and began channeling her energy into the cocoon.

Meanwhile, Klaus, who was several kilometers away from Queenie and Nari, smiled.

"What are you smiling about?" Nari asked, holding his hand.

"The Ant Queen is indeed an intelligent figure. Just now, I went to have a talk with her, and from what transpired, I can tell she is someone who plans ahead of time."

Klaus's smile widened.

"Do you know there is a being in this Forbidden Zone that could kill all of them if given the slightest chance?" Klaus said, pointing at Lucy and her teammates.

Queenie and Nari frowned. Since they're not using their energy inside the Forbidden Zone, they can't sense anything, including the white figure that appeared when Klaus left or the queen.

Klaus didn't want to scare them away, so they are currently restricted. But hearing there is a being inside the zone that could even kill Kathy, they found it hard to believe.

"Aside from the lady spying on them, another figure was hidden in one of the shadows when I visited them. I nearly missed her, but when I sensed her, I could tell she was someone very dangerous.

Naturally, I waited for her to come out without her knowing, and when she did, I got the information I needed. That figure is much more dangerous than even most of the overlords and the Grand Elders.

This also means that whatever reports we have on these Forbidden Zones must be discarded, and we must prepare for the unknown.

This means the campaign to strengthen Earth will be much more successful than I initially thought." Klaus smiled, already anticipating what kind of existence the queen and her subordinates would become after evolving them.

Not forgetting the cocoons.

"This is concerning. We thought we had a firm grasp on these Forbidden Zones for years, but it seems we were just playing with them." Nari sighed.

"This is indeed concerning. I can already see more terrifying discoveries in the coming months when we start the major operations." Queenie nodded in agreement.

"Let's forget about that for now. The battle is over, and now they have proven themselves, meaning I must put the next measures in place." Klaus flew toward the 28, who had just concluded their battle.

A few had sustained injuries, and as such, they are now undergoing healing, while others go around collecting the cores dropped by the ants.

"Well done, everyone."

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It has been two days since the last battle, and now everyone has recovered and is ready to resume training.

Klaus first gathered them for a team meeting where he would implement his first battle-style development for them. This battle plan had been created according to the pair game system.

He will be pairing them into groups of two. Of course, he planned to pair Anna, Lucy, and Yasmin in the same group and Ling, zing, and Choi in the same group.

But the rest would be in pairs.

For the next six days, they will each train together and get to know each other's fighting styles.

"You all did well in your previous battle," Klaus began, now addressing all of them.

"Your performance was far better than the display in the first battle. This was a result of following a well-structured plan devised by your team leader."

Lucy smiled. She would be lying if she said she wasn't happy to be praised by Klaus. Klaus is like the pillar they all look up to, so it felt nice getting praised by him despite him being her man through and through.

The plan she devised was one of the best she had ever done, and thankfully, she was getting the recognition she deserved.

Of course, she knew there were shortcomings, and knowing Klaus, she expected his next words would address that.

"But there were some things that could have been done better," he said, smiling at Lucy.

"In your team, you have two individuals who could perfectly aid you and Anna in combat: Lily and Mason.

Even Mark is qualified for that role, too. But I understand where that pairing came from. So why don't I improve that and make it more coordinated?" Everyone nodded without question.

Every last one of them is as good as new, thanks to Klaus using the dome he created for them as healing chambers.

The immortal ice, the only forbidden ice he doesn't use for evil, was used to create them.

Naturally, whenever the battle was over, Klaus uses the Devouring Ice to devour the remains of the Ants and transfer the energy devoured into the domes.

This sped up their healing process manifold, and they are thankful for that. This shows how much Klaus values them.

So they are ready to listen to him no matter what.

Even Amelia, Choi, Sofia, Jake, and Tyson are all ready to hear what he has to say.

Over the past few days, they have recognized the potential in Klaus's training, and since then, they've become more obedient. Even all their hatred for him has been washed away.

Now, they all look up to him.

"So this pairing will allow you to learn each other's style of fighting, understand each other's strengths and weaknesses, and even learn how to complement one another in the battles to come.

Yasmin, Anna, and Lucy, you will remain a team.

