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Chapter 781 Superior Demon Emerged

"Not good." Noel grabbed Anna's hand and dragged her. "Run!"

"Wha—!" Anna was confused, but it didn't last long. The danger that her instinct picked up was rapidly increasing. It was clear that something was moving toward them. And when she examined the danger level that was higher than even a Peak Level Demon, then it wouldn't be hard to determine the cause. The Superior Demon was coming at them.

"I can run by myself," Anna shouted while trying to release her hand from his grip.

After seeing Anna's reaction, Noel released her while saying, "Bring him to the previous cave."

"I know." Anna nodded. Looking at how fast Noel's reaction was couldn't help but make her think, 'Yeah. This is why I need Noel. His brain is working faster than my instinct. It's not that my instinct is useless, but he can simply assess the situation and realize the danger before it's even coming. On the other hand, I'm heavily relying on my instinct to keep me safe. I have been training my mind, but I'm still not his match.'

Despite realizing that she couldn't win against him in this area, she was actually smiling. There was a realization that struck her mind. 'That's right. I have something in me that he needs. He has something I desire. We both need each other, so that's why I won't hesitate to risk my life for you... I wonder... if you can feel the same?'

Anna actually added 'can' in her thought because she knew that the execution, even though it was a scheme, still traumatized Noel. In addition to her bad behavior, it was clear that Noel would have to face that last barrier. Hence, she wondered if such a thing was possible or not.

Unfortunately, there was no way she could utter that question, let alone in the situation they were in.

Anna glanced at the back and saw the demons running for their lives. She didn't know the size of the earthworm, but it was clear that if the earthworm caught up, they would definitely die.

She wanted to turn her body around and shoot at them, but that would be troublesome because they were moving at their fastest speed. A slight change in the body posture was enough to decrease their speed or even trip them.

So, Anna thought about another thing and asked, "Noel. Can't you leave your ice behind? I mean, on the floor to make them slip."

"As much as I want to do it, I don't know what will happen with the earthworm behind them. With the ice, the friction is less, causing you to speed up, right? What will we do if the earthworm speeds up?" Obviously, Noel wanted to do it much more than her, but he couldn't risk her safety for this.

The moment their plan went awry, Anna would definitely suffer a huge loss.

They kept running without caring about attacking the demons behind them. However, Anna and Noel could actually feel that their number was decreasing.

Noel's Demon Hunter Medal allowed him to sense the demons within fifty-meter radius. And due to it, he knew that the moment the demon disappeared from the medal, they either left the radius or died.

He had seen the earthworm's size. In fact, the earthworm should be the one creating all these tunnels, considering its body and the tunnel size were similar. The difference should come from the Spiritual Energy that the earthworm used to dig around.

"This is the first Superior Demon I'll fight." Noel took a deep breath. Since he couldn't attack the demons, he chose this time to calm his mind.

Meanwhile, Anna asked, "Noel. How long do we need to reach the other side?"

"About one more minute. The tunnel is quite long. The earthworm is clever to make a long tunnel before his room." Noel understood Anna's concern. The Superior Demon's speed couldn't be underestimated. He had been closing the gaps a little at a time. In fact, the only demons that could reach the other side would probably only be the Advanced Level Demons and Peak Level Demons.

Anna furrowed her eyebrows. The Peak Level Demons' speed was similar to theirs, albeit slightly faster. Of course, she could wrap her body with lightning to increase her speed, but it would mean that she had to leave Noel behind.

There was no way she could do that. However, at this rate, the demons would catch up to them in another thirty seconds.

"Noel. Things are not looking good. Are you sure you don't have any other trump cards?"

"I do, but I don't need to use it here." Noel's expression remained calm. It seemed that he had another plan to avoid getting swallowed by the earthworm.

Noel didn't do anything for the next ten seconds, shortening the gaps between them and the Peak Level Demons. If he waited for a few more seconds, the Peak Level Demons might be able to catch them and throw them to the back, allowing the Superior Demon to swallow them.

Even Anna became more panicked, wondering if she should use her lightning or not.

Anna opened her mouth, trying to warn Noel one more time. But before her voice came out, Noel's expression changed.

The situation was just one step away from the worst, but this was the exact reason why Noel considered this a perfect distance. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

"Ready to jump!" Noel warned her.

Anna didn't know what he was planning to do, but she followed his every word.

The moment the demons extended their hands or heads to grab them, Noel suddenly shouted, "Jump!"

Noel and Anna jumped at the same time as if trying to avoid something on the ground.

The Peak Level Demons were smart, so they would realize that their actions should have a meaning.

The ones that extended their hands like rats ended up retracting and jumping like Noel and Anna, thinking there was something that would trip them. Stumbling to the ground wasn't a problem, but getting swallowed by the Superior Demon was.

Hence, they wouldn't fall for such a trick. They did the same thing in order to avoid Noel's trap. Although they couldn't catch Noel and Anna and the distance between them increased slightly, they were unharmed.

However, Noel's plan had a fatal flaw. There was one Peak Level Bat among them. Since it was flying, there was no need to avoid the trap like others. It used this exact moment to grab Anna and Noel with its wings.

But before its wings could reach them, its body got slammed by another earthworm that ran on the wall in order to avoid the invisible trap.

In the end, the Peak Level Bat fell to the ground in shock and got swallowed by the Superior Demon.

pandasnovel.com In addition, that small action increased the gap between them even further.

Noel smiled while Anna was in shock.

"Did you just trick them?" Anna gasped. Tricking demons and pulling them into their traps were common tricks in the Demon Banner Army, but it was because the demons were moving with their instinct. In other words, the method was only for lower level demons.

However, the demons in this place behaved differently. Not only could they act together, but they were also far smarter than the ones in the wild.

Noel took advantage of their intelligence and tricked them into thinking there was a trap on the ground they had to avoid no matter the cost. And he did it with just a single jump.

By closing their distance, Noel made the demons panic and forced them to do the same thing without putting much thought. As a result, the little chaos ended up killing one of them and putting a distance between them.

Anna knew for sure that there was no more trap that they could use, but Noel calculated how the enemies would move as well and turned it into a trap.

This method couldn't help but put a wry smile on her face. She became even more convinced that if their positions were exchanged, Anna wouldn't be able to survive Noel's plots.

"Let's go." Noel smiled while pointing at the end of the tunnel that had become visible.

"Yeah. I'm ready to fight." Anna nodded while holding her sword on her waist.

As soon as they reached the exit, they headed to the center of the cave and turned around.

As expected, the other demons also emerged from the cave and hurriedly moved to the side, avoiding the Superior Demon.

The latter emerged with a body similar to that giant tunnel. The speed of this demon would definitely crush everything that it slammed.

However, Noel and Anna weren't scared in the slightest. They just took a step to the side and unsheathed their blades.

Since the earthworm hadn't fully come out and its speed was still extremely high, it was impossible for the earthworm to twist its body. So, Noel and Anna let the earthworm come to them and position themselves to the side of the earthworm while striking the earthworm's body and letting the blade slide on the skin.

Chapter 782 Another Turn

Circular Sword Strike.

Lightning Force.

Noel's Spiritual Energy started to expand, but due to the toughness of the skin, the part where it touched the skin ended up getting stuck while the rest expanded. On the other hand, Anna's lightning element sparked to the limit, trying to break apart the skin.

The earthworm's skin looked smooth like that of a normal earthworm, but when they struck it with their swords, it felt like they hit a rock. In addition, the rock was so hard that they wondered if this was a rock or a metal.

"Haaa!" Noel shouted while releasing more spiritual Energy, stretching his Circular Sword Strike to the utmost degree. The Sword Strike also hit the Peak Level Demons on the side.

Unfortunately for him, his ability actually left no scratch on the earthworm's skin.

On the other hand, Anna's lightning element had a better chance against it. The lightning's penetrating force was much greater than Noel's ability. A huge area of the strike only left a graze, but the first strike where it was hit the hardest broke apart and left a wound.

"..." Anna furrowed her eyebrows, realizing that a normal strike wouldn't be useful against the earthworm. She had to concentrate all her attacks in one direction.

However, the moment she thought about it, the earthworm had fully emerged from the hole. Its body suddenly wiggled to the side as if it was trying to flap its tail at her.

"!!!" Noel obviously wouldn't allow such a thing. He planned to make the earthworm focus on him. His sword began to emit the Undying Flame as it suddenly burst out.

Ignition Sword.

Boom!

The flame exploded and scorched the tough skin. The explosion was even bigger than the last time he used it due to the ability he learned from Old Ru.

Although it was faint, the skin reddened as if the inner part was actually being burned from the outside.

"I see. The earthworm's inner part is extremely delicate, while the outer part is the only thing that is tough. If we can somehow find—" Before he finished his thought, just like what Noel wanted, the earthworm focused on him. Instead of hitting Anna with his tail, Noel was the one getting slapped to the side.

"Kh." Noel still managed to cover his body with Spiritual Energy, but the impact was quite painful. In addition, it blew him away. The front part of the earthworm actually chased after him.

Noel saw the earthworm's giant mouth that seemed to be able to engulf everything. There were sharp teeth all around the mouth. He would definitely get skewered alive the moment it devoured him.

"You're not going to do it!" Anna released a burst of Spiritual Energy, ready to jump on top of the earthworm to deliver a powerful blow.

Sadly, there was no way the other Peak Level Demons would allow such a thing. They had appeared around Anna, attacking her.

"Tsk." Anna clicked her tongue and struck their attacks, albeit they ultimately stopped her from chasing after the Superior Demon.

Meanwhile, the Peak Level Demons on Noel's side also surrounded him from two directions. But instead of stopping him, they only tried to distract Noel by shooting their Spiritual Energy so that he didn't move from his spot. It seemed that they were scared entering the earthworm's mouth as well, further proving the lethality of that mouth.

