

S vs Rebirth 251

Chapter 251 Discussion

"Last moment, huh." Noel muttered and said, "I guess I can say it's been a while, right? Kirika, so I should say Miss Loetzel?"

"How—" Kirika was stunned, staring at the wall as if 'looking' at Noel.

Even Lokhar was stupefied and asked, "Loetzel? A family name? You're a noble?"

"I have just realized it not long ago. I guess, you are the girl that I met almost a decade ago."

"A decade ago? You still get to know that person?" Lokhar became even dumbfounded. However, it wasn't over because Kirika was going to drop bombs after bombs.

"I have changed so much because of you, Noel. Did you remember what you told me back then?"

"Yeah, I remember. It was as simple as changing yourself."

"Those words meant a world to me back then. I started training my body and changing for the better until I became like this. And before long, those people who looked at me with contempt had to flock around me."

"I'm glad that you have found what you're looking for. Though, I don't understand why you're hiding your identity and sneak into the Demon Banner Army."

"I wanted to repay you. To be honest, when I first came here and saw you, I wondered whether you actually wanted to live or not. If you wanted to live, I was planning to become your comrade and help you through the missions. At least, I wanted to give you the best start for you to reclaim your life. If you didn't want to live, I wanted to change you to restart your life."

"Wanted? You didn't plan to do it anymore?"

"What can I do?" Kirika leaned on the wall with a sad smile. "You're clearly wanting to live, a great one at that. I wanted to help you by becoming your pair, but Anna Stargaze is there. I can't be compared to her."

Noel fell silent for a moment. "Are you going to return then? Ah, never mind that question. Just forget about it."

Kirika was confused for a moment while Lokhar snorted. "You don't have to mind me, you bastard. This is the last group missions we have, so even if she leaves, it won't affect me in any way. Though, the real question is whether she can leave this place or not. Our body has been drugged, so we can't even use our Spiritual Energy. And my condition is like this."

"Lokhar, you..." Kirika looked at Lokhar with a sad expression. Although it'd been only a few months, Lokhar had been her pair this whole time. There were a lot of memories they had created together. At the very least, Kirika had considered him as a friend and comrade.

"Still, it's surprising that you go all the way here to repay me like that." Noel interrupted because Kirika's repayment was far too big, considering all the things he said back then was just Noel being himself.

"My Loetzel Family has a tradition to repay everyone ten folds. If someone gives you a coin, you pay back ten coins. Of course, it also worked the other way around. If someone beat you once, you'll beat them to death... So, your words changed my life, then I should help you get the best start to reclaim what's yours."

Noel closed his eyes for a moment and smiled. "Then, you have to survive from this. Since we're in here, we can fake Kirika's death so that she can go back to the Greenwood Kingdom. What do you think, Lokhar?"

"I have no objection. It won't affect me in any way. Besides, we're still trapped here, you have to think on how to leave this place first before thinking about that."

"Haha, indeed. Let's think about it then. You must have been trying to find the escape route this whole time."

"Nothing works though." Lokhar sighed.

"You two... Why are you helping me?"

"Well, now that I have realized your family's tradition. I'm saying this... You're already useless to me, Kirika. I don't need you anymore." Lokhar snorted. He precisely said all those words so that Kirika thought it he hated her instead of helping her. This way, Kirika didn't need to consider repaying him.

Meanwhile, Noel said, "You've gone all the way here for me, so I can't afford to have you die. It's as simple as that."

"You two..." Kirika was speechless. She could feel their kindness. Despite wanting to help, she only received the help this whole time.

Lokhar, on the other hand, believed that Kirika had helped him enough for the repayment. After all, he could achieve this point was due to her ability. So, there was no need for her to give something back.

"If that's the case, then we'll have to leave this place." Noel smiled.

"Do you think you can do that?"

"Who knows. I have to think a bit. You said he'll come every few hours, right? I just have to think of something before that."

"You sure you can do that? We have been trying to find a way, but it feels like he knows everything." Lokhar was disappointed because he failed all his attempts so far.

"Knows everything, huh." Noel paused for a moment, then asked, "How is your injury, Lokhar? Do you think you can walk or run?"

"I should be able to walk, but I'm afraid my legs won't allow me to run."

"I see. That's good enough. Kirika will help you too as the one who will protect you during the run."

"Are you going to sacrifice yourself, Noel?"

"I haven't formulated my plan yet, but that's the best scenario in my mind. We're going to escape from this hell." Noel smirked.

"How? That guy was a Spirit Wielder and we couldn't even use our Spiritual Energy."

"That's what I'm thinking right now. Just pray that I can find a solution within a few hours." Noel snorted and fell silent as if he was in deep thought.

Kirika and Lokhar were staring at each other across their cell, not understanding how Noel worked. But it was clear that he was determined to leave here. So, they had no other choice than believe him.

Chapter 252 Fighting

A few hours later.

The middle-aged man came back to the torture room.

"Hmm?" The middle-aged man narrowed his eyes and said, "I'm smelling something fishy again. You must be planning to escape again. Then, I don't need to hold back anymore."

He smirked and opened Lokhar's cell. "I forgot about you earlier, but you're going to be the first one. Since you're planning to escape again, then I'm going to cut one of your leg this time and feed it to the dog."

Lokhar gritted his teeth and tried to stand up, planning to fight him.

However, Noel's voice soon echoed in the basement.

"Haha, you smell something fishy? I guess you're the dog itself who wants to eat his leg. It's funny. If you're a cannibal, then there's no need to hide it. I'm not going to judge you, just going to kill you. Hahahaha." Noel laughed out loud.

Lokhar could see the rage reflected on the middle-aged man's face. This time, he was thoroughly angered.

Lokhar didn't know why Noel actually tried to shield him.

The middle-aged man stopped and left Lokhar's room, saying, "It seems that you're going to be the first. I have decided. I'll cut both of your legs today and feed them to demons."

"Oh, now you consider yourself a demon. You're truly funny. What are you going to call yourself next? A human? No, please, anything other than a human." Noel chuckled.

The man's body trembled because the anger had truly taken over his heart. Without hesitation, he walked to Noel's cell and glared at him. "I'll make you die a brutal death."

"Oh, you're a death reaper now? You think you're as good as that. You can call yourself anything, but make sure you've the ability for it, so your words won't be like your childhood dream." Noel laughed.

The middle-aged man released his killing intent and his Spiritual Energy soared, shaking this place. Even Lokhar felt this for the first time. He never thought that Noel would anger him to this point.

