

## **Paragon 761**

Chapter 761 - 761: Formation of The Seven Star Paragon Force (1)

The moment Klaus finished sculpting the Luminary Tablet, he domed it, making it so nobody could see it.

It wasn't because he wanted to prevent them from benefiting from it.

No.

His reasons were far from that.

In essence, he just wanted to ensure that those who would be using it were the serious ones. This also meant he would be running drills soon, and from their performance, he would know who got to use it first.

But, of course, he would address them first.

He flew back to the new camp where everyone, including the soldiers, was waiting for him. General Dane had already informed the soldiers that he would be handing command over to Klaus.

But he also told them they should listen to and benefit from his command and training before Klaus and the Paragon force left after they finished their training.

So they all were ready to give their all.

They might be soldiers meant to act as the first line of defense against the threats that faced the various unions, but that didn't prohibit them from joining Klaus's training.

Klaus flew back to the new camp, and immediately, Pickle Berry ran into his arms.

"I thought you were mad at me when you left your soul sea," Klaus asked, holding her in his arms.

"I was indeed mad at you for teasing me, but that is just by the way." She laid her head on his shoulder, making the ladies clench their fists.

The small snake girl seemed more chummy with Klaus and Klaus's mom than them. They could see that now, staring at Klaus and her.

Klaus just smiled in their direction before flying up, still holding Pickle Berry.

After he was high enough, he looked at the warriors and soldiers gathered below him and began to address them.

"First off, I would like to offer my condolences to the warriors we lost. I know it's hard to lose friends. Trust me, I know that.

But while it's sad and heartbreaking, we also cannot let them down. They died fighting a battle, and the only way to fulfill their last wishes is to continue the battle.

Now, I know the odds you went against are just above you. But that is why I am here." The soldiers and his Paragon Force seemed to be listening quite well.

Though the battle was a month ago, some were still yet to recover. But, hearing him now, they knew what had to be done.

"I am here to ensure another surprise attack doesn't happen anymore. I am here to ensure you all break your limits and awaken hidden potential.

The plan is to turn you all into warriors worthy of gracing the battlefield without fear in your eyes. So, while I would love to say the next few weeks or perhaps months will be easy, know that we still have four regions housing terrifying monsters to handle.

But aside from that, we also have this Badland to liberate. So, in short, we will be undergoing serious training soon."

Klaus laughed, watching their expressions switch from one emotion to the next.

"However, before you all lose hope, know that by the time you are done with this training, you will start asking for more," he said, turning to look at the dome.

"Inside that dome is a way for you all to break the limits on your bodies. Currently, you haven't even unlocked 10% of your true potential.

So what if I have to tell you I have a way to handle that?" Everyone turned and looked at the faces of their fellow warriors.

"No need to look surprised. I know most of you see me as a monster just because I can go against those many realms above me.

While I can't argue that, the truth is that I managed to break through my limits, which freed me and allowed me to awaken more of my buried potential.

The same can happen to you. And yes, you will gain the means to oppose those realms above you. And also, yes, you won't have to pay a dime.

However, you will work for it. You will have to show that you are ready to become stronger. This means that the coming campaigns against the four remaining regions will be your chance to get stronger.

There will be other means for you to grow stronger later, but since it can't be given to everyone, you will have to prove your worth now, and perhaps if I am impressed, you might even get a chance to gain a few favors from me."

The air reeked of determination, and Klaus could smell that. This made him very happy, for he could tell the next few weeks would be fun.

"However, first, you each will have a chance to taste the greatness of what I have to offer." Klaus snapped his fingers, and countless small ice tablets appeared in the air.

He waved his hand, and every last soul on the ground received one.

"Each tablet has a number. Put your blood on it. This will allow you to enter the dome when your time comes.

Only 200 people can enter at a time. To comprehend this profound treasure, you must sit down and channel your focus into the structure that is currently standing inside the dome.

You will be given a puzzle to solve.

You will have 24 hours to do that. If you succeed in solving it, a limit will be broken on you, unleashing a part of your buried potential.

You will be ejected after the 24 hours are over.

If you fail, you will be ejected also.

Now, that won't be the last for you. There will be many chances later. But that said, you should try and grab every chance you have. Trust me, you won't want to miss that.

Also, don't misplace the ice tablets with you. Every time you get a chance, it will indicate when you can enter the dome."

Klaus looked at them and smiled.

"Before the first 100 enter the dome, I would like to introduce my assistant." He made Pickle Berry look at every one.

"This is my assistant. Her name is Pickle Berry. Just like you will listen to my orders, her words are mine, so obey her.

That will be all. The first 200 enter."

The 200 individuals walked into the dome, starting the first of many heaven-destroying items Klaus and Pickle Berry had in store for them.

The heavens could only watch...

Chapter 762 - 762: Formation of The Seven Star Paragon Force (2)

"Just where did you get that tablet from, Klaus?" Lily asked, rubbing Klaus's head as she fed him sliced fruit.

"Would you believe me if I were to tell you I stole it from the heavens?" Klaus laughed, but Lily knew he meant what he said.

She and her sisters had already established that they wouldn't ask him everything, considering every time they asked, he always brushed it off with a joke.

They knew he had many secrets, and if he wasn't ready to share them, it meant something was stopping him.

Klaus hated the idea of keeping things from them, but his hands were tied. Of course, he could defy the heavens and offload on his ladies, but they would pay for it.

He wasn't ready for that yet. This meant he would, for now, keep them hidden. But he had also found a way to tell them some things subtly.

Right now, Klaus was sleeping on Lily's lap. She had already had her round at the dome. She was the only one among her sisters who went with the third batch.

So she was the only one left to take care of their man, who was currently planning their training plans because he would be away in a week's time to handle the Tier 11 monster they planned on killing.

Lily managed to solve the puzzle she was presented with, and per her gains, she seemed to have gotten even faster.

In fact, per her deduction, her speed had doubled, meaning even without advancing in any levels since Klaus locked their cultivation, she had broken a limit on herself and now became even faster.

It was just too unbelievable to her.

For a person to break their limit and become even faster, it means the tablet isn't something simple.

"You know, one of these days, you are going to tell us who you really are, right?" Lily smiled.

"I will. But for now, just follow my lead and never stop training. You will understand one of these days." Klaus brushed her hand, making the sweet Lily smile.

Naturally, he was still disturbed by what Pickle Berry said.

That sneaky snake girl said the sweet Lily was actually evil, and if Klaus were to find out her true identity, he would probably run away from her.

In fact, she even seemed to have dirt on Amelia, to Klaus's shock. This was why he hesitated when she asked to spend time with him.

It had been three days since the warriors started entering the dome, and within those three days, he noticed Pickle Berry and Amelia had become best friends.

It was like old friends who had met again after millions of years.

But somehow, she seemed to be afraid of the rather sweet Lily—something Klaus couldn't wrap his mind around.