A pair of black wings suddenly formed and expanded, catching the Spiritual Energy that the Peak Level Demons shot. After that, Noel formed a huge ice block made by stacking all his Ice Mirrors.

He thought this should be enough to prevent the earthworm from eating him. Yet, the latter gave him a surprise by drilling the ice block and all the parts that entered his mouth were ground into fine pieces before it disappeared into the darkness of its stomach.

"For real?" Luckily, Noel had another plan. He used the ice block to cover the earthworm's senses and jumped on top of him the moment he broke the ice block apart.

But as one would expect from an earthworm, it didn't have eyes, but it could easily sense Noel's position.

Instead of moving forth, it raised its head and chased after Noel.

That was why Noel was shocked. "Ice Lotus."

Noel changed his approach and sent for multiple ice petals inside. The moment they entered the earthworm's mouth, the ice petals exploded, forming a giant ice crystal inside the earthworm's mouth.

Once again, the earthworm's teeth vibrated and shattered the ice crystal in an instant as the head continued to chase after Noel.

Noel tried to fly away, but the earthworm had enough length to reach the ceiling. Whether it was fortunate or unfortunate, a bolt of lightning suddenly hit the upper part of the head and knocked it down.

pandasnovel.com *Bam!*

The earthworm's body shivered for a second as if it was indicating the pain it suffered. The lightning turned out to be Anna.

She managed to escape from the Peak Level Demons' encirclement and shot herself to the earthworm.

"Don't underestimate me." Anna harrumphed.

Noel saw the Peak Level Demons that were after her and rained them down with the Undying Fire Feathers.

Boom!

Boom!

*Boom!*I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

A series of explosions occurred, but none of the feathers hit the demons. After all, they were not used to kill the Peak Level Demons, but to stop them from coming after her. The moment they served their purposes, the feathers changed directions and hit the earthworm's skin.

The earthworm shivered once again, letting him know that the attack worked.

'We can go with this strategy.' Noel assessed the situation. 'There are a total of five Peak Level Demons and three Advanced Level Demons. I can easily kill the latter, but the Peak Level Demons are quite troublesome in this situation. Then...'

Noel took a deep breath and changed his focus. Since Anna was holding the earthworm back, he should have had some time to focus on something.

Noel formed two runes on his hand. The first rune was the Rune Blast, while the second one was actually the Energy Gathering Rune.

He shot the Rune Blast to the earthworm. Sensing the amount of Spiritual Energy that Noel poured into this rune, two Peak Level Demons actually jumped forth to block it.

Bam!

The blast knocked both of them, but they absorbed most of the energy. The remaining energy only felt like a tickle for the earthworm.

Noel had expected something like this. In fact, the reason why he prepared the second rune was for this exact moment.

The Energy Gathering Rune was sucking all the Spiritual Energy around it, concentrating them above the rune.

"!!!" The other demons thought he was planning to do the same but at a larger scale. So, they hurriedly moved toward the earthworm, trying to block it. The remaining Advanced Level Demons were in charge of distracting him.

Noel didn't care much about the Advanced Level Demon. He focused on the Spiritual Energy the rune gathered as well as the one coming from his body.

"Connection... Spiritual Energy..." Noel muttered those words while trying to extend his Spiritual Energy to the one that the rune gathered. He tried to apply Old Ru's ability and connect himself with this huge chunk of Spiritual Energy.

Surprisingly, the Spiritual Energy looked like they were trying to attach themselves to each other and began to form a bond.

As soon as he made that connection, he couldn't help but smile. Even if he couldn't release this amount of Spiritual Energy at once, he could actually use the rune to bypass that limit.

And with this, he began the next step. He poured the fire element to light up this amount of Spiritual Energy.

Suddenly, a huge fireball was formed. The size was as big as the tunnel. Not only the demons but even Anna was shocked by the size of the fireball.

The Advanced Level Demons were more determined to use their lives to stop Noel, but instead of throwing this massive fireball at the earthworm, he tried something else.

'It's quite hard to maintain it, but...' Noel tried the Flame Conjuring Ability to change the shape of this fireball. He wouldn't be able to make something in great detail, but there was an exact example in front of him.

With a wave of his hand, the fireball extended forth like an earthworm and moved around Noel's body.

"!!!" The Advanced Level Demons were shocked because this fire earthworm could move freely in the air and ultimately engulfed them in rapid succession.

With that size, there was no way the Advanced Level Demon could resist.

After that, Noel tried to move this powerful fire toward the earthworm to scorch his entire body.

The Peak Level Demons jumped into the air. They had no choice but to take this attack head-on.

However, it seemed that the Superior Demon also sensed the danger coming from Noel's fire.

Suddenly, a burst of energy shook the entire area to the point where Noel's fire became unstable.

"!!!" Noel gritted his teeth, maintaining his control.

But Anna felt something from the release of that aura.

"Huh?" Anna widened her eyes and raised her head. She certainly felt danger coming from above, thinking it was one of the monsters that hid inside the dead-end tunnel. And she seemed to be right. The demon was actually moving around as if it was trying to smash the ground that separated them.

"The demon is coming... No, wait. That burst of Spiritual Energy... it's actually to call all the demons in this nest?" Anna's body trembled upon that realization. They had just gained an advantage during the battle, yet, that advantage would be gone if those demons actually came to this place.

Even Noel couldn't help but look at the mission.

[Mission: Time Attack!]

[Description: Clear the whole nest within 24 hours.]

[Reward: Challenger Medal and Secret to Career Advancement.]

[Remaining Monsters: 53]

[Remaining Time: 3:11:25]

Their numbers weren't great, but if they came here, it would disrupt the battlefield and put them at a disadvantage.

Chapter 783 True Spirit Body

Anna gritted her teeth and jumped to the side, gaining some distance from the earthworm to think.

Noel, on the other hand, was getting suppressed by the Peak Level Demons. The Peak Level Demons didn't even bother to kill him. They fought conservatively as if they were trying to buy time for the rest to come without getting injured.

"Noel!" Anna shouted his name, knowing what was going to happen from now on.

"I know." Noel nodded with a serious expression while repelling the enemy's attacks.

Anna was clenching her weapon slightly. Despite facing this type of situation, she still hadn't released her full power.

After all, she was still abiding by the promise that she made with Noel a moment ago.

...

An hour ago.

"Eh? What do you mean by that? Are you saying I can't use my True Spirit Body? But this is..." Anna gasped.

Noel's expression was serious. He was still weighing the probability of her injury as well as the mission. On the one hand, he didn't want her to use the True Spirit Body because of her injury. On the other hand, he knew that their options were limited.

In fact, the moment Noel heard that Anna's body was still hurting the whole time, he couldn't help but wonder how much Anna had endured.

She didn't show it the whole time, so he never noticed it.

It felt like he was being defeated by Anna before the battle even began. But that was the exact reason why Noel had to take this matter seriously.

"That's right. We don't need your True Spirit Body. Think about this." Noel raised one finger. "Old Ru sent us here because he considers that we can clear the whole nest without his help, right?"

pandasnovel.com "That's true. But there should be a few conditions such as pushing ourselves to the limit. In fact, he should have taken my True Spirit Body into calculations."

"No. Old Ru is only taking the new ability into his consideration. In fact, he is trying to not let you use your True Spirit Body. If not, he wouldn't give us this thing." Noel took the talisman Old Ru gave them.

Anna looked down. She could somehow understand Noel's reasoning. Old Ru actually stopped Dimitri from using his True Spirit Body when they first met. It seemed that he understood what kind of power the True Spirit Body was as well as the risks they had.

He knew that she would be in danger if she used the True Spirit Body. That was why he prevented her from taking that action.

Still, Anna wasn't thoroughly convinced. "There is one problem. Do you think we can kill the Superior Demon without the True Spirit Body? I mean, I can somehow picture it, but what are we going to do with the other demons? In fact, the key factor of our success lies in those demons. If we can kill them and face the earthworm alone, we can definitely win. But if those demons surround us..."

Anna didn't have to finish her words. The result was clear. Even Noel couldn't rebuke her statement.

In fact, she felt a bit weird that Noel suddenly became adamant about stopping her from using this ability. She thought, 'Did he notice something from his spirit? The Spirit should know more about the True Spirit Body... Wait. Don't tell me... his spirits have realized my condition and warned him about it? Is that why he is so desperate to stop me?'

Suddenly, the spirit in her body released his voice.

'Oh, look at that. How sweet of him. It's hard to find someone who cares this much for you. How about holding back for now? You can't make him worry too much, you know.'

Anna never thought that the Thunder Berserker Spirit would start the conversation. Normally, he would only speak whenever she visited him in her own consciousness. However, she had another reason why she couldn't back down.

'Why are you suddenly supporting him? What are you scheming?' Anna paused for a moment. 'As much as I want to fulfill that request, you should have seen his reaction about this nest. It seems that his spirit is going to reward him with something if he can somehow eliminate all the demons in the nest.'

Noel didn't want her to risk her life, but Anna refused for his sake as well. The Thunder Berserker Spirit could only say, 'I have warned you regarding the risk. The rest is up to your choice. Though, I must say that if you survive, you can enjoy being a little princess with him taking care of you.'

Anna looked down for a moment. She would be lying if she didn't think such a scene didn't tempt her. Of course, she also felt moved when Noel showed such concern after knowing about her condition. So, she had to compromise a little.

She proposed. "How about this... I will follow your plan. But if the enemies end up becoming more troublesome than we expect, I will have to use the True Spirit Body. In other words, if your plans can somehow eliminate the Superior Demon before I feel the need to use it, then I won't use it."

Noel thought for a moment and nodded. This was their agreement.