Yasmin will help you expand your control skills. With her skill set allowing her to expand your battlefield by three times, you can exert more control.

Now, Anna, you will use your water element primarily for healing and, when necessary, for attack. This is due to the marks you placed on your teammates.

Your water element will focus on healing, while the ice will aid your sister in trapping your foes. Of course, you can use the ice, too, for healing, but focus more on trapping your foes.

As to who will be killing the trapped targets, this is where the next team comes in.

Mason, you and Lily will move together.

Your job is to be ready whenever these two trap an opponent.

Your reaction speed should be quick enough, as most trapped monsters need less than two seconds to break free, especially the tough ones.

So be quick and ensure they don't waste your energy." The five nodded.

Lucy's team is the most important.

With Lucy's vines, she literally has the power to control the entire battlefield. However, while that is ideal, she couldn't kill most of them at her current stage.

When Fruity met Anna and Lucy again in his fourth incarnation, she had just become a Domain-stage cultivator and had formed her domain.

Back then, when she helped Fruity in battle, her vines were everywhere, and no matter how fast you were, escaping them was the least of your worries.

They had a draining effect, so she never tired from combat. She extracts the life out of all she traps with her vines.

Klaus knew she still had that power within her, so he wanted to exhaust her limits in the next battle.

Perhaps this would help her understand her vines more before awakening her bloodline, automatically making her start reclaiming her past life.

As for her sister, she will realize her potential soon enough, for she didn't move from Ice Princess to Ice Queen for nothing.

"Next team. Sofia, you have a flame-type affinity that lets you harness the power of a dragon. This means you are essentially a dragon in human form.

You are also surrounded by fire. So, I have only one teammate in mind who will complement you well."

Klaus turned to Amelia. "You are the Phoenix, which means you are also made of flame." Klaus smiled.

"I don't know about you guys, but when flames and flames meet, nothing good usually comes out of it.

However, from my experience, flame users can easily create combined attacks that are incredibly destructive in battle.

Now, imagine a dragon and a Phoenix soaring to the skies and descending as one, creating miles of deadlands just from the shockwave alone.

I can see that, and you two must see that, too.

Of course, the saying that dragons and phoenixes are enemies is true, but in this team, you will one day prove to these two races that they are just idiots.

I will teach you three combined attacks right after the pairing. Learn them, and please don't slack off.

You wouldn't want to spar with me." Klaus displayed his 32 white teeth, making the two ladies shudder in their boots.

Klaus smiled and turned to the next pairing. Since he planned on using the next battle to see their developments, he would do just that.

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"Lulu, dear, I have seen how you fight, and I have to say, you are very capable." Lulu is a spirit master who seems to have become a formation expert. Essentially, all her attacks are aimed at harnessing the power of formations.

Klaus was once a target of her sword formation, and during this battle, he had seen her use her skill set many times, making him realize right away what he must do to help her.

"You are someone who is destined to one day join Lucy and Anna in controlling the battlefield. Your formations are already good enough, and while you created them from scratch, I have to say, you are brilliant."

Lulu blushed, being at the receiving end of Klaus's praise. Lucy could feel what she was feeling because she had also been praised just a few minutes before.

"This is why I thought long and hard about it and could only come up with one perfect partner for you." Klaus turned to his sister, Hanna.

"Hanna, you use the bow and lightning, making you the best fit for her style of combat. I have seen how you used your lightning with her swords multiple times already, and I can tell there is potential there.

Of course, for now, you two don't have that synergy, but I have prepared two battle styles for the two of you.

One will be for Lulu on how to use formations effectively, and the other will be for you, taking advantage of those formations to maximize the kills."

Hanna is very agile in the air, and her shooting speed is incredibly fast.

So, while Lulu mostly uses her soul attacks to fend off a large group of monsters before trapping them, now she won't have to worry about that, as Hanna will handle them.

"Next, Linda, you really are a rare talent. Your control over the flame element is impeccable. You can easily manipulate the flame element to such an extent, even harnessing its power in ways most can't.

I see great potential there. This is why you and Matt will become a team. He is someone who is walking the same path as you.