In comparison, Anna was far better than him because she had been tackling all these harassments this whole time and only blurted out not long ago.

As soon as the middle-aged man entered the cell, Noel smiled and said, "What's wrong? Come here? You want to kill me? Do you think you have the ability for it?"

"A mere ant..." The middle-aged man roared as he leaped forth to catch Noel who was in the opposite side of the cell.

Suddenly, Noel smiled and said, "Thanks."

"!!!" The middle-aged man widened his eyes in surprise because he felt a fluctuation of Spiritual Energy aside from him. When he raised his head, he saw a snowflake symbol falling. If this continued, he would be hit by this symbol.

Without hesitation, the guy hurriedly spun his body and struck this symbol with his fist. By covering it with Spiritual Energy, his fist should be able to take it on.

But the moment he touched the snowflake, it exploded, releasing the massive cold to the area. The ice spread and enveloped the cell in an instant. It even began to move to other cells and the entire basement.

Meanwhile, the man had to retreat while finding his hand getting covered in ice. He tried to remove the ice but to no avail.

"How... How did you use your Spiritual Energy?" Not only the man, but even Lokhar and Kirika were stunned that Noel could use his Spiritual Energy. Although they never knew Noel had this much power, they knew that Noel had ice element from the duel a few months ago.

But when the man raised his head to glare at Noel, he found Noel had freed himself with the black sword in his hand.

Noel shouldn't have any weapon with him, yet, a black sword suddenly appeared in his hand.

"You..." The middle-aged man completely didn't expect this kind of power from Noel.

However, Noel didn't give him any time to think. He immediately leaped and slashed diagonally, trying to cut him down.

"!!!" The middle-aged man raised the frozen hand, planning to use the ice to block this sword.

Noel smiled because the ice suddenly broke apart when the sword was about to hit him, allowing the sword to cut his hand.

Clink!

To his surprise, he could hear the clicking sound between metal. It wasn't supposed to happen since he hadn't touched the brick wall.

Noel soon saw the man's arm had turned black as if it was coated by metal.

"Ah, I see. As expected of the Demon Banner Army, they might be strong, but they're not that good at fighting humans. You're a fool." The middle-aged man smirked.

Noel realized that the middle-aged man actually baited him to break his own ice so that he could free himself.

Noel's fighting style was proved effective against Anna some time, but most of the time, Anna could see through his tricks. This guy was the same.

Noel took a deep breath because this was going to be a hard fight since the man in front of him might be stronger than an Advanced Level Demon he had fought so far.

Since this was a life and death battle, Noel didn't hesitate to use a portion of his power. Increase Agility Rune and Strength Blessing Rune appeared behind him, strengthening his body.

He also used Muscle Strengthening and Spirit Aura Breathing.

Noel then leaped to the middle-aged man while swinging his sword.

The latter only smiled and blocked Ardagan with his metal arm and punched Noel's stomach.

"Gah!" It felt like a hammer pounding on his stomach, giving a shake to his organs.

"Do you think you can defeat me? You're just a mere ant." The man laughed.

However, he didn't realize that Noel was smiling this whole time. He was supposed to be hurting right now and couldn't do anything, but he suddenly spun his body and swung his sword again. There was even Spiritual Energy covering his sword.

Mega Slash.

"!!!" The guy widened his eyes, feeling the danger from this attack. He instinctively leaped back as hard as he could until the bars stopped him.

It was then Noel used his Freezing Crystal and blasted it right in front of him, covering the middle-aged man with a thick layer of ice.

"I guess my acting is good." Noel smirked. It was true that he felt some pain, but there was no damage to his body and the pain had been reduced by the armor underneath his body. This was the use of a thin armor that could block anything.

Chapter 253 Everchanging Sword Style

"You bastard." The middle-aged man gritted his teeth because the bars that stopped him wasn't the bar that locked Noel up, they were from the bars from the cell across Noel's.

And this also meant that Noel had no one to stop him to come out from his cell.

Still, the most shocking thing was the fact that Noel could use his Spiritual Energy.

"You... How can you use the Spiritual Energy?"

"I just want to kill you, so is there a reason why I can't use my Spiritual Energy?" Noel smirked.

Noel's words were truly poisonous for angering someone. The middle-aged man covered his body with metal and punched Noel.

However, three big swords appeared on top of him. Seeing this extraordinary swords, the man feared for Noel for the first time. This kind of sword could truly kill him, he thought.

Before the swords dropped, he threw his body to the side and ended up hitting the wall.

"Kh." There was no pain because his body was covered in metal, but the embarrassment that came along with it was something he couldn't endure.

He was a Spirit Wielder, yet, he was toyed by a single Apprentice Knight. This shame couldn't be washed until he killed Noel and all the witnesses.

Unfortunately for him, the moment he turned around to attack Noel, the latter had stood in front of Kirika and Lokhar's cells, standing with a smile on his face.

"Haha, if only I can capture this moment, it will surely be great." Noel laughed.

"Noel!" Kirika and Lokhar called him, worried.

Noel ignored them because he had to focus on this fight. The space was quite narrow, so he had to be careful since his opponent was a Spirit Wielder.

He had been provoking him this whole time, so the anger wouldn't rise anymore sooner or later. So, before he became immune to his provocation, Noel had to drag this guy out of the basement.

Still, the man hurriedly jumped forth and punched Noel from above. The latter easily dodged it by leaping backward, heading straight to the exit.

At the same time, he gathered his Spiritual Energy on his hand and released the snowflake symbol again.

"Freeze."

The middle-aged man raised both arms to tackle this ice this time. The moment the snowflake burst out, it covered everything in ice. Even the gaps between bars were blocked by the ice. Yet, the man who endured the full brunt of this ice only ended up with his arms and body frozen.

But since he was covered in metal, he smashed his body with his ice covered hands. The great force shattered the ice, freeing him.

"Your ice won't work against me anymore." The man roared and chased after Noel.

However, Noel chuckled and shouted, "Run!"

In that instant, Noel truly ran away, escaping.

The man who was flamed with anger decided to chase after Noel instead of focusing on his friends.

Still, Noel wouldn't shout all the way like that if he just wanted to escape. The reason he shouted for all people to hear because it was a message. A message for Kirika and Lokhar.

Both of them looked at each other in understanding. When Noel positioned himself between their cells, he actually made a quick slash that cut the bars.

By luring the man, they could escape from him and stop becoming his burden.

Kirika was the first one to take off the bars and sneaked out of her cell before helping the injured Lokhar up.