But in a way, he also noticed Lily was obsessed with the little snake child, who, despite having memories of her life as a Sage Immortal-headed Elemental Snake, seemed to fear her.

Klaus most certainly wanted to remember Kaden's memories now and get to the bottom of this.

But he would have to wait until Pickle Berry grew up more.

According to what he learned from Pickle Berry, she met Kaden when she was 18 years old. This meant she had to reach that stage before he could start remembering Kaden's memories.

But since she was a beast and a divine one at that, it wouldn't be long for her to become a lady. He most certainly was waiting for that so he could start to remember his 8th incarnation.

"This tablet thing is a game changer. They've all succeeded, and right now, they all want to have a go at it again," Lily said, looking at Klaus's handsome face.

"I will let them. But for now, let's wait for everyone."

Strangely, everyone who entered the dome came out smiling. They had started growing stronger, and that was indeed something they never saw coming.

Eight days later, everyone had their chance, with everyone succeeding in the first trial. The heavens must really be angry at this outcome.

But watching their expressions, one could tell that they were indeed happy. Klaus, in particular, was happy with this outcome, so he decided to run the second round of the trial.

"Looking at your expressions, I can tell you all are happy with your gains." Every warrior nodded.

"Very well. This means you all want to have a second go at it." They nodded again.

"Then why don't you gather your weapons? We will be visiting the domain of the Stone Carapace Tortoise tomorrow.

After the battle, you will gain early access to the dome based on the number of your kills." Klaus smiled, watching their faces.

He had already surveyed their next target, and he counted over 4,000 monsters and beasts simply because that region has all kinds of monsters.

He knew his team wasn't either. This made him realize what had to be done to make the second phase of their training much more fun.

"I hope you all maintain this look throughout the battle tomorrow. From my research, that region has seventeen Tier 10s, and the rest are Tier 9s and 8s. There are no Tier 7s or below.

So be prepared. While you won't have to worry about their leader, the rest are different types of monsters and beasts, so the battle is bound to be tedious.

"But the fun part of the next battle is testing how much you've improved. Of course, you will get a chance to enter the dome, but the faster you enter, the faster you will be able to take on a new mission.

And yes, there will be missions after tomorrow's battle. If we succeed in clearing tomorrow's battle, these missions will be outside the three regions.

So be ready, and don't think breaking a single limit is all you need. After the second is broken, you will know just how important it is to keep grinding hard." The warriors nodded and started preparing.

Meanwhile, Queen Lunara, who had left to prepare for the attack on the Tier 11 monster, arrived the next morning with five Grand Elders and five Overlords.

Klaus had other plans.

Instead of taking all the Overlords and all Grand Elders, he would be taking only the ten and his friends. Since the Triplets and Lycos's team had proven to be dependable warriors, they would be joining his seven-star Paragon generals, too.

The battle in the Tier 9 Forbidden Zone in a week's time would show just how much they had prepared for the battles yet to come.

The monster is at the peak of the Tier 11 stage. This means it's several times stronger than the snake he and the three ladies killed.

Klaus didn't want to jinx it, but he knew if the battle was going to end in their favor, he must prepare well. Thankfully, he has the skills and weapons.

But the question still remains: are they ready to face a Peak Tier 11 monster that has undergone many monstrous evolutions?

The next day, Klaus, alongside the Paragon Force and the soldiers, marched into the territory of the Stone Carapace Tortoise, and the chaotic battle was underway.

Chapter 763 - 763: Formation of The Seven Star Paragon Force (3)

"Damn it, Klaus, when you said there were different kinds of monsters here, why didn't you mention dragon snakes too?"

Danny groaned as he was blasted away by a fire-breathing snake.

Klaus just smirked. His brute friend always complained about the smallest things, yet he had already proven he was a force Klaus could count on.

The battle inside the domain of the Stone Carapace Tortoise had just started, yet the chaos was in full bloom. Danny alone was handling a Tier 9 Fire-Breathing Copper Snake.

This type of snake monster was the fastest kind one could face in battle. They had poisonous flames that melted skin on contact.

Logically, Danny shouldn't be fighting such a snake, considering he wasn't known for his speed.

It should have been Mark, Lily, or Mason handling such a monster.

But Klaus made him fight one since the main objective of the battle was to push them to their limits.

Per Danny's experience with the Luminary Diagram, he was tasked with solving a puzzle that dealt with speed and strength.

Strangely, that was all he could say, for the real puzzle was wiped from their minds the moment they finished comprehending or solving it.

This made Klaus understand the route to take in their training.

Danny, Daniel, Miguel, and Vida are brute fighters, which means their strength lies in powerful attacks. But when it came to speed, they weren't that notable.

So he devised the best plan to assign opponents for his generals in the first phase of the battle.

Danny was facing the Fire-Breathing Copper Snake, a Tier 9 monster. Daniel was also handling the same monster as Miguel, who was taking on a Tier 9 Shadow Rabbit.

Vida, a Sovereign, was facing a Tier 10 Hunting Rat.

Klaus was shocked when he saw all these monsters in this region. It was as if the outliers of the badlands had gathered there. But it was also the best place for their training.

Looking at the thousands of monsters still coming, with more trying to break free from Uncle Mark's defense, he could only smile.

Suddenly, a shockwave washed over the battlefield, causing both the warriors and the monsters to lose their balance.

"It's here," Klaus smiled as he flew in a certain direction. Nari and Queenie followed him, with Pickle Berry suspended on Nari's shoulder.

Queen Lunara was also with them. The rest of the Ascendants were left back at the camp to have their turn with the Luminary Diagram.

A few kilometers from the battlefield, a 45-meter-long tortoise was making its way toward the battlefield.

One would expect such a monster to be slow, but that wasn't the case here.

This monster was actually fast, and given its size, Klaus knew that if it reached the battlefield, every last warrior would be rendered useless against it.

It's something that normal weapons cannot kill, for it's one of the monsters out there with the strongest defense.

So he knew allowing it to get to the battlefield wasn't something that should be entertained.

But he wasn't really counting on that, for he had other plans.

The moment he came within a few meters of the monster tortoise, he stopped. Nari, Queen Lunara, and Queenie halted a couple of kilometers away so their presence wouldn't scare the monster off.

The instant Klaus appeared before it, the monster activated its defense, bringing back old memories of his life as Fruity.

"Relax there, big guy. I didn't come here to fight, for we both know it wouldn't end well for you. So why don't you listen to my offer first?" Klaus said.

In response, a shard made of earth shot from the ground, threatening to stab through him.

"Really, this won't end well for you. Unlike last time, I came prepared this time," Klaus laughed as he evaded yet another shard.

Five minutes later, Klaus continued dodging the shards without attempting to attack.

"You do know you're not just a defense-type creature. You're only limited because you're a monster. But if you become a beast—which I can help you achieve—you'd become a version of yourself you'd be proud of."

A couple of decades ago, if a human were found talking to a tortoise, they'd have been sent to a mental facility. But that had all changed, considering cats no longer meowed and could now speak human languages.