You both are skilled in elemental manipulation, so figure out how to blend lightning and fire. That is your assignment for the next five days. Of course, I will teach you a method that can help you figure out this faster." The two nodded.

"I initially wanted to make it a four-warrior team-up, but Danny, you, and Vida will become a team after reviewing your combat.

She has the earth element but has yet to upgrade it to metal. This means she will require someone who can actively heal her.

I know you have already branded everyone, but your other skill, which spreads only a few meters around you, will come in handy here.

For now, your team may appear weak, but wait until she upgrades her element to the metal stage and your light also undergoes the first transformation." The two brutes nodded.

Vida is a beautiful lady who uses her fists in combat. Klaus saw how beautiful yet destructive she becomes when in combat and could only pair her with Danny, who is equally destructive.

Pairing a brute with someone like Lily, who relies on speed, is not logical. Of course, if they were to train hard and learn how to use the battlefield's destructive nature to their advantage, then that would be a whole different ballgame.

Klaus also plans to create an unconventional battle strategy, which will help them handle all kinds of variables in combat.

But for now, he is matching them to their shared traits.

"Daniel, you and Miguel will also become a team. Learn each other's strengths and styles, and then focus on how to complement each other in addressing your weaknesses."

"Miriam, you and Aoi are already a team, as I saw how you fought. Aoi is both a magic swordsman and a samurai, while you are a quick-draw sword artist.

Though setting the stage for each other wasn't something you both initially focused on, when it comes to speed and quick draw, you are a perfect team.

However, learn to harness each other's strengths. That will go a long way." The two nodded, just like the rest.

"Kathy, you use the spear and have the lightning affinity, while Mark, you also use the spear but with the wind element. These two elements have something in common, and that is speed.

I know you can't match Kathy's speed, but find a way to synergize with her. This team is not permanent; I just want to experiment with something. After the next battle, I will know what to do."

Klaus went ahead and finalized the rest of the teams. Nuna and her twin are already a team, so Nia and Vira, a huntress, also formed a team.

This was Klaus's way of teaching Vira the ways of the shadow. She will be ready for her awakening when she picks up on that.

Scarlet, who uses ice as a mage, and Kay, who uses fire as an archer, also became a team. This pairing was one Klaus knew would be perfect.

With Scarlet's mage skills, she can trap targets for Kay, reducing his effort of long-tracking before firing an arrow.

Jason, the other swordsman who also uses the same light as Miriam, was paired with Kilian. The best reason for this pair-up is Jason's strategy.

Klaus saw how Kilian could unleash his strength when Lucy's strategy worked in his favor.

So, he paired them.

Ling and Zing also paired up with Choi, who uses the same metal element, the same as them.

This pairing was Klaus's way of figuring out how to make them the real defense of the team. But for now, he is training them in both offense and defence.

Then came the last pairing of the day: Asha and Nadia.

The insect tamer and the demon puppeteer are perfect for each other, as seen in the battle that ended two days ago. Nadia was able to weave her puppets to battle alongside Asha's ants.

The moment the pairing was done, they went into training with Klaus supervising them. Another three days went by, and they seemed to pick up the trend.

So, Klaus retired to his room, where two beauties were waiting for him.

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Klaus made sure every last one of his team members was comfortable before entering his specialized dome, where two naked ladies were waiting for him.

Queenie and Nari were still hiding from the rest of the group.

They would only show themselves once they were done with their training, so Klaus kept them inside his specialized soundproof and spy-proof ice dome.

The moment he entered, Nari stripped naked and began working her magic on him.

It took little to no time for her to insert his paragon rod inside her and start riding.

Meanwhile, Queenie waited patiently for her turn, which came after Nari had her fair share of orgasms.

Klaus was particularly comfortable with them being around, considering that Queenie and Nari had gained their techniques through their connection, unlike the other overlords.

Naturally, he made sure to teach them everything down to the last detail.

So, they had already begun creating their soul bodies. This meant that leaving seclusion to come to him wouldn't affect their cultivation.

They continued to have fun for a few hours until they finally satisfied each other.

Klaus slept in their arms while using his senses to spy on the guys outside who were training their asses off.

Nari played with Little Klaus while Queenie traced her fingers over his fine abs.