"Are you alright?" Kirika asked.

"Yeah. We have to go out, but in our condition, I don't think it's possible. If we're found out by that guy, we'll become his burden again." Lokhar gritted his teeth.

"I know where to go. I'll help you up." Kirika nodded and helped Lokhar walk as they went to the exit.

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Meanwhile, Noel was fighting the man inside the mansion. Obviously, he didn't mind causing ruckus since the lord of this mansion already knew about the Supreme Devil Organization. Hence, it was better to cause all the ruckus to let them know.

Bam!

The guy smashed a wall of the mansion, creating a hole leading to the garden.

Seeing this hole, Noel hurriedly entered the hole to get some space.

The man followed right after while gritting his teeth. "Running all you like, you will die today."

"Oh, scary." Noel shrugged before pointing his sword at him. "Though, I think I can go more seriously right now."

"Useless!" The man roared and punched Noel.

Noel took a deep breath and imagined a situation that evoked an emotion with his Imaginary Battlefield. An image of a kid sitting behind him while crying appeared in his mind. He had to protect this kid, so he had to be as calm as possible.

And after that, he gently struck the fist from the side and used the opponent's weight and momentum to direct this punch to the side.

Even the man was stunned because he felt like someone was pulling him to that side. Due to the sudden change of direction, he slipped and hit the ground, creating a small crater on the garden.

This was Noel's Everchanging Emotion Sword Style that evoked the Joy. He hadn't completed this sword style yet, but he could use it a bit.

After repelling the punch, Noel smiled as the joy of helping someone filled his heart.

He distanced himself again and raised his sword.

'I still used too much time to use this technique. If it's a high level battle, I would have died in an instant. The emotion is also too weak. Tsk.' Noel complained about his performance inwardly. Even so, he was satisfied because he could use this opportunity to train his Everchanging Emotion Sword Style.

He smiled, provoking the man again. "Come. What's wrong? I was just about to get serious and now you fear me?"

"You, die!" The man roared and leaped to Noel again as their battle continued.

Unbeknownst to Noel, the ice that covered the basement started to crack before a hand shattered the ice. From the inside, there was an eye filled with resentment as if planning to kill Noel as soon as he came out.

Chapter 254 Best Pair

"Haa!" The man roared and punched Noel again.

This time, Noel looked at him closely and felt disgusted by what he did and his influence. The moment Noel struck this fist, the disgust in his heart covered the sword, turning the sword like a bat.

For Noel, a disgust wasn't enough to kill someone. The farthest thing he would do was just to beat them, so this sword wasn't sharp but blunt.

This blunt sword carried a weight like that of a bat, fighting power with power.

The fist felt the heaviness of this strike, but the man somehow still punched through it, hitting Noel on the stomach.

"Kh." Noel gritted his teeth and took a few steps back. Even with his armor, he still felt that punch.

'As expected, it's not enough. The disgust is too shallow and because I haven't perfected this sword style, I can't combine it with my Spirit Ability like Mega Slash. Or else, I wouldn't have lost in power.' Noel gritted his teeth and raised his sword again.

The man was confused because he felt that Noel didn't have the intention to cut him down. Instead, he was just buying some time.

"You dare not to take me seriously? A mere Apprentice Knight dares to act so proudly?" The man glared at Noel with killing intent.

"Seriously? I think you have an anger issue." Noel looked at him with a wry smile, mocking him by showing that he worried about him.

"You..." The guy gritted his teeth and started attacking Noel again.

Noel took a few steps back, analyzing the opponent's strength. 'He doesn't seem to have many abilities despite being a Spirit Wielder. But it's clear that his strength is extraordinary. I don't think my sword can easily pierce through his defense. I guess this is what a simple but solid means.'

Noel took a deep breath and began using his Imaginary Battlefield again. His eyes were soon filled with interest in the black metal that covered his enemy's body since the metal had a similar color as Ardagan.

By using this interest, Noel struck this fist multiple times. But unlike his previous slashes, these slashes actually didn't have anything special on them.

Even the man was confused because he didn't feel any different. This was like a normal knight's swing.

Yet, Noel's calm expression irritated him because it felt like Noel was trying to see through him.

"You're disgusting." The man clicked his tongue. He and Noel were a complete opposite of each other. His strength came from the solid metal that he had strengthened for a long time. It was simple but unbeatable. Meanwhile, Noel's strength came from all the tricks he could use to see which one would work.

Since the man stopped here, Noel hurriedly pursued him and kept striking him with his Interest Sword, trying to find a flaw in that body while using this enemy to practice his Everchanging Emotion Sword Style.

Clink!

Clink!

The clicking sound of metal disturbed the mansion. Even the lord of the mansion had assembled his knights as if he was prepared to capture Noel.

Before long, Noel found knights coming from all directions as if trying to capture him.

"Hahaha, it's useless. You won't be able to escape now." The guy laughed while jumping forth to knock Noel to the knights so that he could get captured.

Noel raised his sword again to block it. But at the same time, a woman suddenly slipped past the knights and made her way to Noel with a dagger in her hand.

"Haha, die!" The middle-aged man suddenly stopped while shouting with a smile, looking at Noel and the person behind him.

Noel noticed the presence behind him and tried to stop whoever's coming from behind.

However, there was also another presence that fell like a falling star.

"!!!" The woman behind Noel raised her head and saw a blond woman coming from the air with her lightning covered sword.

She tried to raise her knife to stop this sword, but it was useless. Her strength and momentum were too much for her to handle. Even the woman could only direct it a bit. Instead of slicing her into two, she directed the blade so that it only cut her right arm.

"Arghhhh!" The woman screamed while the one that attacked earlier said, "It seems that you need my help."

"Even without you, I can stop her, Anna."

Yes, the one that helped Noel was Anna. Noel also didn't lie because that was the particular reason why he covered the basement in ice.

There was no way the middle-aged man would know about their plot if there was no one that watched over them.

When Noel came out of his cell, he didn't find anyone there, so he believed that the one that watched over them acted like a prisoner themselves so that she could eavesdrop their conversation. This was the reason why they put only one person in each cell.

It also allowed Kirika and Lokhar to escape safely.

p However, this kind of thought was not relevant for Anna. After all, she could hear Noel's voice coming closer to her. After fighting together with Noel for a long time, she realized that Noel was actually spinning his body.

She hurriedly ducked her body in that instant.

As she predicted, Noel was spinning his body and cut the woman's neck by using Anna as his cover.