"I'm done trusting anyone. I can't even trust my fellow monsters," the tortoise replied. Klaus had anticipated this, knowing the trust it referred to was likely tied to the Tier 11 beast he and the ladies had killed.

From what he sensed from its words, Tier 11 wasn't the best kind of snake one would want to be under.

"I don't know what you choose to believe, but I can turn you into a beast in under two months. The question is, do you want to trust me?" Klaus smiled.

"Of course, we came this time to clear this region, so you'd be saving your skin by taking my offer instead of falling to my weapon."

The tortoise might have been a monster, but it had seen how Klaus effortlessly evaded its attacks and knew the outcome of this battle wouldn't be in its favor.

The best thing it can do now is to take Klaus's offer and save its skin. Who knows, perhaps what awaits it is something far better.

"Also, your shell wouldn't save you, for I have a way to kill you, and trust me, it wouldn't only be easy, it would also be painful." Klaus smiled, and the Tortoise immediately knew it was no monster.

The brat before it is the true monster...an evil monster.

"Nice decision. I'll send you to a place for now. Don't worry, it's not a bad place. Relax there until I come to visit you."

Klaus took out the Cube and sent the tortoise away, creating a separate space for it so it wouldn't disturb Pickle Berry's mother.

After dealing with the tortoise, he returned to ensure the last of the monsters had been handled.

Once every last one was defeated, they went back to camp, where the first 200 warriors with the most kills were allowed to enter the dome again, starting their second round with the Luminary Tablet.

Klaus, however, met with the Overlords and Grand Elders to begin planning their next mission.

Two days later, they left the badlands and headed to the No Man's Land Forbidden Zone, located somewhere in the Southern Union.

Chapter 764 - 764: The Dual-Headed Demon Face Spider (1)

The distance from Monsterland to the No Man's Land Forbidden Zone was vast. It will take them a little over 3 hours to get there.

Klaus and the others left in one of the combat planes. The plan was to reach the Forbidden Zone, scout it first, and then attack.

The updated report on the zone indicated twelve Tier 10 monsters, each at the peak of their respective stages, and the main target—a Tier 11 monster—about which little was known.

Klaus instinctively knew the danger would be far greater than anticipated, for he understood the forbidden zones were much more perilous than they had initially thought.

"I don't know what kind of danger we'll be walking into, but this mission cannot fail, for we cannot afford to fail.

This means we must succeed in killing the Tier 11 monster. If we fail, the chance of it going on a rampage is a risk we cannot afford to take,"

Klaus said to the team, including Queen Lunara, Queenie, and Nari, who would join him in facing the Tier 11 monster.

Klaus secretly hoped the monster would resonate with his star monarch blood, potentially avoiding a battle altogether.

But a part of him also craved the fight, eager to test his abilities and learn how to wield them effectively before becoming a Sovereign.

His ultimate goal was to become a Transcendent before the awakening, and he planned meticulously to achieve this goal.

His chances of forming a soul body right when he becomes a sovereign are very high. So he wants to become Transcendent, and by then, he should be able to form at least 4 soul bodies.

"I have a question, Klaus," Grand Elder Nyselle called out. Klaus nodded, signaling her to proceed.

"Why did you say we shouldn't bring any technological weapons? From my perspective, if we can't kill it, why not use one of those weapons to destroy the entire zone? I'm sure a weapon could deliver the final blow, especially with you and three Void Stage experts fighting it."

"Because the moment we use such a weapon, the risk of its effects spreading far and wide is something we can't afford.

The forbidden zones were once human living spaces before the apocalypse, so our goal is to reclaim them. Until we can ensure our weapons are safe, using them on Earth isn't something we should consider."

"I understand," Grand Elder Nyselle nodded.

"But don't worry too much. Killing a mere Tier 11 monster shouldn't be cause for concern. I know with these three terrifying beauties facing it, we'll take it down."

The Grand Elder smiled, prompting Klaus to smile as well.

"What should we do after handling the Tier 10 monsters, then?" Danny, of course, had to ask.

"Point of correction, Danny. The Tier 11 is the only monster inside that forbidden zone. The rest are true beasts, and while we can't fully trust the reports, all twelve are said to be on the same level as the Overlords.

This means facing and killing them will be difficult."

"But if there are twelve of them, even after we enter, wouldn't that mean we'll be ganging up on them?" Danny asked.

Klaus laughed.

Just moments ago, he had chosen to spare the Overlords and Grand Elders' pride by saying the beasts were on their level.

But the truth was, these twelve beasts were incredibly powerful.

A single Overlord or Grand Elder wouldn't be able to handle one alone. This was why he brought his team, who needed the battle to sharpen their skills.

"If there are indeed twelve Tier 10s, it will be your job to finish them off and ensure no other monsters enter from the outside.

We should all take the battle seriously, but if it turns out to be easy, we can only be grateful for that.

Beyond that, be ready for anything. It's possible you might face a Tier 10 alone and need to hold it back—or even kill it—by yourself."

"Don't worry, Klaus. We've dealt with the worst; just some small bugs can't do much against us," Danny bragged.

"I hope you maintain that enthusiasm when we get there."

The flight continued for another three hours before they arrived at the Southern Union, where the War Gods and War Goddesses of the Union came to receive them.

Since they had already been informed of the mission, they were led to the border separating the forbidden zone from human civilization.

"We did as you instructed. All forbidden zones within a four-mile radius have been evacuated, and all houses within a six-mile radius have been cleared as well.

We also have soldiers positioned strategically to ensure no monster tide finds its way to the cities," War god Liu Yang, one of the finest archers in the world, reported.

Rumors claimed he was the strongest War God in the world, even surpassing Miriam before she awakened her bloodline.

"Very good. For now, make sure nobody comes within ten kilometers of this place," Klaus instructed, and the War God nodded.

Klaus then turned to his team. "I'll go check what we're dealing with. Don't worry, I'll be back within the hour, as I don't plan on venturing deep into the zone."

After ensuring his ladies were okay, he flew off toward the zone, four miles away. He activated his camouflage to full effect.

Fortunately, his illusion abilities were at their peak, and he now had some affinity for the law of space, allowing him to manipulate both reality and space as he entered the zone.

Once inside, Klaus moved toward a cave and entered after confirming it was unoccupied.

[[What are you planning, brat?]] the senior asked, causing Klaus to smile.

"Nothing serious, senior. I happen to have a skill that allows me to mass-produce illusions of myself," Klaus said with an evil grin.

[[I know that, but what's your plan? The moment your illusion clones appear, the Tier 11 monster will notice. So, what's your endgame?]]

"Actually, the endgame is to ensure the beasts and monsters in this zone become aware of my presence. In other words, I want them to kill as many copies of me as they can,"

Klaus said, smiling as dozens of his illusions began to appear.

Chapter 765 - 765: The Dual-Headed Demon Face Spider (2)

Klaus wasted no time.