"They're improving by the second," Nari said, watching them too.

"Your training plan is really effective," Queenie commented, causing Klaus to smile.

"All I had to do was study their battle styles, skills, and weaknesses, then complement them using the strengths of their teammates. This way, even during dire moments, they can still coordinate with each other."

"How about individual battles? Won't things become dire when they are supposed to focus on their individual battles?" Queenie asked.

"Their individual training will be held when we move to Monsterland.

This place doesn't have individual monsters or beasts they can fight without getting overwhelmed by other monsters. So, when we move to Monsterland, their individual training will begin."

She nodded.

"Actually, everything will come together when we move there. I am just using this place to temper their spirits, but the true harrowing training is at the Monsterland badlands. I want to see how they handle that, then."

"Just how does your brain work?" Nari couldn't help but wonder.

"Not only have you made it so all the strongest of the Earth will become even stronger, but you are literally taking this guy to the peak with a well-crafted plan. Sometimes, I wonder what would become of this Earth if you were born a beast."

"I guess we will never know," Klaus smiled. If what she was thinking was indeed true, then by now, Earth would have been brought to its knees. But thanks to the stars, Klaus was on their side.

After hours of training, they retired to their rooms. The next day, they resumed training, which became their daily routine.

However, during their routine training, Klaus saw major growth in their teamwork.

Matt and Linda were the first to figure out a move together. They both are good at manipulating the elements. So, after Klaus gave them an idea, they literally found a new way to harness the lightning and fire elements.

Bending.

That was what Klaus taught them and what they started to practice. The two had been bending the elements from the day they awakened, but the type of bending they practiced was more like manipulation.

This time, they created domains of pure fire and lightning that could be bent and molded into many forms.

By the end of the sixth day, they had created a combined attack called Lightning-Flame Hurricane, a rather powerful move capable of clearing a large chunk of the battlefield.

But they weren't the only ones who had created a combined attack. Lulu and Hanna had also developed one using the two formation-type battle skills Klaus gave them.

As for Danny and Vida, they took the second form of Danny's technique to the next level.

Initially, the Giant Axe Descent multiplied the hammer by 45 times, creating a colossal version of it in the air.

But after they came up with their combined attack, it increased by a staggering 75 times, making it an earth-shattering skill that even Klaus grew wary of.

Immediately after they developed that skill, Miguel and Danny followed suit, creating a hammer version of it.

However, since Miguel was still a peak Sage, their hammer only increased by 60%. Nevertheless, that alone was formidable.

One thing about their skill—it looked dope as hell.

With such a hammer bathed in flames, watching it fall and burst into flames was something worth being impressed by despite its dangers.

By the end of the seventh day, many others had come up with their own attacks, though not all of them managed to create a combined attack.

Naturally, they compensated by devising plans to counter each other's weaknesses.

Klaus was impressed by their progress, especially Matt and Linda.

"Relax for now. Tomorrow will be a big day, and you all will need your strength to get through it," Klaus said with a smile.

They nodded, and he watched as they retired to their domes to recover their strength.

Meanwhile, far from the training grounds, Jinx, who had spent the past six days spying on Klaus's team, left to report to her queen, who had been anxiously waiting for her.

"The humans have only focused on their training over the past few days, meaning they are indeed here for training. However, I noticed something else intriguing," Jinx said.

"Go ahead, Jinx," the queen replied.

"The human with the two Ant Queens under her command isn't using them to breed more soldiers. Instead, she's doing something similar to what you are also doing.

The two queens are both Tier 9, but they have fewer than 20 soldiers each, meaning she isn't focused on amassing more soldiers to do her bidding.

It means she is also building an elite force capable of clearing thousands.

This suggests they aren't rotten like the others we've killed in the past."

"I see. I guess we should be ready. I already have provisions in place to handle them if they go back on their word," the queen made her plan known upon hearing Jinx's report.

"I don't think that will be necessary, Ant Queen," Klaus said, walking toward the two ladies, who were taken aback by his sudden appearance.

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Klaus looked at Jinx, whose hands were on her dagger, and smiled.

"I doubt your scheming will be able to do anything in this regard. So, let's talk like civilized individuals and reach a good agreement."