With the injury she had just suffered, the woman didn't expect Noel's attack. She only stood there in shock before she realized her head was already sent flying.

Due to the sudden interruption, even the middle-aged man was stunned and fell silent. Since Noel was turning his back against him, he tried to use this chance to kill him so that the situation wouldn't get any worse.

Anna noticed his movement and spun her body as well, looping around Noel and struck the guy's metal fist from below, blocking it for Noel.

Still, she didn't have all the momentum like the guy, so her body was pushed back a bit. This was the time her back touched Noel's back that acted like a wall, supporting her body to fully stop this fist.

Both of them smiled. Even without saying anything, they knew what they were supposed to do. This was the best pair of this generation of the Demon Banner Army.

Chapter 255 Demon Observer Squad

In front of the brothel, there was a group of people wearing a black uniform that reflected their identities. A normal soldier usually wore white uniform, even the royal soldiers.

The Demon Banner Army was the only one that had black uniform. It was symbolized after a soldier that went through numerous battlefield that his uniform was covered in blood and all other things until it turned black.

That was why the moment the Demon Banner Army Soldiers arrived in front of the brothel, all people were staring at them.

"What's this?"

"The brothel?"

"But that uniform... they're from the Demon Banner Army."

"What's their soldiers doing in the brothel? I guess even the soldiers from the Demon Banner Army can't stop their urges."

The people wanted to laugh at them, thinking the soldiers just wanted to relieve their stress in the Brothel.

Even the receptionist came out and asked, "Oh my, aren't you soldiers from the Demon Banner Army? Please come in. We have the best women in the city."

They all maintained their poker faces until one of them stepped forward and declared, "You are suspected to be related to the Supreme Devil Organization. Hence, we're going to investigate your brothel as well as put a stop for the kidnapping case related to your brothel."

This statement shocked the entire street because the Demon Banner Army seemed to be planning for a war.

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Meanwhile, Noel and Anna were smiling at each other's support. Though, Noel had to inform her about their current condition. "Still, we have to fight these knights as well."

Anna shouted while taking out the badge, "We're from the Demon Banner Army and that guy is from the Supreme Devil Organization. If you attack us, it means you're helping the Supreme Devil Organization. All of you are going to be executed."

This declaration stunned all the knights since they obviously only did their job. Their lord informed them because they never saw Noel, meaning he was an intruder. Meanwhile, the middle-aged man was a butler in their mansion.

"Do you think you can fool anyone?" The middle-aged man took out his own badge similar to Anna's and said, "I'm the one who is from the Demon Banner Army. Those two are impostors. I have been commanded to help the lord of the mansion to investigate the involvement of a certain drug and they are the enemies that want to capture me so that I can stop the investigation. Kill them!"

"!!!" The knights became confused. After all, the badges between the two were similar.

Even Anna didn't expect that the other party to actually forge an identification badge. In the past life, the Supreme Devil Organization never used this because it might be able to fool some, but the majority of people could know the fake badge in a glance.

What made the knights hesitated was the middle-aged man's identity as a butler of this house.

"If only this badge is not made for Apprentice Knight, we can utilize its full might to show these fools we're from the Demon Banner Army." Anna clicked her tongue. It seemed that the enemies had been prepared to deal with them.

Noel was aware of the real badge as well since Shale had taught them about it. The real badge needed a drop of their blood so that they became the sole owner of the badge. Even if they died on a mission and their badge was stolen, no one would be able to activate their badge. This way, not many people could be fooled.

However, the badge of the Apprentice Knight was just a normal one since the real badge was a bit more expensive. With the fact that the Apprentice Knights had the highest mortality rate, they didn't want to invest too much, giving them only a normal badge. Besides, the Apprentice Knights rarely took a mission of this difficulty, so the feature wasn't that necessary.

But this time, it bit Noel and Anna as they couldn't prove themselves.

"There doesn't seem to be anything we can do right now, Noel." Anna gave up.

Noel took a deep breath and said, "There's nothing different from what we've been doing this whole time. You're not tired already, right?"

"Fool. I was just warming up my body." Anna smiled as her body started emitting electricity as if showing that all the running she had done to get the reinforcement was just a warm up.

"Kill them!" The middle-aged man ordered the knights, taking advantage of this situation to eliminate all kinds of threats.

The knights began to approach Noel and Anna while raising their shields to protect themselves from their power.

Noel released his Spiritual Energy, planning to fight them.

"There's no need to do that."

Suddenly, a gentle voice filled everyone's head. They instinctively raised their heads and found a guy standing on top of the wall.

The guy had long blue hair and wore glasses, making him look intelligent. He also wore the black uniform unique to the soldier from the Demon Banner Army.

His expression was calm as if he had seen through all the people here.

"It seems that everyone in this mansion is related to the Supreme Devil Organization. My subordinates should have arrived at the brothel, so I shall proceed to capture everyone here." The moment he said 'capture,' numerous threats came out of the wall and the ground, capturing the knights in an instant.

"Threads?!" The middle-aged man widened his eyes in shock. "You... Who are you?"

"The badge in your hand was from a guy called Eizen, a person from my Demon Observer Squad. There's no way that he can't recognize me, his squad's vice captain." The glasses guy took out his badge and injected his Spiritual Energy into the badge so that it would shine, proving his identity was real. He even let out his Spiritual Energy that instantly enveloped the entire mansion.

Noel was shivering from this Spiritual Energy while Anna smirked, finally feeling what she hadn't felt for a while. "Haha, Spirit Grandmaster."

"Spirit Grandmaster?" Noel widened his eyes before he remembered something important. "No, wait. You have to go to the brothel. The receptionist of that brothel is a Spirit Wielder!"

As Noel said that, the receptionist of the brothel had begun showing her hostility in her eyes, her body also emitted the Spiritual Energy that symbolized a Spirit Wielder, and she said, "There are only five of you here. Do you think you five are enough to capture me?"

Chapter 256 Fighting Together

"The receptionist of that brothel is a Spirit Wielder."

When the vice captain of the Demon Observer Squad heard it, he chuckled and said, "It seems that you're mistaken about something, Noel Ardagan. Do you think that lass can arrive here that fast if not for her running at full speed at all time?"

"!!!" Noel understood the hidden meaning behind those words. "Wait. Don't tell me..."

"Of course, the only ones capable of following her at her pace was also my talented subordinates. I have brought an elite team with me and all of them are..."

Just like Noel's shock, the receptionist also had the shock of her life because the five knights from the Demon Banner Army suddenly released their aura. But more importantly, all of them are stronger than her. In other words, all of them were Spirit Wielder or stronger.