He created over 100 clones using illusions and made them tangible before sending them running deep into the forbidden zone.

The moment the last one left, dozens of chunks of ice appeared before him, and then he took out a dagger.

He doesn't have a carving knife.

"I should probably create a carving knife using the Paragon Forge." He picked the first chunk of ice and started to wait.

In one location inside the forbidden zone, a clone of Klaus was moving when suddenly, something passed by him, severing the head from his body.

The figure moved very fast, and before Klaus could record who killed him, it was already over. However, standing atop a tree several kilometers away was another clone version of Klaus, who saw everything, meaning Klaus also saw it.

Back inside the cave, his hands moved, and soon, a sleek serpent was carved from the ice, instantly filling the cave with a rather powerful aura.

The aura of a peak Tier 10 started coming out from the sculpted serpent.

Klaus quickly threw it into his space ring and picked up yet another chunk of ice.

Somewhere else, a clone of him smoking a pipe was moving like he owned the place when suddenly, he was reduced to a chunk of ice.

Again, far from them, another clone of him saw this happen.

Klaus quickly carved out the killer, revealing it to be a humanoid lady with no eyes and long, jagged hair made from what appeared to be icicles.

Just like the first, the aura coming from it was very powerful, so Klaus had to put it away before focusing on the rest.

Soon, he carved out ten creatures without even breaking a sweat.

The Supreme Sculpting Art he learned allowed him to capture the true essence of any living thing he saw and could remember.

This meant he would be able to convey the true nature of the beasts his friend would be fighting. At that moment, he was blown away by the nature of beasts hidden inside this forbidden zone.

"This is concerning," Klaus said, watching the zone through the eyes of his clones.

[I've already told you, your world is weird. It has the most unique yet dangerous creatures you will only find in some dangerous zones in the universe.

The fact that they are here is already enough for you to know that the awakening won't be any different.]

"I know, Senior. It's just that seeing them and knowing there are even more hidden all over the Earth can be heartbreaking sometimes."

[[Then, it's a good thing you awakened the Star Monarch Bloodline when you did. With this, you can get the best of both worlds.]]

"Yeah, well, I can only sense resonance with four of the ten I've carved. This means seven of them will have to be killed," Klaus sighed.

[[But that means three more powerful allies you'll gain. Your next battle will be easier with stronger beings to aid you. Also, their bodies will be needed for the warriors you'll create.]]

"I guess when you put it that way. I just hope I can unravel all the dangers before the awakening. I'm strong, I have strong allies, but I can't help feeling shaken whenever the thought of the awakening enters my mind."

[[Just do your best. It's all you can do, and trust your allies to help you.]]

Klaus nodded just as one of his clones was killed; he immediately sprang into action and started carving that one, too.

It took just a few minutes for another to be killed, confirming that there were indeed twelve beasts lying in wait for his team to enter the fray.

This also meant they were positioned in strategic locations, so he could easily assign targets.

Klaus was pleased with this outcome. However, for some reason, he couldn't help moving away. This prompted him to unleash more clones that managed to avoid the locations where his other clones had died.

An hour later, one of the clones came to a stop when his eyes landed on something that made Klaus break into a cold sweat.

"What in the world are those things?"

He was staring at two humanoids, each wielding what appeared to be a club made of metal. They were three meters tall, their bodies covered in metallic armor that acted as their skin.

"These aren't creatures from this world," Klaus muttered, forgetting to sculpt them.

But that was probably for the best, considering when he sensed their aura, they weren't Tier 10 but Tier 11.

"Level 2 Tier 11s," he muttered, swallowing hard.

[[Those are Ant Kings,]] the Senior said.

[[They are a mutated kind of ant that shouldn't be possible, considering the ritual known to cause such a mutation shouldn't exist on Earth.]]

"You don't think this has something to do with the figure we suspected was behind that ritual in the forbidden zone I cleared about a year ago"

Klaus asked, thinking back to when he nearly died handling the demon zombies that performed the ritual, creating eight abominations.

[[It's possible because I can't think of any reason why these two creatures would be here on Earth. It shouldn't be possible.

This then begs the question: who is that figure, and where is he from?]]

"That's something I plan on finding out when I catch him."

[[This means the monster you're after won't be any different. Do you want to risk it, knowing the dangers?]]

"I won't send my allies to their deaths, so I have to get to the bottom of this," Klaus commanded his illusion clones, directing them toward the location where he was certain the monster lurked.

The moment the clones appeared, the two ants attacked, killing them in a rather pitiful way. However, the cunning Klaus had other plans.

As the clones started dying, he switched with one of them he had positioned a couple of meters from the dying ones.

He then used a skill he received from Pickle Berry.

"Space Distortion."

The space around him began distorting as he channeled his lightning energy into his wings. He moved, and like a blur, he passed the two ants, who were now drowning in poison mist.

The moment he slipped by them, he switched back with his clone just as a piercing sting stabbed through its chest.

"That is..." Klaus switched again with the clone outside the zone, just in time to evade the monster's aura sweep.

"We can't afford to wait any longer; this bastard must die before it breaks through," Klaus said to himself as he used the connection with his ladies to teleport back to the temporary camp they'd set up.

Chapter 766 - 766: The Dual-Headed Demon Face Spider (3)

The moment Klaus appeared back in the camp, a large chunk of ice materialized, and he drew his thin sword, beginning to sculpt what he had seen.

His friends and the overlords tried to approach him, but he didn't allow them. Instead, he made them move several kilometers back.

The moment he started sculpting the monster, the aura around him began to rise. Fifteen minutes later, he had captured about 70% of what he had seen.

Even just 70% revealed the monster's immense power. The aura was sufficient for Klaus to declare that the battle must happen soon, or the monster would break through, and they would be doomed when that happened.

After sculpting the monster, he put it away.

It was a two-headed spider monstrosity that had to be killed before things escalated. He couldn't see much, but he noticed that the string was short from one of its fourteen metallic legs.

"It must die soon," he said, putting it away and clearing the aura in the air.

At that moment, the rest of his team moved toward him, sensing the terrifying presence was gone.

"What was that, Klaus?" Danny asked. Klaus didn't immediately answer; instead, he raised an ice fortress around them, creating ice chairs for everyone around a table.

"That was 70% of the aura of the Tier 11 monster we are here to kill."

"What?" they all exclaimed.

"That was just 70%. I could feel my bones shaking even from many kilometers away," Lily said, making her sisters nod their heads.

"You won't have to worry about them. Your targets are these twelve." He waved his hand, bringing out the sculpted creatures.

The moment the creatures landed on the table, their aura fell on everyone, making them pale.

"Please," Kent smiled at Queen Lunara, who waved her hand and removed the terrifying auras from the ice sculptures.

She is a Void stage expert, so clearing the aura of Tier 10 beasts is something to worry about.

"These are the beasts we will be facing?" Daniel asked with a gulp.