He walked forward and sat down like a king before turning toward a certain shadow. "You can come out. Hiding in the shadows wouldn't make any difference."

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He said nothing more and just sat there as the ant queen and her two soldiers worked to decide whether they wanted to join his team.

Thirty minutes later, Klaus smiled.

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Perhaps there are thousands of Tier 8 ants; however, the speed at which Lily and Mason are killing them would see them finish every last one soon.

However, they aren't the only ones doing the impossible.

On one side of the battle, now bathed in flames and carnage, Sofia and Amelia are clashing with a Level 9 Tier 10 Ant that seems unaffected by their flames.

However, that doesn't mean they are letting it have a field day inside the fire. No, Klaus saw what a combat mage looks like today, and his mind returned to his 4th incarnation.

He was a mage until he met Yuying, and then he became a battle mage. Now, watching Sofia fight like a warrior made him smile slyly.

Sofia is a Fire Dragon mage, making her one of the most destructive humans on the battlefield. Though she can't create destruction like Danny and the brutes, she is doing something equally amazing.

She was bathed in flames, and as she moved through the air, dragons made of fire roared into existence and then merged with her body, giving her the look of a warrior.

She wielded her staff, and shockwaves filled with fire burst out whenever she landed an attack.

But Amelia was also doing the same. She, too, was bathed in flames, and as more fire spread across the battlefield, so did her strength.

Nari, who was watching this, couldn't help but smile. She was seeing herself in her... The phoenix in the making.

Her self when she was a psycho who didn't consider the feelings of others when she hurt them. Watchin' the flames burn everywhere, she couldn't help but want to dive in.

"Amelia, start preparing the spell. We have only one chance, so make it count," Sofia shouted, making Amelia nod and move back.

"I will hold it back for as long as possible, so be fast." The battle was raging on, and deep inside, they were all wondering just how it had all ended up in this situation.

One minute, they are preparing to fight against the odds, but it stands before them like a tower when they come.

However, while the two fire ladies were barely holding on by a thread, Lulu and Hanna were also handling the second of the four Level 9 Tier 10 Ants.

A cracked carapace on its back and a severed leg—they are doing much better than Sofia and Amelia. However, that doesn't mean they are having a field day.

No, they are actually in a tight spot.

The Level 9 Tier 10 Ant they are fighting has a berserk-type skill that activates when in extreme danger. So the moment they severed its leg, it activated the skill, increasing its speed and strength.

Hanna's wings were spread out, and in her hand was the Skybound Bow, bathed in blue lightning, as one arrow after another was shot at the Ant.

However, had it not been for Lulu using her spiritual energy to disrupt the Ant's movements, Hanna wouldn't have had much chance to land even a single arrow.

The dangers of facing a Tier 10 monster had finally presented themselves to them all, leaving them deeply frustrated.

"Do it, Kay," Scarlet said, creating a wall of ice between Kay and the horde of Tier 9 monster ants raining down on them. They are a part of the team fighting the Tier 9s.

Two, the difference between Tier 9 and 10 is just too vast; the Tier 9s numbered in the thousands, so it wasn't far-fetched when Kay and Vira got hurt.

She had healed the cut he'd sustained on his chest, so Kay was as good as he could be as he took out one deadly-looking arrow from his space ring.

"How long will it take again?" Scarlet poured her energy into the wall as more monsters rained down on them.

"Ten seconds," Kay replied, activating the second form of the [Hellfire Arrow Tempering Art]. The moment he touched the arrow, golden runic engravings began appearing on it.

"You better hurry, Kay. This isn't something you can waste time on," Scarlet said, gritting her teeth as she channeled more energy into the wall.

"Almost done." Eight seconds later, Kay nocked the arrow, now bathed in hundreds of engravings. However, if one looked closely, the runes were vanishing in microseconds.

He drew his bow, causing flames to burst from his arms as his eyes turned red with energy.

The arrow was pointed toward Miriam, and then, in his loudest voice, he gave a command:

"War Goddess Miriam, at the count of three, back away!"

"One!"

"Two!"

"Three!"

"Hellfire Arrow!"