"..." Noel gulped down because the reinforcement this time was truly no joke.

The glasses guy smiled and said, "In any case, I'm going to capture everyone here."

"Wait a moment. It is said there will be an inspector coming tomorrow."

"Hoh?" He smiled and corrected his statement earlier. "An inspector is far more important than that guy... I'll leave that guy to you then and capture everyone else since you seem to have a grudge with them."

It seemed that he could see whether Noel was lying or not since he easily accepted Noel's word and gave Noel the opportunity to solve that grudge by killing him.

Meanwhile, the rest of the knights had been captured by him, leaving only some people that were still hiding inside the mansion.

"..." The middle-aged man from the Supreme Devil Organization was speechless because his appearance was enough to turn around the situation.

Without waiting for Noel's response, the vice captain had leaped and entered the mansion through the second floor's balcony.

"I guess we still have the chance to kill this guy." Anna smiled. This might be the first time they joined hands after her outburst that changed Noel a bit.

"Oh, yeah?!" Noel nodded but his mind was still overwhelmed because everything went so fast.

While they were thinking, the middle-aged man realized that he would be in trouble if the Spirit Grandmaster from earlier returned to capture him, so he ran away.

"!!!" Anna was the first to notice him and caught up to him with her speed and kicked the guy on the head.

The man easily raised his arm and stopped the kick that was infused by lightning, channeling that electricity to the ground.

"Kh." The man gritted his teeth and grabbed Anna's leg before throwing her away.

Seeing both of them had started fighting, Noel also began to make his move, shaking off the unnecessary thoughts for the time being. He caught Anna so that she didn't crash into the wall before spreading his ice on the ground.

Not only did he slide by using the ice, but he also utilized this ice to make the man slip.

"!!!" The man realized Noel's plan and formed a spike of metal on the bottom of his shoes, allowing him to run on the ice.

However, Noel's intention was never to slip him. He just wanted to slow the enemy down while using that time to boost Anna with his Increase Agility and Strength Blessing Runes.

"Go!" After Noel boosted her ability, he threw her to the ground so that she could catch up to that guy.

Anna smiled and leaped forward, feeling the change in their fighting style. However, she felt a bit more comfortable this way because she knew there would be someone protecting her back.

The moment Anna caught up to the enemy, she gathered the electricity in her shoe to the point a dragon started to form around it. "Try to stop it again."

"!!!" The man was surprised and even feared the lightning dragon, feeling the extraordinary strength behind this attack.

He could duck down to avoid Anna's attack, but he also saw three huge swords that would fall on top of him when he did it.

So, the guy ended up raising both arms, blocking her kick. The lightning dragon tried to electrocute him but seeing it was no use because his body was a metal, Anna let the lightning dragon explode, causing a powerful shock wave that launched the guy to the mansion's wall.

Bam!

Anna smirked as she retracted her feet, allowing the swords to fall. But Noel finally showed the result of his training.

Parabolic Movement.

The moment the swords fell, they began to curve until they flew horizontally, hitting the metal guy.

Bam!

Bam!

Bam!

The three swords impaled the wall of the mansion, crushing it. However, the metal guy seemed to be strong enough to avoid all three swords, albeit barely since one of the sword cut grazed his waist.

Since the attack was a failure, Noel hurriedly summoned another rune, releasing two chains.

Chain Bind Rune.

The man felt that the chains would be able to capture him, so he hurriedly ran inside the mansion, trying to use the mansion to hide from Noel and Anna. At first, he thought about using the city to hide, but Noel and Anna had been preventing him from escaping to the town.

"Kh." The guy gritted his teeth while looking through the window, seeing Noel and Anna begin to approach him.

Anna jumped through the window, smashing it. Noel used the hole that she created and pursued the guy.

Bouncing Spirit Slash.

Noel shot out a sword strike that kept bouncing off the wall until it reached the enemy, forcing the enemy to stop for a second.

This one second was precious for Anna because she managed to catch up to him and kicked him in the head with the same dragon. This would surely heavily injure him.

However, the guy seemed to be ready to sacrifice something else. He caught Anna's kick with his left hand as the lightning began to penetrate the metal surface that covered it. At the same time, Anna waved her sword, trying to slice his neck.

Before she could reach the guy's neck, the guy threw Anna to the window, creating another hole that he could use to escape.

Clang!

"Kh." Anna gritted her teeth, seeing the guy who was about to escape through the window she smashed.

Unfortunately for him, this was the time for Noel to act. The hole was suddenly patched up by a thick layer of ice that covered the entire hallway, preventing him from escaping.

Anna smiled and muttered in a low voice, "Nice assist."

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"Tsk." The guy gritted his teeth and smashed the ice, shattering it in one hit. However, Noel had caught up to him and slashed his sword downwards.

He easily used his arm to block Noel's slash, but surprisingly, he felt pain coming through it. "Huh?"

When he took another look at his arm, Noel blade managed to pierce through a little bit of his metal, causing it to start bleeding.

"What?" He was shocked, not expecting Noel's attack to be this strong. "No. You're not this strong. Even your attack is not this strong."

Noel smiled. "Of course, my effort alone might not be enough to pierce through your defense. But I'm not the only one fighting you."

Noel released all his anger in his Everchanging Sword Style. For Noel, anger was a deep resentment that could bring one's potential to the very limit in a single slash. That was why the blade became even sharper during this slash, allowing him to finally penetrate his defense.

"!!!" The guy realized what had actually happened. It was Anna. She had been kicking him in the same spot over and over again. The lightning had been penetrating his defense this whole time, and Anna must have thought that the lightning was enough and the only thing she had to do was to cut it. That was why she made the cutting motion earlier.

But because she was thrown away, Noel took that opportunity to be the first one to cut him.

"You—!" He wanted to grab Ardagan to throw Noel off, but Anna came through the hole that he shattered earlier.

"Thank you for destroying the ice. I can enter now." Anna smiled while slashing her sword. The guy was shocked but it was too late because Anna's sword had struck the back of Noel's sword, giving an additional boost and finally cutting the guy's left arm.

"!!!" He widened his eyes as the intense pain shocked his brain. "Aaaaahhhh!"

He hurriedly leaped back to regain some distance while holding his left arm, which was still bleeding. Noel and Anna stood there together with a smile on their face as if they had been planning this kind of result the whole time.

"It seems that you've gotten far stronger than I imagine." Noel glanced at her.