"Indeed," Klaus said, picking up one of the creatures.

"All the beasts you will be facing are very powerful. I don't know exactly how terrifying they are, but I sensed enough to know fighting them individually, or even two against one, will be a headache.

The good news is we came in our numbers. That's the only good news.

The bad news is, there are three Tier 11 monsters instead of one."

"What?" they exclaimed again.

"There are indeed two other Tier 11s, but they are both level 3, so we don't need to worry too much, considering we have three Tier 11s with us.

The only downside is how we handle them without escalating things." Klaus looked at the faces of the Overlords and Grand Elders and sighed.

"If you had managed to create a soul body, perhaps you would have gained the strength to fight the Tier 11s. It's too bad none of you managed to do that.

I am not underestimating any of you, but the two other Tier 11s are monsters that can rival an ordinary Level 7 Tier 11.

Sending you to face them would be like sending you to your death. We cannot allow that. I can't do that with good conscience.

But that is okay, considering the Tier 10s aren't easy either. One of the Tier 10s has the ability to summon monsters, so we need all hands on deck."

"Then how are you going to handle the other two Tier 11s, considering the main target won't just sit there and watch us evade its domain?" Anna asked.

Considering what they felt when he was sculpting the Tier 11 monster, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say the four of them wouldn't be able to face it.

"The plan is actually very simple. I will hold the Tier 11 monster and one of the Level 3s for ten minutes. This will give my three teammates enough time to handle One of the Tier 11s without exhausting their energies.

The moment they manage to handle Tier 11, two of them will take over the other while I and the other face the main target."

Klaus replied with a smile, but the ladies and the overlords could only watch him in shock. What he said sounded strange, shocking, and completely unbelievable.

"No need to think too much about it. I have already run hundreds of scenarios, and that is the only outcome that can allow us to have a shot against all Three Tier 11.

So, while it's not going to be easy, it also wouldn't be impossible. But it will all depend on my teammates, which means you three," Klaus said, turning to Nari, Queenie, and Queen Lunara.

"Don't worry. Ten minutes is enough time to kill one of the Tier 11s," Queen Lunara said, making Klaus smile.

"The main targets here are these four." Klaus isolated four creatures from the twelve.

"This one is an Ice Banshee. And yes, it's the Banshee we all know from the movies. They are real and nasty creatures to deal with."

The sculpture was of a feminine beast. She had no eyes, and from what Klaus saw, she had icy hair, which showed just how terrifying she was.

The second was a sleek wolf with wings. Just looking at it was enough for Klaus to tell it would be one powerful wolf after consuming his blood.

"It's called a Radiant Hound."

The third was a lion, which also had wings. However, unlike the wolf, which had one large wing, this one had six pairs of wings made from what appeared to be tendrils.

It also had antlers, showing it was a hybrid of a lion, some winged beasts, and an antelope. That was a powerful combination.

"It is called a Crimson Crown, a tribrid, if I'm not mistaken." Klaus looked at Queenie.

"I planned on taming it for you. It has the ability to manipulate blood—a perfect companion for you on the battlefield."

The Asura princess smiled upon hearing that.

The last creature was a rather unique one.

"Is that a machine?" Overlord Mira asked, looking at the panther-shaped beast with gears for organs and a molten core heart.

Its limbs were made of weapons, and even its eyes and mouth were weapons.

"It's a beast from the machine beast race. Machine beasts are living creatures made of weapons.

Every part of their body is made of metal. This panther, though, still needs a couple of evolutions to reach its prime potential, but it's still dangerous.

It's a beast that can cause great calamity in battle."

He met one back in the Tormented World. It was on a merchant spaceship that came to deliver slaves to one of the witch temples.

Back then, Fruity was fascinated by such a creature, so he pursued it and exchanged a few blows with it. That was when he realized there were some creatures out there that should be taken as friends instead of enemies.

It's too bad this one was now on the enemy side.

"These four must not be killed. They must be captured alive."

Chapter 767 - 767: The Dual-Headed Demon Face Spider (4)

Klaus ensured everyone understood the task.

"Only these four must not be killed. Subdue them and wait for me." They all nodded.

"Very well. Now, I will assign the groups and the beasts you will face."

He organized the groups in just five minutes and gave them the rest of the day to get familiar with each other.

The battle wouldn't be easy without proper planning. Since he would also be fighting, he couldn't guide them every step of the way.

So, he let them devise their own plans. Thanks to their large number, their battles would be less grueling than what he and the three ladies would face.

They will be going four against three, but those three were not opponents they could easily handle. Still, he had prepared well enough to know the plan came up with a high chance of success.

"Klaus, are you sure you can hold back the Peak Tier 11 and one of the Level 3s?" Queen Lunara asked.

"I can. I'm 100% sure I can do that. But I can't go a second beyond ten minutes, so you three must handle your target quickly and conserve energy.

The main battle is the Peak Tier 11. I have a feeling we'll be fighting for our lives tomorrow."

The three ladies nodded with smiles.

They were each ready for a fierce battle tomorrow.

"Nari, you and Queenie will handle the second Level 3 after you've killed the first. Queen Lunara and I will take charge of attacking Peak Tier 11.

You'll have a twenty-minute window, give or take, to handle Level 3 while preserving as much energy as possible for the big fight.

The battle must end in under four hours because we can't hold back against that monster, and a prolonged fight won't benefit us. In other words, the battle of attrition is a no go"

The ladies nodded again.

Klaus reviewed their skills and techniques for the next few minutes before dismissing them.

He, meanwhile, spent time revisiting his memories, recalling his skills and techniques, and selecting the ones he'd use in battle.

After that, he created multiple scenarios, utilizing the Hivemind to its fullest. After making sure he had arranged everything in order, he relaxed and started waiting for the next day when they would attack.

The next day, they moved into the forbidden zone.

"The map shows where each and every last one of the Tier 10 beasts will be. Use it to locate them, and let us know the moment you engage with the targets," Klaus said, projecting the map he had prepared for the twelve teams.

They nodded and started moving according to the map.

The first team is led by Grand Elder Zeloria. She is a peak Tier 10 and an archer with exceptional sight. She will be leading Mark, Hanna, Kay, and Lycos.

Their target is a wyvern-type beast.

Since it's an airborne beast, those who must handle it should also be airborne. Hanna, Kay, and Grand Elder will handle the long-range attacks while creating openings for Mark and Lycos.

It took them a few minutes to engage with their target and then send the signal. A few seconds later, the second team also engaged with their target.

This team is led by Overlord Dharma.

The beast they went against is called Dream Reaper. It's a rather unique beast that uses illusions. Because of that, Klaus made one of the strongest Spirit Masters on Earth take the lead.

The third team is led by Overlord Tydor, or, as most call him, Overlord of the Sea. They will be facing the Lightning Thorn, a panther-like beast with an affinity for lightning.

It also lives by a body of water.