However, everything changed when the earthworm called for the other demons.

Even Noel knew that the demons scattered all around the nest actually tried to gather in this one place.

Noel gritted his teeth. He could feel the vibration from the ceiling as a few small pebbles had begun to fall. It was clear that the demons were trying to create a hole. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

Hence, he had to take down all the Superior Demons in this place before they reached here. This way, he would be able to take down the remaining demons while Anna bought some time from the Superior Demon.

"Haaa!" Noel released all the Spiritual Energy he could muster.

The Peak Level Demons began to get some distance to intercept all his plans.

But the first thing he did was actually point his hand upward.

They were confused, especially after seeing the Ice Lotus. They thought Noel would attack them again with the petals, so they were ready to dodge it. However, the Ice Petals actually flew into the ceiling and exploded, forming multiple ice crystals that strengthened the ceiling. This way, he could buy them more time.

But to his surprise, the demons' movements began to change as if they were learning from him.

"Huh?" Noel suddenly widened his eyes when a Peak Level Demon suddenly jumped on top of him, trying to catch him.

Noel hurriedly waved his sword, cutting deep into the demon's body. But surprisingly, the demon didn't do anything other than use the momentum to reach him. This demon pinned him to the ground with its body weight.

Noel obviously used the Floating Rune to lift him up, but it turned out that was just a distraction. The other Peak Level Demons moved toward Anna.

One of them did the same thing. It sacrificed its life to hold Anna back while the Superior Demon raised its upper body and pointed its mouth to the ceiling.

"Don't tell me!" Anna gasped. "Stop it!"

Both Anna and Noel understood what the demon planned to do. They jumped toward the Superior Demon in order to stop it, but it was too late. The Superior Demon actually jumped into the air with that giant body.

Ignition Sword.

Thunder Slash.

Noel and Anna struck it with the sword, leaving a huge wound on his body. However, it didn't stop his momentum, only shifted it a bit.

That giant body hit the ceiling. The ice shattered by its tough skin and the mouth destroyed everything on its path.

It created a huge hole in the ceiling. It might not be connected to the other side, but they could see a clear crack, indicating that the ceiling had almost collapsed.

"Kh." Noel never thought that the Superior Demon would do something like this.

"Sorry. I think this Superior Demon is smarter than we expected. Conventional way won't do it." Anna said as she saw the ceiling on top of them crumble as ten demons emerged in rapid succession. There were a few other demons that would soon come from other tunnels.

In this situation, if she didn't use her power, they would definitely die... Though, the Berserker Spirit's words seemed to be influencing her mind as well. She thought, 'All I need to do is to avoid injuries, right?'

"Wait. I—" Noel tried to stop her, believing there was still another way to solve this. Of course, it was just him trying to avoid the worst-case scenario where Anna's life would be in danger after using the True Spirit Body. If he actually knew about Anna's thoughts, he would definitely slap her in the face.

Unfortunately, Anna disregarded everything she said from this point onward.

"O' Berserker who controls rampage and chaos." Anna started chanting unlike Dimitri. It seemed that was a condition because she had yet to reach the level where she could fully utilize this power. However, that chant contained a lot of Spiritual Energy.

Just from the beginning of the chant alone, the Spiritual Energy vibrated and formed a pressure that tried to pin everyone on the ground.

The earthworm was shocked, realizing that Anna had to be killed before she could do what she wanted. Without hesitation, the earthworm moved toward Anna.

"This body is weak and unqualified." Anna continued. Suddenly, the lightning began to spark all around her body.

The earthworm wanted to attack her, but the spark actually created a lightning bolt that hit in all directions as if trying to repel everyone that wanted to get near her.

"With my blood as the price and my veins as the bonds, I shall offer you my life." This time, a huge change suddenly underwent. Blood suddenly flowed out of her eyes, nose, and mouth. The blood didn't evaporate. Instead, they were floating in the air and merged with the lightning, fusing the color between the two.

The yellow lightning gradually turned red as if it was lightning that came from her blood instead. However, this red lightning was far fiercer than the normal yellow lightning. It cracked the ground open, it created a hole in the lower level demon upon contact, and, more importantly, it was raging as if it was trying to destroy everything in the world.

The earthworm wouldn't allow Anna to do anything she wanted. The moment it reached her, the earthworm tried to swallow her.

But Anna only smiled as she finished her chant. "Dwell in my body. True Spirit Body."

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"True Spirit Body."

The moment she said those words, the red lightning erupted.

"!!!" Noel widened his eyes in shock and regret. He had failed to stop Anna from using it. On the other hand, he felt that Anna made this decision too hastily, unlike her normal behavior, making him a bit suspicious.

Nevertheless, it didn't change the fact that Anna had used her True Spirit Body.

The lightning was so red that it felt like it had been dyed by her own blood. From the chant alone, it seemed that her blood was a catalyst or a bridge to this power, so it was no wonder that the lightning turned red.

In fact, yellow lightning alone was already different from the normal lightning in the sky, so it could change its color as much as she wanted.

pandasnovel.com What piqued Noel's interest was actually a pair of horns that appeared on top of her head. She looked like the devil he had read in the books during his time as the young master of the Ardagan Family.

'Still, what should I do? She has used the True Spirit Body. According to Ardagan, getting heavily injured in that state would be over for her. It seems that as long as she is not getting injured, it should be fine. There will definitely be some setbacks, but her life won't be in danger.' Noel thought.

Without him realizing it, he clenched his sword tighter as if he was swearing in his heart to ensure the situation didn't reach that point.

Nonetheless, no matter how worried Noel was, what truly mattered was the power that red lightning contained. If Anna couldn't fight back even with the True Spirit Body, then they would definitely be screwed. Noel was also ready to use the talisman to inform Old Ru.

It appeared that his worry was unnecessary. The moment the red lightning erupted, it immediately blasted the earthworm, completely stopping its momentum.

Anna's eyes were cold and devoid of emotions despite the fact that her power was granted by a berserker spirit.

Anna picked up a thumb-sized rock from the ground and tossed it to the earthworm as powerful as possible.

The red lightning blasted the rock straight into the earthworm's mouth.

However, the earthworm was still a Superior Demon. It wouldn't lose to Anna easily.

When the rock was about to enter his mouth, a translucent barrier suddenly emerged, blocking the rock.

The power contained in that rock was extremely strong to the point where the earthworm's body slightly twitched to the side as if it was getting pushed back. However, the barrier managed to stop the rock as the teeth began channeling their power, removing the red lightning from the rock. As a result, the rock lost its power and fell down.

Obviously, Anna didn't think that a rock could injure the earthworm. The reason why she attached the earthworm was to distract it.

Instead of aiming for the earthworm, Anna actually targeted the other demons, especially the ones that troubled Noel.

She used her lightning to increase her speed and disappear.

Noel had a hard time feeling her presence. In addition, two Peak Level Demons actually attacked him more vigorously, realizing that the Superior Demon would be in danger if they didn't help. Anna was simply that strong.

So, they wanted to eliminate Noel even if they had to risk their lives.

"Kh." Noel was pinned on the ground. He stopped their attacks with his sword, but they used the weight of their bodies to stop him. Of course, Noel could use the Rune to blow them away, but he had to use the remaining Spiritual Energy to form Hardening Rune to the rocks in his surrounding.

After all, the other demons were moving around and shooting their attacks from all directions.

He had to block them and search for a new way to intercept them before he could turn the situation around.

However, all that didn't matter. After all, a red lightning spark suddenly entered his vision.

"Huh?" Noel widened his eyes in shock as he hurriedly covered his body with Spiritual Energy.

As he expected, the red lightning electrocuted the two demons on top of him and blasted them away.

"!!!" Noel lowered his vision and saw Anna standing on top of a demon corpse.

The horns made her look more confident and raised the intensity of her glare. From that cold, emotionless face appeared a smile... or a big grin. The grin felt like a challenge.

"Are you done, Noel? To think you would be troubled by them? There are even more demons coming here." Anna pointed at the demons that had just fallen to this place and headed to intercept them.

But Anna disappeared once again as she actually headed to the rest of the demons around Noel and killed each demon with a single slash.

The demons tried to stop her, but it was useless. When the rat tried to use the claws that managed to stop Noel's sword the entire time actually got cut by Anna's sword. The red lightning shattered the claws into pieces and the Spiritual Energy around the sword expanded, slashing the rat.

When the other demons used their own abilities that should work against Noel, it was rendered useless by Anna. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

They were shocked, but that was the last reaction from them before they died. In just thirty seconds, she actually killed ten demons.

On the other hand, the earthworm obviously wouldn't sit down when Anna annihilated his army. As soon as it stopped Anna's rock, it immediately turned around and chased after her.

Noel couldn't help but admire Anna's power, but that wasn't the time for it. Since Anna had chosen to eliminate the other demons to remove the variables in this battlefield, he had to make sure the biggest variable didn't interfere.

He jumped forth to the earthworm and used Fire Gale to heat it up, invoking its reaction.

The earthworm actually flapped its lower body and caused the cave to vibrate.

"!!!" Noel almost lost his balance, but that wasn't enough to defeat him. He used the Undying Phoenix to buy some time while using the Phoenix Wings to get airborne.

The earthworm had taken them seriously the moment it witnessed Anna's extraordinary power. Its upper body raised for a bit before slamming it to the ground.

A few huge spikes suddenly emerged from the ground, almost impaling Noel.

"Kh." Noel clicked his tongue. Luckily, he had the Phoenix Wings to shift his body position. If not, he would definitely die from that attack.

After avoiding the spikes, he stepped on one of them and jumped into the ceiling.

An ice lotus shot out its petals at the earthworm.

The earthworm covered its skin with Spiritual Energy while moving like a snake, avoiding the blast.