The arrow shot from the bow, the force slamming Kay back against the ice wall, cracking it. At the same moment, Miriam leaped away, and the deadly arrow that can kill an Overlord pierced the Level 9 Tier 10 Redwing Diamond-Body Tyrant Ant killing it instantly.

"Boo-yah! Now that's what I'm talking about!" Danny had just enough time to stop and watch Kay kill a Tier 10 beast before raising his axe again.

However, the moment the arrow struck the ant's head, Miriam swiftly blocked an attack from the second Tier 10 Ant.

Aoi, who had been fighting that ant, smiled, flew upward, and unleashed a powerful skill:

"Sword Rain!"

Thousands of swords—forged from sword qi and spiritual energy—materialized before she hurled them toward the fragile ice wall.

The moment the ants broke down the wall, they were greeted by thousands of swords.

Aoi moved into position and started doing the job of Kay and Scarlet, who chose to take the risk and, in doing so, created the first chance for their victory.

Anna moved into position also and started healing them.

"Nice job, Kay," She said with a smile, "Now, how many of those arrows can you shoot again"

Kay smiled, "I can handle two more if I have enough rest"

"In that case," Anna waved her staff, and a pool of water appeared beneath Kay, sending a wave of potent healing energy into his body.

"Take it easy for now, and don't leave this pool water." Kay nodded and started using weaker skills to handle the monsters.

Meanwhile, the moment the first Tier 10 fell, a spark ignited in someone's heart.

Many years before, during the era of the Titans, there was a mountain-sized titan said to be made from rocks and hard metals. His form is colossal and powerful.

They called him Roblox, the mountain Breaker.

His weapon of choice was the axe. It was said that when his axe was raised, devastation followed.

Right now, something snapped in Danny the moment he saw Kay draw his arrow through the Ant. And thus, he also made his move, something that prompted Klaus to stand from his comfortable posture.

"Here I come," Danny's voice boomed as he jumped 100 impossible meters high into the air.

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Rumbled

Lightning mixed with golden light flashed through the clouds as Danny jumped high into the air, his axe raised over his head.

Despite having only the light element, he now looks like a certain god of thunder but with an axe. The heavens roared to life, and within the clouds, one could have sworn they saw a silhouette of a Giant appear for a moment when the lightning flashed.

Klaus, who was resting on a branch, suddenly sat up and gazed in the direction where Danny was fighting.

"Nadia, move back!"

Klaus shouted, using his Spirit Master abilities to take hold of Nadia and Ling, moving them away from the devastation zone that was about to rock the battlefield.

"This idiot," Klaus said, watching as Danny's muscles expanded and his body started to enlarge along with his axe.

This caused him to raise an eyebrow.

By the time Danny was 100 meters high in the air, his body had grown to a staggering 3 meters tall, and his axe had become colossal, extending to 4 meters long.

Nadia quickly pulled back her Puppets and, for a moment, held her breath as Danny descended.

Like he meant to destroy the Earth, his axe slammed into the ground, creating a powerful shockwave that blasted all six Tier 10 Redwing Diamond Body Tyrant Ants.

Their bones and bodies were broken and shattered into countless pieces. The devastation was very powerful, and the results were on a battleground.

The Tier 10 Ants that were supposed to have diamond bodies are now shattered into many pieces.

A huge crater, large enough to bury thousands, was created, and far from the battlefield, the Ant Queen took a deep breath as she watched.

But she wasn't the only one that took that breath. Every last one of Danny's teammates took that breath, for they never saw that coming, yet it happened, and the results were bone-shattering.

Danny's body returned to its original state, and then he fell back, unconscious.

However, before he could hit the ground, Klaus used his Immortal Ice—meant for healing—to encase him in ice and pull him away from the battle.

Nadia and Ling were placed back into the battle as if nothing had happened.

However, something big had happened—Danny had singlehandedly killed six Tier 10 Ants, each at the 8th level of power.

That alone was just too much to handle.

"Nadia, you should go help Aoi and the rest handle the Tier 9 monsters," Lucy ordered.

Nadia didn't protest. She moved back into battle and began refilling her soul pot again.

"Ling, you should go help your sister and Choi since you are a team." Ling also nodded and went back into the battle, now fighting actively instead of standing guard for Nadia.