Since Overlord Tydor is essentially Poseidon in the sea, this was a logical pairing.

Grand Elder Nyselle leads the fourth team. Her team is fighting a centipede called Bone Harvester. It's one nasty fellow that will give them headaches, but the team isn't weak either.

Grand Elder Ylthia, Ohema's nemesis, was also leading another team against the Mirror Drake. It's a crocodile that has evolved into an Earth Drake and is on the path to becoming an Earth Dragon.

Klaus knew from Ohema that, although she and the Grand Elder disagreed on many things, Ylthia was one of the most reliable and capable warriors Klaus could have on his team.

So, she is leading a team with Zayn, Danny, Vida, and Choi. To boost their defenses, they will need three Brutes and someone with a Metal affinity. Thankfully Klaus has more Brutes on the team.

The sixth team is headed by Grand Elder Halem. She is leading the charge against the Iron Juggernaut. This is a battle Klaus would love to watch, for it is against one of the two titans in the forbidden zone.

The mirror drake is the first titan.

The seventh team, led by Grand Elder Zaggen, clashed with one of the targets they would be taking alive, the Ice Banshee.

Klaus most certainly has big plans for this banshee, which is also why the team is made up of more Ice users.

Anna, Overlord Sorrine, Lucy, and Aria. They both are Ice users.

The eighth team was led by Overlord Isaac, who was leading a team against the Ember Husk. It's a rather bony, dragon-like beast that drips ember lava and has serious burning abilities.

The ninth was led by Overlord Mira, who was leading the charge against the second beast they would capture alive, the Radiant Hound.

The tenth team was led by the War God, War God Liu Yang, who was leading the evacuation missions before Klaus arrived with the team.

He is leading the charge against the Void Serpent.

The eleventh team is led by Kathy, and they are going against the Crimson Crown, the third beast to be captured alive.

As for the last team, it's led by Miriam, and it's against the Abyss Engine.

Klaus wants this to succeed, considering that having a beast from the Machine Beast Race wouldn't only make Earth gain a powerhouse but this will also open doors for him in the future.

Soon, battles in twelve different locations were in full bloom.

Klaus, Nari, Queenie, and Queen Lunara were now standing at a peak, staring at the location where the battle would be happening.

They could sense that the Peak Tier 11 was aware of their presence and was even looking at them as they stood there.

"This is it," Klaus said with a smile.

"There is no going back now." Nari smiled, already in her Spearman form.

"Nobody should die on me. And please, pose for the cameras. We will be going live soon." Klaus retrieved the large cauldron.

"Very well, here I go."

His wings appeared, and with that, he flew toward the belly of the beast.

Chapter 768 - 768: Against All Odds (1)

Ten minutes before Klaus attacked...

"Good morning, everyone. It's your favorite reporter, Kkkickinit, with an urgent update.

Breaking news from military sources: our Earth Defenders, led by none other than Klaus Hanson, are on the move to confront one of the deadliest monsters on Earth.

They are calling it the Dual-Headed Demon Face Spider Monster.

For the first time in human apocalyptic history, we are reclaiming a Tier Nine Forbidden Zone—an area that was once a beacon of technological advancement before the world fell into chaos.

Leading the charge is none other than Warrior Klaus—who proudly calls himself the most handsome warrior on Earth and across the entire universe.

Not that his words are wrong...

By his side are five Overlords, five Grand Elders, his elite personal team, Overlord Nari, Overlord Queenie, and the ruler of the Moonborn, Queen Lunara.

We urge everyone to lend their support by keeping them in your hearts and prayers as we bear witness to such a monumental moment in our history.

Once again, this is Kkkickinit, and you're watching Controversial News.

The moment she was done, the screens changed to No Man's Land Forbidden Zone, where the battle was just starting.

It showed the various teams getting into position and soon began broadcasting their battles, which resumed the moment they got into place.

A few minutes in, the action moved to the main battle, where Klaus's wings appeared. Then, he took a nosedive into the chaos.

Klaus moved very fast, so before anyone could comprehend his movement, he was already in the air, evading a swing from one of the Ant Kings.

The cauldron in his hand enlarged, and with a powerful punch of his fist, he slammed it into the face of one of the Ant Kings, sending it flying kilometers away.

At the same time, a string made of web pierced toward Klaus's chest. However, he vanished and reappeared several meters ahead, above the ground.

"Demon Killing Circle."

"Sacrifice."

Klaus activated two skills at the same time, causing the golden circle to turn dark gold as it opened and encircled the structure in which Tier 11 was hiding.

This also trapped the other Ant Kings.

But it wasn't as easy as it appeared, for Klaus sacrificed two Sovereign Cores, draining them instantly. The Demon Killing Circle isn't using his soul strength now, for he knew he wouldn't be able to pay the price.

So he sacrifices two cores for this move against the two monsters currently trapped, thanks to the demon Killing Circle.

"Better watch for the next ten minutes because none of us can move even a finger." Klaus smiled as he hovered, frozen in the air.

"By the way, my name is Klaus Hanson. Thank you in advance for donating your bodies to my Perfect Warrior project."

Inside the structure, twelve sets of eyes on each face of the spider demon gleamed red, showing how furious they were as they heard what Klaus said.

But as he had also mentioned, the peak Tier 11 was trapped inside the Demon Killing Circle. The three of them are frozen in place.

Klaus had begun to uncover some of the abilities tied to this skill, so he was confident when he claimed he could trap the two monsters.

Meanwhile, about ten kilometers away, Queen Lunara, Queenie, and Nari encircled the Ant King Klaus had isolated before trapping them.

Its body had turned red—indicating it was already using a berserk skill. However, it was surrounded on all sides, making it unable to attack.

Queen Lunara's scythe ignited in flames as her gaze burned with energy. She swung her scythe at the Ant King, creating a trail of fire that slammed into it.

Queenie was on the move the next second, swinging her bloody sword at the monster.

"Phoenix Barrage!"

Nari didn't hold back either. She unleashed an arrow from her spear that grew larger as it soared toward the Ant King.

The Ant King swung its metal club, destroying the arrow, but the resulting shockwave pushed it back, giving Queen Lunara the chance to strike.

"Blazing Crescent!"

She swung her scythe, releasing a wave of fire that erupted in a crescent-shaped arc. It connected with the back of the Ant King, thanks to Queenie's quick attack.

However, after the fire arc exploded, the injury was minimal. This shows just how robust the defense is on the Ant King.

"Queenie, wait for my order. Nari, target its head only." Queen Lunara, noticing that the monster had strong defenses, issued the command, prompting Queenie and Nari to shift their strategy.

Nari, using her spear, moved swiftly thanks to her wings, which allowed her to ride the wind. She unleashed dozens of spear thrusts, sending pointed arrows at the Ant King's head.

At the same time, Queenie used a skill called [Blood Steps] to sneak up on the Ant King, landing a strike on its leg. The beast stumbled back, trying to evade, but Nari was simply too fast.