However, Noel didn't seem to give up. He shot a few more Ice Petals, forcing the earthworm to avoid it.

After a moment, the earthworm actually realized that it was actually moving away from Anna even though it wanted to stop her.

It turned out Noel shot the ice petals to create a track for the earthworm. It was extremely effective since Noel could see everything from the ceiling.

After the earthworm realized and flapped its body all over to crush the ice crystals, Noel dove and kicked the earthworm's head.

Bam!

He had reinforced his momentum with the Enhance Forward Rune, so the momentum actually knocked the earthworm to the ground.

The latter released another wave of Spiritual Energy, making him remember the first wave, which called for reinforcement.

However, there was something different from this Spiritual Energy. He could feel that his body became numb when exposed to this energy.

He hurriedly jumped away to reassess the situation.

But that was also the time when Anna returned to his side.

"Hehe. It seems that I will win this time around." Anna's voice echoed from the right side.

Noel turned around and found Anna standing on top of numerous demon corpses. When he looked around, he realized that Anna had taken care of the remaining demons. Of course, there were still some demons that had yet to arrive, considering there were still six demons remaining in his mission.

But it was still surprising to see Anna killing all the demons here within a minute.

"What's wrong? Are you speechless after witnessing the power of the True Spirit Body? Even if you asked me this time, I couldn't teach you." Anna smirked.

Noel realized that the berserker spirit had actually influenced her action. The reason why she put on that cold, emotionless front was because if she opened that mouth, the spirit's nature would flow out.

"This form is cool, right? I have a pair of horns here... How do I look?" Anna teased Noel.

Noel only put a genuine smile as he said, "I'm just glad that you're not injured."

"Mhm?" Anna's body shook as she looked shocked. She didn't expect Noel to say such a thing. In fact, this might be the nicest thing Noel had said in the past few months. She didn't realize that her cheeks were slightly reddened.

"How is your Spiritual Energy? Can you still go on?" Noel shifted the topic back since the earthworm had recovered and was about to attack them.

"I still have about forty percent of my Spiritual Energy left. I can definitely heavily injure this demon. The rest will depend on your performance." Anna nodded.

"Is that so?" Noel raised his sword and glared at the earthworm. Now that the demons had been eliminated, all they had to do was kill this last one. "Let's kill this giant demon."

Chapter 785 Protect

Noel and Anna jumped in opposite directions, confusing the earthworm.

Anna was stronger than Noel. However, it was clear that Noel actually took control in most situations.

If he chased after the wise, there would be a chance of falling into a trap. If he chased after the strong, he might get injured.

The earthworm had to consider its choice carefully since one mistake might lead to its doom.

As one would expect from a Superior Demon's intelligence, the earthworm actually chose an answer aside from Noel and Anna.

The Superior Demon actually turned around and planned to head back to the tunnel. This way, Anna and Noel would have a hard time stopping him. In addition, the Superior Demon could easily make another tunnel with its mouth, making an unpredictable route and burying them inside.

Sadly, there was one miscalculation the Superior Demon made. This plan would be effective if the opponents were not Anna and Noel. Its decision to return to the tunnel was surprising, but it didn't surpass their imagination.

Noel pointed at the tunnel and shouted, "Anna!"

"I know." Anna's red lightning erupted as she moved toward the tunnel, blocking the entrance. She tossed another rock to stop the Superior Demon.

As a result, the latter was forced to use the Spiritual Energy to block the rock once again, allowing Noel to take this opportunity to jump on top of the Superior Demon.

He placed his hands on the earthworm's skin and used the Enhance Forward Rune as well as the Falling Rune to push the earthworm downward.

Crack!

The ground started to crack. The force from the runes was quite strong, amplifying the demon's weight. However, the earthworm flapped its body around to throw Noel away, resulting in the runes losing their supply of Spiritual Energy.

The moment it escaped from the runes, the earthworm wanted to crush Anna in front of him, but surprisingly, Anna wasn't there.

It didn't matter too much. The earthworm hurriedly took advantage of this situation to reach the tunnel, but that was when a fluctuation of Spiritual Energy appeared.

The fluctuation was strong but faint, showing that it came from afar. But in an instant, that energy actually appeared next to him and hit him with all that momentum.

Bam!

The impact caused the earthworm body to be pushed away from the tunnel. In addition, the area of impact actually left a big injury.

The skin that was sturdier than metal cracked and left quite a big wound. The blood flowed out through the wound.

Both Noel and Anna knew that if they somehow continued this approach, they could gradually weaken the demon and kill it.

Noel and Anna nodded to each other, surrounding the earthworm from two sides.

The earthworm channeled its Spiritual Energy to the ground, summoning multiple spikes.

Anna used her lightning to increase the speed and move between the spikes as though she knew where it was coming from. Noel, on the other hand, flew in the air to get more time to react and avoided every single one of them with his wings.

Undying Phoenix.

Noel shot out his black phoenix while the earthworm formed a dome on top of him to disperse the flame. However, Anna came from the side and channeled all her strength to the sword.

Blood Lightning Crescent.

The Spiritual Energy looked like it became an extension of her blade, cutting all the spikes, domes and even the worm's body.

"!!!" The earthworm was electrocuted by lightning. The dome collapsed and the spikes fell down.

The Undying Phoenix soon hit the earthworm and exploded, burning the earthworm.

Their attacks were extremely effective. Anna's True Spirit Body aside, Noel's Undying Fire was so strong that it could break apart the earthworm's defense.

If Noel and Anna fought the Superior Demon alone, they wouldn't be able to defeat it. Their respective strength might be equal to that of a Spirit Grandmaster. In fact, no one would know the winner if each of them fought Nicole.

However, Anna's True Spirit Body and Noel's Undying Fire elevated their attack power to an unprecedented degree. In addition, both of them were smart and understood what each other was thinking, allowing them to reach a higher level. They might still not be as strong as Dimitri without his True Spirit Body, but it was already beyond the level of a mere Superior Demon.

That was why Noel and Anna kept making one injury after another on the earthworm's body.

No matter how it retaliated, Anna's fighting instinct let her avoid all of them. In addition, Noel's support kept destroying whatever it forked out.

"Noel!" Eventually, Anna tossed the huge spike into the air and used her Spiritual Energy to position it on top of the earthworm's body.

"Oh!" Noel smirked and hit the back of the spike with the Ignition Sword. The blast acted like a hammer and impaled the earthworm's body. Anna even coated the tip of the spike with her red lightning, increasing its penetrating power. As a result, the spike pierced through the body and planted it on the ground.

Noel and Anna planted a few more spikes to make sure that the earthworm couldn't go anywhere and die soon.

The earthworm's movement began to slow down and eventually stopped moving. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

"Ha... Ha..." Noel panted a few times, observing the demon.

Meanwhile, Anna lowered her weapon because she had exhausted all her energy. It was already hard to maintain her True Spirit Body.

Due to the excessive use of her True Spirit Body, Anna suddenly dropped to her knees and coughed some blood.

Anna gritted her teeth. The pain all over her body intensified and the horns on her head gradually disappeared. Her red lightning was also flickering as if it was trying to change back.

"Anna? Are you alright?" Noel asked from the air.

"Yeah. Thanks to you, I don't have heavy injuries, so I should be fine after resting for a while." Anna sighed. "Though, I have to trouble you to deal a killing—!"

pandasnovel.com "?! " Noel abruptly frowned when Anna stopped and the earthworm started moving again.

Bam!

Bam!

It seemed to be the earthworm's last struggle, but what shocked Noel was that the earthworm was pointing its mouth at Anna.

"Huh?" Noel didn't know what the earthworm was doing, but Anna's face suddenly became pale. It was clear that she sensed the danger coming from the earthworm.

"Kh." Anna tried to circulate the remaining red lightning to protect herself. Meanwhile, Noel dove into the ground, trying to rescue her. The Spiritual Energy was rising to the point where it was clear the earthworm was about to shoot something.

'I won't make it,' he thought. Currently, he was in the air between the earthworm and Anna. If he made his way to them respectively, he might not be able to reach them before it was too late. Hence, the only way for him was to land right between them.

He thought the earthworm would be shooting out an ability to kill Anna, but it turned out the worm actually shot out its teeth.

"Its teeth?" Noel panicked and raised his sword.

"Huh?" Anna was shocked, never expecting that Noel had moved to protect her life.

He used all the abilities he could use in order to protect something behind him such as Circular Sword Strike, Phoenix Wings, Ice Mirrors, or even Hardening Rune on his own body. He parried the incoming teeth with all his might.

"Haaa!" Noel shouted at the top of his lungs while trying to surpass the limit by repelling all the teeth away.

The Circular Sword Strike eliminated a few teeth. The Phoenix Wings caught some like the extension of his hands. Ice Mirrors got shattered by the teeth but killed their momentum. Hardening Rune was his last resort when everything he did couldn't stop the teeth.

However, the Superior Demon simply had too many teeth. With Noel's current strength, he managed to repel most of the teeth.

Out of 129 teeth the Superior Demon shot, 120 of them had been repelled. However, nine of them actually pierced Noel's body.

Two of them didn't penetrate deeply due to the Hardening Rune. However, three of them hit his chest, waist, and stomach. Each tooth was as big as his head, so they pierced quite deeply. The remaining teeth hit his limbs.

"Noel..." Anna widened her eyes in shock. This was the first time she saw Noel sacrificing his life in order to protect her. Yet, she couldn't comprehend why.

Their relationship might be good to the point where he dared to gamble with his life. However, it wasn't at the level where he sacrificed his life for her.

That was why she didn't expect Noel to do all this.

Yet, despite such injuries, Noel still asked, "Are you fine?"