"I already told you, you won't be able to surpass me."

"We'll see." Noel turned back to the guy who was trying to escape. "For now..."

"Yeah." Anna smirked and leaped together with Noel. "We have a target to kill."

The guy gritted his teeth, looking at both of them. Noel was the calm but supportive guy, allowing Anna to attack with all her might. At the same time, Anna's attack power was far too powerful. Even he who was proud of his defense didn't dare to take it lightly.

"Kh." He jumped back to gain some distance again, but Anna stomped the ground and leaped as hard as she could to catch up to him.

"I'm sick of it. Haaaaa..." The guy roared as he raised his right arm. Suddenly, the metal arm turned into a sharp blade.

'He is gathering a lot of Spiritual Energy to turn his hand into a blade?' Anna widened her eyes and spun her body to attack him with her sword instead of her kick.

Clink!

The clicking sound followed by an electric shock occurred. This might be the first time Anna gritted her teeth against him, so Noel had to release all his strength as well to catch up to them.

As expected, the guy started overwhelming Anna and pushed her back before swinging his sword to cut her.

Anna raised her sword to block it, but even she wouldn't be able to take this on. She prepared herself to be blown away again.

However, a pair of chains suddenly circled around the blade as the blade suddenly stopped.

"!!!" Anna and the enemy were startled by the sudden appearance of the chains. However, Anna had recognized this chain since the battle against the mushroom demon, so she was the first to react.

Lightning began to cover her blade as she took a deep breath. "Lightning God's Wrath."

She struck the blade with all her might, releasing a ridiculous amount of lightning. It even brightened the area a little bit and the windows of the mansion began to shatter.

"Haaaa!" The other guy also used all his Spiritual Energy to resist this attack.

It was a clash between Spirit Wielders, a realm that Noel hadn't reached yet. Even Noel was surprised by this amount of power.

But the conclusion came in a sudden.

Crack!

The guy's blade started to crack as Anna continued cutting through the blade since Noel still restrained it.

'Noel has gone all the way to restrain it. I can't let this opportunity go.' Anna thought while releasing all her power in this one slash.

"Kh." The guy felt the lightning that kept getting stronger and stronger as time passed. He feared for his life for the first time, but it was too late. The sharp pain had struck his mind again as Anna's blade cut through his metal arm. "Aaarrggh!"

He screamed in pain as both of his arms had been cut by Noel and Anna.

'The only thing that can stop this attack... It might be the Ignition Sword. And that's only dispersing the lightning. The fact that I also have to reveal my other element as well makes it hard to accept. I thought I have managed to catch up to her after the demon invasion, but it seems that I'm still far behind,' Noel muttered inwardly, realizing the gap between them.

Still, he didn't plan on losing. He saw that the guy tried to escape after both of his arms were cut, but he had been sneakily sending his Spiritual Energy around them.

Before the guy could escape, Noel's snowflake had been staying there, waiting to explode. And this was the right time.

Freezing Crystal.

Boom!

The snowflake exploded, creating a thick ice wall that stopped the guy.

"Gah!" He smashed his head to the wall, but it only managed to crack it.

Noel leaped forward and tried to pierce his heart from the back.

Clink!

Unfortunately, the blade couldn't even pierce him. It didn't even leave a single dent.

"Haha, you're useless. You won't be able to pierce through my defense without her."

"Yeah, so I'll rely on her once more for now." Noel smiled as Anna's figure appeared behind him.

The guy panicked because Anna had a kicking motion. And it was obvious where she would release all that power.

His face became pale and he tried to escape, but it was too late. Anna's kick had landed on the back of Noel's sword, pouncing the sword like a hammer and nail and breaking through the guy's defense.

"Aaaaahhhhh!"

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"Aaaahhhh!"

The sword impaled the guy's heart. This attack could only be done by them because it took advantage of Ardagan's indestructible body as well as Anna's extraordinary strength.

"Impossi..." The guy glared at them until his consciousness faded away.

Noel took a deep breath and pulled out his sword. "As expected, a Spirit Wielder is a bit harder to fight against an Advanced Level Demon. A human is indeed weaker than a demon in physical abilities, but they're far trickier and harder to kill."

Noel glanced at Anna to check her condition. She had been running all this time, so she must be pretty exhausted. That was also the reason why Anna couldn't overwhelm this guy in the first place.

"Are you alright, Anna?" Noel asked.

"Yeah." Anna nodded while walking to him as if she was completely fine.

However, Noel could see her body shaking to the point her feet gave up.

"Ah!" Anna realized that the adrenaline in her nervous system had begun to leave her and now her exhaustion began to fill her mind. "Mphmh?!"

She thought she was falling to the ground, but her feet seemed to be still touching the ground. When she raised her head, she realized Noel had caught her. A smile couldn't help but appear on her face. "Sorry. I was truly exhausted."

"No injury whatsoever?"

"Yeah. I just need rest."

"I see." Noel paused for a moment before carrying her on his back. "Anyway, we've done our job here. I'll take care of the rest."

"Mhm, alright." Anna nodded.

Noel carried her out of the mansion, wondering where he should go. After all, he still had to wait for the guy that Anna brought to come out.

"Noel!" Suddenly, a shout came from the second floor.

Noel turned around and found Lokhar and Kirika who managed to survive. Next to them was the glasses guy who seemed to be dragging a few people with his threads.

Seeing that the situation was already fine, the vice captain threw these people to the garden to regroup with Noel. Of course, he brought Kirika and Lokhar who he found hiding inside the mansion so that they didn't get in Noel's way.

"It seems that you're done." The vice captain glanced at the side, finding the ruckus caused by the fight.

"Yes. Thank you for allowing us to fight that guy."

"It's nothing. At the very least, we now know there will be an inspector coming. I can capture an inspector and you, who have found this out, will also receive a great merit."

"I didn't do anything. You should reward Kirika and Lokhar instead. They've suffered." Noel shook his head, refusing to take the credit.

The vice captain paused for a moment before saying, "Of course, everyone will be rewarded. On behalf of the Demon Banner Army, I'd like to thank you, Noel Ardagan. You too, Anna Stargaze."

"Thank you, Sir." Noel nodded while Anna was too weak, so she only smiled at him.

"That's right. When I was pretending to be unconscious, I heard that the receptionist said these two words to the guards. Exelam Monda. Do you know what that means?" Noel asked.

"!!!" The vice captain widened his eyes in shock. "What did you say?"

"Exelam Monda. She said those two words. I don't know what that means though."