She closed in on its head, appearing ready to stab it from the air using her spear. However, the real attack came from her wings.

They were golden and metallic, thanks to Klaus's blood.

Just as the Ant King prepared to defend, Nari made a sudden spin in the air, causing her wings to unleash a barrage of pointed metallic arrows at the beast—catching it completely off guard.

The arrows exploded upon contact, pushing the Ant King further back.

"Move back, Nari," Queen Lunara said as she swung her scythe, cutting an opening in the void. From within, a giant flaming scythe emerged, shaking the very ground.

"Queenie, distract it. Nari, aim for its legs now."

Queen Lunara gave the order, and Nari briefly shifted into her archer form, unleashing a powerful arrow that exploded beneath the feet of the Ant King, who was too busy defending against the countless blood swords raining down on it.

The slash pushed it off its feet, destroying its defense. This allows the blood swords to deal some considerable damage to the bastard.

However, it wasn't enough to kill it or slow it down.

Queen Lunara glanced behind her.

Their battle had already entered the fifth minute, meaning they had less than five minutes remaining.

"Move back," Queen Lunara commanded again, prompting Queenie and Nari to retreat just in time for the flaming scythe to burst forth from the void.

"Flaming Void Scythe."

The giant scythe vanished, then reappeared before the Ant King, who raised its metal club to defend against it.

However, while that was likely the best move it could make, two beautiful warriors stood ready, waiting for the very moment.

One of them was an archer with impeccable timing and unmatched accuracy.

Nari drew her bow, causing a large glowing arrow with golden runes carved on it to appear in the bow.

"Exploding Compression Arrow."

The arrow burst forth, slamming into the chest of the monstrous ant. The metallic shell of the ant king was rather robust, but the arrow wasn't weak either.

It was spinning so rapidly that it started to draw a hole into it. The moment it pierces through its armor, it will explode in its body.

Just as it was about to pierce through, a beam shot from the side of the battlefield, destroying both the scythe and the arrow in a blinding flash.

The women turned sharply—only to see a third Ant King flying toward them at a speed that caused both of them to move to the side, barely enough for Queenie to evade a powerful spear thrust from the new Ant King.

Klaus, who had been watching everything unfold, smiled.

"And so it began..."

Chapter 769 - 769: Against All Odds (2)

Even before battle, Klaus ran many scenarios in his head and created solutions for every last one of them. He knew a battle of this magnitude wouldn't be easy to handle.

So, when a third Ant King arrived—stronger than the one the ladies were fighting—he knew his plans had to change.

Of course, he had already run this by the ladies, so they knew what had to be done the moment the outlier appeared.

"Nari, this one is all yours," Queen Lunara said, letting Nari take on the Ant King they were fighting. This was the plan they had all come up with.

If a new monster appears, either Nari or Queenie will take the one they were fighting.

So when the news appeared, they let Nari handle the one they were fighting.

Klaus knew they could easily kill the Ant King. However, that would cause them to use too much energy. He knew Queenie alone could even kill it, but that was what he was after.

He was aiming for the last chess piece to appear on the board. Because of this possibility, he lets them take their time since the chances of them getting backstabbed would be higher when handling the main boss, and they become tired.

Naturally, Klaus formed another plan in case another beast or monster—hidden and yet to appear—appeared.

The third Ant King isn't the only surprise he prepared for.

The hivemind allowed him to run many plans in his mind, making sure no variables remained unchecked. So Nari now had her opponent, prompting her to switch to her Spearman form.

"Queenie, you already know the plan," Queen Lunara said before clashing with the new Ant King, who—despite being a little shorter than the first two—was actually a Level 4.

This meant it was much more powerful than the first, so Queen Lunara would handle it while Queenie moved to the next battle plan.

"I am ready, Klaus." Queenie conveyed her message using the harem connection between them.

Klaus, who was frozen, smiled and then, using his authority over [Demon Killing Circle], commanded the other Level 3 Ant King out, sending it about two miles away from his location.

Queenie was already waiting, so the moment the Ant King arrived, she attacked by conjuring hundreds of blood swords.

The Ant King, meant to protect its boss, was now being forced to face Queenie—leaving only Klaus and the Peak Tier 11 still frozen.

"Looks like it's just you and me now, buddy," Klaus laughed, feeling the four minutes remaining shift to eight the moment the Ant King was kicked out.

"I feel like this is the best time for us to have a nice discussion, don't you think?" Klaus spoke again, causing the already twelve sets of eyes that were glowing red to turn even more crimson.

The hunger in them said it all.

The moment the bastard is free, Klaus is as good as dead.

But of course, while the bastard is still restrained, killing him is the least of his problems, considering he had already accepted that the battle could easily kill him—yet he wasn't afraid.

In fact, Klaus's mom was currently watching the frozen brat she called her son. She looked visibly afraid for him.

Thankfully, Klaus made Old Lu send Pickle Berry to her, knowing that the spoiled snake would be enough to calm her down, regardless of how the battle turned out.

But while many people were worried about him, Klaus just couldn't get his mouth shut from further antagonizing the already furious spider demon.

"I want to ask: just what did you do to become a peak Void Stage monster and even manage to comprehend the Void despite being a monster?"

Of course, Klaus expected the silent treatment.

But he was genuinely concerned about the fact that he sensed Void energy around the monster he was about to fight.

Sensing Void energy around a being could only mean one thing: the being had comprehended the Void to a stage where it could freely harness it.

That meant they could easily enter the Void and exit as they pleased.

Battling them wasn't going to be easy.

But the monster kept silent while the time until its release dwindled, prompting Klaus to prepare mentally.

One could ask why he didn't allow Queenie to attack the monsters frozen inside the demon-killing circle. The answer is quite simple: had he allowed her to do that, first, every attack would have weakened the circle.

Second, the attack will lose most of its power when it enters the circle. So he sent the Ant King away and let Queenie go against the odds.

Nari, too, was facing her opponent squarely in her Spearman form. This form, which would last only two hours, was being used by Nari to injure the Ant King to the point she wasn't even taking her own safety into account.

It didn't matter how wounded she became—when she switched to her Archer form, which was also her demi-Phoenix form, all her wounds would be healed.

As for her true Phoenix form, that was her trump card. Unless it truly came down to it, she wouldn't use that. So for now, her spear danced through the air, clashing with the Ant King.

Away from her, Queen Lunara was also locked in battle with her opponent. Both were Level 4 Void Stage beings, so the battle wasn't as simple as one might think.

They had already exchanged thousands of attacks, showcasing just how devastating their battle was. And it wasn't even slowing down.

Queenie was also in the same setting.

But one had to give it to her—despite not fully awakening her bloodline or memories, the way she fought was eerily similar to that of an Asura-born.

Her eyes were red, and her sword was coated in blood. Every step left a trace of crimson, and every swing carved a trail through the air like a brush dipped in blood.