"..." Anna was too shocked to answer that question. In addition, the earthworm's body was contracting as if it was trying to make another move in its dying breath.

If Noel got hit by another attack, he would definitely die. Without hesitation, she hurriedly moved past Noel and discharged the red lightning.

"Die, you bastard!" Anna shouted in anger. The red lightning was rampaging in and out of the earthworm until the latter didn't move anymore.

When she turned around, Noel's face had become pale. "Noel!"

She rushed to check his condition, but the moment she reached him, Noel said, "I'm glad that you're fine. This way, I don't owe you anymore."

The way he worded it reminded her of the time she was heavily injured and had to fall unconscious in his embrace. Noel once said that he didn't like to owe someone something because it would just give them an advantage during a negotiation.

That might be the reason why Noel did such a thing. However, there was a difference between the two occasions. This time, Noel protected Anna's life directly. Meanwhile, the previous time was Anna trying to warn him of the danger but failed to do so because she fell unconscious.

Noel fell forward as Anna caught him. She poured her Spiritual Energy around his body to assess the danger, but she heard him saying weakly, "I'm fine. Pull out all the teeth and take out a pill in my backpack."

That assurance made her a bit relieved. She hurriedly laid him down, followed his instruction, and found the pill that the Sword Saint once gave him.

In that instant, a surge of Spiritual Energy from the pill suddenly burst out of his body. His wounds seemed to be closing at a speed visible to the naked eye. Noel's face gradually regained its color, showing that his condition became stable, albeit he was still unconscious.

Looking at the peaceful face Noel had, she couldn't help but say, "Owing me? Why did you look so happy when you said that... You never owed me. It's always the other way around."

Chapter 786 Reason

Anna was standing in front of the struggling Superior Demon.

"Haa... Ha..." Anna fell to her knees. The pain jolted her body before going straight to her mind. The pain felt like she was being shredded apart from the inside. If not for her previous life experience, she would have screamed in pain.

Still, when she looked to the front, she realized that the Superior Demon was about to die.

Anna took a deep breath to maintain her calm. Her power was depleted and her horns had disappeared.

However, the moment the earthworm faced its mouth at her, the berserker's instinct warned her of the danger.

"!!!" Anna widened her eyes in shock. She felt the danger coming from multiple sources. In fact, there were too many sources that she wondered if this was a real threat or not.

But when she took another look at the earthworm, she realized what kind of danger she would be facing.

'The teeth? Don't tell me, it can release its teeth? No, it's going to shoot those teeth for his last attack.'
Anna realized what was going on. Her face became pale.

She tried to circulate the red lightning, but the Spiritual Energy from her body was already too depleted that she could only cover her upper body with the red lightning.

"I..." Anna tried to raise her sword, but her hand had become too weak. Due to the side effects of using the True Spirit Body, the damage on the nerves had prevented her from raising her blade.

"No way!" Anna gritted her teeth. She could hear Noel screaming, "NOOO!" as he was trying to rescue her.

However, it was too late. Before he could reach her, the earthworm had shot out the teeth and impaled her body with all the teeth.

Anna couldn't do anything as her entire body was being ripped apart by the teeth. That was when she died.

Or so what happened until Noel woke up from his dream.

"NOOO!" Noel screamed as his body shook.

"What's wrong?" Anna's voice suddenly echoed from the side, making Noel turn his head.

"Huh?" Noel was confused. He looked around and realized that he was on Old Ru's back as they were on the way back from the tunnel. "Did we..."

Old Ru maintained his silence while Anna smiled at him. "We have completed the task, which is to clear the nest. The Superior Demon has been defeated, along with the remaining demons that enter the cave after that. Though, Old Ru was the one to eliminate them."

"..." Noel glanced to the side and asked Ardagan to open the system missions.

[Mission: Testing New Power. (Complete)]

[Description: Eliminate all demons in the lair.]

[Reward: Empowerment Rune.]

[Mission: Superior Demon! (Complete)]

[Description: Kill the Superior Demon.]

[Reward: Force Control]

[Mission: Time Attack! (Complete)]

[Description: Clear the whole nest within 24 hours. (0 Monsters Remaining)]

[Reward: Challenger Medal and Secret to Career Advancement.]

As she said, the missions were completed. However, it still felt surreal, especially after that dream. He never thought that he would dream about Anna getting killed by the worm's last struggle.

If not for him choosing the shortest path to land on the ground and blocking the teeth, it would have been bad.

It seemed that Anna had pulled out the teeth and fed him the pill the Sword Saint had. In the past, the Sword Saint gave him the pill made of the soul of a Spirit King Level Expert. He said it had the power to let anyone recover from their wounds as long as they didn't die. It appeared the Sword Saint told him the truth since that pill truly saved him.

He was given three pills, which he brought with him all the time. However, he never had the chance to use it because he deemed the situation wasn't needed. It was also his trump card.

Although his stamina hadn't recovered, he could feel that his body was perfectly fine. He would be fine after a good rest.

Meanwhile, his focus shifted back to Anna.

"Are you alright?" Noel asked. His face was filled with concern.

"Of course, I'm alright. Who do you think you're talking to?" Anna made a proud look.

However, Noel only stared at him with concern, causing her to feel guilty for putting on that tough front. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

"..." Anna scratched the back of her head and sighed.

"Well, if she didn't want to say it, I will be the one telling you." Old Ru finally broke his silence. "You should know about the side effects of using the True Spirit Body. The Spirit Link will be damaged and any power coming from your spirit will be reduced significantly until you repair the Spirit Link."

"In her case, her Spirit Link might recover, but her own veins are not. I believe she has sustained a huge injury in the past. And that injury came during her time using the True Spirit Body."

"You should know that the Spirit Link is entangled with the body's veins. So, once the Spirit Link is damaged, the veins will experience the same thing."

"While you can repair the Spirit Link with the help of the Spirit, your own veins are different. If it's a normal vein, it shouldn't be much of a problem since someone with a Healing Spirit can solve that problem."

"But once the veins are fused with the Spirit Link, the only way to do it is to let it recover for a long period of time. Unfortunately, it hasn't been long since the previous injury, so the veins get more injuries before they can recover."

"Right now, she should be experiencing massive pains all over her body, especially the place on her Spirit Link. She should feel lucky that she didn't receive any big injuries this time around or her veins might collapse and her life would be in danger."

"That's..." Noel sucked a cold breath. "Is there any method of treatment?"

"There are two ways that I know."

"What are they?" Noel's eyes brightened.

"The first method is to become a Spirit Grandmaster. Once you reach the Spirit Grandmaster, you will form the Spirit Mind. The mind will be able to control the Spiritual Energy within your body to aid the recovery. She should be able to fully recover with just one month of recuperation."

"As for the second method, it's to control her energy from the outside. However, I can't perform that method... The only person I know who can do it is my grandson's late father... who had passed away due to conflict."

"..." Noel fell silent before asking, "What do you mean by controlling her energy from the outside?"

"Literally. You take over her flow of energy and use it to aid the repair of her veins."

"Taking over someone's flow of energy?" Noel widened her eyes in shock. "Is such a thing possible?"

Anna suddenly remembered something. "Now that I think about it... There is someone who can use that ability."

"There is someone like that in your human territory?" Old Ru asked.

"No... It comes from the same bloodline as the person you mentioned earlier."

Old Ru suddenly fell silent before understanding who she mentioned. Yes, it would be his adopted grandson.

"Impossible. I have heard from the person who created it that he hasn't taught anyone about that ability."

"But..." Anna recalled what had happened in her previous life. "The ability could allow the user to control someone's energy, right? While the other person can use their own Spiritual Energy to resist the control, it will be extremely useful for other areas such as healing, poison, and other things. I mean, you can guide the energy to contain the poison and even remove it."

Old Ru gasped. The fact that Anna could describe it perfectly meant she was talking about the same thing. Old Ru had predicted that in the previous life, his grandson would be following Noel.

In fact, Noel suddenly became suspicious due to the same reason.

"Wait a minute." Noel's eyebrows twitched. "May I know the name of that ability?"

"Normally, you only know about two types of Control: Hard and Soft. But this one is outside the system, so it's called Force Control."

"..." Noel became speechless. He even made a wry smile, not knowing how to react.

"What?" Old Ru was confused. Unlike Anna's rebirth, he didn't know much about Noel's system.

"By any chance, does that person acquire this control from a record or something?"

pandasnovel.com "Hmm? How do you know?" Old Ru raised his eyebrows. "If I'm not mistaken, he deciphered an ancient book about this method."

Noel pointed at himself and said, "I think... the one who wrote that book was my ancestor."

"!!!" Old Ru and Anna dropped their jaws to the ground.

Noel wasn't lying. In the past, humans created demi-humans and lived together for a while until the demi-humans were exiled. So, it wouldn't be weird if one of them was related to his ancestor and brought one of his books.

In addition, Ardagan's abilities mostly came from either himself or Ardagan Family's ancestors. So, it wouldn't be weird to connect everything to his ancestor.

"I never practiced it, but I did have the knowledge about Force Control."

Old Ru's heart thumped. Despite knowing that his grandson followed Noel in the previous life, he couldn't deduct the reason. However, it seemed that he finally understood why.

It was clear that he wanted to learn the ability that his parents had. After all, that was the exact reason why his father died. Yes, the conflict came from Force Control.

Chapter 787 Past

"..." Everyone was speechless. They never thought Noel had it.

'Still, it makes sense. That must be the reason why someone like him would follow Noel.' Anna looked down for a moment.

Meanwhile, Old Ru wanted to say something, but the words stuck in his throat. On the one hand, he wanted to prevent his grandson from following Noel. On the other hand, he couldn't say much regarding Force Control.

However, Noel actually said, "It seems that you are having trouble. It is not that hard to be honest."

