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Chapter 977 Start the Debate!

The Super Awakened were struggling to stay awake. Michael pushed and provoked them, ensuring they would keep attacking him until their energy reserves were drained and their stamina used up. It didn't take much effort to motivate them. Saying that the most consistent attacks and the duration of the attacks may be rewarded with more Soultrait Symbols and Soultrait Upgrades was more than enough.

Everyone was eager to grow stronger. The Super Awakened knew what awaited them in the Supreme Human Alliance's territory, and they did not wish to go there unprepared. If anything, they wanted to be overprepared, ready to face all threats without relying on Michael's power and protection.

None of the Super Awakened realized how much time had passed, but they all understood one thing: They couldn't hurt Michael.

The Imperial Barrier was too strong. It was durable and couldn't be penetrated with piercing Soultraits, either. It felt like a cheat Soultrait because its powers didn't make sense. There didn't seem to be any limits to Imperial Barrier's power. That was both shocking and thrilling simultaneously.

It was shocking because Michael wasn't supposed to be this powerful. Everyone knew Michael's great power and abilities, but only a few expected his power level to increase this fast. But that was also part of the thrilling portion. Nobody had known about Michael's Imperial Barrier. The Soultrait Symbol was new. It had been fused to Michael's Soul Sphere not too long ago.

What did that mean? It meant Michael acquired a new Soultrait Symbol and pushed it to a level that allowed him to block all of the Super Awakened's attempts to harm him. What would happen if the Super Awakened acquired similar Soultrait Symbols? If Michael could create a Soultrait like this one...he could do it all over again!

Once every Super Awakened realized the extent of Michael's powers and the ability to grant others equivalent powers, they went crazy. Everyone went above and beyond to demonstrate Michael's tremendous power. They wanted to make sure to acquire one of Michael's stronger Soultrait Symbols or multiple powerful Soultrait Symbols if that was possible.

Unfortunately, all Super Awakened were talented, hard-working, and ambitious. They desired the exact same things as their colleagues, sparking fierce competition among the 199 Super Awakened on the training ground.

Michael smiled at that and let them compete until they could no longer move.

"This was very interesting, and I acquired all the pieces of information I need to tell everyone present that two custom 6-Star Soultraits will be prepared for you." Michael declared with a bright grin.

Two 6-Star Soultraits might not be considered much for Michael anymore, but the kind of power the Super Awakened could acquire from two 6-Star Soultraits – custom ones at that – was tremendous. However, that was not all Michael had to offer.

"But there is more to it. The 6-Star Soultrait Symbols are only the beginning. I am willing to distribute a few hundred 5-Star Soultraits and 4-Star Soultraits, and we will decide together who will be given which Soultrait."

A small uproar resounded as dozens of Super Awakened jumped up, only for their legs to give in again. They groaned and collapsed.

"I know it might be a little weird for you to discuss the utility and efficiency of certain Soultrait Symbols because that is usually something you think about while making your decisions alone, but I think discussing our opinion about who is supposed to obtain certain Soultrait Symbols will help us figure out in which direction everyone is progressing and how we can maximize the power stored within the Soultraits."

Michael could have prepared a dozen 4-Star Soultraits for everyone, but the situation wouldn't have been easier for anyone. In the first place, 5-Star and 6-Star Soultraits were much stronger than 4-Star Soultraits. A single 6-Star Soultrait was more than a dozen times stronger than a 4-Star Soultrait. Of course, some unique combinations of 4-Star Soultraits might create better results than a single 6-Star Soultrait, but the strain and energy consumption of using a dozen 4-Star Soultraits together was bound to be several times higher than using a single 6-Star Soultrait.

Furthermore, mastering their 6-Star Soultrait – a single one – was much easier than trying to master a dozen 4-Star Soultraits. There were other factors Michael had put into consideration, but there was no need to mention them to the Super Awakened. He shared his plan and waited patiently for their response.

"Is it necessary for us to...debate why we want a particular Soultrait Symbol and why we think the Soultrait is better suited to our power pool than our colleagues'?" One of the Super Awakened asked, and Michael nodded.

"Debating, or simply talking about the Soultrait Symbol's compatibility, will help us discover if we're on the right track. Sometimes, you might think a Soultrait suits you, but that is not the case in reality. In reality, a different pool of Soultraits might suit you and your personality much better. Others might have a much easier time comprehending the powers of a particular Soultrait type but think that they're the most suited to a completely different type of Soultraits. Your mission today is to discover what Soultrait Symbols you want, what you need, and how your wants and needs overlap. If there is no overlap, you might have to adjust your wants slightly or reconsider your needs and compatibility with other Soultraits to figure out what is going on and where you went wrong."

Many Super Awakened were narrow-minded and believed they were the strongest in terms of attack. They acted like they were the born melee fighters when their cognitive abilities, mental power, and other aspects were much stronger instead. Some Berserkers and Warlock Centaurs had to understand that their racial traits weren't as pronounced as it is the case in their brethren. A few Berserkers and Warlock Centaurs were among the most compatible with Support, Healing, and Elemental-type Soultraits, even though they said they loved fighting. They'd desired to change their old Soultraits and acquired Soultraits mostly used for melee combat. Michael wouldn't block them or tell them what they had to do but hoped to guide them in the right direction through the debate. By discussing everything with the men and women they'd been around for the last few years, fighting with their lives on the line, and training tirelessly together, Michael expected some groundbreaking achievements.

He wasn't worried about investing too much into the Super Awakened. If anything, Michael was worried his Super Awakened would go down the wrong path and crumble in the face of the Supreme Human Alliance's Divine Lifeforms.

The next few years wouldn't be easy for them. The Super Awakened might grow into a powerful unit of the strongest Awakened the cosmos had seen — that would take a LONG time, but it was a possibility — but to achieve that, they had to accept their faults and affinities.

Michael would help them with that with all his might. He told them to give their all to fight him so that some of the narrow-minded Super Awakened could witness the difference between someone with a natural affinity toward melee-combat and Offensive-type Soultraits and their own affinities. "Let's start the debate!