Meanwhile, Klaus was now standing beside Danny's body, which was encased in ice, using his Spirit Eyes to scan him.

"There is a foreign energy coming from him," he said to the senior, considering Nari and Queenie were on the opposite side of the battleground, attending to the situation in case the queen changed her mind and did something stupid.

But even if they were with him, they wouldn't be of any help since the change that has happened was one that they knew nothing about.

So he decided to comb through his mind to see if he can recognize that he can recognize it. Naturally, he recognized it in a heartbeat, for he had seen it a couple of days and weeks ago.

"This is the Chaos energy. Senior, what can you tell me about what it means to Danny?" Klaus asked. He knew the energy around Danny was Chaos energy; he just didn't know why.

[That is chaos energy. It was once used by a peculiar race known as the Titans. You now call them Giants.]

"Wait a minute," Klaus said, looking closely at Danny. "Are you saying beings as huge as a planet once lived in this universe? And that my friend, this Danny is one of them?"

[Yes, Giants, known as Titans, once lived in this universe. However, after the Chaos Era, also known as the Era of the Titans, they were never seen again. There are many reports of them entering a hidden realm due to the deceit of other races.

Naturally, the Titans were a race of kind-hearted beings, but because of the deceit and manipulation of others, they faced an extinction event that left them either wiped out or hidden somewhere.

Of course, if you want to know more, train hard and reach a stage where you can roam the universe.]

"I see. This is great, then. However, it's also concerning... If the Titans, as you said, are no more, it means they were enemies of other races. That means there are still people out there who are against them.

Now, I know this doesn't prove everything, but I can boldly say Danny is a Titan. So if that's the case, doesn't that mean he'll be calling enemies onto himself?" Klaus asked.

Though Danny becoming a Titan would be a good thing, the moment they entered the universe, things wouldn't look good for him. This meant the very existence hidden within him was a danger to him and those around him.

Klaus couldn't help but worry about his friend.

[You're forgetting something, brat. Your Star Monarch blood basically gives them something that can easily solve this. You saw it happen with the bird lady and the Great Calamity lady.]

Now, why don't you try with him too? I can already see him becoming a Giant when his bloodline awakens the normal way, so why don't you solve that by using your blood as the catalyst?]

Klaus nodded. He knew that had to be done, for it would be the best thing for Danny.

He created a dome around Danny before flying away. He knew Danny would be out for a few weeks, if not months.

The fact that his body was exuding chaos energy meant he was wrecked beyond recognition. Now, his Immortal Ice was doing the healing, and with Danny possessing the best healing light element, the process was moving rather smoothly.

Meanwhile, Sofia, who had been holding back the Tier 10 Ant all by herself, was struck hard by the Ant and was thrown through the air by the creature, slamming hard into the ground.

The moment she landed, the Ant moved toward Amelia, who had been preparing the spell they were counting on.

"Do it now, Amelia!" Sofia shouted, causing Amelia to snap her eyes open.

The moment she did, a powerful shockwave burst out of her body, sending the Ant—just a few meters from her—flying backward.

Then she jammed her staff into the ground.

"Chains of the Dark Phoenix!" Thick flaming chains burst from the ground, latching onto the Ant's legs. The chains were made of fire, yet they looked solid and thick with energy.

They grabbed hold of the eight legs of the Ant and rooted it firmly into the ground.

"Conduit of the Dark Flames!" The already flaming chains became engulfed in dark flames, which traveled up the thick chains and consumed the Ant.

"Rise of the Dark Phoenix!"

From the sea of dark flames, a massive dark phoenix emerged, taking to the skies.

It ascended high, and when it reached its peak, it took a nose dive, shaking the ground as it fell.

Klaus, focusing on this badass move, smiled when he noticed Nari's gaze fixed on the lady, who was now as pale as a white sheet.

The phoenix descended and swallowed the Ant in a sea of flames, melting its body down to the last bone. Not even the core was spared.

Klaus waved his hand, and Amelia and Sofia were pulled away and immediately placed in a mist of ice. They had done well, and now they could spend a few minutes recovering before going back into battle.