Old Ru opened his mouth, but before his voice came out, Noel added, "I will write down the knowledge about the Force Control and give it to you. You can think of it as my repayment. I mean, you have done a lot for us, even teaching this technique."

"Huh?" Old Ru was surprised that Noel didn't even bother negotiating. He simply gave everything away.

Still, in Noel's perspective, Old Ru had taught them a lot during the past few months. In fact, he actually accepted them without asking for anything in return.

pandasnovel.com Of course, he requested that Noel didn't bring his grandson away, but he could fulfill that just by not accepting Noel or even killing him. Yet, he didn't do it.

That was why Noel felt this debt couldn't be repaid easily. Since the Force Control was extraordinary, he should give this to them. He didn't want to owe others after all.

"Do you know the real worth of that Force Control? That—" Old Ru suddenly stopped talking.

It seemed like his eyes were playing at him because there was a glitch in his vision.

"Kh. What is this?" Old Ru felt a sharp pain in his head before an image flashed into his brain. "This is..."

The image was completely unbelievable. It consisted of two people: him and Noel. It appeared they were talking about something in the house.

"Old Ru. I have this Force Control, which seems to be very important to you. So, can you please take this? Thank you for taking care of me in the last few months."

"You brat. Do you know the real worth of that Force Control? By using that Force Control, you can actually become immune to poison or other status ailments because you can simply expel them by Force Control. On someone's hand, it will be like a miracle doctor, but what if that technique is known by a lot of people? There will be an army of them."

Noel actually smiled at him and said, "You have saved my life and even made me stronger. I don't have anything in me except for this Force Control that can enter your eyes."

"Still, even my life is not worth an army of Force Control users." Old Ru gritted his teeth.

"Then, are you going to refuse this?" Noel asked with an innocent face, making it hard to refuse.

"Kh." Old Ru thought for a moment and pointed at the shell on his back. "In that case, I will give you my shell. I don't think it's enough to repay you, but I don't have anything else. This shell can give you the chance to rewind time. However, depending on how you perceive time, the meaning can be changed. Just like how time always moves forward, the moment you try to rewind it, it will definitely become a new world that you know nothing of. You can say rather than going back in time, you go to a different world similar to this one."

"This..." Noel wanted to refuse, but he couldn't help but fall into deep thought.

While they were discussing, a young man suddenly slammed the door open and pumped his fist, shouting, "Grandfather. Please let me leave with Noel. If it's not enough to match the worth of that knowledge, then let me learn and stay beside him. This way, I can help him for a while and repay him the rest of the favor. In addition, since his ancestor is the one giving that knowledge, learning from him will give me a more beneficial experience."

Yes, the one who intruded on their conversation was none other than Old Ru's grandson.

But his appearance actually gave a hint to what Noel planned to do.

After some contemplation, Noel asked, "Old Ru. How about this? I will accept your shell and him right now. However, I'm surely going back to your place in the future... Or more like the past... But at that time, I might not be the only one, excluding my subordinates. I will definitely give you the knowledge and you just have to accept and train me like you did here. You could say I owed you a favor now and repaid you in a different time."

"Huh?" Old Ru widened his eyes in shock when Noel mentioned the past. It seemed that Noel wanted to use that shell on someone else. "Why?"

"It's not that I don't like your present, Old Ru. At the same time, I can't really disclose it." Noel made a wry smile. "I hope that you're satisfied with this arrangement without asking me why."

Old Ru thought for a moment and said, "I understand. Let's go with your arrangement. But you should know my power of time, right?"

"I know. That's exactly the reason why I choose this path. I know how good you are, Old Ru. So, I will say this in advance... Please take care of me." Noel politely bowed his head.

Looking at that sincere feeling made Old Ru scratch the back of his head, saying, "You are surely a sly brat." "I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

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"Haaa... Ha..." Old Ru panted after receiving the image. He obviously understood the way his ability worked.

"Old Ru... Is there something wrong? Why are you suddenly..." Noel looked at him with a curious expression.

Old Ru sighed, thinking, 'You sly brat. You think that everything can be done that easily as long as you arrange all this? If I accept this gift, you should know that in this timeline, this gift is worth what I've given him. It seems that this sly brat wants to suck me dry.'

Despite cursing the past Noel, Old Ru actually smiled. "No, I'm fine. Let's go back first."

"Then..." Noel's gaze reminded him of the Force Control.

"I know, I know. I will accept the Force Control, but only on the last day. Don't mention anything before that... Or else he will end up following you back."

"I understand." Noel smiled.

Old Ru realized that he had been played by this brat. Though, he didn't hate the outcome.

Anna was confused about the whole thing, but she didn't say much since there might be something that even she wouldn't know. Considering it was Noel who linked them to Old Ru, it was better not to probe it.

Noel looked at Anna and said, "In any case, I will recover my stamina first and try to help you later."

"Well..." Anna only nodded her head.

Since they had nothing to do on the way, Noel chose to use this time to check his reward.

The first reward was the one coming in the eliminating all demons mission, the Empowerment Rune. As its name suggests, it could increase one's physical ability and Spiritual Energy for a set period of time. However, this rune was more useful in another application, the Rune Body.

If he engraved the rune on his body, he would be able to use this rune just by pouring his Spiritual Energy into it. In other words, it would feel like he had another layer of armor that boosted his combat prowess.

The second reward was Force Control. Just like how Old Ru described, Force Control was actually an extremely powerful ability. While the requirement to learn this technique was high, it didn't change the fact that more than a thousand people could learn this in the Muivell Kingdom alone.

As for the last mission, he couldn't help but smile.

Medal: Challenger Medal

Effect: Physical Ability +10% when there is only one opponent.

The effect was simple, but a 10% increase in physical ability was huge. So he could understand that there was a restriction on it.

However, what shocked him the most was the second reward, the secret to Career Advancement. He actually receives the information about the requirement regarding his job.

'Hmm? Rune Knight?'

[Career: Rune Knight]

[Description: There are a total of five categories of a rune: Support Rune, Attack Rune, Defensive Rune, Utility Rune, and Movement Rune. Master 5 Runes of each category]

[Requirement: Support Rune (2/5), Attack Rune (0/5), Defensive Rune (0/5), Utility Rune (3/5), Movement Rune (0/5)]

'Hmm? Mastering all five categories? This is easier than I originally thought, but wasting all my SP just for this is slightly concerning. In addition, I don't know what I will get once I become a Rune Knight. Those who have been mastered are also basic runes like Increase Agility and Strength Blessing Runes.'

'It seems I have to take my time to consider my options and continue on this path. I also need to help Heisk and become a Spirit Grandmaster as well. This is going to be a lot harder than I originally thought. Maybe I should ask permission to move alone when we go back?'

Noel was contemplating his next move, but without him realizing it, Dimitri had prepared a special 'gift' for him in the house.

Chapter 788 Return

As soon as they reached the house, Old Ru said, "Alright. With your current condition, it's impossible to utilize Force Control. But even if you have the knowledge, unless you have a mastery over it, it will be extremely hard."

"You don't have to worry about that." Noel shook his head. "While it's true that I might not be adept at it, I have a certain degree of mastery."

Noel got the Force Control from the system. So, it was possible to increase the level of Force Control by using the Skill Point.

In fact, he had been playing with it on the way back.

[Force Control (4/5)]

[Requirement: 100SP]

But because the last stage required too many Skill Points, he ended up postponing it for another day. However, with the knowledge he had, he believed this was enough to treat Anna.

Though, he only got the knowledge of the technique, not how to apply it. So, he asked, "What should I do to help her?"

"You should know that Spiritual Energy can invoke self-regeneration to speed up your recovery, right?" Old Ru asked.

"Yes, to some extent." Noel nodded while glancing at her.

"I could fix my problem within a long period of time." Anna nodded. "It's just..."

"Yes. The level of self-recovery you can receive from being a Spirit Master is weak because you have a hard time controlling your Spiritual Energy to do it. However, it will be a different case if we're talking about a Spirit Grandmaster."

"The Spirit Heart might be the one increasing the output of your energy, but the Spirit Mind is the one controlling it. By having the ability to control, you can move your Spiritual Energy around to fix the damaged area far quicker."

"This is why only a Spirit Grandmaster or above can use the True Spirit Body. More like, even if they can, the risk is too great that it's better to wait."

"However, it will be different with Force Control. You can actually wrap your weapon with your Spiritual Energy, right? In addition, the technique you learn here should have helped you with the control outside your body."

Noel looked down, contemplating. "Now that I think about it, yes... Are you saying that I'm going to control the Spiritual Energy inside her body like I'm using my energy to wrap a sword?"

"Yes. It requires a huge attention to detail and by moving the energy into the damaged part, you can help her repair the veins a few at a time. According to my prediction, if you manage to do your part every day for about five hours, she should be able to recover within a month. That's just how much damage her body has suffered."

"Five hours, a month..." Noel roughly calculated the time. On the one hand, he wanted to help her recover in the fastest way possible. On the other hand, he could somehow understand why Old Ru suggested five hours.

"I think it's fine. It's painful, but it's not something I can't bear." Anna nodded with a serious expression. "Besides, I'm grateful enough that this injury can be healed, even though I'm prepared to endure it until I become a Spirit Grandmaster. And five hours every day is not too long and too short. We still have enough time to practice."

Noel let out a long sigh. "I understand. Let's do it this way. Two hours in the morning, and three hours before sleep. The rest will be spent on training."

"I don't have a problem. Thank you in advance." Anna smiled gently. "This is the first time you care about me."

"..." Noel's eyebrows twitched. He had always taken care of her safety during his planning. But she probably never saw it because it wasn't apparent unlike this time. He looked away, "Just make sure you recover as quickly as possible. I don't want to pull my punches for a long time."