However, Noel wasn't the only one shocked by those words. Anna, Kirika, and Lokhar were stunned as well.

"Mhm... What's wrong? Am I a bit too ignorant again?" Noel was confused.

"Yeah. You are too ignorant, Noel." Anna sighed.

"We're in a bad, no very bad situation." The vice captain bit his lips.

"What does those two words mean?"

"This is a code used by the Supreme Devil Organization. There are six ranks in the Supreme Devil Organization: Devil Worshiper, Devil Officer, Devil Inspector, Devil Bishop, Devil Saint, and lastly the

Supreme Devil. Each rank has their own code and the one you told me earlier is the code used by a Devil Bishop, not a Devil Inspector."

"What's that supposed to mean?" Noel asked again because he was still confused.

"In other words, the inspector that will be coming this time is not the Devil Inspector, it's the Devil Bishop." Anna explained. "You should know the Spirit Ranks. Spirit Apprentice, Spirit Practitioner and so on... Each rank doesn't mean that you're getting stronger like a straight line. Instead, a Spirit Practitioner is ten times stronger than a Spirit Apprentice, a Spirit Wielder is ten times stronger than a Spirit Wielder, and so on.

"An Inspector is a rank for people who have become a high level Spirit Wielder, close to Spirit Master. Some of them even have become a Spirit Master. However, a bishop is a rank for people who have become a high level Spirit Master or even a Spirit Grandmaster."

"Ah!" Noel widened his eyes in shock. "Then..."

"Yeah. In other words, the one who will be coming right now is as strong as Vice Captain Joseph. And that's not all, a Bishop will surely be escorted by multiple Inspectors."

"..." Noel fell silent. "Maybe I should have said that one first."

"No, you should learn about common knowledge first... These codes have been released as common knowledge by the Supreme Devil Organization. The reason is simple, it's too instill fear to the masses. By just knowing a powerful terrorist will be coming will surely cause chaos inside a city... So, you truly have to learn more common knowledge... No, I'm going to teach you everything after this." Anna sighed, having a headache.

"Kh." Joseph gritted his teeth and said, "Anyway, you four are to leave this city immediately. I'm going to find some reinforcement. You have done your job, so it's time for me to do mine."

"We understand." All of them nodded and began to walk. However, Noel stopped for a moment and lowered his head. "I'm sorry."

"No. The fact that you told me this before everything happened is enough. At least, I won't be going straight to my own death I'm going to call any captain near us. Hopefully there is one." Joseph waved his hand, telling him to leave straight away because he had to hurry.

Noel nodded and walked away.

As soon as Noel left the area, there was a sudden Spiritual Energy fluctuation that shocked Joseph. He hurriedly turned around and shouted, "Who are you?" albeit not finding anyone behind him.

"I'll be helping you to deal with the bishop." A man's voice rang in his ears.

"!!!" Joseph looked down and saw his shadow flickering. However, it soon stabilized as if the person had disappeared once again. His body was trembling as he muttered, "Impossible. A high level Spirit Grandmaster? No, he's very close to Spirit Transcendence... Then, does that mean he's stronger than my captain? But... why is that kind of person here? Is he following someone? Then, who?"

Chapter 259 Fight

"Vice Captain. They're coming." One of the soldiers came to him with a serious expression.

"Are we really going to do this?" Another soldier expressed his doubt. After all, it would be impossible to take on a bishop without a single captain.

However, Joseph nodded his head as if he was determined in doing it. He said, "We can't find a single captain around our area, so we have to fight them so that they don't destroy this city."

"..." The soldiers looked down, hesitated. This order only meant one thing. They had to sacrifice their lives.

Joseph understood their concern as well, but he could only trust that person for the time being. He said with a sigh. "Just trust me this once. We'll win."

"We understand."

With a heavy heart, they walked outside the city, not wanting to take the fight inside because it would cause too many casualties.

The five soldiers that walked together with him had steeled their resolve. They were meant to protect the people from the Supreme Devil Organization, so if they died, they had at least died for the people.

Joseph could see a carriage moving toward the city and a group of knights protecting it. However, each knight was a powerful Spirit Wielder, so they knew this was the man they were waiting for. Even Joseph could feel the eerie aura coming from that carriage.

"Tsk." Joseph gritted his teeth, trying to envelop the area with his Spiritual Energy to see whether the person that was going to help them would appear or not.

Since he couldn't sense anything, Joseph said, "If I die, you all should leave immediately and report it."

"Vice Captain!" The five soldiers knew that Joseph would most likely sacrifice his life to give them some time to escape. They had known Joseph for a long time after all.

Joseph ignored their reactions because it would just make it hard for him. He simply walked to the front, stopping the carriage bravely.

"From the looks of it, you aren't the knights from this city. For what pleasure that a random person stops us?" One of the knights came forward as if trying to converse with Joseph.

However, Joseph simply said, "I'm not sure. I just happen to know you from these two people. That's the only reason why I'm stopping you."

The Supreme Devil Organization acted like a normal person outside, so he still had to make sure that they were his targets.

Joseph dropped two heads in front of them, the middle-aged butler and the brothel receptionist's head.

"!!!" The knight in front of him was startled, recognizing these two people.

Joseph saw his reaction, which was different from the shock. So, he said, "It seems that you have recognized them."

"No. I was simply startled to find the person before me would act this cruelly." The knight regained his calm.

And soon, there was a silence filling the atmosphere and the tension started rising.

The Spiritual Energy gathered in Joseph's hand began to revolve violently.

Joseph was the first to make a move as he sent forth numerous strings from his right hand toward the carriage. He aimed for the Devil Bishop right away since he was the priority.

On the other hand, the knight next to the carriage hurriedly pulled out his sword to stop these threads but to no avail. He managed to cut a few of them, but the rest had reached the carriages, slicing it into pieces.

Surprisingly, the carriage didn't crumble. Instead, the threads were the ones cut afterwards.

"!!!" Joseph widened his eyes and took a leap back. Suddenly, a huge figure emerged from the carriage. The figure was like a ghost wearing a long robe that covered everything, including his hand. The long sleeves circled around the scythe, making it look more scary. But more importantly, this creature was created by blood.

Seeing this creature, Joseph conjured another thread, but this time, it was a thick thread that wouldn't easily be cut. He sent it forth straight to the creature.

The latter struck it with its scythe. The thread couldn't easily be cut, but the blood creature seemed to know what it should do.

The creature shifted its scythe a bit, deflecting the thread to the side.