It was as if she was made of blood itself. Watching how she kept increasing her speed as the battle progressed, it didn't take a genius to realize she was built for war.

She is level 2, and her opponent is level 3.

All over the world, everyone was glued to their screens, watching with panicked expressions.

They could tell that the battle in the Tier 9 Forbidden Zone wasn't one to be underestimated.

Somehow, they believed that the next ones wouldn't be as harrowing if this mission succeeded.

However, that was just wishful thinking—something to make them feel less anxious. If they knew there were much more dangerous monsters hidden on Earth, perhaps they'd have different opinions.

Just like that, only a few seconds remained before Klaus entered the battle.

"Before we try to kill each other, I want you to know that this battle will be one I will remember for the rest of my life. For this is the first battle where I'll face a being I know deep down I cannot kill."

Klaus laughed and uttered one last sentence his fourth incarnation used to say before battles:

"Let death bear witness to this legendary battle."

The Demon Killing Circle dropped, and the structure below exploded—revealing a grotesque amalgamation of spider, demon, metal, and horror, with fourteen legs.

It has 12 red eyes and the head of a human, or more like a demonic, large enough to fit all 12 eyes.

The first four stabbed toward Klaus, whose body was now covered in alien-like armor with two glowing red horns sitting on his forehead.

A large cauldron appeared between him and the spider demon defending the blow.

Chapter 770 - 770: Against All Odds (3)

"Very fast and strong," Klaus muttered as his sword met the metallic leg of the spider demon.

The sound produced was enough to tell him Instructor Simon wasn't wrong. According to what he knew, the spider demon had an impenetrable body.

The report said its body was made of the hardest metal, so killing it wasn't something Klaus had expected anytime soon.

But that didn't mean it only had a robust defense.

Aside from its clearly impenetrable defense, it also had great speed and incredibly powerful strength that couldn't be underestimated.

Klaus was now clashing in the air with the spider demon, swinging with all his energy while his spirit weapons circled ahead while trying not to be stabbed by the metallic legs or ensnared by the webs.

Klaus dodged a piercing attack from one of the 14 legs, only to be struck by another, sending him flying back.

However, the spider demon couldn't move ahead and land a powerful blow, as the demon-cutting disc appeared and split into 28, attacking the legs.

The spider demon moved back, shooting a web made of metallic strings at the demon-cutting disc, but Klaus directed them away, sending a pointed spear at one of the spider's eyes.

However, just before the spear could strike, the spider slammed one of its 14 legs at it, sending it flying away.

But Klaus, knowing that the spider getting close to him was the last thing he wanted, quickly activated a skill that conjured hundreds of flaming swords and shot them at the spider, causing loud explosions.

"Void Piercing Arrow."

The sword in Klaus's hand changed into a bow—the bow he took as a souvenir from the Demon Manticore he killed in the dungeon when he was undergoing the trial.

A thick, dark arrow appeared in it.

The arrow vanished from sight the moment it left the bow and arrived in front of the spider. However, just before it could pierce its eyes, the arrow vanished into a small opening that led to the void.

"Shit."

Klaus muttered as he swung the bow, which turned into a sword as it cleaved through the arrow that came back to him.

The shockwave pushed him back.

Klaus thought he had cornered the spider, but the spider demon turned his own attack against him, making the situation even more dire.

The plan was always to stay on the move, not allowing the overpowered spider to get close.

However, the moment it attacked back using the Void Piercing Arrow, Klaus wasted a split second, which was more than enough for the spider to make its move.

It appeared in front of Klaus, piercing one of its metallic legs at him. The leg went through his chest, tearing him apart.

All over the world, everyone gasped at such a grotesque sight. However, the next second, they all sighed as Klaus appeared in the air, revealing that the one who died wasn't really him.

Naturally, he had many clones hidden all around. They couldn't be seen, for he was using space distortions and illusions to hide them.

But they were limited, as he couldn't afford to use more of his mind on creating tangible clones while he needed them for split-second calculations.

The demon-cutting disc closed in again, splitting into hundreds of smaller cutting discs, drawing all the attention away from himself as he planned for when to attack and when to observe.

"This thing is a killing machine here on Earth," Klaus muttered, still not finding any openings he could exploit.

"There has to be a way."

[If there is no way, why don't you create one? Remember, although it's made of metal, it's not invincible.]

"That is easier said than done, senior," Klaus said as he evaded a piercing string shot from one of the spider's many eyes.

[You have to analyze its movements, and then, using your advantage with reality and illusions, you can devise some plans.

After all, you can't be killed easily, provided you switch whenever a fatal blow you can't dodge arrives.]

Klaus nodded at what the senior said.

Naturally, he was already doing that. However, the plan wasn't easy, considering he had already tried three methods, but they all yielded no results.

"Ice Pillar."

Klaus channeled his ice qi, conjuring a large pillar made of ice.

It descended on the spider demon, which swung two of its legs, creating crescent arcs that severed the ice, making it shatter in the air before reaching him.

But, of course, Klaus was on the move.

He distanced himself and unleashed another Piercing Arrow, this time using the lightning element.

"Heaven Lightning Arrow."

The arrow shot out and streaked through the air, landing on one of the legs of the spider demon, which shattered upon impact with the leg. There wasn't even a single scratch on the leg.

That was a low blow. However, Klaus wasn't done.

He had already confirmed what he needed to know: never to use skills linked to the void against the spider. The moment he does that, he will defend his own skill.

So he could only rely on skills that do not require using Void energy.

Three more arrows followed, and before the spider could react, a thick arrow tempered using the third form of the [Hellfire Tempering Art] appeared from Klaus's space ring and locked into the bow.

"Demon Piercing Arrow."

The arrow left the bow, turning into a dark skull of unknown origin. It moved quickly, and soon, it was right in front of the spider demon.

"Explode."

The skull burst into a wave of lightning and fire.

"Asura Crazy Sword Strike." Another skull appeared in the air and quickly melted into a wave of energy, entering Klaus's sword.

He took a powerful swing, sending out a wave of sword qi that slammed into two of the legs the spider used to defend itself.

"Damn, what are they made of?"

Klaus used Vanishing Steps and appeared 3 km away as a giant hammer appeared in his hands. The spider, who had been pushed back by his attack, moved and soon was almost in front of him.

"Giant Hammer Falling."

The colossal hammer appeared in the air and fell on the spider. However, the spider stabbed three legs at the hammer, creating an instant crack in it.

Soon, the crack multiplied, and then boom, it exploded, pushing Klaus back.

He tried to move back against it, but the spider appeared behind him, stabbing one of its many legs through his chest.

The second clone died, but Klaus is still alive.

"At this point, you should know that everything you do will be futile." The spider spoke eerily when Klaus appeared again in the air, shocking him.

"I saw 1002 variations of our battle, and in each variation, you died when your hidden clones ran out."

"Clairvoyance."

[Clairvoyance.]

Both Klaus and the senior muttered, causing Klaus to widen his eyes.