"What?!" Anna glared at him. "You should treat a lady better. You are going to end up single for the rest of your life."

"If you act like one, I might do it. But are you even a lady?!" Noel glared back.

Old Ru could only shake his head. These two always fought over all small things. But at the same time, they looked happier when they did that.

Since he didn't want to bother them, he left after leaving a message. "The treatment will start tomorrow. Go get a good rest for today."

"Hmph." Both Noel and Anna snorted while crossing their arms.

"I'm going to wash myself then." Anna hurriedly left.

Looking at her back, Noel couldn't help but sigh. He closed his eyes, recalling what happened during the hunt.

Anna was extremely overwhelming, especially that True Spirit Body. She managed to eliminate all the demons in an instant. After that, she overwhelmed the earthworm, allowing them to defeat it quickly.

"So, that's the strength of the True Spirit Body. If I had it, I wouldn't have to suffer all these defeats. I should focus on becoming a Spirit Grandmaster as well as evolving Heisk."

"Although I don't want to rely too much on this external power, it's something necessary if I want to move forward. I don't think my enemies will just allow themselves to be killed by me." "I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

"In addition, I can't keep relying on her to protect me. It seems that I have to be adamant about leaving alone after returning to the base. This will be a perfect time for me to amass my own influence as well as search for opportunities."

"That's right. Dimitri should know about other vassals who are still loyal. Maybe I should use this time to find them. After all, the moment I become a Spirit Grandmaster, it will be the time I leave the Demon Banner Army and become a noble."

Noel realized that he should carefully plan his future. After all, the moment he was separated from the Demon Banner Army was the time for the Supreme Devil Organization to come to him. There was no way the army would protect him afterward.

"I have a good grasp of my situation. The only problem will be how I should approach the royal family. After all, they will be the ones giving me the noble title... There's no way it will be that easy for them to grant me the title and territory... they might even give me random territory just to kill me... A random territory?"

Noel fell into deep thought.

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Meanwhile, Anna was preparing a bath for herself. She was boiling the water inside a barrel to relax her body.

"Mhm..." Anna let out a soft moan when entering the barrel. The warm water made her body relax and diminished the pain for a bit. "This is what makes me feel alive."

Anna wanted to relax, but her mind couldn't help but wander to the previous scene where Noel stood in front of her, protecting her from the impending doom.

This was the first time she felt helpless and got protected by someone.

"His back..." Anna muttered. "He is hard-headed most of the time. Besides, all that bullying..."

Anna remembered how she fell for a lot of his tricks during their travels. In addition, the memory of her past life resurfaced, making her remember all the tortures Noel made her go through.

In fact, this might be the first time that Noel's back looked so broad that it could tower everything to protect her. And somehow that feeling was nice too.

"If he only acted that way the whole time..." Anna looked down. Her cheeks were slightly reddened. She was so embarrassed that she dipped her head into the water.

"Aaaahhh!" Anna gritted her teeth, trying to shake off that thought from her head. "No. Since when did I become this weak? I don't need his protection. If I become so weak that I need his protection, then what will be my role?"

"The only advantage I have as a reincarnator is the memory of my previous life, the experience, and the knowledge that allows me to move faster than anyone else. If I let him slip past me, I will lose the only thing I have... Still, there must be another reason why I went through rebirth. Before I find it, I will walk ahead of him. No, even if I have found it, I will still walk ahead... beside... AAAHHHH!" Anna submerged once again.

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After having dinner with the rest of the people and telling them that they were alright, Noel and Anna returned to their room.

"As much as I want to continue our little competition, it's better to have a truce right now. What do you think?" Noel asked.

pandasnovel.com "Yeah. I just want to get into the quilt and sleep." Anna nodded.

"Then, let's separate our beds first. The truce will last until you recover. We can join them together again."

"Let's do that." Anna agreed with him.

They moved toward the beds to return them to their original locations.

But before they pushed them away, Anna noticed something. "Say Noel... Since when did our bed sheets become one single piece?"

Anna pointed at the bed cover that somehow covered both their beds. They should have had a separate one before they left.

"Huh? What do you mean?" Noel asked while pushing his bed. But surprisingly, the sound of the friction the bed feet made came from both his bed and Anna's bed. "Huh?"

"That sound..." Anna frowned. "Don't tell me..."

Noel fell silent for a moment before lifting up the bed cover.

What they saw actually made Noel shout at the top of his lungs. "DIMITRIIIIIIIII!!!"

After all, they could see the bed being sewn together to the point it became one giant bed. In addition, when they looked even closer to the bottom part of the bed, they realized that the bed's wooden frame had been nailed together, so it was impossible to separate them anymore.

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"Hoho..." Anna looked at him with a smirk. "Why are you blaming someone Noel? What a pervert..."

"What?" Noel gritted his teeth. His eyebrows were twitching. If Dimitri was here, he would definitely fight it out with Dimitri.

"Just admit it, it's you who asked your butler to do this. To think that you would do something like this... Don't tell me, you have fallen head over heels for me that you are trying to merge our beds together so that we can always sleep together. What a sly guy."

"I never asked that!" Noel glared at her. He obviously never intended for this to happen. At the same time, he never thought that Dimitri would do something like this.

"There is nothing wrong in admitting your desire." Anna made a smug smile. Despite being one of the most beautiful women in the kingdom, Noel had never shown any reactions to her. So, this incident couldn't help but boost her pride.

Noel had always teased her in this type of scenario. But this was the first time Anna could satisfy the taste of paying him back.

On the other hand, Noel realized what led to this scenario. Due to the training as well as all the matters he had to consider during the past few months, he actually forgot about the time when Dimitri prepared a bed for them. It was during the abandoned campsite.

It looked like Dimitri was trying to tease them at first. But he never expected that Dimitri was actually serious about it.

"..." Noel bit his lips and took his pillow. "Then, I will just sleep on the floor."

pandasnovel.com "What are you doing?" Anna squinted her eyes.

"What? Are you that happy to be able to sleep with me?" Noel tried to use this to turn the situation around.

However, Anna raised one finger and said, "Did you forget what Old Ru said? We are only given one set of everything in this room... It's just the whole time, there are two beds, which is the only exception. Then, since the bed has become one now, the concept is fully materialized. There is nothing wrong with it... It's just... you are probably too embarrassed to sleep with this beauty after knowing this fact."

"..." Noel clenched his fists when he saw her looking down on him.

On the one hand, it was never a problem. They had traveled together and even shared everything they had brought, including the tent. They even had slept on the same bed before. On the other hand, there was a big difference between the past and the current situation.

In the past, they never intended to sleep together. Even if they did, it was just to tease each other or the condition forced them to do so. However, Dimitri was playing tricks this time with the intention of making them go further than this.

He was afraid that the moment he let Dimitri do whatever he wanted, Dimitri would push for more.

Noel was contemplating the whole matter of what would happen in the future. Meanwhile, Anna was using this opportunity to continue teasing him.

"You are a coward. You've always been saying that it'll just ruin my reputation, but in this place, no one is going to know about it."

"You are the only one who can ruin my reputation."

"I was supposed to die earlier, but you actually protected me. What? Is it like what I think it is?"

"That's right. You just can't bear to see me dying."

"Do you know that you were continuously uttering my name when you were unconscious?!"

"That's a lie!" Noel suddenly raised his voice, reacting to the last one. However, he forgot that responding to her teasing just meant he was actually admitting the teasing.

"Hehe..." Anna had a huge grin on her face.

Noel clenched his fists and tossed his pillow back on the bed. "Just make sure that you're not regretting this. I'm pretty sure that Dimitri is not going to stop with only this."

"Is that a problem?" Anna smirked. "You're simply going to take responsibility for it. Right? Do you remember the time you introduced yourself as Noel Stargaze? It had a nice ring to it. How about introducing yourself like that again?"

He wanted to get angry again, but he suddenly stopped. If he continued to respond to her, she would just become even more prideful.

In addition, there were a few reasons why he never planned any of this. First of all, he had a clear goal he had made when awakening his spirit. And that goal would surely cause some trouble to the one who accompanied him. That was why he was skeptical about relationships. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

The second reason was related to Ardagan. After knowing the fact that Ardagans could only bear one heir, it was enough to know what kind of future problems he would face.

Having multiple children was normal in this period. Even Anna had a brother. But because his talent was incomparable to Anna, he had been sent to train elsewhere. That was also why the royal family wanted to force Anna to marry into their royal family since her family couldn't use the successor's reason to reject them.

The third reason was the current condition of the Ardagan Family. Even if he could reinstate the Ardagan Family, there would be numerous problems he constantly faced on a daily basis, such as the Royal Family and the Supreme Devil Organization. There was a high chance that whoever was with him would be targeted.

Last but not least, it was Anna Stargaze. Although he knew the relationship between the Ardagan Family and the Stargaze Family, the moment he made this decision, the relationship between the two families could go either for better or for worse.

Noel simply had to consider all this. These were probably the reasons why Noel, in the past life, had never been with a woman.

However, Anna's cheeky smile truly pissed him off.

"Teasing is fine, but have you ever thought what will happen once the people know about this?" Noel asked with a sigh.

"I know some implications, such as the Stargaze Family and the Royal Family's relationship or the fact that your uncle will try to aim at me as well. Those two are probably the biggest problems, right?" Anna asked.

Noel couldn't answer her questions. Despite knowing about this, Anna actually paid no mind and kept provoking him.

"More like I don't care about them. The relationship between the Stargaze Family and the Royal Family is already sour to begin with. They even tried to force me to marry their prince or whatsoever by employing all those dirty tricks. So, I would rather marry a commoner than the prince." Anna harrumphed.