"!!!" Seeing this clash, the rest of the people hurriedly entered the fight as well. The soldiers and the knights stepped forward, trying to stop each other from interfering.

Meanwhile, Joseph controlled his thread carefully, making it turn back as if it was alive to disperse the blood.

However, a red strike coming from the carriage reached the thread and cut it easily, along with the carriage itself.

"As expected from the Vice Captain of the Demon Observer Squad. I don't know how you get the information about me, but it seems that I have to capture you to get that information." An old woman came out of the carriage while glaring at Joseph.

"You are..." Joseph recognized her in an instant. "The Bloody Queen, Wendy."

"It seems that I'm a little famous." Wendy smiled while raising her hand. She used the thumb's nail to cut her middle finger as blood began to drop.

However, that blood turned into a sword for her to wield.

Joseph gritted his teeth, knowing what kind of opponent he had right now. Among the Devil Bishops, Wendy's rank was quite high, so her prowess was too much for him to handle. Even Septa wouldn't be able to defeat her easily.

"Without a single captain, you are trying to kill me?" Wendy smiled. "It seems that I have been underestimated."

The killing intent and bloodlust from Wendy spread in the area, startling both foes and allies. It was so intense that some people began to tremble.

"And even a thread user like you dare to stop me in this plain. So good for a Vice Captain, you prioritize the people's lives after your advantage. That's why you're going to be captured this time." Wendy smirked and stepped forward, planning to end this battle as quickly as possible.

However, they didn't know this time, there was eyes and mouth in Joseph's shadow. And that mouth was making a smile as if it was excited by the development.

Chapter 260 Butler

Joseph hurriedly covered his body with thick threads, knowing that this opponent wasn't something he could handle. So, he could only buy time, waiting for that shadow to appear until he felt he couldn't hold on any longer.

With this thread armor, Joseph leaped forth and pulled his fists.

Wendy looked at both fists and controlled the blood creature to come between them.

"!!!" Joseph had steeled his resolve, so he struck this creature with his fists. The strings began to disperse as well as if trying to sweep away the blood.

But the moment a hole was created on the creature's body, a sword came through it.

Joseph hurriedly threw himself to the side, avoiding the sword that ended up grazing his cheek.

"Tsk." Joseph gritted his teeth while wiping the blood on his cheek.

Wendy chuckled and said, "It seems that the Demon Banner Army's vice captain is weaker than I expected... This is why you shouldn't prioritize the people's safety over your advantage."

Joseph didn't have the energy to rebuke it. If he was inside the town, he could attach the strings anywhere, so he could do much more like throwing an object, destroying houses, and more things. However, it also meant that there would be hundreds if not thousands of deaths. That wasn't something he would like to have.

But Wendy took advantage of this and injured Joseph in an instant. At that moment, she raised her hand and tried to suck Joseph's blood.

"!!!" Joseph saw that his blood felt like being pulled out to the outside. His body began to weaken due to the blood loss, so he hurriedly covered the wound with his string so that no more blood would be able to pull out. "Kh."

"That's a good amount." Wendy smirked while forming a smaller creature with Joseph's blood. At the same time, she could also see some injuries on their subordinates, so he pulled the blood from Joseph's subordinates to be used as a warrior.

"Not good." Joseph hurriedly attached the strings to the back of his subordinates and pulled them out of the battle. He then covered their wounds with his strings so that they became weaker.

"This is an impossible fight." One of the soldiers gritted his teeth, knowing that it was too reckless to challenge a Devil Bishop without a single captain.

Joseph couldn't say anything to them because there was no definite proof that he could tell them. He thought, 'It seems that I have put my hope in the wrong place.'

"This is the difference in our ability, Joseph. You should have brought your captain before challenging me." Wendy laughed while being surrounded by her subordinates as well as the creatures she created earlier.

But at that instant, a man's voice resounded across the battlefield. "You too, old hag. You should have brought a Saint if you wanna live."

"!!!" Wendy and Joseph hurriedly turned their heads. What they found was truly ridiculous.

There were three bodies who had their heads flying. The shadow began to move around as a middle-aged man came out of that shadow.

The man had long black hair tied neatly on his back and slanted eyes. His smile looked like a sly fox, making one wonder his next plan. But surprisingly, he was wearing a butler outfit instead of anything else.

"You—" Joseph and Wendy were shocked, but before they were fast enough to do something, the middle-aged man had severed another five heads.

"No, you don't!" Wendy roared and leaped toward him before he could finish all her subordinates.

The middle-aged man simply leaped back to gain some distance while stating, "There are only three people left along with all those blood creatures, I'm sure that you can handle the rest, right? Vice Captain?"

"!!!" Joseph realized that the situation had been turned around in an instant. Without Wendy, all these creatures and the rest of the enemies were easy for them.

However, Wendy laughed at this middle-aged man. "You are a fool. To think that you're allowing me to summon more creatures to use. Even if they're dead, they can still be used as a warrior. I'll show you what it means to challenge me!"

When she raised her hand, she realized that there was no blood that could be extracted from the bodies, stunning her. "Huh?"

She turned around to check but realized that all the bodies and the blood were gone as if they were swallowed by something.

The middle-aged man smiled, saying, "Yeah, yeah. Because you took too much time saying all that stuff, I have finished cleaning the battlefield."

He was the culprit. By swallowing the corpses and their bodies into the shadow, there was no way Wendy could use them anymore.

"You b—" Wendy was angered thoroughly, but before she could finish her words, her shadow had turned into a circle as if the moon was directly on top of her head. With that round shadow, a pair of red eyes appeared as if it found its prey.

Suddenly, a huge creature appeared from the ground, swallowing Wendy.

"You have anger issues, ain't you? Don't talk too much because you can use that time to use your power. Old hag, just because you're old, don't turn everything into a lesson." The middle-aged man shook his head helplessly.

"..." Joseph widened his eyes in shock, never expecting that this reinforcement was able to deal with the Bloody Queen so easily.

Still, as one would expect from a Devil Bishop, she wouldn't die that easily. The shadow gradually turned red before it fell down like a blood, releasing herself. She even covered the soil with blood so that no shadow would come out again.

"Kh." Wendy gritted her teeth while glaring at this man. "As expected, this shadow manipulation... There's only one person of your caliber with this kind of ability. To think I would be meeting the famous shadow, Dimitri Val Heizer."

The man turned out to be the butler of the Ardagan Family's Dimitri. After hearing those words, Dimitri simply smiled and said, "What are you talking about? I'm simply a butler. Butler Dimitri."