"In addition, your uncle should have been aware of my situation, no? If the Supreme Devil Organization is that strong, it will just be a matter of time for him to come after me. Rather than facing it alone, it's better to prepare everything with you, don't you think?"

Anna kept spouting all the facts, except for the first one, where she just prioritized her own feeling.

Noel looked at her in silence as if he was astonished by her words.

Anna grinned and teased him again. "What? Did what I said make you fall for me? What am I going to do... I have to blame my charms for being too effective! I'm sorry that I'm too beautiful."

"On the outside, not on the inside," Noel interjected with a sigh. "I somehow want to slap you right now."

"What's wrong? You usually said you're going to punch me instead of a slap. Since when did you become soft?"

"I'm just holding back since you're still injured." Noel snorted. "Whatever. I don't care anymore."

Noel pushed her back to her side of the bed, laid down on the bed, and put the quilt as if he was going to sleep.

"Tsk. Are you running? I guess this time it's my win." Anna made a victory sign with her fingers.

Unfortunately, Noel didn't react, taking a bit of her fun away.

"..." Anna pouted. Even though this was her victory, she couldn't enjoy it as much.

'Should I just get some sleep? I have to condition myself for the treatment tomorrow as well...' Anna sighed. She would just continue teasing Noel tomorrow.

She didn't realize that Noel was actually not asleep. In fact, his mind was occupied with all kinds of thoughts. He might not have realized it, but he began to consider his future, especially as the head of the Ardagan Family like Dimitri wanted.

On the other hand, Anna covered her entire body with the quilt. Now that the joy of victory had begun to fade, all that was left was the embarrassment. She never thought she would say all those words to Noel. Her face was flushed red, so she had no choice but to turn around and hide her face from Noel.

Unbeknownst to them, the shadow of the bed flickered for a second.

Upstairs, Dimitri was sipping his tea with a smile on his face. He looked at the moon through the window and muttered, "I'm sorry, Master. Everything is for you... Since you will soon rebuild the Ardagan Family, we definitely need an heir so that the Ardagan Blood will live on. I don't care if you choose Anna or someone else as long as this problem is taken care of. That's my job as the butler... Other official stuff is left to the other divisions. That's probably why your father assigned me to this job."

As someone who had been betrayed by Laufey Ardagan during his time in the Demon Banner Army, he knew how hard it was to be betrayed by someone. So, he had been doing everything to solve the knots in Noel's heart that prevented him from searching for spouses. That was one of the most important things for a noble after all.

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"It seems that you had a good sleep." Old Ru's eyebrows were twitching.

After all, he could see a sign of fatigue on both of their faces. It looked like Noel and Anna barely slept last night.

"You were ignoring me the entire night. To think you didn't sleep!" Anna glared at Noel.

"I'm busy thinking about a lot of stuff unlike you!" Noel snorted.

"What did you say?" In the end, both of them glared at each other.

"Enough!" Old Ru gnashed his teeth, wanting to smack their heads. On the one hand, he didn't particularly mind their relationship, especially since the previous life's Noel actually told him that he would bring someone here, so Anna should be very important to him. On the other hand, they were exhausted from clearing the nest, so he wanted them to sleep to recover their stamina.

"..." Noel and Anna looked away, not being able to say anything since Old Ru had gotten angry.

"I don't care what you two are doing as long as it's not too disturbing. However, I have to say one thing... We're going to proceed with the treatment. Since you're the one who can use Force Control, then you're going to do it. I'll just help you with my knowledge about Force Control as well as the True Spirit Body." Old Ru pointed at Noel. "In other words, if something happens because of your fatigue, you know who to blame."

"I know." Noel nodded with a serious expression.

"Alright then." Old Ru turned to Anna. "For now, sit down on the bed and let your back face Noel."

"Do I need to take off my clothes?" Anna frowned.

"Just the part where your Spirit Seal is. That's where the injuries are concentrated and if we want to channel the Spiritual Energy, it's better through your Spirit Seal." Old Ru explained.

"I understand." Anna agreed. It wasn't that taking off her clothes was a problem. In fact, Noel had been playing with her to the point she was too tired to get embarrassed when seen by Noel. It was just that Old Ru was different.

Although she knew that Old Ru was not a human, it didn't change the fact that he looked like one because he didn't have his shell anymore.

Since she had agreed, Anna immediately sat down on the bed and lifted up her shirt, showing the Spirit Seal on her waist.

"Here I go." Noel then sat down next to her and placed his hand on Anna's Spirit Seal. He closed his eyes to concentrate.

"Can you feel her Spiritual Energy? The one inside her body."

It was no wonder why Old Ru used this spot to start as well. Since the Spirit Seal was the connection between her and her spirit, it was clear that there would be a concentrated Spiritual Energy in this area.

Noel could easily feel this numbing Spiritual Energy. However, there was something else that looked different.

When he focused on the Spiritual Energy around the Spirit Seal, he could feel fluctuation as if it was trying to guide him somewhere.

By using Force Control, he tried to move his consciousness toward the direction where it led him.

To his surprise, the more he ventured inside, the bumpier the road. It felt like he was being tripped all over again.

There was one more reason why Noel didn't have much sleep. Even though he used the system to increase the Force Control mastery, it didn't change the fact that he didn't have experience in using it.

So, he had been experimenting with it with his own body. However, when he tried to move around inside his body, everything went so smoothly.

Hence, it was clear that the bumpy road was actually her damaged veins. It was surprising that she had been living with this kind of damage in her body.

Noel took a deep breath, bracing his heart. He didn't know where this fluctuation was leading him, but he knew it must be important. In fact, he suspected that this fluctuation of energy was her spirit trying to help her.

So, Noel kept following its movement for three minutes, causing Anna and Old Ru to be confused.

"Noel?" Anna furrowed her eyebrows, wondering if he couldn't find anything at all. Even Old Ru thought that Noel should be able to sense it.

Unfortunately for them, Noel was completely absorbed by the movement. It turned out the fluctuation was leading him to a severed vein. Noel could feel that he couldn't move forward because there was an emptiness in front of him. If he continued, he didn't know where he would go.

It seemed that the spirit was trying to let him repair it first. I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

To his surprise, the fluctuation was actually moving by itself to attach the severed vein. It was holding the other tip and joined it with the one Noel was currently on.

After it was ready, it once again fluctuated, signaling Noel to begin.

Noel recalled the knowledge about Force Control before asking, "Old Ru. How does a Spirit Grandmaster recover from their injury? How do they utilize their Spiritual Energy to do that?"

"It's to envelop every little thing with Spiritual Energy. It's not about enveloping your entire body with Spiritual Energy and calling it a day. You have to focus on each injury like the blood, the vein, the bone and other things. You wrap them individually, and the Spiritual Energy will evoke natural regeneration." Old Ru answered albeit he didn't know why Noel suddenly asked this question.

However, Noel focused back on the vein and tried to move the Spiritual Energy. Each vein contained a lot of Spiritual Energy, considering it was the Spirit Vein. So, he used the Spiritual Energy from the vein itself and wrapped the two parts.

As this mysterious energy held both of them together in one place, he could easily maintain his control around the severed vein. After a while, Noel could feel the vein acting like a sprout. It was growing at a very slow speed, but he could feel that they were moving toward each other.

Once they reached each other, the growing parts entangled to form a strong bond. That bond would be the foundation of the repair.

pandasnovel.com The longer he observed, the more parts grew and became entangled with each other.

From one string to a few strings, Noel could witness this level of detail. Once the strings completely formed enough support, the mysterious energy stopped holding it together and watched Noel do the rest.

It remained on Noel's side the whole time, watching over him.

Noel couldn't say anything in this state, but he could feel the genuine care this mysterious energy had.

Noel kept working on it, making sure there was no energy spilled. Everything would be completed once the vein was completely attached with no holes in it.

Yes, the bumpy road he took earlier was the vein filled with holes. There was Spiritual Energy leaking through those holes. It must be hard for Anna to control her Spiritual Energy with this level of damage to her veins.

And this was only one vein, there were numerous veins inside her body.

After a while, Noel could feel that it had fully reattached. Even the mysterious energy fluctuated to tell him that he had completed his job and thanked him.

It seemed that the mysterious energy wanted to lead him to another place, which was supposed to be the severed veins like this. Her spirit must want to fix those parts first before treating the remaining holes.

But before he could go to another place, Noel returned to the outside first. He let out a breath of relief and asked, "How did you feel?"

He didn't know if Anna was silent or not the whole time since his focus was completely locked on the vein. However, one thing was for sure. The treatment was effective.

Anna had a dumbfounded face as if she was looking at a lunatic. Even Old Ru couldn't believe it. He hadn't told Noel anything, yet, he already proceeded to finish it.

"It seems that you can do the rest. For now, I'll be watching from the side to make sure that nothing goes wrong. After a while, I'll leave you two alone," said Old Ru in astonishment.

"Understood." Noel nodded.

"I could feel that my vein is being repaired... No, more like it's being reattached. How did you feel inside me?" Anna asked.

"Your words can be completely misinterpreted." Noel shook his head. "But it seems that your spirit is guiding me to the most damaged area. I'm going to reattach your severed veins first. Then, I'll treat the remaining damage... So, how long did it take? I could feel that the air is slightly warmer."

"One hour," Anna answered.

"One hour, huh... It's quite long." Noel thought for a moment. "Well, I will try to reattach all the severed veins first, I guess. Then, we can proceed with the agreed schedule."

Anna looked at Noel mysteriously. He didn't know when Noel actually learned this, but it was clear that he had practiced so much since he could do something like this on his first try. "Thank—"

"Say that after I finish treating you." Noel harrumphed before closing his eyes again.

Anna made a wry smile, but she was truly grateful.